Last week I was one of three Monroe County town supervisors to attend the public hearing for Congressional and State Legislative Redistricting to speak about the need to better configure the districts. Currently, the Monroe County area is supported by four congressional districts; three of those four districts overlay Penfield. My comments centered on the fact that the redistricting process should focus on keeping communities of interest together, and that the collective wisdom of Rochester/Monroe County citizens and stakeholders share similar interests and priorities that differ from communities to our west and east. Having one congressional representative living in and supporting Rochester and Monroe County versus four representatives makes more sense for our area.

Blood supplies continue to be at dangerously low levels across our region and we are in contact with the Rochester Red Cross on a regular basis to look for dates and locations to host donor sites within our community. The next two opportunities for our residents to donate locally are Friday, August 19 from 1-6 PM at the Walgreen’s in the Panorama Valley, 1659 Penfield Road; or Monday, August 22 at the Community Center on Baird Road from noon to 6PM. If you are a regular donor, thank you! If it has been a while since you have donated consider coming out to one of these events. If you have never donated please consider doing so, it is easy and painless and it is a wonderful gift of life. I will be at the Community Center on August 22 at 4 PM, please join me.

I have been made aware of an out of town home security company that resorts to very heavy handed sales tactics to get customers to sign up for their service and they tend to pray on the senior population. The company Platinum Protection has been operating on the west side of the county and in the past has looked to operate on the east side as well. Penfield, like most towns, requires a door-to-door solicitation permit that is granted by the Town Clerk’s office. We require information about the company and perform a background check to help ensure our residents are not getting ripped off. If someone selling a product or services knocks on your door, ask if you can see their permit issued by the Town of Penfield. If they do not have one or cannot produce one, I would encourage you not to deal with that individual or company. Note: this permit does not apply to our neighborhood children selling Girl Scout cookies, holiday wreaths, or popcorn/candy for youth sports.

The Town Board had a short performance from members of Penfield’s own Young, Open and Honest Players (YOHP) at our last meeting. The YOHP will perform *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* by Rupert Holmes August 11-13 at the Penfield High School Auditorium at 7 PM. *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* is based on the unfinished final novel by Charles Dickens who died before revealing a conclusion to the world. The musical takes a unique theatrical approach by allowing the audience each night to decide what the ending might be! This summer musical is filled with catchy songs, energetic dances, improvisations with the audience and some of Broadway’s most beautiful and haunting music. Advanced discount tickets are available at the Recreation Department by calling 340-8655. I hope to see you there!

The Town’s employee Wellness Committee reminds me that August is Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month and National Immunization Awareness Month. Both of these topics are very timely as we ready our children and grandchildren for another school year.

This is the last call for Saturday on Stage this coming Saturday, July 30. The program stars at 7 PM on the Kiwanis stage at the amphitheater featuring Gap Mangione and his Big Band. This is a very popular and well attended program.

Until next week, stay coooooool!

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