During Fall Drop-off last week, the Town of Penfield coordinated four tours for 7th grade technology students from Bay Trail Middle School. Technology Teacher Alan Boardway wanted the students to observe the flow of waste materials from our residents’ homes to final disposal. Their field trip also included a visit to High Acres Landfill and Alpco Recycling Center. Over the years, the Town has worked to reduce the tonnage of waste that ends up in the landfill from both Spring and Fall Drop-offs. Separation of brush, limbs and stumps are ground for mulch; rocks, concrete and asphalt are crushed for road base; tires and batteries are recycled; metals, appliances, aluminum are separated and recycled which provides a small stipend for the Town. The amount of material that ends up in the landfill is reduced year-on-year which benefits the environment and our residents. We challenged students with this question: What can the Town of Penfield do and what can Penfield residents do to reuse and recycle more than we do today so we can reduce waste headed to the landfill? The tour also included an overview of what the Penfield Highway Department is doing to manage fuel and oil, salt usage and the use of a rain garden for storm water protection. I want to thank teachers Alan Boardway and John Hall, and the entire 7th grade class from "House C," for making a visit to Fall Drop-off part of their unit on "Responsibility of Using Technology and its Effect on Society!"

More than 400 residents attended the annual Family Halloween Fun event at the Community Center Friday night. The building was alive with music, games, arts and crafts and wonderful food and drink. Even though the weather did not cooperate, the hay rides and Ghost Walk were both hits for all ages. Our young residents who came dressed in costume looked great. A special thanks to the Penfield Recreation staff and all the volunteers (which totaled more than 30 individuals) for making this yet another wonderful family event. I would like to also thank the many Penfield businesses and farmers who donated time and materials to make this a special event. This is what makes Penfield so great...so many volunteers and businesses come together to support the community.

The Upstate Green Business Network (UGBN) "Green Drinks" will be holding its monthly network event at Country Way Garden Center, 2755 Penfield Road. The goal of this network is to guide companies and businesses in establishing environmental policies and procedures to reduce waste, conserve water, save energy and build a more sustainable workplace. I have attended several programs over the last year which is made up of business, non-profit, education and government sectors. The information sharing is very dynamic and timely as the Town of Penfield continues to look for ways to reduce and recycle at all levels of our operations. For more information, please go to the UGBN website at [http://www.ceinfo.org/ugbn/index.php](http://www.ceinfo.org/ugbn/index.php).

Over the past 10 years, I have had the honor of being a member of the board of directors of the Rochester Area Crimestoppers (RACS). Crimestoppers, founded in 1982, is an all-volunteer board and is truly a community policing initiative. Crimestoppers is making a difference addressing crime issues by working collaboratively with law enforcement, all sections of the community and the media. RACS pays rewards for tips on crimes that lead to an arrest. The Crimestoppers program has enjoyed great success, boasting an average conviction rate of 95% on cases solved by tips received. RACS is a 501-3C organization that is funded by local contributions, United Way, State Department of Criminal Justice Services grants and an annual telethon, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 3 from 5 AM to 6 PM. For more information on Crimestoppers and how this organization helps all of our communities within the Rochester/Monroe County Area, please log on to [www.roccrimestoppers.com](http://www.roccrimestoppers.com).

I am reminded that the annual pre-school Halloween party with the Penfield Seniors is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, at 1 PM at the Community Center. This free event features a costume parade, trick-or-treat and vintage games. If you want to have some fun and see the excitement of both the children and seniors please drop in, it is a wonderful event.

I will continue to remind all in our community to please keep an eye on catch basins and storm drains that may be in front of your home. The leaves, wind and rains of fall tend to cover and block grates with debris. Please consider clearing grates with a rake so the rain runoff can flow properly into storm drains and not into your yard or your neighbor’s yard. Thank you in advance for assisting us on this yearly chore.

Important dates and events in history:
- October 19, 1845, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis is founded
- October 22, 1861, The transcontinental telegraph is completed
- October 24, United Nations Day is observed
- October 31, 1864, Nevada is the 36th state admitted to the Union

I look forward to seeing you out in the community; please stop and say hello and let me know what you like about Penfield or what we might be able to do to make it better for our residents!

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