A quick reminder... Penfield welcomes Eastside Swingtet to Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage tonight, Tuesday, June 18. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM and is family friendly. Eastside Swingtet is a Rochester-based nine-piece ensemble playing the music of the Big Band era. Musicians include members of the Penfield Rotary Band, Perinton Concert Band, and other local groups.

Next Tuesday, June 25, will feature Mr. Loops. He is popular with children and families and is always a big hit on our stage. Please come and join in on the fun from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the amphitheater. I would like to recognize and thank this year’s sponsors of the amphitheater series: Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis; The Woodlands at Fairport Baptist Homes; Synergy IT Solutions, and Wegmans. Without the assistance of these great companies we would not be able to provide the quality programing we do for our residents.

The Penfield Art Association’s 55th annual spring exhibit held at the Penfield Community Center is in the history books with another successful program that featured 150 works by 54 local artists; thirty-two members were honored for outstanding work at this show.

The judge for this year’s show was Roland “Chip” Stevens. A noted watercolor artist in the Rochester area, Chip has received awards in numerous national, state, and regional exhibitions. He is a signature member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, Central New York Watercolor Society, Rochester Art Club, and Whiskey Painters of America.

This year’s Best of Show was Winter Sunset by Jack Heister and the Small Works Award was given to Mary Lynn Miraglia for Bay Serenity. Megan Metildi, who will graduate from Penfield High School in June, received the annual Penfield Art Association student award for 2019. Metildi is the daughter of Ingrid and Alec Metildi; she will enter SUNY Alfred this fall majoring in digital media and animation. Her goal is to pursue a career in the field of animation, working in video game design.

Formed in 1963, the Penfield Art Association today has more than 75 members from the Rochester area. The organization is open to artists of all skill levels and people interested in the two-dimensional visual arts. For more details about this wonderful organization, please go to www.penfieldartassociation.com.

The Irene L. Gossin Nature Preserve will open this weekend on Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 PM. The site is located across the street from Rothfuss Park on Five Mile Line Road. This event is open to the public.

“Under the Tent” events at BayTowne Plaza features Penfield Farmers & Craft Market every Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:30 PM through October 30. Come and visit this new venue designed to provide you with fresh produce and gifts for all members of your family. For more details, visit www.mybaytowne.com.

Next Saturday, June 29, is the annual Independence Day Celebration. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM and run from Penfield High School, down Five Mile Line Road to Rt. 441, and up to Baird Road ending at the Community Center. This year’s parade marshal is Honor Flight Rochester. We are once again honored to have Mr. Don Alhart as the parade emcee.
Music, food and fun begin at 6:00 PM at Harris Whalen park and run until the fireworks at 10:00 PM. There will be music onstage from Allegro and Northside Johnny. For all the details go to www.penfield.org or www.penfieldrec.org. I hope to see you there!

Important Dates and Events in History: June 18, 1812 – United States declares war on Britain; June 22, 1940 – France surrenders to Germany; June 22, 1942 – the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag officially recognized by U.S. Congress; and on June 22, 1944 – the GI Bill is signed into law – a great reward for returning WW II Heroes.

Until next week, enjoy the nice weather, I hope to see you out in the community!

Tony

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