Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

October 9, 2017

The 2017-18 season of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra, celebrating 62 years of bringing wonderful music to the Penfield and Rochester communities, begins Monday, October 23 under the leadership of Dr. David Harman Music Director. This first concert, entitled Old World – New World and sponsored by Heathwood Assisted Living, features soloist Mark Kellogg who was the principal trombone with the RPO from 1989 to 2017.

All PSO concerts are held at the Penfield High School Auditorium and begin at 7:30 PM. Free rides to the concerts are available from Lifespan by calling 872-0774; please call two weeks before concerts. For more information on this concert and the 2017-18 schedule, please log-on at www.penfieldsymphony.org.

I received the numbers from Monroe County on the Penfield-Webster Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held on September 16. This event served 530 residents; approximately 15.6 tons of hazardous materials was collected and kept from entering our ecosystem through storm and sanitary sewers or improper disposal into area landfills. The county reports that this was a record collection for the amount of residents served and material collected.

A reminder to all residents, the 2018 budget is online for review. The town board will be collecting any and all comments until Monday, October 16. If you would like to sit down with me and/or our comptroller please contact my office at 340-8630 to arrange a time to meet. The town board plans to adopt the 2018 budget at their legislative session on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM.

Two things to remember this coming Saturday, October 14: First, the Penfield Trails Committee will be hosting a guided hike at Lucien Morin Park from 10:00 AM to noon. Meet at Empire Blvd. at the south end of Irondequoit Bay, there is a Monroe County Parks sign and driveway entrance just east of MacGregor’s Grill & Tap Room. Second, the annual Penfield recycling day will be held from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the DPW facility, 1607 Jackson Road. Materials accepted for recycling are metals and appliances, brush, and clothing. There will also be a secure document destruction vehicle on site to shred confidential documents. Please note that NO ELECTRONICS will be accepted.

In speaking recently with Penfield Librarian Bernadette Brinkman, she asked me to pass along appreciation to all in the Penfield community who took part in the annual Friends of Penfield Public Library (FPPL) book sale. The sale was an unqualified success, yielding proceeds that exceeded those of last year. The FPPL are already looking forward to next year’s event. Here are some little-known facts about the book sale:

- All money raised goes to fund programming for all ages at the library and to purchase items that directly benefit library patrons, thus saving money for Penfield taxpayers.
- The library accepts donations of materials for the sale all year long, during library open hours.
- A hard-working team of volunteers works for a full year ahead of each book sale, sorting donated materials into categories to make browsing for bargains at the sale easier to find.
- This year marks the 41st anniversary of the Friends’ book sale.
- If you missed the book sale, surplus donations are available to acquire whenever the library is open.
I would like to close with a bright spot in our community. I understand that approximately 12 Penfield girls (2nd and 4th graders) who all attend Cobbles Elementary School started a “Caring Club” with the focus of community caring. This past Saturday morning they held a bake sale. The rain did not seem to deter them, rather it made the fun more memorable. This group of young ladies raised over $400 in two hours to donate to the Hurricane Relief Fund and Golisano’s Children’s Hospital. For all our residents who stopped by to support them...thank you! For all the young ladies involved in the “Caring Club,” congratulations to all of you for your support and compassion for those who were impacted or are ill. All of you are wise beyond your years and are a shining example of what community is all about. Great job ladies, you hit a home run!

Until next week, let’s learn from these 12 young ladies, help a senior citizen neighbor with a small project, perform a random act of kindness for someone, or take a moment to spend some time at one of our senior living facilities. You will be amazed at the impact your kindness will have on them and yourself!

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