After several years of planning, working with property owners, and receiving the required Federal and State permits, Mott’s Lane extension has been completed from Five Mile Line Road to Rt. 441 opposite Liberty Street. Several members of the town board, town staff and the Penfield Business Association, were on hand to cut the ribbon and officially open up this roadway. Over the years the town board has been following a plan to enhance traffic and parking in the Historic Four Corners area. The completion of this roadway is another piece to the puzzle that will improve traffic flow and provide alternate access for businesses. The project also improves off-street parking facilities, pedestrian safety, and the physical environments. I would like to recognize and give a special thank you to the Penfield staff who worked so hard to complete this project: Geoff Benway, Jim Costello, and all the members of the DPW.

Members of the Penfield Trails Committee invite you to their next guided hike on Saturday, December 13 at the Thousand Acre Swamp. This hike will tour the paths and boardwalks of this Nature Conservancy gem in the heart of our great community. A variety of habitats including woods, meadows and a pond will be covered. The guide will emphasize winter nature lore such as identifying trees in their winter dress, looking for tracks (provided there is snow) and other signs of animals. The hike will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please meet at the rear of the Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance building at 1585 Jackson Road and look for the hike signs. While the hike is free, you are asked to pre-register by calling the Penfield Recreation Office at 340-8655.

Eldersource Care Management Services, a collaborative of Lifespan and the Catholic Family Center, is a community intake assessment and care management system. It features one telephone number entry into age-related services and professional social workers who guide older adults and care-givers through the complex long-term care system. For information please call 325-2800. An Eldersource case worker will be at the Penfield Community Center the last Tuesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

The Penfield Business Association (PBA) is holding its annual tree lighting ceremony Monday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. in Schaufelberger Park at the Four Corners for all who would like to attend. They will also host their 2014 Holiday Party at the Angus House & Lounge, 2126 Five Mile Line Road from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for all who wish to join in the festivities. The event is free for members and $10 per person for non-members and guests. If you have questions or would like to know more please contact the PBA at www.penfieldbusiness.org.

I have noticed with the extended nice weather many residents are enjoying more walking, running and exercising their four-legged friends. I want to remind everyone that mornings and late afternoons are very dark this time of the year. I encourage everyone to wear light clothing and some type of reflective gear so they can be seen by motorists. Please protect yourself from injury. Consider some type of reflective clothing or a vest to reduce the chances of being struck and injured...be well and be safe!

Important Dates and Events in History: December 4, 1619 – The first Thanksgiving is celebrated; December 5, 1933 – The 21st Amendment is added to the Constitution. This Amendment repealed the 18th Amendment that had mandated nationwide prohibition on alcohol on January 17, 1920. It is unique among the 27 amendments of the U.S. Constitution for being the only one to have been ratified by state ratifying conventions; December 6, 1973 – Gerald Ford is sworn in as the 40th vice president of the United States; and December 7, 1941 – Pearl Harbor attack; December 7, 1994 – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day established by Congress. American flags should be flown at half-mast to honor the 2,000 Americans who gave their lives in the surprise attack.

Until next week, I hope you see you out in our great community!

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