Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
September 13, 2016

This past Sunday we recognized the 15th anniversary of September 11th, a day that will have lasting impact on our great country. Nearly 3,000 people died when hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001. It was the deadliest terror attack on American soil. We will not falter...we will not fear...we will not fail...we will not forget!

September 11–17, 2016 is National Assisted Living Week. This year’s theme is “Keep Connected” to encourage assisted living communities to support opportunities for residents to take advantage of the latest communication tools to engage with the world around them. According to the Pew Research Center, social media usage among those aged 65 and older has more than tripled since 2010. This theme aims to help overcome the myth that older adults lack the ability to learn and/or are interested in using new technologies.

Yesterday, I had the honor and pleasure to join Senator Rich Funke and TV-8 news anchor Maureen McGuire at Heathwood Penfield Community to present a proclamation recognizing the importance of this celebration and to proclaim September 11–17 as National Assisted Living Week in the Town of Penfield.

Please join me in recognizing Heathwood Penfield community staff, caregivers, residents and families—and all the senior living communities in Penfield—for everything they do throughout the year. Penfield is proud to be a wellness community with a tradition of honoring its residents and recognizing them for their contributions to our town, county and country.

The town was recently approached by Life Conquerors, which is a social enterprise that assists in various projects for the less fortunate. They are hosting an ongoing “Re-Walk” sustainable shoe drive to collect shoes for the needy in third world countries and for the disadvantaged and homeless here in the U.S.

The most needed shoes are lightly worn shoes in good repair, from infant to adults—the most coveted are athletic shoes and the least needed are stylish women’s shoes and boots. To donate, simply place shoes in collection boxes in the town hall foyer or at the community center near the library. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Life Conqueror’s Office at 585-787-4287. Thank you in advance for your support.

A few quick reminders: First, the 40th annual Friends of the Penfield Public Library used book sale starts September 13 at 2:00 PM and runs through Saturday until 2:00 PM. More than 85,000 books, videos, CDs, records, games, puzzles, and computer software is available. Please stop by and support the Penfield Library.

Second, PenRec’s annual Toastin’ the Blues is this Saturday, September 17 at Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. The event includes chili judging, beer sampling, and blues music. The Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage is located in Veterans’ Memorial Park, behind Penfield Town Hall at 3100 Atlantic Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. I look forward to seeing you at these two great community events!

It is that time of year again when the First Baptist Church of Penfield, 1862 Penfield Road, hosts its Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser. Join them Saturday, September 17 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM as they serve delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage and more for $4/person, $3 for children under ten.

All the September proceeds will go directly to help support “Learning Links” of Fairport (www.learninglinksfairport.org). Learning Links is a tutoring program which pairs children with volunteers after school and during the summer. Come enjoy a great breakfast and support a wonderful organization. For more information about this event and the rest of the Flapjack Saturday Community fundraising, please call 585-586-2876 or go to www.fbpenfield.org.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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