I would like to recognize and thank Rabbi Yitzel Hein, Co-director, Chabad of Pittsford, for organizing the sixth annual lighting of the Menorah located in Schaufelberger Park last Thursday evening. We had one of our largest gatherings for this wonderful event and I thank everyone for attending and making this a key element of our holiday celebration in Penfield.

Reminder…your 2020 combined Town and County Tax bill will be mailed on December 31. Tax bills may be paid in full or by installment using the payment stubs at the bottom of the tax bill. Payments may be made by mail, in person at the Tax Receiver’s office in the Penfield Town Hall (3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526) or M&T Bank locations in Penfield, or at the drop box at the east entrance to the town hall. If you are traveling and need your bill to go to a winter address, please contact the Tax Office at 340-8626. Also, my annual letter explaining the tax bill in detail can be found on the Tax Receiver’s Town & County Tax page (scroll down) at www.penfield.org; hard copies are available at the Tax Office.

As we get ready to begin a new year, please connect with the Town of Penfield at www.penfield.org to stay informed. You can follow community news from this column, messages from the supervisor, live streaming and recorded video of town meetings, event calendars, links to social media (Facebook and Twitter) and much more. There are many wonderful programs planned in 2020 for residents of all ages.

With the recent mild weather, I have started thinking about spring planning—I know it’s a bit early—however it’s important to get an early start on things! On Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Penfield Community Victory Garden and the Flower City Garden Network are sponsoring a “Seed Swap.” Bring seeds you have collected or saved (see the website www.flowercitygardennetwork.com for seed-saving tips) and join them whether you have seeds to contribute or not, there will be plenty for everyone! This program is FREE and open to the public but pre-registration is requested by emailing flowercitygardennetwork@gmail.com. Come join in on a fun winter Saturday to share seeds and houseplants, enjoy some refreshments, and hear a couple of fun talks on spring gardening by garden designer Carol Southby and Ellen Folts, owner of Amanda’s Garden Native Perennial Nursery.

Final reminder…program registration for Pen-Rec Programs begins January 2, so don’t delay as many of our programs fill up quickly! “Break Camps” for winter (February 17–21) and spring (April 6–10) have become very popular. Check out these and many more programs in the 2020 Winter/Spring Pen-Rec brochure that you should have recently received in the mail or go to www.penfieldrec.org.

The Penfield Public Library has its January through May lineup of programs ready for 2020. Those that have caught my eye in January include an open house for Penfield area preschoolers; a Magic Show with Chris Wilkinson; a Lego Lab; and a parent/child book group. All the details are in the Pen-Rec brochure or at www.penfieldlibraryweb.org.

Many businesses, individuals, and organizations help offset the cost of printing the Pen-Rec brochure by placing ads. Please consider supporting these various groups in our community, it does make a difference; if you are able, please thank them for their support, I know they will appreciate the kind words.

As I wrap up my last column of 2019, I would like to thank all of our residents for their support over the year. It has been my honor to serve you and the Penfield community as your supervisor. I look forward to the start of a new term serving this great community in 2020. On behalf of the entire LaFountain family, we wish all of you a very safe, healthy and happy New Year!

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