Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
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On August 24th, Marisa Zwick, an inspired young environmentalist and sixth grade student at Bay Trail, attended the town’s Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee meeting to tell us about her goal to eliminate litter in our town. I will share a bit of her message:

“...A few friends and I started Rock the Earth, a non-profit organization that helps the environment. Our current project is picking up litter to help clean up Penfield. I really think that people have to be aware about littering. Litter is not only in our neighborhoods, but also in community areas like ponds, cemeteries, hiking trials and parks. If you see litter, please pick it up and put it into a garbage can. Be aware of where your garbage goes!”

This summer Marisa and her friends from the Rock the Earth club have focused on clearing litter from the two retention ponds on Baird Road across from the community center. She told us that the most ironic piece of litter they removed was an old beat up “Save the Earth” flyer.

Marisa has applied for a Walt Disney Company “Summer of Service” grant for young change-makers to fund the purchase of protective gloves, trash grabbers, trash bags, and other supplies to support club’s litter collecting projects. She will find out if they were successful with the grant application this fall.

If you would like to support the club’s efforts please contact me and I will connect you with the Zwick family. In the meantime, we can all help Rock the Earth by not littering in the first place! Put trash where it belongs and be sure to recycle at every opportunity. I expect Marisa and her friends would be happy to find less litter in Penfield so they can move ahead to other great projects!

With young residents like Marisa and her friends I believe the future of Penfield is bright.

Mark your calendars for the annual Family First Penfield 5K Challenge XIV to be held Sunday, October 2, with check-in at 8:00 AM and the race start at 9:00 AM. The race will begin and end at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. The fees are as follows: Before 9/23 - $20.00; 9/26 - 9/30 - $25.00; Day of Race - $30.00. Cash prizes will be awarded to top male and top female finishers. There will also be prizes for male and female winners in each age category. Computerized race results will be provided by PCR Timing Services. For more information and to register, go to www.penfieldrec.org.

September 6th begins another season of Penfield Recreation sponsoring Nels Carman Big Band Nights featuring the Penfield Rotary Band. The 17-member band performs the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road.

The Penfield Rotary Band was formed in 1954. The band offers western New York’s best representation of both the classical sound of late the 1930s through 1940s big band sound as well as showcasing modern big band arrangements, led by The Tonight Show band leader “Doc” Severenson. The band is equally adept at two set swing dance ballroom venues and outdoor stage concerts. The fee is just $1.00 at the door and all are welcome.

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

It is hard to believe we are speaking about Labor Day when just a few short months ago we were celebrating Memorial Day! Please note that all town offices will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th. May you and your families enjoy the upcoming long weekend as we close out another summer season and prepare for what we hope will be a wonderful fall in Penfield.

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