Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of September 21, 2015

Do you have an unwanted bike in your basement or garage taking up space? Does it seem no one in the family has a need for it, but you just don’t want to put it at the curb for the waste hauler? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3 for the fifth annual Community Bike Drop at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. This event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., giving everyone plenty of time to donate unwanted bikes for a good cause. All bicycles collected will be donated to R Community Bikes, Inc. for redistribution to needy children and adults in the Rochester area. All types of bikes are needed including children’s tricycles, toddler plastic bikes, and even bike parts. R Community Bikes, Inc. is a 501-C-3 organization and receipts for donations will be available.

The third annual Fall Recycling Day will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the DPW complex, 1607 Jackson Road. Services for this recycling day include brush collection (branches and shrubs only), metals and appliance recycling, certified document destruction, and donations of clothing and linens. Please note that there will be NO ELECTRONIC recycling at this event. For more information on electronic recycling options please go to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.

The proposed 2016 Town Budget is online for review by those interested in details of the three major components that make up the Town’s general government budget as well as special districts. This includes general, highway, and library funds, as well as lighting, sewer, drainage, and consolidated water. To view the budget, go to www.penfield.org, choose 'Departments’ then ‘Finance’ to view associated documents on that page. If you would like to meet to discuss the budget in person, please contact Town Comptroller Barbara Chirdo at 340-8621 or my office at 340-8631.

The next Penfield Trails Committee hike will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Lucien Morin Park. The hike at this popular Monroe County park will trek through the heavily wooded area along Irondequoit Creek. Hikers will traverse the slopes and ravines as well as some creek banks. You will see elements of the old Rifle Range, the location of the clubhouse, the restored gazebo, and shooting range pits. You will also stop at the narrows to observe and learn about the low-flow barrier. Meet on Empire Boulevard at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. There is a Monroe County sign and driveway entrance just east of MacGregor’s Grill. Please park in the graveled area and look for the hike signs. While the hike is free, pre-registration is encouraged by calling the Penfield Recreation Department at 340-8655, option 6. View trail maps at www.penfieldrec.org.

Pen-Rec’s ever-popular Family Halloween Fun night will be held Friday, October 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. There will be games, trick-or-treat, hayrides, crafts, and more fun for all ages. This free event is a hit with our youngest residents. Additionally, the Penfield Historic Ghost Walk will begin at 7:00 p.m. Make reservations ahead of time by calling 340-8655 (option 6) and pay by credit card, tickets are $5.00. This year’s theme will explore mourning customs of the nineteenth century. Please bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

Until next week, please enjoy the wonderful extension of our summer weather!

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