Fall truly is just around the corner, as the last formal event at the Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis stage was held September 15 with the eighth annual Tastin’ the Blues. The weather was cool, the chili and music hot, and the Dundee sampling of ales and lagers a treat. I would like to recognize and thank everyone who participated in the chili making and judging contest. I estimate more than 64 gallons of chili was served in about 90 minutes in two-ounce serving cups to roughly 550 attendees…amazing! I would also like to recognize Dundee for the beer samples, all who participated in the cruise car showing, and everyone who worked on the food concession. Lastly, I would like to extend a special thank you to Steve Orsini from our Recreation Department who was the coordinator of this wonderful event, many people are still talking about the program and looking forward to next year…great job Steve.

WE NEED YOUR UNNEEDED BIKES! The second annual Penfield Community Bike Drop, sponsored by Penfield Rotary and the Town of Penfield, will be held Saturday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. This program is a partnership with “R Community Bikes,” a grassroots 501-C-3 organization that collects and repairs used bicycles for distribution free of charge to Rochester area’s most needy children and adults. What can be dropped off? All types of bikes, including children’s tricycles, toddlers’ plastic bikes, and bike parts. This is a great time to clean up and clean out that corner of the garage and have that old unused bike go to a great cause. For more information contact Penfield Recreation at 240-8655 or log on to www.rcommunitybikes.net. Please note that receipts will be provided documenting all donations for your records.

I was recently asked when the Penfield Rotary Band will be performing next. The “Nels Carman Big Band Nights” will be held the first Tuesday of each month; they will play two hours of your favorite big band sounds for your dancing and listening pleasure. The dates include October 2, November 6 and December 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center gymnasium. The fee is $1.00 and you pay at the door. Stop in and enjoy the Penfield Rotary Band!

As you read this next item, it comes with good and bad news. The good news is you are not too late to enter the Family First Penfield 5K Challenge X this coming Sunday, September 30. The bad news is you missed the registration fee of $20.00, it is now $25.00. Regardless of the fee, this is still a great bargain for the price. Check in is at 8:00 a.m. and the race will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. I hope to see you there.

The town’s Employees Wellness Committee wants me to remind all of our residents that September is the last month of the third quarter themed “Preventive Care” with a concentration on reducing the risk of spreading colds and flu. Our children and grand-children are back in school, and sometimes more than homework comes home with them at the end of the day. Experts encourage us to wash our hands regularly, build up our immune systems with healthy foods, exercise, stay away from people displaying symptoms like sneezing and coughing, and consider getting a flu shot. All of these do not guarantee that you will not get a cold or flu; however it will help decrease the risk. Note: a public hearing will be held on October 3 for the preliminary budget for 2013. Any and all residents are welcome to attend the meeting to speak on this budget. If you do not want to venture out that night, consider watching Penfield TV live. If you do not have cable you can watch the streaming video online at www.penfield.org and you can call in at 340-8771 and be connected to the Town Board live to ask questions and provide input on the budget.

Fun facts from our Penfield Librarian Bernadette Brinkman regarding the recent book sale: the sale netted around $29,000 to be used for equipment, programs and other enhancements to the library that are not covered by its general operating budget; dedicated members of the Friends of the Penfield Public Library worked all year to ready materials for sale by sorting them into categories to facilitate browsing by shoppers; members of the Penfield High School boys baseball team, girls basketball team and National Honor Society assisted with setup; Family First, Lisa’s Liquor Barn, Mark’s Pizzeria, Tops, Wegmans, and Summit Federal Credit Union represented the Penfield business community supporting the book sale; materials for sale consisted of library discards as well as public donations of gently-used books, games, puzzles, and sound and video recordings in various formats. The sale was another wonderful success…a special thank you to everyone who donated and purchased.

Until next week, be well and be safe…and consider getting your flu shot!

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