The Town Hall complex was full of activity this past weekend with the Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby (GRSBD) hosting its second annual Soap Box Derby Car Rally qualifying races. This year’s event featured actor Corbin Bernsen, director, writer, producer and star of the heartwarming film "25 Hill"- A Soap Box Derby Story. Bernsen was on hand to start races, race a car himself, enjoy a Rochester white hot and sign autographs. Racers from across the northeast competed for trophies and a chance to race in Akron, Ohio in June of 2012. A special thanks to Mark Scuderi, president of GRSBD, and all who participated in this wonderful event. I am told that this Wednesday evening the season opener of Corbin Bernsen's current hit series "Psych" will be on at 10 PM. I will also say that his biggest LaFountain fan was "psyched" when she had her picture taken and DVD autographed...congratulations Stacey!

Reminder.. Fall Drop-off runs this week from Thursday, October 13 to Saturday, October 15. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday runs 9 AM to 4 PM. Drop-off is located at the Penfield Highway Garage, 1607 Jackson Road. This is a great opportunity to clean out that garage so you are able to park your cars out of the winter weather. No computers, monitors or TVs will be accepted, instead save those items for the electronics drop-off on Saturday, October 29 from 9 AM to 2 PM at the same location. And that's not all...if you have confidential documents or paper to dispose of, bring them along to the Highway Garage for document destruction and paper recycling at the same time and place as electronics recycling. All the details are at www.penfield.org .

As mentioned last week, the Town Board held a public hearing on the 2012 Budget. The budget is on-line for review; it is also available at the Penfield Library, Town Clerk's office and the Comptroller's office. We welcome any thoughts or ideas on this proposed budget. The Town Board will look to approve the 2012 Budget at its October 19 meeting.

This week the Harris Hill 5th grade class will make its annual trek to the Town Hall to learn more about local government. It is wonderful for these students to have an opportunity to better understand government operations, learn about services provided to Penfield residents, and to learn how local laws and ordinances are developed and adopted. A number of these students will be our future leaders; learning early on about their local government is a plus on so many fronts.

The Penfield Art Association is exhibiting members' work at the Legacy at Willow Pond through Friday, October 21. There will be a "meet and greet" the artists reception and awards ceremony on the 21st from 7-9 PM. Consider stopping by Legacy over the next few weeks to view the wonderful artwork on display. I have the honor and very difficult task to judge and present the "Best Penfield Scene" during the awards ceremony, and I must say from what I have seen thus far everyone is a winner. I wish to give a very special thank you to the Penfield Art Association and Legacy at Willow Pond for partnering on this wonderful event for another year.

Last week I had the honor of representing the Town Board at the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of the St. John's Green House Homes at Arbor Ridge subdivision off Fellows Road. The Green House homes in Penfield are the first in the nation located in a residential neighborhood. The vision of St. John's and past community leaders helps to transform nursing home care and continues to keep Penfield on the cutting edge of what community is all about. Twenty elders will live in these two homes. In some cases former residents will be returning to Penfield, in others new residents will now call Penfield their home and be near family. This is a very exciting project for our community and we welcome everyone with open arms...thank you for choosing Penfield for this landmark event.

Upcoming programs and events:
10/14 Family Open Swim & Lap Swim
10/14 Family Halloween Fun and Historic Ghost Walk
10/15 Guided Paddle: Irondequoit Creek
10/16 SAT Prep Course

For details on these programs and scores more, please log on to www.penfield.org and click on Parks and Recreation.’

As the leaves start to fall please consider mulching, composting or contracting with a local landscaper to collect at the curb versus sending leaves to the landfill via your refuse collector (for more see PCTV online video, info meeting, "Making Sense of Leaf Management").

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