Over the weekend I had the honor of presenting the “Best Penfield Scene” at the 13th Annual Penfield Art Association Autumn Show and Sale at Legacy Willow Pond. Each year it is a difficult to choose from all the wonderful works by the many members of the Penfield Art Association. This year’s winner is “Smith Road Cemetery, Gloria Drive” and the artist is Patricia Gough.

Smith Cemetery in East Penfield on Gloria Drive has about 300 graves. Originally, the road was known as Cemetery Road until it was changed to Gloria Drive in 1946. The oldest grave is that of Bethuel Smith who died on January 24, 1821. Some of the grave inscriptions are in German, indicative of the immigrants who were settling in this area of Penfield in the second half of the last century.

Congratulations to the Penfield Art Association for another very successful Autumn Show and congratulations to Pat Gough on being recognized for the “Best Penfield Scene.” I look forward to next year’s program.

The next opportunity to give blood in Penfield is for Friday, November 10 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM in the gym at St. Joseph’s Church, 43 Gebhardt Road. This blood drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. As a historical note, Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, along with some of his parishioners, established the Knights of Columbus in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

To schedule your appointment to donate, please contact 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767). Streamline your donation experience and save time by visiting www.redcross.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions. Power in blood...help save a life!

I would like to recognize and thank the Town’s Employee Wellness Committee for coordinating another wonderful “Wellness Fair” for all our employees and their families. More than 30 vendors were on hand to provide information and materials on a wide range of health topics from flu shots to health food choices; from stress management to acupuncture; and from hearing testing to Lifespan programs. Great job team! Another home run to help all of us make healthy choices.

Upcoming PenRec van trips/day trips: Friday, November 10, lunch at the Phelps Hotel, a historical landmark built in 1867. Depart the Community Center at 11:00 AM and return at approximately 3:00 PM. Wednesday, November 15, a visit to the Granger House in Canandaigua for a festival of trees, a fantastic holiday-themed display of decorated trees, wreaths and more on exhibit for the Christmas season. Lunch is on your own in Canandaigua. Depart the Community Center at 11:00 AM and return at 3:00 PM.

Important dates and events in history: October 29, 1929 – the New York Stock Market crashes to an all-time low (referred to as “Black Tuesday”), signaling the start of the Great Depression; November 1, 1952 – the United States detonates the 1st thermonuclear device; and November 2, 1783 – the Continental Army is disbanded.

Another reminder: With the heavy rains this past weekend and more rain in the forecast, please remember to clear leaves from catch basins and yard inlets in front of your home. Do not pile leaves in swales or drainage ways and do not pile leaves in roadways. Thank you in advance for helping to minimize flooding in your neighborhood.
Next Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day. Voting is the cornerstone of a democracy, but sadly far too few people vote. The ability to vote allows citizens to voice their opinion and choice on a variety of issues. In the American political system, voting allows registered citizens to cast their choice for the political leader that they believe can accurately make the choices that will better the community. Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday the 7th...your vote does make a difference!

Until next week be well and be safe!

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