Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column
September 17, 2018

The 15th annual Tastin’ the Blues saw more than 500 people in attendance on what was one of the hottest days for this event since it was started by now retired Assistant Recreation Director Steve Orsini in 2003. Eight chili contestants came ready to claim a prize for the judges and people’s choice awards; congratulations to all of the winners! A special shout-out to Genesee Beer House and North American Breweries who supplied all of the beer for sampling. And let’s not forget the music...Steve Grills and the Roadmasters with special guest Joe Beard rocked the amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage with some of the best blues music in Monroe County!

I would like to recognize this year’s amphitheater sponsors: Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis, Synergy IT Solutions, Tutor Doctor, and Farmers Insurance. Without their support we would not be able to provide all the wonderful music events and programs. I also want to thank the entire Penfield Recreation Team, lead by Director Chris Bilow, for their efforts and commitment to making the 2018 season one of the best to date. Great job all, I am looking forward to the 2019 season already!

I had the honor and pleasure of kicking off the first meeting of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee last week. This group of fourteen residents came together excited to work on this important plan that will help guide the town’s next decade of growth. This update is due to be completed late next year will become the road map for future development, capital improvements, and new or updated policies, zoning, and strategies until the next update in 2030. The committee will solicit and consider resident ideas and will hold at least one public information meeting to allow residents an opportunity to provide input. The committee will also encourage residents to submit written feedback throughout the process.

We intended to have the brush pile at Shadow Pines ground up last week; however, due to mechanical breakdowns and the need for parts from the manufacturer, the tub-grinder that we borrow from Monroe County is out of service for a few weeks. They promise that once it is repaired it will be delivered to the site and within a few days the pile will be processed.

Please note that due to the Yom Kippur holiday there will not be a town board legislative meeting this Wednesday, September 19. The next legislative meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3 and will include the public hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget. The complete budget summary and details can be found by logging on at www.penfield.org and clicking on quick links in the left hand column. Copies are also available for review at the Penfield Public Library, the town clerk’s office, or by contacting the Town Comptroller at 340-8621.

Consider signing up for the “City of Light” day tour of Buffalo on Friday, September 28. Experience Buffalo through the eyes of author Lauren Belfar’s novel, “The City of Light,” set in Buffalo at the dawn of the twentieth century. The trip includes round trip transportation from the Penfield Community Center, a personal guided tour of historic sites described in the book, admissions, lunch at one of Buffalo’s historic restaurants, and refreshments. The cost is $90.00. Vans leave at 8:30 AM and return at approximately 6:30 PM. For more information, please go to www.penfieldrec.org or contact the Recreation Department at 340-8655.

The next guided hike by the Penfield Trails Committee will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 AM to noon at Lucien Morin Park. Mark your calendars, more details will come in the next few weeks.

The Daytime Education at Recreation (DEAR) programs continue to be very popular and the program offerings grow each quarter. Most classes are free and do not require Penfield residency to attend. Please check out the complete list of programs at www.penfieldrec.org. I guarantee there will be something of interest for everyone!

**Important dates and events in history:** September 17, 1787 – The Constitution of the United States is adopted and signed in Philadelphia; September 17, 1796 – George Washington gives his farewell address to the nation; September 17, 1862 – Union forces win the Battle of Antietam; and on September 20, 1814 – the “Star-Spangled Banner” becomes the official National Anthem.

Until next week, enjoy the continued stretch of mild weather. Be well and be safe!

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