Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of December 7, 2015

At this time of the year there are always more things to do than there is time to do them! In this week’s column I want to draw attention to some important items that have recently taken place and invite you to participate in upcoming community activities.

Last week the Penfield Business Association installed the annual Christmas tree in Schaufelberger Park at the Four Corners. Additionally, Rabbi Yitzi Hein, Co-Director Chabad of Pittsford, held the annual lighting of the Penfield Menorah at the same location. I look forward to both these traditions continuing for many generations in our great community.

There is still time to drop-off non-perishable food goods for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) for the upcoming holiday season. You will find donation containers at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road, adjacent to the Recreation offices and at the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue in the rotunda. All donations will be dropped off to PEFS by December 18. Thank you to all who have been so generous to date, your kindness does make a difference for many of our Penfield families during this holiday season. For more information on PEFS, go to www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org.

Can I interest you in a home-cooked “flapjack breakfast” and supporting a great cause? Come join the First Baptist Church at 1862 Penfield Road on Saturday, December 19 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more for just $4.00 per person and $3.00 for children 10 and under. This month’s “Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser” will benefit the Salvation Army. The First Baptist Church invites everyone in the community to this event to help make Christmas bright for neighbors in need!

Looking for that perfect Christmas tree for the holidays? There are many opportunities in town to cut your own tree or purchase a pre-cut tree. Several popular tree farms in Penfield include Bauman’s on Five Mile Line Road, The Evergreen Forest on Jackson Road, Wilbert’s on Salt Road, and Freckleton’s and Woody Acres on Harris Road. Many farm stands in Penfield offer pre-cut trees including Grossman’s on Fairport-Nine Mile Point Road (Rt. 250) and Sunscape on Creek Street. Additionally, don’t forget Boy Scout Troop 312 is selling trees at Bill Grays in the Panorama Valley. Shopping locally benefits all aspects of our community...thank you in advance for supporting these businesses!

The Town of Penfield’s annual holiday blood drive with the American Red Cross is Wednesday, December 23 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. All presenting donors will receive a long-sleeve Red Cross t-shirt! Walk-ins are welcome, however eligible donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to give blood. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment. This holiday season, the American Red Cross urges individuals to “give something that means something,” give blood! #GiveWithMeaning. Your blood donation is a gift that can help save a life, allowing others to create special memories of their own this holiday season and beyond. Patients do not get a holiday from needing blood, the need is constant! Your donation is as unique as a snowflake, and can uniquely change someone’s life. One blood donation can help save up to three lives. Volunteer donors of all blood types are needed this holiday season, particularly O negative, A negative, B negative and AB donors. Thank you in advance for making a difference to someone in need of blood this holiday season!

Until next week, enjoy the continued mild weather…we know it will not last. Until the cold weather sets in we can enjoy lower heating bills, little to no salt usage, and more time to wrap up yard chores for the season!

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