The annual “Penfield Family Halloween Fun Night” last Friday at the community center was a huge success with approximately 1,000 children and their parents and grandparents in attendance. The weather was picture perfect for the hayrides and ghost walk. I would like to recognize the Penfield Recreation Department and all the volunteers who assisted them in making this one of our best Halloween programs. I would like to give a special shout out to our local farmers Dave Woodward and Terry, Tom and Mark Rothfuss for providing the tractors and wagons for the hayride—their friendly faces, consistent involvement, and support of our community is a benchmark. Also, the Penfield High School baseball team and Interact Club support this and many other functions in the community as part of their community service commitment to Penfield. Great job by everyone, thank you!

The town’s Employee Wellness Committee asked me to share a few items with all Penfield residents: First, October is one of the last big harvest months before the snow arrives in Rochester, and purchasing fruits and vegetables that are in-season is a great way to help your family save money. Second, a large part of limiting TV time consists of finding other interesting things to do. Please consider looking at the PenRec Brochure that is mailed to all residents homes, or log on at www.penfieldrec.org to view the many wellness programs available for all ages. Finally, walking is one of the easiest ways to keep your whole family active no matter what season it is. The many town parks and trails offer a wonderful opportunity to enjoy nature and assist with personal wellness.

For the past month, the Penfield Art Association has been exhibiting work at the Legacy at Willow Pond. If you have not stopped by to view the show, please consider doing so by this Friday, October 25 when the exhibit will close. There will be a “Meet and Greet the Artists” reception and awards ceremony from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25 that will include the presentation of awards, when I will once again have the honor and difficult duty of selecting the “Best Penfield Scene” award. This has been a wonderful partnership between Legacy Willow Pond and the Penfield Art Association over the last many years.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. for the next program of the Penfield Heritage Association, “Two of Penfield’s Outstanding Citizens: George Steitz and Ned Corman.” Moderator Warren Doremus will ask George and Ned about their many years in Penfield, particularly their involvement in both sports and music. If you have not followed their careers in our great town, you will be amazed at all of their accomplishments. If you have children or grandchildren who have studied under either of these gentlemen, bring them along. Questions from the audience are encouraged and welcome!

There will be several “meet the candidates” events coming up over the next week including the Penfield Green Initiative forum this Tuesday, October 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the town hall. Another is Sunday, October 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Braman Post 1229 of the American Legion located at 1707 Penfield Road. Lastly, there will be an event on Monday, October 28 at the Penfield High School from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

A discussion series on the War of 1812 will begin November 10 as part of the Penfield Recreation’s Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) program which will host the first in a series of discussions on the War of 1812 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Penfield Community Center. For more information please call 340-8664 or visit our website at www.penfieldrec.org. Pre-registration is required and there is a $20 program fee that includes a color illustrated book published by the Seaway Trails, Inc.

Until next week, button up those outside chores, it looks like cold weather is just around the corner!

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