Town of Penfield Supervisor's Column

Week of August 31, 2015

I would like to thank Recreation Director Chris Bilow and Receiver of Taxes Margaret (Peggy) Revelle for being recent guest columnists. Their messages were very timely, and who better to share that information but the experts themselves? Thanks Chris and Peggy!

Now I will continue my Farm Market/Garden Center series by highlighting Wilbert’s Tree Farm located at 1321 Salt Road. This family-owned and operated tree farm was originally planted by Art Wilbert more than 50 years ago for screening and environmental reasons. However, the appeal of the trees in the community soon expanded their purpose to include celebrating Christmas. Wilbert’s has been selling Christmas trees for more than 40 years on the original farm, which has been in the family for more than 100 years.

Today the farm is greater than 100 acres with approximately 180,000 trees. Bring the family to see Santa’s sleigh and flying reindeer, the live nativity scene, and more. Cut-your-own and precut trees of all sizes are available starting just before Thanksgiving. My wife reminds me that it is never too early to start thinking about Christmas and putting up trees! For more information about Wilbert’s Tree Farm and the products and services they provide, go to www.wilbertstreefarm.com...and remember to shop locally, it does make a difference for the entire community!

It’s that time of the year, so mark your calendars for the 39th annual used book sale hosted by the Friends of the Penfield Public Library running September 15 to 19 at the Penfield Community Center. 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 15, 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Supporters may join at the door, however because of crowds, the Friends recommend joining or renewing in advance of the sale at the Penfield Library. A one-year membership is only $5.00.

The general public is invited to attend the sale September 16-19. Hours and daily specials are as follows: Wednesday 9/16 and Thursday 9/17, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday 9/18, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (half-price day); Saturday, 9/19, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ($3 bag, specials remain half price).

Shoppers should bring their own bags, and food and drink are not allowed. 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 Penfield Library. Please come join the FPPL for this exciting event.

The next guided hike of the Penfield Trails Committee is Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Channing Philbrick Park. This hike has a special Penfield heritage theme. Town historian Kathy Kanauer and Penfield Trails Committee members will share accounts of the life and accomplishments of town founder Daniel Penfield. Meet at the pavilion and look for the hike signs. While hikes are free, participants are asked to register by calling 340-8655 (option 6).

Be on the lookout for the Fall 2015 Pen-Rec brochure. You can’t miss the bright orange color! This brochure is filled with great information for residents of all ages. Program registration begins September 8 unless otherwise noted. Register early, our programs fill up quickly due to their popularity!

Until next week...be well and be safe.

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