Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of October 12, 2015

The Penfield Library annual used book sale was held about a month ago, and as always, I am impressed with the success of this event. The “Friends of the Penfield Library” report that the sale raised $28,152.37. Wow, that is fantastic! The funds help to support special programs and equipment that are not covered in the library budget. The “Friends” also report they had wonderful volunteer help from several of the teams from Penfield High School.

The boys’ baseball team brought the enormous number of boxes of books from the storage trailer into the sale rooms on the first day of set-up. Then, many volunteers worked Saturday through Tuesday morning getting the books out of the boxes and onto the tables for shoppers who visited Tuesday afternoon through Saturday. On the final day of the sale, the girls’ lacrosse team and the robotics team came in and helped to pack up and load the remaining books. Everyone at the library has commented on the wonderful young people willing to help in this community effort, and they enjoy working with them each year. Congratulations to everyone involved in this sale, it makes a significant difference to our Penfield Library and patrons!

The Town of Penfield’s Director of Public Works, Ronnie Williams, is one of fifty Public Works Directors and leaders selected across the nation selected to participate in a public works summit to be held in Austin, Texas in November. A grant was awarded that covers all travel, hotel, meal, and conference costs with no cost to Penfield taxpayers. The goal of this program is for peers to share their best ideas and newest solutions to maximize operations in and around public works organizations including transportation, technology, equipment, processes, and educational programs. Congratulations to Ronnie and Penfield on being chosen for this innovative program.

Mark your calendar for the next Penfield Trails Committee hike to be held on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Join the Penfield Trails Committee along with the Friends of Webster Trails to explore the Four Mile Creek Preserve. The hike is free, however participants are asked to call Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 6, to register. Look for the hike signs off Whiting Road in Webster.

There are still many dates for the “Splash into Family Open Swim and Swim Lap” offered through the Penfield Recreation Department. The program runs October 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20; and December 4. All the programs are held at the Penfield High School Pool and the fee is $2.00 per person, payable at the pool. Pool rules state: all swimmers must be completely potty trained; all hair must be secured back; a swimming adult must accompany any swimmer in the pool who measures less than 50 inches from chin to toe, or under the age of 10; and an adult must be on deck if the swimmer exceeds the height requirement, but is under the age of 10.

Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs have been a great hit and the offerings continue to grow and expand. DEAR has become an important staple to adults who understand the significance of engaging in intellectual and socially viable cognitive activities to help keep minds sharp and alert while reducing the risk, or delaying the onset of, age-related concerns. DEAR is also important to those who would like to reshape the way they spend their leisure time by meeting new and interesting people. Join the national movement to learn and share life experiences with others by exploring the multitude of free programs. For more details, please consult the fall 2015 PenRec brochure pages 26–35 or go to www.penfieldrec.org.

Until next week, enjoy the mild weather!