Disposing of televisions and other large electronic devices has become difficult and costly. With that in mind, I am pleased to share the news that there will be a FREE electronic recycling event sponsored by Senator Patrick M Gallivan on Saturday, November 5 at Rush-Henrietta High School (1799 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467) from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This event is open to all Monroe County residents. As I learn of other FREE electronic recycling events around the county I will make sure to share them with Penfield residents.

As I drove around the town this past weekend I noted that a number of residents are raking and blowing their leaves to the edge of the road for collection by contractors. If you are preparing your leaves for pickup, please make sure to keep piles out of the gutters and storm drains to prevent flooding of your property and that of your neighbors. Thank you in advance.

For the past seven years I have been honored to support the Penfield Art Association’s autumn show and sale at the Legacy Willow Pond by judging and presenting the award for the Best Penfield Scene. All of the entries are exceptional from the start and it is always difficult selecting one winner. This year’s award went to Anne Sakmyster for her watercolor Barn on Scribner. Congratulations to Anne and all of the members of the Penfield Art Association for another wonderful autumn show and sale!

The fourth annual Taste of Penfield Pizza Competition hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council of St. Joseph’s Church will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the gym at St. Joseph’s School, 39 Gebhardt Road. Participating pizzerias include All-Star, Cam’s, Mark’s, Salvatore’s and TK’s. Cheese and cheese with pepperoni will be judged along with specialty pies from all the pizzerias. Participants will be blinded to taste, test, and vote for best sauce, best crust, and the best specialty pizza. The cost is $10/person or $22/family. If you bring a non-perishable food donation you will get the pre-sale price of $20/family. All funds raised will go to charities including the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. To purchase tickets contact Ross Giardino at 750-4740 or rossgiardino@gmail.com.

The Penfield Rotary Band will host two more Nels Carman Big Band Nights in 2016, so mark your calendars for Tuesdays November 1 and December 6. The 17-member band plays two hours of your favorite big band sounds for dancing and listening enjoyment from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The event is held in the gym at the community center and the fee is an unheard of bargain of just $1.00 at the door!

Over the next several weeks our DPW employees will be traveling snow plow routes to mark roadways with orange and yellow florescent fiberglass stakes to guide plow operators as they maneuver their 30-plus ton trucks this winter season. Stakes also help to minimize lawn, road, and equipment damage so please do not remove them; crews will pick them up in early spring and reuse them again next year.

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 2, 1783 – The Continental Army is disbanded.

November 3, 1796 – John Adams was elected to be the second President of the United States.

Until next week, please remember to vote next Tuesday, November 8. Voting is your voice—it is an important and meaningful way to back the issues you care about and support representatives you believe can best make the changes you want to see. Voting is a right that generations of Americans struggled to win and people in other countries still fight to achieve. Remember that a high voter turnout makes our democracy more representative of our nation.

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