Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
Week of December 14, 2015

One last reminder for a very important event in Penfield to close out 2015—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 the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. The holidays are a busy time when many activities pull people away from their donation appointments. This creates a drop in blood available for hospital patients who need lifesaving blood products during the winter months. Patients don’t get a holiday from needing blood, their need is constant! 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. Walk-ins are welcome; however, eligible donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to give blood. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). This holiday season, please consider giving the gift of life!

Each year members of the Creative Gardeners of the Penfield garden club decorate the Penfield Town Hall rotunda with beautiful greens and wreaths for the holidays. This year we were honored to have Carolyn Ragan, Mary Gilman, Janet Lockhart, Maureen Parker and Barbara Bouchard come and place the decorations throughout the first and second floor area to welcome all residents visiting the town hall during the holiday season.

I also want to recognize and thank Dave Woodward and his family at Woody Acres on Harris Road for donating beautiful Christmas trees for residents to enjoy in the town hall rotunda and Schaufelberger Park the Four Corners. Lastly, I want to thank Town Clerk Amy Steklof for preparing the annual Menorah table. On behalf of all our employees and residents, a special thank you goes out to the Creative Gardeners, Woody Acres, and Amy Steklof for your efforts in making this a special holiday season.

I recently had the honor of attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jacob Cobb of Troop 363. Jake has been continuously active in scouting for 12 years. For his Eagle project, Jake worked with the Friends of Webster Trails to build a boardwalk on the Four Mile Creek Preserve trail. Jake graduated from high school in June and is currently attending the SUNY School of Environmental Science and Forestry. Jake, congratulations on attaining the rank of Eagle. Your efforts will contribute to the community throughout your life.

The winter/spring 2016 Pen-Rec brochure should have recently hit your mailbox...PLEASE DO NOT toss it in your blue box to recycle, there are hundreds of wonderful programs for residents of all ages to enjoy. Re-visit a favorite class or trying something entirely new! Remember, early registration ensures placement in your favorite program.

The Penfield Business Association (PBA) recently held their annual Holiday Party and collected many generous donations for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. This is yet another wonderful example of the work the PBA does to give back to our community. As you are finishing the last of your holiday preparations and gift purchasing, please remember to support Penfield businesses as much as possible. They are here for us and we need to be there for them...healthy businesses make for a health community!

Best wishes to all our students locally and those away at college as they wind down this semester; good luck on final exams and completing final projects as the first half of the school year comes to a close. Rest and enjoy your holidays.

Until next week, be well and be safe!