Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column  
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Friday, November 11, was Veterans Day—a day we set aside to honor all veterans, past and present, who served in the United States armed forces. The tradition traces its origins back to the end of World War I. On November 11, 1918, an armistice between the U.S.-led allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Though the war wasn’t officially over until the Treaty of Versailles was signed seven months later, November 11 is recognized as the end of the “war to end all wars,” according to the Veterans Administration. It is never too late to welcome home a veteran and thank them for their service. On behalf of the Penfield community, a special thank you to all veterans for your service!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 6, 5:00 to 9:00 PM, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor with a lecture, dinner, and dancing at the Penfield Community Center. This Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) program turns the clock back to 1941 as we turn the gym into a 1940s big band arena. Decorations, period clothing, ration stamps and 1940s paraphernalia will help us turn back time!

The December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor sparked the United States’ entrance into World War II. The day after the Japanese attacked Honolulu’s Pearl Harbor, the United States declared war on Japan.

In the aftermath of the two-hour attack on Pearl Harbor, 21 ships in the U.S. Pacific fleet had been sunk or severely damaged. United States aircrafts also took a hit, as 188 were destroyed and 159 were damaged—most were hit before they could even leave the ground. In total, 2,403 people were killed, the majority of which were soldiers and sailors.

There will be a 45 minute lecture commemorating Pearl Harbor starting at 5:00 PM. This presentation will be followed by dinner, dessert, and dancing. Tickets are $20.00 per person and are expected to go quickly. To purchase tickets, please call 340-8655, go to www.penfieldrec.org, or visit the Penfield Recreation Department between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the Penfield Community Center.

The Penfield Business Chamber (PBC) announced the 2016 business award winners at its annual meeting last week. The Penfield Pride Award went to the DiMarco Family for the redevelopment of Baytowne Plaza. This award recognizes a local business that rehabilitates an existing building and creates a vibrant new look and becomes a positive addition to Penfield’s proud community. The Daniel Penfield Award recipients were Brett Dawson, Jeff Chapman, and Paul Dwyer. This award honors local business people who have positively impacted the Penfield business community through their community involvement, business practices, and overall character. The Business of the Year award was presented to Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care. This award honors a local business that has significantly contributed to the vitality and success of the Penfield business community. Congratulations to all of the award winners and thank you for everything you do each and every day to support the Penfield community.

At the meeting, the PBC membership voted to have Jennifer Novy of Frontier Communications and Michael Quinn of Mission Commercial Realty continue as co-presidents for the 2016-17 term. Congratulations to Jen and Mike and the rest of the PBC members for your commitment to business development in Penfield.

Penfield’s annual Holiday Celebration hosted by Penfield Recreation will be held Friday, December 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Community Center. Enjoy all the FREE holiday activities throughout the community center including crafts, music, games, visiting with Santa and other friends from the North Pole, and more. If you are interested in “breakfast for dinner” from 5:30 to 7:30 PM bring your family for tasty pancakes, sausage, and more. Tickets are just $5.00 per person. Purchase your tickets by phone with a credit card or at the PenRec office at the Community Center. You can also purchase tickets at the door. Come join the fun…I hope to see you there!

As we start thinking more about the holidays and begin the search for that “perfect” Christmas tree for your holidays, please remember to shop locally—right here in Penfield—for that special tree. Several farms in east and north Penfield offer “cut your own tree” and a selection of pre-cut trees for your convenience. Local scout troops also offer trees for sale. Supporting local farms and scouts makes a difference. When you support them, they help support our community. Whenever you can, please make a point to shop locally this holiday season!

Until next week, enjoy the ongoing mild weather. It has been a beautiful fall.

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