



NEWS FROM THE TOWN OF PENFIELD

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Town of Penfield to Host Land Use Workshops for Comprehensive Plan Update

Hands-on Interactive Sessions January 24 and 26

PENFIELD, N.Y., JANUARY 9, 2009 – Penfield residents are invited to two public input sessions on future land use in the town of Penfield hosted by the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. The meetings are scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road, and Monday, January 26, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Dolomite Lodge (Veterans' Memorial park behind the Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave.). The meetings will share the same agenda and are offered in two sessions to accommodate residents' schedules. Doors open 30 minutes early.

Project consultants will provide an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update, highlight progress, and facilitate interactive land use workshops. Participants will break into small groups to share thoughts on land use in Penfield for the coming decade. All residents, business owners and community members are invited to attend either session.

Councilwoman Debbie Drawe comments, "This is the second opportunity for the community to share opinions in this process. These workshops will focus on future land use issues that will likely affect Penfield over the next 10 to 15 years. Participants will share ideas and voice concerns. We'll provide facilitators, resource maps and even maps to draw on to help everyone express their ideas."

The Town of Penfield updates its Comprehensive Plan about every 10 years. The Plan functions as the legal foundation for all land use decisions, defines the community's vision, provides guidelines for development, and establishes goals and objectives for the next 10 to 15 years. The Comprehensive

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Plan Update Committee is chaired by Councilwoman Debbie Drawe and assisted by John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group and Matt Ingalls of Ingalls Planning and Design as consultants. The volunteer committee is made up of a cross-section of 20 Penfield residents.

“I expect a good turnout for the workshops. Penfield residents are well informed and have strong opinions about our community. I look forward to the results of these sessions,” said Supervisor George C. Wiedemer.

To be fully prepared for the interactive exercises, participants are encouraged to review Comprehensive Plan Update documents, including a Community Profile presented in October 2008, before attending the workshops. To read documents and learn more about the Penfield Comprehensive Plan, go to www.penfield.org and follow the link from the home page.

Pre-registration is requested to help organizers prepare facilities and materials. Contact planning@penfield.org or call 340-8640.

There will be more opportunities for public input at future public meetings and workshops to be scheduled in 2009. For information on the Comprehensive Plan and process, please contact Doug Fox, Planning Director at 340.8641 or Jim Costello, Development Director at 340.8642.

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