Last week the Penfield community lost another icon. George Shaw was a friend and mentor to many within the town. George served in the Navy, was a distinguished attorney for 43 years devoting his career to intellectual property law, and he served on the town’s Zoning and Planning Boards. Most recently George chaired the Historical Preservation Board. His commitment to preservation and his community was steadfast and he led by example. George was always a gentleman with board members and people who appeared before the board. George, thank you for your service to our country, the Rochester community, and the town of Penfield, you will be missed!

The next program in our new Environmental Discussion Series will be held on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature “The Electric Car, the Future is Here!” with Bob Kanauer of LTHS Solar. Bob will discuss the history, design, and growing popularity of the electric car, as well as pros and cons, and the future of electric vehicles. A car and charging station will be on hand for demonstration. This free series is sponsored by the Energy & Environmental Advisory Committee. The program will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the town hall. While the program is free participants are asked to register online at www.penfieldrec.org or by calling 340-8655. I hope to see you at this session and the others that will be held on Mondays October 6, 20, 27, and November 3. See page 19 of the PenRec fall brochure for details on the series.

I have been contacted by the Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association to help spread the word about the group’s 2014 “Three Mile Walk for Camp Courage” on October 12 starting at 9:30 a.m. Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has been servicing burn survivors throughout the area since 1988. Walkers will leave from Camp Eastman, 1301 Lake Shore Blvd. and walk the newly constructed Seaway Trail three miles to the Sea Breeze Fire Department. Parking is provided at Seabreeze Park with “Park N Ride” continual shuttle service between Seabreeze Park and Camp Eastman. For more information and to pre-register, please log on to www.flrba.com.

One more reminder…the town board will be holding a public hearing on the 2015 budget on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium. I encourage residents to review the budget online (www.penfield.org, “quick links,” Town Budget) for complete details of the general, highway and library funds. The town board welcomes any and all questions and comments from now through Friday, October 10. If you would like to sit down with Town Comptroller Bob Beedon for a one on one review please call him directly at 340-8621 to schedule an appointment. Additionally, hard copies of the budget are available for review at the town clerk’s office and the Penfield Public Library.

Recent crisp mornings remind me that fall is in the air and the holidays are just around the corner. During the holidays the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) is busy preparing for the many food baskets that will be delivered to families in need right here in our community. PEFS keeps a current “wish list” of items needed on their website at www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org. Please consider supporting this wonderful resource in Penfield, the positive impact they have on so many lives each week is what community is all about. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of PEFS…this is community helping community!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Town Clerk Amy Steklof and her family for the recent loss of her grandmother, Sophia (Shirley) Rosenbaum.

Until next week, please consider shopping at one of Penfield’s many farm markets for your fruits and vegetables, shopping locally does make a difference!