Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of August 25, 2014

Mark your calendars for the 38th annual used book sale hosted by the Friends of the Penfield Library, September 9-13 at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. More than 85,000 items will be for sale including books, videos, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, puzzles, and software. Items are conveniently sorted by category. The sale begins with a members-only pre-sale on Tuesday, September 9 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Not a member? You may join at the door, but because of crowds, the Friends recommend joining or renewing in advance of the sale at the Penfield Library. A one-year membership is just $5.00. The general public is invited to attend the sale September 10-13. Hours and daily specials are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday (9/10-11) 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, 9/12, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (half-price day), Saturday, 9/13 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ($3 bag). Bring your own bags but no food or drinks. Because of narrow aisles, please do not bring baby strollers or shopping carts. Proceeds from the book sale go to support programing for all ages at the library. Please come join the library staff and the Friends of the Penfield Library for this exciting event.

As a member of the board of Crimestoppers, I attended the “Nick-K 5K” last week in Webster along with several colleagues to support the family of Nick Kapusniak. Nick was a 20-year-old student at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He was killed on March 1, 2014 in a senseless act of violence as a drive-by shooter randomly fired gunsshots into a crowd of pharmacy students. Proceeds of this event went to benefit Crimestoppers and the Nick Kapusniak Memorial Scholarship Fund. To learn more about what Crimestoppers does in the Rochester community to support law enforcement and to help get criminals off our streets, please log on to www.roccrimestoppers.com.

Are you looking to try something new? Why not hop aboard our PenRec van and take a lovely fall ride to the Medina Railroad Museum? At the museum you will find food trucks with delicious lunch options (to be purchased separately), a farmers’ market, and wineries selling wine. The group will board the Medina Railroad Train at 1:00 p.m. for a two-hour train ride to Lockport. Relax and enjoy the scenery along with music, hors d’oeuvres, and wine samples on board from the Niagara Wine Trail Wineries. The train returns to Medina at 3:00 p.m. with time to tour the museum before heading home. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 18. The fee is $25.00 and includes the van ride, winery train excursion, hors d’oeuvres and wine sampling aboard train, and admission to the museum. Adults only. The van departs the Penfield Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and will return by 4:30 p.m.

2015 budget update…this is the last column before I present the Tentative Budget to the town board on September 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium. Each year the process becomes more difficult with more mandates pushed down to local governments and residents wanting lower taxes with the same, or enhanced, services. Working with town department heads and the Town Comptroller, I believe we have prepared a solid budget that provides most of the same services, has absorbed many of the unfunded mandates, and has cut costs in the appropriate areas. The complete budget will be available online Wednesday, September 3 as we are presenting it to the board. We welcome your thoughts, comments, and recommendations as to how the budget could be revised and improved. All comments will be accepted through Friday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. The board is scheduled to adopt the final budget on Wednesday, October 15.

Until next week, enjoy the Labor Day holiday! The first Labor Day was held in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day was originally organized to celebrate various labor associations’ strengths and contributions to the economy of the United States. It is largely a day of rest in modern times. Many people mark Labor Day as the end of the summer season and a last chance to make trips or hold outdoor events. Enjoy your family and friends throughout this long weekend.

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