Many residents have asked me about the electronic message boards on Panorama Trail and want to know why the road is being closed this Monday (today) through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The answer: this is a public works project to replace a deteriorated metal pipe that collects stormwater and carries it over the bank and down into Panorama Valley and Irondequoit Creek. The existing metal pipe will be replaced with a 280 feet of continuous plastic stormwater piping to minimize erosion and maintain proper drainage for this very active roadway. The road closure affects Panorama Trail between Huntington Meadow and Mountain Road.

The 2018 budget continues to take shape as we prepare for the Tentative Budget presentation to the town board on September 6. The information will also be posted at www.penfield.org for residents to review. I would like to recognize and thank all of our departments for their work to ensure we present a fiscally responsible budget that continues the same level of services we have provided in the past. This is always a challenge to achieve due to overall increasing costs in all aspects of operations including labor, benefits, materials, and equipment.

Steady sales tax receipts have assisted in managing some of the increased costs along with additional revenue gained from programming and work we have done for the state and county. It is always a balance of resources when performing outside work for these agencies as we look to generate revenue yet not fall behind in our normal required seasonal work. My compliments to DPW and other departments for making these opportunities work for all.

I would like to thank Senator Funke for the recent grant we received to construct a turf box field at Rothfuss Park that will be used for lacrosse and soccer. We are hoping to have it completed by the end of the year and ready for play in 2018 and beyond.

Speaking of Rothfuss Park, we have been informed that the official ribbon cutting for the JACK Foundation playground will be this coming Sunday, August 27, at noon. Last week saw a flurry of activity that included the installation of the last components of the playground, spreading of 340 yards of special playground mulch, and installation of the arch, walkway, and curbing around the entire site. The town’s DPW will be completing the final grading and seeding this week as plans for Sunday’s event take shape. There will be a DJ on hand along with food trucks and many other activities for our youngest residents. I hope to see you at this very special dedication on Sunday!

Last week I had the honor of attending the 55th anniversary celebration of the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Club to make remarks about this amazing group, its members, and all the good work they do in our community including support and donations to many local food shelves, school scholarship funds, Golisano Children’s Hospital, hospice groups, and much, much more! I would like to recognize Robert A. Calabrese, charter member of this local organization. Bob is a committed member and a friend of Penfield. On behalf of the Penfield community I would like to recognize him and the entire organization for all they do each and every week. Kiwanis International brings the world together—one community at a time!
Save the date! The 41st annual Friends of the Penfield Public Library used book sale will take place September 12 to 16 at the Penfield Community Center. Proceeds benefit the Penfield Public Library. This sale features more than 85,000 items sorted into 50 categories in four well-organized rooms. Do not miss this wonderful annual event!


Until next week enjoy the last few week before the Labor Day holiday, the summer has once again flown by!

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