Over the weekend, I had the honor of joining Margaret Gleasman, her family, and the residents of Legacy Willow Pond to celebrate her 102nd birthday. Margaret was born in Boonville, NY. She is an amazing lady who has seen a lot of change in the world. Margaret told me that at a recent doctor’s visit, her physician told her she is so healthy she will live another 10 years; now there are some great genes! Margaret, on behalf of the Town Board and the entire community of Penfield, happy birthday and many more!

Enjoy this week’s music at the Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage: Upstage Tuesday features “Jumbo Shrimp” on July 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and Thursday Kids Fest will feature “Paulsen and Baker” on July 19 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Hopefully the nice stretch of weather will continue, so bring a lawn chair or blanket, snacks, and a cooler. Food will also be available from the PenRec food cart. The summer concert series is fun for the entire family!

The 2019 budget cycle is well underway; all department heads have provided their first submissions for review by the Finance Director and myself before we roll up to the town board starting in August. Consistent with what I have done in the past, I will report on the progress of the budget development each week until the Tentative Budget is released on September 19 at the board meeting and on the town website.

Progress continues at Shadow Pines with the removal of dead and near-falling trees on the front nine (property north of Clark Road). The first mowing of a meandering trail connecting the first hole tee box through to the ninth green was started last week. DPW crews continue to clean up around the Clark House and parking lot. The trees cut down along Whalen Road will be moved to an area north of the parking lot for grinding by the county’s tub-grinder in early August. Several trees on Clark Road that are cabled together will also be removed over the next week or two. Our goal is to open the front nine for walking and hiking in early August, I will keep everyone posted via this column and on the website.

After that, we will begin cleaning up the back nine (the property south of Clark Road) beginning in August and working through September, with a goal of opening that area late September or early October. Until the various sections of the property are officially opened, please stay off the property for your safety and that of your family, thank you!

Trying to beat the heat? Don’t have a pool? Come splash into family open swim and lap swim at the Penfield High School pool now through August 2. Come by 1:00 to 3:30 PM and join in on the fun for just $2.00 per person, payable at the pool.

Splash Bash 2018, hosted by Sea Dragons Swim Club, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Penfield High School pool. Children ages 6 to 19 are welcome (you must be able to swim a full lap of the pool). Come enjoy pool games, prizes, food, and the chance to dive into the world of competitive swimming. Club coaches and current members will be available to answer any questions you might have. For more information, please go to www.seadragons.org.

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Important dates and events in history: July 18, 1914 – the United States Army Air Corps is established; July 20, 1969 – American astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first human to walk on the moon; July 21, 1861 – Confederate forces win the first Battle of Bull Run; and on July 23, 1868 – the 14th Amendment is added to the Constitution, defining national citizenship and forbidding the states to restrict the basic rights of citizens or other persons.

Until next week, enjoy the ongoing warm weather, drink plenty of water, and don’t forget about our pets who may mind the weather more than we do!

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