Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
July 18, 2017

The Penfield Town Board kicked-off the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update at its July 12 work session. The town updates this plan about every 10 years, as the plan functions as the legal foundation for land use decisions, defines the community’s vision, provides guidelines for development, and establishes goals and objectives for the next decade.

A project page has been added to the town website so that residents have an opportunity to follow the progress. This page will contain all related documents and information generated throughout the process that is estimated to continue through June of 2019.

The Town Board is looking for interested residents to participate in this planning process. If you have an interest, please forward an email to supervisor@penfield.org and attach your resume. We intend to have the committee established by early September; the commitment is expected to run through June 2019. Thank you in advance for those of you who have an interest in serving.

Last week I had the honor of attending the grand opening of the memory care addition at Heathwood Assisted Living Facility located near Routes 250 and 441. This secure environment is designed to conjure memories of home. Residents feel relaxed in the welcoming atmosphere of a cozy country kitchen, living area, dining room and library/lounge. There is an enclosed patio and walking path with direct access from the dining room. Trained staff members employ techniques specifically designed to help residents with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia enjoy life.

I would like to give a special shout-out to Carla Chur Suero, President and CEO of Heathwood Assisted Living; Bonnie Goodwin, Administrator at Penfield; and the entire Penfield team who desire to help others and provide care without compromise...congratulations on the new addition and thank you for being part of our community!

Do you know that the Penfield Public Library is a “Safe Place” community partner? Young people seeking assistance with housing, safety, or other crisis situations will be connected at the library with outreach workers from the Center for Youth, who will assess the needs of the young person in question and access necessary services.

Residents of Penfield with disabilities may be interested in SportsNet, a community program that provides recreation, fitness, and sports opportunities for people with physical disabilities. For more information please call the SportsNet office at 334-6000, extension 1120.

This week’s Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage concert series features Luca Foresta & The ElectroKings on July 18 for Tuesdays Upstage, and Paulsen and Baker will perform on July 20 for Thursdays Kids’ Fest. Music starts at 7:00 PM and great food is available each night. There is also a wine tent for Tuesday programs. Come enjoy the great venue in Veterans’ Park behind the town hall.
Attention young residents who play soccer! Please note the following opportunities: Penfield Strikers girls’ soccer will hold tryouts for the 2017-18 season for grades 7-12 on July 28 & 29, and grades 2-6 on September 9 & 10. Please visit www.penfieldstrikers.org for more information.

Penfield Rangers Soccer fall tryouts for boys ages 7-19 will be held September 9, 10, 16 & 17. For more information (and for parents interested in coaching) please visit www.penfieldrangers.org.

Every Tuesday lunch is available for seniors at the Penfield Community Center for $4.00. The Tuesday lunch will include a sandwich with a cup of soup or a salad. Lunch is served at noon, and tickets must be ordered 24 hours in advance at 340-8655. Menus for “Tuesday Lunch” are available at the Community Center and online at www.penfieldrec.org.

The next day trip with the Recreation Department will be held on Wednesday, August 9 and will feature the Canandaigua Lady boat tour. You will visit the Wine & Culinary Center with lunch on your own at the upstairs Bistro then board the Canandaigua Lady for an afternoon boat cruise. The fee is $32.00 which includes the boat cruise. Depart the Community Center at 11:00 AM and return by 5:00 PM.

Important dates and events in history: July 20, 1969 – American astronaut Neil Armstrong is the 1st human to walk on the moon; July 21, 1861 – Confederate forces win the 1st Battle of Bull Run; July 23, 1868 – The 14th Amendment is added to the Constitution. It provides that no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Until next week be well and be safe!

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