Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
November 6, 2018

With the heating season upon us, RG&E has asked me to remind residents to be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless, odorless gas that can quickly harm you and your family. Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms including headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, and loss of muscle control. Prolonged exposure to CO can lead to serious illness and even death. CO is produced by incomplete combustion from boilers, furnaces, water heaters, gasoline engines, stoves, generators, lanterns and natural gas ranges. The incomplete combustion of charcoal, oil, wood or propane also can produce CO, which may reach dangerous levels in enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces and poorly ventilated areas. To help keep you safe, RG&E recommends that you:

- Use CO detectors. (New York state law now requires CO detectors in most residences.)
- Have a professional check heating systems, chimneys, flues and vents once a year.
- Always read, understand, and follow manufacturer’s instructions when using supplemental heat sources such as space heaters or fireplaces.
- Never use an emergency generator indoors, including the garage.
- Never use a natural gas stove, oven or charcoal grill as an indoor heat source.

It is hard to believe we are starting to discuss the 2018-2019 snow season! Please note that snow plow rules are in effect in the town of Penfield from November 15 through April 1. This means no parking is allowed on all roads and highways between 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM to allow highway crews to safely and effectively maintain roads. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support!

The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and school officials are concerned about the growing dangerous behavior of drivers not stopping for school buses that are picking up or dropping off our children and grandchildren. Please save yourself the price of a ticket and points on your license and stop for stopped school buses. Most importantly, protect the safety of our children!

Residents may begin reserving the Penfield lodges and shelters for 2019 on Wednesday, December 5 at 10:00 AM. Lodges and shelters may be reserved online or in person; however, we highly recommend reserving online. You will need a Penfield Recreation household account in order to reserve, so please make sure you do this BEFORE December 5 to avoid reservation delays. For more information and to obtain a household account, please go to www.penfieldrec.org.

The Penfield Public Library offers many wonderful children’s programs throughout the year. The one that recently caught my eye that I would like to share with you is the Gingerbread House Workshop on Saturday, December 8 from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM and 2:00 to 3:45 PM. This program is for children in first through fifth grades accompanied by an adult. For more information on this and other programs please visit www.penfieldlibrary.org. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of Penfield Public Library.

Keep an eye out for the Pen-Rec “Winter/Spring 2019” brochure due out in the next week to 10 days. This edition will feature many seasonal favorites along with a number of new programs. Remember to register early as our programs are very popular and tend to fill up quickly.

Another reminder...with the heavy rains this past week and with more rain in the forecast, please remember to clean the leaves from catch basins and yard inlets in front of your home. Do not pile leaves in swales or drainage ways and never pile leaves in roadways. Thank you in advance for helping to minimize flooding in your neighborhood.
Until next week, be well and be safe. Please remember to watch out for stopped school buses with their warning lights on. It is against the law to pass a stopped bus with the lights on; violations result in a significant fine and points on your license.

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