Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring field representatives in this area and have asked that we help them by sharing the following information with Penfield residents:

The Census Bureau conducts more than 130 surveys every year. Their ability to conduct continuous surveys—other than the once-a-decade population count—depends on survey takers in the field and the ability of regional offices to hire survey workers. Even though the Census Bureau is gearing up to hire workers for the 2020 Census, they still need field representatives for other ongoing surveys. This is where you can help!

Field representatives perform a variety of vital functions, such as updating address lists and maps; conducting interviews with residents in assigned areas; explaining the purpose of the census interview; and answering residents’ questions. Hours of work for field positions will vary, some require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings, while others require interviewing the public usually in the evening and on weekends. Benefits include flexible hours, meeting people, and working outside of an office environment. For more information please visit www.census.gov/fieldjobs.

Budget 2019: The town comptroller and I continue to tighten up all appropriation and revenue lines based on the best information we have received to date. Not only do we work with our various departments, we gather information from the county, state, and insurance and medical providers. With the overall economy growing, we see growth of sales tax revenue that is favorable to the bottom line. The town board’s goal is to present a budget that maintains services and is sensitive to the impact on Penfield residents. The town comptroller and I will be presenting the 2019 Tentative Budget to the public at the town board meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM. There will be a formal hearing on the budget at the October 3 town board meeting. All budget documents will be available for review at www.penfield.org, in the town clerk’s office, and at the Penfield Public Library.

This week, DPW will be making a last major cleanup effort on north portion (former front nine) of Shadow Pines as we prepare to open the area for residents to enjoy in the next several weeks; a formal announcement will be made as we get closer to that date. You will see the stumps along Whalen and Clark Roads removed, pathways mowed for a second and third time, and one last pass through the property to ensure no major hazards exist. We are working with Monroe County to get the tub grinder in to grind the large pile of trees, stumps and limbs into mulch.

The American Red Cross is in emergency need of blood! All of us can help by donating blood, it is an easy way to be a hero. No one wants to imagine it, but at any time it could be you or a loved one in need of lifesaving blood. The next donation opportunity in Penfield is Wednesday, August 29 at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you in advance for making a difference in someone’s life!

Many of your youngest residents are about to head to school for the first time and more seasoned students are preparing for the next level of middle school, senior high, and college. On behalf of the town board and Penfield community, I would like to extend best wishes to all students for the upcoming school year. We are indeed fortunate to have access to quality education in our community. Good luck to all and have a wonderful and safe school year!

Until next week, enjoy the rest of your summer and take some time to visit one of our many farm markets in Penfield to enjoy locally grown products, they are bursting at the seam with an excellent selection of high quality fresh fruits and vegetables at great prices...healthy businesses make for a healthy community!

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