Many residents have asked me to please remind homeowners not to place bagged or loose leaves on the road or in gutters and storm drains. This concern is not just about impeding drainage and potentially causing flooding—it is about the safety of walkers where there are no sidewalks and bicyclists who are sharing the road. Several local landscape services will pick up leaves at the curb. If you contract for a leaf removal service please try to schedule pickup so leaves can be removed in a reasonable timeframe so they will not cause damage to your lawn and so they are not stored in the roadway and within drainage systems. Thank you in advance for making our roadways safe for everyone!

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the weekly meeting of the Penfield Rotary for a tribute to Wally Ashnault, a Penfield Rotarian for 50 years. In addition to being a wonderful family man, Wally has an interesting resume that includes military service to our country, skiing in the Olympics, a career as highly regarded local attorney, and he is regarded as a very active Rotarian. I had the honor, on behalf of the entire Penfield community, to present Wally with a special service pin and a small token of appreciation for his amazing accomplishment. Congratulations Wally and thank you for being part of our great community.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the 2012 “Daniel Penfield” and “Business of the Year” awards hosted by the Penfield Business Association (PBA); I was pleased to serve as a co-presenter with PBA president Ann Young. “Daniel Penfield” award finalists included Jeff Chapman, Sarah Jane Clifford, Brett Dawson, Mike Quinn and Leslie Zornow. The 2012 winner was Sarah Jane Clifford, owner of the Gymnastics Training Center of Rochester. “Business of the Year” finalists were Affaire de Chocolat, Eastside Family YMCA, Rochester Lawn & Garden Center, and Wickham Farms. The 2012 winner was Eastside Family YMCA. Congratulations to the award recipients and everyone involved for hosting a very successful event. As always, please support our local businesses…healthy businesses make for a healthy community!

The Town’s Wellness Team and MVP held an “Employee Wellness Fair” for employees, spouses, and the town’s many board and committee members. Twenty-six vendors and providers from the health-related fields participated in this educational event. Knowing your numbers (cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose and BMI) goes a long way to help manage your overall health. Additionally, the employee team would like to encourage our residents to consider getting a flu shot and to look for practical ways to manage stress during the upcoming holidays.

At the last supervisors association meeting all town supervisors committed to getting the word out for Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. To date, Honor Flight has taken more than 1,200 area veterans to visit their World War II Memorial and other memorials in our nation’s capital. Honor Flight wishes to honor all interested WWII veterans and they need our help. If you know a relative, friend or neighbor who should be honored with a trip, please log on to www.HonorFlightRochester.org and let them know. The two day trip is free to all veterans, and WWII veterans take precedence. Private donations and fundraising events allow Honor Flight Rochester, which is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, to fund these much deserved trips for our veterans.

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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