Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
November 21, 2016

Town Historian Kathy Kanauer has asked me to announce that the Local History Room (LHR), located at the rear of the Penfield Library, has a wonderful display of antique and vintage toys that will be on exhibit through the holidays for the enjoyment of young and old. Please come enjoy this unique display and many other interesting items. Hours are Mondays, 12:00–5:00 PM and 7:00–9:00 PM; and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM and 12:30–4:30 PM.

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to join Executive Director of Legacy Willow Pond, D’Arcy Dobbertin, her staff, and many of their residents for the dedication of the “Willow Pond Nature Trail.” This private trail system on the Willow Pond property has recently been cleaned up with the assistance of Legacy resident and vice-chair of the Penfield Trails Committee, Ed Lindskoog. Browncroft Community Church volunteers built and installed four benches for the use of all who enjoy this trail. Additionally, this refurbished trail will be included in the Wegmans Passport to Family Wellness.

Pick up your Family Wellness Passports at Penfield Recreation or Penfield Wegmans and get moving! After you have visited at least six trails, bring your passport to the Penfield Recreation Office, 1985 Baird Road and receive your Wegmans Passport to Family Wellness T-shirt. If you complete at least 10 trails, you will be eligible to win a free rental of Penfield’s Dolomite Lodge. This is an ongoing program sponsored by Wegmans, our wellness partner.

Also this past weekend, I had the honor of cutting a grand opening ribbon with Cindy Corrigan owner of Art Stop located in the former Mason’s Building in the Four Corners. Cindy purchased the building several months ago. She has done some significant remodeling and has now moved her business from Webster to Penfield. Art Stop offers art supplies, classes, camps, and more for all ages and interests. On behalf of the entire community of Penfield, I would like to welcome Cindy and her team to Penfield. Please stop by and visit this wonderful store in our historic Four Corners.

Mark your calendars for the next Penfield Symphony Orchestra concert entitled “Jazzy Holidays” on Monday, December 5. This concert is sponsored by Canandaigua National Bank & Trust and begins at 7:30 PM at the Penfield High School Auditorium. Free rides are available from Lifespan by calling 872-0774. Music Director Dr. David Harman promises another special evening with the PSO. For more information about this concert and the remaining performances for the 2016-2017 season, go to www.penfieldsymphony.org.

Last week Broccoli Garden Center, 2755 Penfield Road, hosted “Green Libations”—a monthly event hosted by local “green” professionals, business owners, and like-minded individuals to network and share ideas about sustainability. Architect Nicole Cleary was on-hand to highlight the new green infrastructure at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. This interactive installation includes a green roof and a glass public art component designed by Penfield resident Nancy Gong, bio-retention areas to capture storm water runoff, rain gardens, rain barrels, and a porous parking lot. I was also impressed with the work that the Broccolos have done to improve the garden center and grounds. They have recently added a rooftop solar system that generates all of their needed electric for the site. They promise more improvements this coming spring and welcome the entire community to stop by and visit.

We went from mild to wild in just a few days and the winter weather finally seems to have settled in for the season. DPW had all 18 large plow trucks out cleaning up roadways and subdivisions, and the rest of the fleet was clearing sidewalks and parking lots. Plow crews encountered several problems with the first plow run.

First, many cars were parked along the roadways which slowed the plows in moving around the subdivisions. REMINDER: 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 and 7:00 AM to allow highway crews to safely and effectively maintain roads. For those who ignore these rules, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department may pay you a visit with a ticket and/or a tow.

The second concern was with the amount of leaves piled in roadways. The snow itself was already heavy; the added weight from leaves slowed the plowing process. Please keep leaves off the road surface for the safety of vehicles and pedestrians, and out of gutters and drains to prevent flooding.

Until next week, may you and your family and friends have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

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