At the December 6 town board meeting, Penfield High School senior Paul Krenzer of Boy Scout Troop 312 presented the Town of Penfield with two beautiful wreaths to be placed on the doors of the town hall. On behalf of the town board and all town hall visitors, thank you Troop 312 for your generous donation. The cheerful wreaths help to bring out the holiday spirit at 3100 Atlantic Ave. Also, if you are still in need of a tree, Troop 312 still has a few trees to choose from at their sales location at the Bill Gray’s parking lot, 1650 Penfield Road in the Panorama Valley.

Communities that care join together to help save lives...please join your community to donate blood in memory of Jack Heiligman at the JACK Foundation blood drive on Thursday, December 21 at Kent Park Arboretum, 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster (Curry Building) or Friday, December 22 at the Penfield Community Center Gym, 1985 Baird Road, Penfield. Both events will run from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Blood donors are needed to meet the needs of hospital patients locally and across the country. Holiday shortages could leave patients without potentially lifesaving support including children fighting cancer, older adults battling chronic illnesses, or trauma victims struggling to survive. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter “JackFoundationWebsterPenfield” to schedule an appointment. Also, please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for TOTS in Jack’s memory.

The 2018 Town of Penfield “wellness calendars” are available at the Penfield Community Center, town hall, Hong Wah Chinese Restaurant, Master Kim’s Tae Kwon Do Institute, and Woody Acres Farm. These local businesses, along with Wegmans, have supported the town in this effort to provide you with wellness information, meeting dates and times of town boards and committees, and other key information and dates. A special thank you to all the businesses that supported this project, please consider supporting them in return in 2018.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 13, 2018 to help work off those extra calories many of us consume over the holidays. The Penfield Trails Committee will host the New Year’s first guided hike in Ellison Park. So dust off your cross country skis or snowshoes and join them for an exhilarating trip through this scenic park. If there isn’t any snow, a traditional hike will take place. The hike will follow the predominately flat portions of Ellison Park on the north side of Blossom Road. Meet at Blossom Road entrance and look for the hike signs.

If you have not yet completed your Christmas and Holiday shopping and you are looking for a unique and always appreciated gift, consider giving your friend or loved one a gift certificate for Penfield Recreation! Certificates are available in any denomination and may be purchased at the Recreation office, 1985 Baird Road, or over the phone with a credit card at (585) 340-8655, option 6. Gift certificates are good for any of Penfield Recreation’s programs or services. Give them a gift they can use—the gift of wellness!

As we all prepare for the holidays ahead, please keep in mind the wonderful work of the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS) located at 1618 Jackson Road. Committed volunteers work hard every week
of the year, and especially hard this time of the year, to provide canned goods, non-perishable items, fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, and baked goods to families in need. PEFS serves more than 80 families a week and more than 100 families during the holidays. If you would like to support the important work of the PEFS please call 234-0799 or go to www.penfieldecumenicalfoodshelf.org. Your donation will make a significant difference in many lives!

Until next week, on behalf of all the town employees and their families, we would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!

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