I was very sad to learn of the passing of former supervisor Anna Bundschuh. I had the honor of working for and with Anna for many years. Anna served on the Penfield Town Board from 1976 to 1980 and was the thirty-sixth Penfield Supervisor from 1980-1981. She served on the Penfield Planning Board for five years and was a member of the Penfield Local History Room Advisory Committee for 30 years. Anna was a member of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and was an officer of the Friends of the Penfield Public Library, the Penfield Heritage Association, and the Penfield Friday Club. She also chaired the Shepherd Home Annual Fund Drive for five years.

Needless to say, Anna was passionate about supporting her community. The organization she most enjoyed was the League of Women Voters. She served on the Board of Directors in the 1960s and was President of the Rochester Metropolitan Area League from 1972 to 1974. Later, in 1986, she was the coordinator of a book entitled Monroe County - Guide to Local Government. Anna received the Rochester Chamber of Commerce government award that year. In 2015, she received a Lifetime of Service Award from the local League of Women Voters.

Anna will be remembered for her attention to detail in all she did, love of family, passion for the parks and trails, strong planning for the town’s overall growth, and her sincere love of the Penfield community. Thank you Anna for all your efforts on behalf of the residents of Penfield; you did make a difference in our town and your impact will last for generations to come.

Last week, I had the honor of attending the ground-breaking ceremony for Penfield Square located at 1835 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road adjacent to the Eastside YMCA. This project is a partnership with the Episcopal Senior Life Communities and Home Leasing that will include independent living, assisted living, and memory care facilities to serve the Penfield community. Completion of this $29 million project will be in 2021.

As we get a short break from the recent winter weather, and before the next round of snow and cold hits, I want to address a few questions that I typically receive this time of the year. If your mailbox is damaged by a strike from a Town plow blade contact DPW at 340-8710 so we can evaluate and repair or replace it quickly. Please note, replacement mailboxes are standard issue metal on a single 4x4 post. If there is any lawn damage to your property from a Town plow, that will be repaired in the spring. Also, please make sure your plow contractor is not plowing your snow across the road, this is illegal under state law and the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office will ticket the plow contractor. All snow must remain on your property. Read more details regarding winter parking rules, snowplows, mailboxes, and New York State highway laws at www.penfield.org (click departments/public works/roadways).

Keep an eye out for the 2020 Winter/Spring edition of Penfield Recreation brochure that will be arriving in mailboxes in the coming week. This 50-page brochure has hundreds of program opportunities for all ages. Have a look and enjoy, I hope to see you at a number of the planned events!
Reminders...first, the next Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser and breakfast with Santa sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Penfield (FBP) will be held Saturday, December 14 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at 1862 Penfield Road. The price is $6.00 per person. All December breakfast proceeds will go directly to help support the Open Door Mission. For more information and details, please go to www.fbpenfield.org. Next is the Penfield Symphony Orchestra’s Holiday Gifts concert on Monday, December 16 at 7:30 PM in the Penfield High School auditorium. For more details about this concert and the rest of the 2019-2020 season, please go to www.penfieldsymphony.org.

The Town’s Employee Wellness Committee would like to share a few more ways to “Beat Holiday Stress.” First, pare down gift giving – for extended family and social groups, suggest each person give one gift by drawing names out of a hat. Take some time off work – don’t cram all errands and shopping trips into the precious little time you have outside work hours. Avoiding the weekend crowds will allow you to get more done. Finally, ask for help – if you’re playing host, assign chores and duties to your spouse and children.

Until next week, I hope to see you out in our great community, please stop me and say hello!

Tony

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