One of the first signs of fall is the return of the Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Penfield (FBP). The first one will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at 1862 Penfield Road. FBP invites you for delicious pancakes, pure maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage and more...all for just $6.00 per person. All September breakfast proceeds will benefit our neighbors at Penfield Hope, which exists to address unmet needs in the Penfield area, offering emergency financial assistance, non-perishable food, diapers, children’s clothing, internet access, and most importantly—a listening heart. Fellowship Hall is ADA accessible and the breakfast is outstanding! For more information and details, please go to www.fbpenfield.org.

Speaking of fall, mark your calendars for the annual Tastin’ the Blues event to be held on Saturday, September 14 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at the amphitheater (located behind the town hall) with a chili cook-off, beer sampling, and music by Steve Grills & the Road-Masters featuring Joe Beard. There is still time to enter the chili cook-off so do not delay! Go online at www.penfieldrec.org or stop by the Recreation office at the Community Center between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

The 2019 music season at the amphitheater was a big hit with record attendance this year. I would like to thank all who attended and helped to make this a great season. I would also like to recognize and thank our sponsors—Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis, Synergy IT Solution, The Woodlands at Fairport Baptist Homes, and Wegmans—for their generous support; without them we would not be able to bring talent to our stage. Thank you again for supporting Penfield in so many ways!

Mark your calendars...the “Friends of the Penfield Public Library” 43rd annual used book sale begins on Tuesday, September 10 with the member only pre-sale from 2:00 to 9:00 PM (you may join at the door). The general public may attend Wednesday and Thursday, September 11 and 12, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Friday, September 13 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (half-price day); and Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM ($3 bag, specials remain half-price). Please note that aisles are narrow, so baby strollers and shopping carts are not allowed. Also food and drinks are not permitted at the sale.

The town board is putting the finishing touches on the 2020 Budget that will be officially released at the Wednesday, September 18 legislative session of the board. Hard work by all of the departments to manage costs, an increase in revenue, along with stable and reduced costs in retirement and health care, have allowed us to prepare the Tentative Budget with no increase for 2020. Final details are in the works and the budget will be available online Wednesday, September 18 for public review and comment prior to the public hearing which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2.

Reminder...the next history hike of the Penfield Trails Committee will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Philbrick Park. Hike through this park on Irondequoit Creek and learn some history of the pioneer magnate of Penfield. Meet at the pavilion and look for the hike signs.

The Genesee Figure Skating Club offers classes for all levels of skaters. "Learn to Skate" is a great place to learn the fundamentals of skating. “Bridge Class” is an introduction to the elements of figure skating focusing on stroking, edging, spinning, and jumping. “Jump, Spin & Spiral Class” is for beginners through advanced skaters looking to learn, improve, and master their jumps, spins, and spirals. Classes start in September. Please visit their website at www.genesefsc.com for more information and class registration forms. You may also email questions to www.skategfsc@gmail.com.

Until next week...this is week four of our employees’ five-week hydration challenge that runs to September 15. Hopefully you will join us. The challenge is designed to encourage you to drink at least eight glasses of water per day; drinking water is a good choice, especially between meals because it hydrates you without providing extra calories or risking harm to your teeth.

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