Reminder...the next amphitheater event will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, August 13 with the John Bolger Blues Band on stage to entertain you. Next Tuesday, August 20, will feature Mr. Mustard (Beatles tribute). All programs begin at 6:30 PM at the Penfield Amphitheater on the Kiwanis Stage, located behind the town hall. Food will be available for purchase, I hope to see you there!

The annual Tastin’ the Blues amphitheater event is fast approaching, so mark your calendars for this very popular event that includes music performed by Steve Grills & the Roadmasters, featuring Joe Beard, a chili cook-off, and a beer sampling event! The program will be held on Saturday, September 14, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at the Penfield Amphitheater, on the Kiwanis Stage located behind the town hall.

Also at this event, we will feature the second annual Dogs Day Out. There will be an agility course to try games for dogs and their humans, and DIY healthy dog treats. Dogs must be vaccinated, friendly, and on-leash for this event. Owners are expected to clean up after their dogs. The event begins at 12:00 PM and will be located across the road from the amphitheater.

My office is starting to receive calls and emails asking when the annual Penfield/Webster Household Hazardous Waste event will be held. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at the Webster DPW, located at 1005 Picture Pkwy (off Hard Road) from 7:45 AM to 12:15 PM. This is a great opportunity to clean out garages and basements of old paints/stains, thinners/solvents, pesticides, pool/photo chemicals, automotive fluids, driveway sealers, and much more. Appointments are required. Schedule your time slot online at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark or contact the DPW offices at 340-8710. All collected material is properly recycled or disposed of and no harmful materials are sent to the landfill.

CRAFTERS WANTED...Penfield Recreation’s Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) invites all crafters to participate in their 2019 Holiday Craft Fair set for Saturday, November 9 at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. Holiday time is a great time to showcase those talents and provide a unique shopping opportunity for the public. Our DEAR program continues to grow and expand with new programs and special events; the addition of the Holiday Craft Fair is a great complement to the upcoming fall programs. Those interested in participating should fill out an application, which can be found on the website at www.penfieldrec.org (click on ‘Forms’) or visit the Recreation office. Please direct questions to Pam Gerace at (585) 340-8664. There is a non-refundable deposit of $35 to participate in the fair.

Be on the lookout for the Fall 2019 Pen-Rec brochure that will be arriving in mailboxes very soon! This edition is filled with many new programs for residents of all ages.

Registration starts September 3 for the very popular Skaneateles Lake boat cruise scheduled for Wednesday, September 18—so be sure to reserve your spot early! Transportation for this event leaves the community center at 10:00 AM and returns at 5:00 PM; the fee is $25.00. (Registration # 449449-01 online or call 340-8655.)

Important dates and events in history: August 14, 1945 – Japan surrenders “unofficially” ending World War II; August 15, 1914 – the Panama Canal opens for business; August 20, 1998 – American forces launch air strikes at two targets in retaliation for the American embassy bombings: a terrorist training facility in Afghanistan and a chemical plant in Sudan; and August 21, 1959 – Hawaii is the 50th state admitted to the Union.

Until next week...a reminder that today our employee wellness team and town employees begin a “Drink 8 to Hydrate Challenge.” This four-week hydration challenge is designed to encourage participants to drink at least eight glasses of water per day. Please join us! If you try it, you will be amazed on how much better you feel. Good luck and stay hydrated this summer…I am off to fill my water bottle!

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