Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) has added a new summer program featuring Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*. This class will run three consecutive Thursdays at 11:00 AM beginning August 10 (August 17 and 24). DEAR instructor John Schmeelk will present an examination of the creation of the original document and its impact around the world more than 150 years later. Interesting and surprising revelations will be presented in this series. The three classes will be held at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. While the program is free, registration is required. You may register at [www.penfieldrec.org](http://www.penfieldrec.org) or stop by the Recreation Office to register in person.

Two weeks ago the Shepherd Home held its annual golf tournament; this is one of many ways supporters raise money to help fund this wonderful home that operates under the hospice philosophy, providing 24-hour care for the terminally ill in a residential setting.

While at the tournament I had the opportunity to meet a very energetic and outgoing Nathan Kendrick who will be going into the eighth grade at Merton Williams Middle School in Hilton. Nathan was asked to join the Merton Williams Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society; as part of earning this honor, he is required to show his volunteer time in the community and leadership roles. Nathan was excited to volunteer at the Shepherd Home tournament by running the “marshmallow drive.” He has also led the drive to have a leadership role in the honor society. Remember the name Nathan Kendrick, this young man has a great future ahead and will do great things in the rest of his educational career and will leave a positive impact on his professional career...good luck and keep up the great work!

This is the last week of the 2017 concert series at the Penfield Amphitheater & Kiwanis Stage. This week's Tuesdays Upstage features “Stay the Plow,” original Americana, country and roots music; and Thursdays Kids’ Fest will close out with Mike Kornrich, a gifted performer and favorite at our music series for many years.

Mark your calendars for the always popular “Tastin' the Blues” on Saturday, September 16 from noon to 4:00 PM. This is the last event at the amphitheater before we take it down and put it away for the winter. Music will once again be provided by Steve Grills and the Roadmasters with Joe Beard. Genesee Brew House will be providing a lineup of locally brewed craft beer for sampling. Do you have a winning chili recipe? If so, consider entering the chili cook-off competition. I have participated for the last eight years and have had a great time. I have met some wonderful people who may not always be willing to share their recipe--but are willing to tell you what special ingredient you are missing in yours! A lot of fun is on tap with great music, craft beer, and plenty of great chili samples and other food.

The town board has received many emails and resumes from interested residents who want to participate in the update of the [2020 Comprehensive Plan](http://www.penfield.org). Thank you to all who have expressed their desire to volunteer. We are looking for residents with varied backgrounds and experiences from all parts of town who are willing to commit their valuable time from September 2017 to June 2019 to help define the
community’s vision for growth, provide guidelines for development, and establish goals and objectives for the next 10 to 15 years that will serve as the legal foundation for all land use decisions.

If you have an interest in serving on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update committee please send an email to supervisor@penfield.org stating your interest and attach a resume demonstrating your background. Thank you in advance to those who have an interest in serving on this important committee.

I am reminded by our employee wellness team the August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people to make sure they are up to date on recommended vaccines. Communities have continued to use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. NIAM is sponsored by the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC). For more information go to http://www.nphic.org/niam.

Until next week, enjoy the summer weather. Be well and be safe!

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