Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of July 21, 2014

This week’s special shout-out goes to the Penfield Little League Intermediate team for accomplishing what no other team has done since the league was formed in 1952—they won a state title! Penfield Intermediate (13-and-under) defeated South Orangetown 15-9 in Montgomery, Orange County, and now advance to the regional tournament in Long Island. Penfield finished the state tournament 4-0 and is 17-0 on the season. Good luck to manager Mike Baxter and all the members of the Penfield Little League Intermediate team for a successful tournament!

Summer is in full swing and I hope you’re enjoying it. Do you know there are 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day? That's 2,400 hours of fun! Donating blood takes about one hour. Choose your day, your hour, and make an appointment today. What difference can an hour make? Having blood available at a moment’s notice is critically important; especially in the summer when emergency situations arise. An hour can mean a glimmer of hope to someone in need, please give blood. You can schedule an appointment by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Next week’s concert series includes: “Cool Jazz” Tuesday, July 29 – Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra; “Kids Fest” Thursday, July 31 – Dinner Dogs; and “Saturdays on Stage” Saturday, August 2 – Gap Mangione New Big Band. All shows are at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage starting at 7:00 p.m. Great food is available each night and there will be a wine tent at the Cool Jazz series. The amphitheater is located at 3100 Atlantic Ave. behind the Town Hall. I hope to see you there, all of the performances to date have been fantastic!

Penfield Recreation will hold its second themed dinner fundraiser for the DEAR program on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. A Mid-Summer Night’s Dream Dinner in the Woods will bring the fairy world of William Shakespeare to life in a secret location for a magical dinner in the woods (a map with trail directions will be sent to you). The evening will include a scavenger hunt through the “fairy trails,” live music, a delicious cool summer feast prepared with locally farm-fresh organic food, and an abridged progressive fifteen minute performance of the timeless classic as you journey through the woods. A limited number of tickets are available and can be purchased for $40 at PenRec by phone 585-340-8655, or online at www.penfieldrec.org with a credit card.

Mark your calendar for the Penfield Trails Committee’s free guided hike at Monroe County’s Ellison Park on Saturday, August 9, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Discover the off-beat pathways in the 447 acres of Ellison Park and see the natural vistas carved by 10,000 years of Irondequoit Creek flow. This guided hike will drop steeply down the Coyote Den Trail into the more familiar section of Ellison Park with a side trail that will lead to a scenic overlook. Participants should meet at the south entrance to the park at 1008 Penfield Road and look for the “Hike” signs. While the hike is free, participants are asked to pre-register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 6.

At this time of the year many of our residents are enjoying the summer weather, traveling to cottages on nearby lakes, or vacationing with families. One thing that is not seasonal and remains constant is the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf’s (PEFS) need of our generous donations. The time between July 4th and Labor Day is especially difficult for PEFS to keep shelves stocked with food and supplies as donations diminish due to summer activities. Please consider helping out during this critical time. Log on at www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org to see what the current food needs are or donate using the PayPal link on the “giving help” page. Making a small donation to PEFS pays big dividends to members of our community in need. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to support the great work of this organization.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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