Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
November 7, 2016

Please note! Online and in-person registration for 2017 lodge and shelter rental dates will begin Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00 AM. Dates go very quickly so I am encouraging everyone who has an interest to be prepared to get “that special date” for a family reunion, graduation party, or a holiday gathering. You must have an active household account with the Town of Penfield in order to reserve a lodge or shelter; therefore I recommend going online to www.penfieldrec.org to create an account or call the Recreation Department (340-8655 option 0) to set one up before November 30. The website also offers information about lodges and shelters.

The Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) is a valuable resource to members of our community who are in need. Over the next six weeks there is a higher than normal need for non-perishable foods as the PEFS prepares to support Thanksgiving and Christmas family dinners. Please visit www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org to view the current wish list of items for the pantry. I would also like to give a special shout-out to the many volunteers at PEFS for their dedication and support to the Penfield community. You all make a big difference in so many lives each week…thank you for your service!

It is hard to believe we are starting to discuss the 2016-2017 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 next opportunity to donate blood in the Penfield community is Friday, November 11 from 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM at St. Joseph’s Church, 43 Gebhardt Road in the gym. For more information on this event and others in and around the Penfield community please go to www.redcrossblood.org or contact the Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The holiday season typically experiences blood shortages and a higher need—please consider taking an hour out of your schedule to give the gift of life.

Last reminder: the next Penfield Trails Committee hike will be held this Saturday, November 12 at Sherwood Fields. This hike will begin at 10:00 AM and is expected to last about two hours. Meet in the lot next to the fire station on Rt. 441 east of Harris Road and follow the “hike” signs. While the hike is free, participants are asked to pre-register by calling Penfield Recreation at 340-8655, option 6.

I recently hosted the Indian Landing second graders at the town hall for a visit to learn about local government and town history. Additionally, in social studies, these students are learning the differences between rural, suburban, and urban communities. We were able to tie all these topics together during the visit. I was extremely impressed with how well-behaved these students were, and I admire their enthusiasm for learning and understanding more about their community and Monroe County. With this caliber of students coming through our schools, I am very confident that our students are in good hands for the future!

The Penfield Public Library offers many programs for children throughout the year. The one that I have enjoyed the most over the years is the Gingerbread House Workshop. This program will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM and 2:00 PM to 3:45 PM. This program is for children in grades 1 through 5 accompanied by an adult. For more information on this program and many more, please go to www.penfieldlibrary.org. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of Penfield Public Library.

Until next week enjoy the nice fall weather; please keep leaves out of the gutters and off the catch basins and other drainage grates. With the recent time change please watch out for our youngest residents as they are being picked up or dropped off at bus stops. Nothing is so important that we are willing to jeopardize the safety of our children by passing stopped school buses!

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