

# Community spirit is a day of free fun

*The second Penfield Community Festival is Sept. 8 in Heritage Park.*

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Businesses and nonprofit groups in Penfield are throwing a party for residents. The second annual Penfield Community Festival is this Saturday in Heritage Park.

"Basically, it's our way of giving something back to the community," said Sam DeLucia, president of the Penfield Business Association.

One of the highlights of the Community Festival is the Penfield Fire Company Water Ball, which is similar to a tug of war competition, but with fire hoses and a ball hung on a wire about 10 feet in the air. Two teams of

four use fire hoses to try and push the ball over the other team's head using a stream of water.

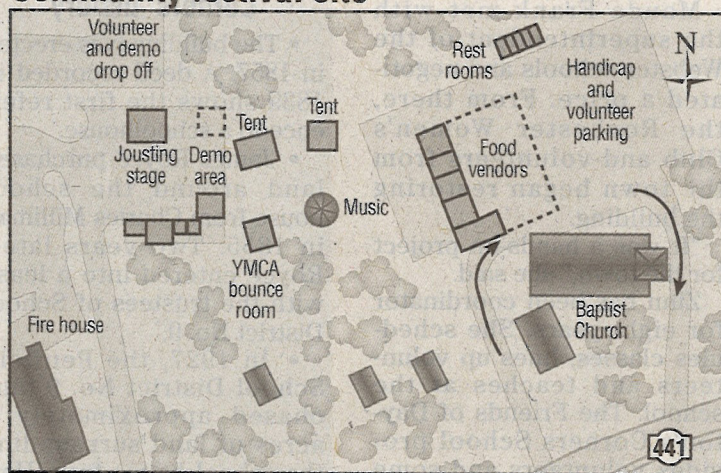
"Last year we put it on and it was a real crowd pleaser," said DeLucia. "It's a lot of fun to watch. The rest of the festival kind of stops for this."

Last year, Steve Crane and several of his family members won the competition and bragging rights.

"You have to be steady with the nozzle ...," he said. "And when the ball goes over your head, you can't just drop the hose and run backwards. You have to aim at their (the other team's) stream and keep your eye on the ball."

This year, some town employees want to pull together a team for the Water Ball. One of those teams will consist of Mike Cooper, director of Penfield Recreation, on the nozzle, joined by several of his co-

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workers.

"We're putting together a cracker jack team ..." he said. "We've never done it before, so don't laugh too hard. This is our first time in boots, a rain coat, and holding the hose."

Music will be provided by local talent including the Penfield Fire Company Band, Rod Blumenau and Gabe Condon, Mint Jam, US Kings, and Dr. Nick Davis and Gloria Gonyeo. There will also be demonstrations of Latin dancing, karate, yoga, and robotics.

Jay Thompson, a member of the Penfield Historical Preservation Board and a fourth-generation Penfield resident will lead a Four Corners history walk starting at 9 a.m. in Schauffleberger Park, next to Canandaigua National Bank. In addition, Penfield Volunteer Emergency Ambulance will offer free blood pressure screenings in the Penfield Fire Hall and the Free Masons will offer a child identification program.

For kids, there will be magic, bumper golf, clowns,

face painting, Dance Dance Revolution karaoke, an obstacle course, gladiator jousting and a building workshop sponsored by Lowe's. The Enchanted Rose Garden at 1850 Penfield Road will host a garage sale in conjunction with the festival.

Parking is available at the Charles Finney School. Television news anchor and Penfield resident Don Alhart will serve as master of ceremonies. There will be a variety of food including hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, chicken barbecue, pizza, fried dough and kettle corn.

Among the area business and nonprofits organizing the festival are Penfield Rotary, the PBA, Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis, the Penfield Lions Club, the Penfield Baptist Church, as well as resident Jim Orefice.

"I think it's a really nice program," Orefice said. "They've got all the different organizations working together and they all seem really enthusiastic about it. I think it's a great thing and I'd love to see it grow."

## Penfield Community Festival Saturday schedule of events:

The event is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Heritage Park, in Penfield's Four Corners.

- **11 a.m. to noon** Music by Penfield Fire Company Band
- **11:30 a.m. to noon** Magic by Mike Dedee
- **noon to 12:30 p.m.** Latin dancing demo by the Botsford ballroom dance team
- **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** Penfield Fire Company Water Ball
- **12:30 to 1:10 p.m.** Music by Two 'N Fro Jazz Duo, featuring Rod Blumenau and Gabe Condon
- **1:10 to 1:40 p.m.** Yoga demo by Maria Pelletier
- **1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Music by Mint Jam
- **2:30 to 3 p.m.** Karate demo by Martial Arts of America
- **3 to 3:30 p.m.** Magic by Mike Dedee
- **3 to 4 p.m.** Music by US Kings
- **4 to 4:30 p.m.** Demo by Penfield High School robotics team
- **4:45 to 6 p.m.** Music By Dr. Nick Davis and Gloria Gonyeo.

For more information visit [www.penfieldfestival.com](http://www.penfieldfestival.com).