Update… “Making Sense of Leaf Management”! Penfield is committed to work with the County of Monroe and other eastside towns to see if there is an opportunity to establish an eastside leaf recycling program. We will explore locations, costs, Department of Environmental Conservation rules and regulations, and more. The sensitivity continues to be on the cost to taxpayers. This eastside recycling concept is nothing that could be accomplished in 2010, rather an idea that could be explored for future years. More information will be provided as we have further conversations with all the involved stakeholders.

On Monday, October 4, Alternatives for Battered Women (ABW) will hold a press conference as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in a joint-effort with the Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium. ABW is the only licensed provider of services in Monroe County for women and children who are victims of, or who are at risk of, domestic violence. Domestic violence is unacceptable in any form; for more information on ABW and the services provided, please log on to www.abwrochester.org.

The Town Board will be holding a public hearing on the 2011 Preliminary Budget on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium at the Town Hall. All residents are encouraged to attend to speak on behalf of the budget. If you are unable to attend, tune into PCTV Channel 12 or log on to www.penfield.org to watch the streaming video of the meeting.

Beginning September 26 and running through October 22, the Penfield Art Association will be exhibiting their work at the Legacy at Willow Pond. Show hours are 9AM–7PM throughout the entire event. The meet and greet Artists Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on October 22 from 7-9 PM. I have been honored by the Art Association to be the judge and presenter for the “Best Penfield Scene” and look forward to this wonderful show.

Wanted…200 players! The Penfield Rotary’s Annual Charity Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 22 at 6 PM. Proceeds will benefit Camp Haccamo, College Scholarships, Scouts, Penfield Food Cupboard, and the worldwide elimination of Polio. For more information, log on to www.penfieldrotary.org.

You have heard me refer to our six business districts and the fact that we have “spotlighted” them at the Town board meetings. Five of the six have been highlighted to date; Historic Four Corners, Lloyd’s Corners, North Penfield Crossroads, LaSalle’s Landing, and the Browncroft-Blossom-Creek District. The last one to be “spotlighted” will be Panorama Valley in early November. Healthy businesses make for a healthy community. (view video online here)

Through some creativity by our PCTV staff, we added a seventh business district known as the Farming District. This district was featured at our last Town Board meeting and was a hit. (If you missed it watch for rebroadcasts on PCTV or view it online any time at www.penfield.org, quick links, video by PCTV, Penfield farming.) Local farms and farm markets were highlighted and fit right in with the current fall harvest and a wonderful Penfield Heritage Festival to be held on Saturday, October 16 at Rothfuss Park. The Rothfuss Family has been farming in Penfield for generations. Come join in on the fun, there will be something for everyone; I’ll see you on the horse drawn hayride!

Mark your calendars for October 9 at 7 PM for Penfield’s Historic Ghost Walk. This program, hosted by the Penfield Local history Room and Recreation Department, will be fun and educational. Meet many spirits along the way including Daniel and Mary Penfield, our Town’s founders. Do not be afraid, they are here as friends and teachers, ready to tell a story of this great community. Reservations can be made ahead of time by calling 340-8655. There is a small fee of $5/ticket.

Too many good things to share and not enough space, it looks like I will have to speak with the local editor of the “Penfield Post” to reserve a full page for the print version of this column! Until next week, please consider performing a random act of kindness for a neighbor or fellow resident. You will be amazed at the payback you will feel for something very small like holding a door open, a simple good morning or hello, or returning a garbage tote from the street curb to the garage door.

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