In recent conversations with the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) I learned they are running low on—or completely out of—a number of items and they can use our help. The most current needs include cans of fruits (all kinds), pasta (boxed and bagged), Spaghettios/ravioli, salad dressings, pancake mix and syrup, and cereal. Week-on-week the dedicated volunteers at PEFS provide fresh fruits and vegetables, canned goods, and other non-perishable items to more than 85 households in our community that need some extra help.

If your neighborhood, church, or civic organization would like to “adopt a shelf” or if you are able to provide assistance in any way, please call PEFS at 234-0799 or email penfieldfoodshelf@gmail.com. I would like to thank all of you for your past generosity to help make this operation possible, it does make a difference in so many lives year-round.

We are fortunate in Penfield to have a high occupancy rate in our six business districts. However, a handful of empty store fronts and falling down buildings are an eyesore; they consume a lot of staff time chasing property owners for compliance issues. At the request of many residents, I want to provide an update on properties that present the biggest problems for the town.

First up, the former Mobil service station on the corner of Browncroft and Blossom Roads. This property has (yet again) recently sold. A trailer located at the rear of the property has been there for many years continually drawing air through the soil to abate petroleum contamination. This process is slow and somewhat old technology. Business Development Director Jim Costello is working with the new owners to move this to a closure to allow the property to be redeveloped.

In comparison, owners have excavated tanks and soils at the Valeo building on the opposite corner for a clean site. This building is currently on the market for sale or lease. You should see the canopy removed later this fall.

Cleantown Dry Cleaners across the street from Panorama Plaza and next to the ESL ATM site has recently been cleared of some weeds and the grass has been cut. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) contacted me last week to indicate the last phase of environmental clean-up will begin over the next several weeks. Once completed, the rubble will be removed. The property is in the process of being sold to be redeveloped.

The former service station on the corner of Route 250 and Atlantic Avenue, known as 3286 Atlantic Avenue, has been an eyesore for more than 30 years. There have been many excuses as to why it has not been cleaned up. The matter is currently in court and taking more time than it should to be resolved. We need your help to move this along… I encourage you to contact the Town Court at 340-8623 and the property owner’s legal representation at 334-4270 to demand action. There have been too many promises made to clean up this site over the years with little to no action!

The damp weather last Saturday did not ruin the fun for the many hundreds of attendees at the annual Tastin’ the Blues. The music provided by Steve Grills and the Roadmasters along with Joe Beard was fabulous! As the rain began many pop-up tents went up and everyone settled in for entertainment, great chili tasting and beer samples.

A special thank you to all the chili entries and to those that won the judges and people’s choice awards for the best recipe. This event closes out the 2016 Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage series. I would like to recognize Steve Orsini of Penfield Recreation and all the staff that supported him in making this another wonderful season! The shell will be taken down this week and stored for the winter, but rest assured the 2017 series is being planned and we look forward to another great season to kick-off in late May!

Until next week, enjoy the continued nice stretch of late summer/early fall weather. We’ll take as many nice days as we can get…it gets us one day closer to spring!

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