The 2011 elections are over and in the history books; my congratulations to all the candidates that ran for various offices at the town and county level, your commitment to serve the residents of Penfield and the community of Monroe does not go unnoticed. Also, the "election black-out period" for the supervisor's column in the Penfield Post has ended and my column will once again be a regular weekly feature, highlighting all the great things going on in and around Penfield.

A reminder...I am always soliciting topics for this column. If you have an item of interest you would like me to address, please drop me a note at supervisor@penfield.org or give a call to 340-8631. I look forward to hearing from you!

On Election Day the mobile DMV in Penfield was canceled because the Town Hall auditorium is a polling location. I am happy to report the weekly mobile DMV service has resumed its normal schedule of Tuesdays in Penfield from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. This is a popular service enjoyed by residents of Monroe County. I look forward to seeing you when you stop in.

As you may recall, we dedicated a 9/11 memorial in September in observance of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorists attacks on our country. Since that time, Boy Scout John Siniscalco from Troop 260 met with the town's Parks & Facilities staff to plan his Eagle Scout project to install a reflection area to enhance this wonderful memorial. John laid out the project with the assistance of scout leaders, the town and many of his fellow scouts. This reflection area features a paver patio integrated with large stones and landscaping. A bench will soon be added to complete the installation. I would like to recognize John on behalf of the entire Penfield community for taking a special memorial and making it yet another jewel within the town. Thanks John, you did a great job!

With the recent spell of warm weather, no one wants to think or talk about winter parking rules and snow removal; however, snow is just around the corner and I want to make sure all our residents are aware of a few important items. First, snow plow rules are in effect November 15 to April 1. This means no parking is allowed on all roads and highways between 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM so highway crews can safely and effectively maintain roads. Next, plows and resident mailboxes are sometimes a hot topic in the cold winter months. Regrettably, in extreme winter conditions, mailboxes can be damaged during snow removal events because they are installed close to the road in the highway right-of-way as a courtesy to the US Postal Service. In most cases, damage to mailboxes is a result of the force of snow coming off a plow's blade rather than from taking a direct hit from a plow blade. Snow related damage is dependent on weather conditions, amount of snowfall and the weight of the snow. If you have any questions or need to report any damage, please contact the Highway Department at 340-8710. I would like to thank our Highway and Parks & Facilities Departments in advance for keeping our roadways, parking lots and sidewalks safe for all our residents. Lastly, stopping distances increase as road surfaces cool down. Please clear all snow from your vehicle including headlights and tail lights, always drive the speed limit and allow for extra braking distance.

The Penfield Heritage Association recently held a Penfield Civil War history lecture entitled "Stories of Penfield Civil War Soldiers." Town Historian Kathy Kanauer provided those attending with stories found in her research of Penfield's Civil War soldiers. This program was recorded by our own PCTV team and will be available for viewing on our website at www.penfield.org. See our homepage for all the town's latest videos.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Crimestoppers, I have been asked about the outcome of the recent telethon in support of this important community program. I am happy to report we raised more than $20,000 to help sustain Crimestoppers’ ongoing efforts to reduce crime across Monroe County. If you would like to learn more about how these resources will be used log on to www.roccrimestoppers.com.

Until next week, enjoy the last of our mild weather!

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