Over the weekend I had the honor of attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Riley W. Wehr from Troop 312 sponsored by the Penfield Presbyterian Church. For Riley’s Eagle project, he constructed four eight-foot benches and a scorer’s table for the Charles Finney School where he is a senior this year. The school is using these benches and table for their athletic field sporting events. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, I would like to recognize and congratulate Riley for attaining the Eagle rank; his parents Scott and Michelle, and the rest of the Wehr family, should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Last week I had the opportunity to join the DiMarzo Family, owners and operators of seven Legacy Retirement Communities across the county, as they held a ribbon-cutting and open house for the newly refurbished Grande’ Vie Living Center and welcomed Village Wood to the Legacy Community. Last week was also National Assisted Living Week with a theme of “Homemade Happiness.” The DiMarzo family, lead by Anthony DiMarzo, has a focus on seniors and senior living. In Penfield we are fortunate to have several of the Legacy Communities, including the very first Legacy which is Willow Pond and the newest Village Wood. I ask that all Penfield residents extend their appreciation to the DiMarzo family for their dedicated service to our community’s elders.

Grossmans Garden and Home Center is now hosting the Penfield Farmers Market every Sunday featuring locally homegrown produce and handcrafted products from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Savor fresh vegetables, fruits, breads and pastries, jams, oils and vinegars, New York State wine, farm-fresh dairy and meats... and much more! Come spend time at Grossmans Garden and Home located at 1801 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road and enjoy the farmer’s market experience!

The Family First Penfield 5K Challenge XI will be held Sunday, September 29 with an 8:00 a.m. check-in and a start time of 9:00 a.m. sharp. There are more than $1,000 in prizes, and the first 250 runners will receive a commemorative t-shirt. The race begins and ends at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. The course is certified to be accurate by the USATF/RRTC #NY04023KL.

Following the 5K the Penfield Recreation Department will host “REC”reate Wellness Day from 10:00 a.m. to noon also at the community center. Come see how Penfield Rec can help you plant your roots of wellness by trying a sampling of some of their most popular programs. Instructors will be offering preview classes for you to try. This event is FREE and open to all ages!

The third annual Penfield Community bike drop will be held Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the community center, 1985 Baird Road. This program is sponsored by the Penfield Rotary and Penfield Recreation. Bikes will be donated to R Community Bikes, Inc., a Rochester based organization that repairs and distributes bicycles free of charge to Rochester’s needy children and adults. For more information, please log on at www.rcommunitybikes.net. Receipts will be provided documenting all donations.

2014 budget update…the 2014 tentative and preliminary budget are online at www.penfield.org. Click on ‘Departments’ on the left column and then on ‘Finance’ for all the details of the proposed general, highway and library budgets. There is also a power point presentation that provides an executive summary of the 2013 year-to-date budget and the 2014 proposed budget. The Penfield Town Board will conduct a public hearing on October 2 at 7:30 p.m. to hear all interested parties on the proposed budget.

Until next week, I hope to see you out in our great Penfield community!

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