Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
July 22, 2019

Penfield residents in need of a new or updated passport are invited to attend “Passport Night in Penfield” this Thursday, July 25, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue. This service comes to Penfield through a partnership of the Monroe County Clerk’s Office and the Town of Penfield. Please call 340-8627 to sign up in advance, however, registration is not required.

Residents may also apply for a Passport Card, which is limited to land and sea crossing between the US and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. Some passport renewals may be eligible to renew by mail and save the $35 processing fee. The County Clerk staff will review options with applicants on an individual basis.

The fee for a new US Passport for an applicant 16 and older is $145 ($110 plus a $35 application fee). For an applicant under 16, the fee is $115 ($80 plus a $35 application fee). Passport cards—which may be used only for travel by land or sea between the US, Canada, and Mexico—are $30 for applicants aged 16 and older and $15 for applicants under 16. Passport card renewals are $30 and passport book renewals are $110. Passport photos are $7.00 for a set of two.

Please Note: Applicants between the ages of 16 to 18 must appear with a parent or legal guardian. Children under 16 must appear with both parents or legal guardians. One parent or guardian may appear, if and only if the parent or guardian that is not present completes and has notarized a DS-3053 Form, “Statement of Consent: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16” along with a copy of the absent parent or guardian’s driver license. If a parent has sole custody of a minor child, a certified copy of the custody report may be used.

Reminder…the next amphitheater event is tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23 with the “Jumbo Shrimp” on stage to entertain you. Next Tuesday, July 30, will feature “Paulsen & Baker” (for kids/family). All programs begin at 6:30 PM at the Penfield Amphitheater on the Kiwanis Stage, located behind the town hall; food will be available for purchase. I hope to see you there!

I have completed the first review of expenses and anticipated revenue for the 2020 budget with our Comptroller and all department heads. We continue to “scrub” the numbers based on continual input and updates on health care, retirement, Workers Compensation, and insurances. We will begin meeting with the town board over the next several weeks to review all of the department requests. We are scheduled to release the Tentative Budget on September 18 and will hold a public hearing on October 2 for residents to comment. The board will adopt the Final Budget at the October 16 meeting.

Adventure Camp for ages 10 to 14 begins August 19 and runs through August 23, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This week-long camp is intended for adventurous participants who enjoy being outdoors! Every day will include a different adventure with activities like hiking, rafting/paddling, biking, climbing, and other outdoor type excursions. Every participant will receive an adventure camp itinerary one week prior to the start of adventure camp. Drop-off/pick-up is at Harris Whalen Lodge and the fee is $200.

“Under the Tent” events at Brandt Point Park at BayTowne Plaza, 1900 Empire Blvd. are underway every Wednesday and Thursday. Penfield Farmers & Craft Market runs each Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:30 PM through October 30. Cruise Nights run every Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM through October 3. For more information about these and many other events at this location go to www.mybaytowne.com.

Important dates and events in history: July 21, 1861 – Confederate forces win the first Battle of Bull Run; July 23, 1868 – The 14th Amendment is added to the Constitution. (The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States—including former slaves—and
guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.” One of three amendments passed during the Reconstruction era to abolish slavery and establish civil and legal rights for black Americans, it would become the basis for many landmark Supreme Court decisions over the years.) July 26, 1788 – New York is the 11th state admitted to the Union.

Until next week, enjoy the less humid weather ahead. Please remember all the great baseball games scheduled this week at the Penfield Little League complex as teams from across New York State are competing for the opportunity to go to Williamsport, PA to compete in the Little League World Series. Come watch a game or two if you can...good luck to all!

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