Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
October 7, 2019

Time to provide public input on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan is coming to an end this week. If you would like to share your thoughts regarding future planning goals for the Town of Penfield with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee as it continues its important work, please use this online form to offer input and express your ideas by the end of business Friday, October 11. If you were unable to attend the town’s September 24 public information meeting regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update you can view a video of the meeting at https://youtu.be/1RYDaSnPVNA. You can also view the last committee meeting that was held on October 1 at https://youtu.be/NiXBVknFJE. Thank you in advance for your thoughts and ideas on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

The town board held a public hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget last week to hear any and all residents who had questions or comments. Several questions were received and they will be answered and placed on www.penfield.org for review. Additionally, the town board is accepting questions and comments through Friday, October 11. The 2020 budget is proposed to be adopted on Wednesday, October 16. All related budget documents are on the website for review (see Quick Links).

The next Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Penfield (FBP) is Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at 1862 Penfield Road. FBP invites you to join them for delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage and more…all for just $6.00 per person. October is domestic violence awareness month, therefore all October breakfast proceeds will go directly to help support Resolve, an organization dedicated to intervening and preventing domestic and sexual violence against women. Fellowship Hall is handicapped accessible and the breakfast is outstanding! For more information and details, please go to www.fbpenfield.org.

Shadow Pines update…Several weeks ago I reported that Monroe County would be removing some trees within their right-of-way adjacent to Shadow Pines. Several of those trees were removed next to the cemetery; however the rainy weather did not allow project contractor Terry Tree to complete its work. It is our understanding they will complete that work this week. Additionally, Monroe County extended two drain pipes just east of Clark Road, and the Town of Penfield’s DPW will complete its filling and grading project over the next seven to 10 days, provided the weather cooperates. Also, the next Penfield High School X-Country meet will be held this week along the trails of Shadow Pines; this has been a great partnership between the town and school district.

The next guided hike by the Penfield Trails Committee will be held this coming Saturday, October 12 at Lucien Morin Park. Meet at Empire Blvd. at the south end of Irondequoit Bay. There is parking just east of MacGregor’s. The hike runs from 10:00 AM to noon, rain or shine. Please look for the Monroe County Parks sign and the hike signs.

The 2019–2020 concert series of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra opens on Monday, October 28 with “Brahms and Castanets.” This concert is sponsored by Heathwood Assisted Living. This season marks the twentieth year that Dr. David Harman has lead this wonderful orchestra as Music Director and Conductor. All concerts are held at the Penfield High School Auditorium and begin at 7:30 PM. Free rides to concerts are available from Lifespan, please call 872-0774 two weeks before the concerts. For more information on this concert, the 2019–2020 schedule, please go to www.penfieldsymphony.org.
Mark your calendars for the annual Family Halloween Fun night to be held on Friday, October 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Penfield Community Center. Enjoy games, trick-or-treats, hayrides, crafts, and more...FREE fun for all ages!

Please note that the Town of Penfield Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, October 14 in observance of Columbus Day. This includes the Town Hall, DPW, Recreation and Town Courts. The Penfield Public Library will be OPEN during normal business hours.

This week is National Fire Prevention Week (October 6–12) with the theme “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape, Plan and Practice Your Escape!” This program works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. When it comes to fire safety, anyone can be a hero. It is easy to take the first steps, just make an escape plan for your home! Mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Additional fire safety information is available at www.nfpa.org or www.firepreventionweek.org.

Until next week be well and be safe...and make an escape plan for your home!

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