This Saturday, November 11, is Veterans Day. This day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It marks the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954.

Our military members risk their lives every day so we can live in freedom. For all our war troubles throughout history, we have depended on our soldiers to keep our country safe and free. They had to fight for their country, while also fighting for their lives. Anytime we see or meet a veteran we should take a minute to thank them for their service to our country. I encourage everyone, especially this Veterans Day, to make it a point to reach out to a family member, friend or neighbor who has served in the military and say thank you for your service!

Would your family like to do something a bit different for the holidays this year? Why not sign up for PenRec’s “Santa’s Little Elf Training Workshop” on Saturday, December 9 at the Dolomite Lodge. Learn the basic skills to be Santa’s helper. Meet Santa himself and take part in this ultimate training program. Register as a family for $5 for one of the two programs being offered. Please register early as there will be limited enrollment. For more details go to www.penfieldrec.org.

The last two “Nels Carman Big Band Nights” of the season are scheduled for this Tuesday, November 7, and Tuesday, December 5. Both events run 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the Penfield Community Center. The fee is $1.00 at the door.

I would like to give a shout-out to the Garden Path of Penfield Garden Club and their leader, Kay Joslyn, who have generously raked and cleaned up the Pioneer Cemetery on Whalen Road since the 1990s. Additionally, the group planted a few hundred daffodil bulbs at the cemetery which will be a beautiful sight this coming spring. Penfield is fortunate to have residents who care so much about their community and perform these acts of kindness that benefit everyone...thank you Garden Path of Penfield Garden Club!

Looking for some interesting programs about art, wellness, science, history, literature, or special interest topics? If so, you need to check out Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR)—it is wisdom at its finest! DEAR has become an important staple to adults who understand the significance of engaging in intellectual, socially viable cognitive activities to help keep their minds sharp and alert. Participants reshape the way they spend leisure time and meet new and interesting people along the way. For a listing of all the wonderful programs offered each week, please visit www.penfieldrec.org.
Bri-Pen Senior Rides continues to grow and support our seniors 65+ who live within Brighton or Penfield with FREE volunteer transportation for medical appointments or religious services. Please call to make an appointment five business days in advance at 340-8674.

If you have not checked out the fall offerings of the Penfield Public Library, please do not wait another moment—programs include Nutcracker Storytime, Tales for Tails, Gingerbread House Workshop, Library Lego Lab, Doll’s Winter Tea Party, Family Game Day, and more. For all the details please go to www.penfieldlibrary.org.

Please note that all Penfield Town Offices and the Penfield Library will be closed on Friday, November 10 in recognition of Veterans Day.

Until next week, enjoy the drier weather that is forecast in the coming days. This will give everyone an opportunity to ready their yards and property for the winter season ahead.

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