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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Since taking office at the beginning of the year, time has traveled by quickly. There's a lot going on in Town of Pendleton government and it's an exciting time to be involved. One of my priorities has been to learn as much as possible about all areas of Town government and to help

everyone to become familiar with how our local government works for us. Moving forward, my continuing goal is to work with the team, making sure that we are providing the best customer service possible in the most efficient and cost effective way. Additionally, we need to work together as a team to be proactive in preparing for any type of issue that may confront us.

The most important thing that I'm finding (which should come as no surprise to anyone) is that the people that make Town government work are a dedicated and hardworking group that I've enjoyed meeting and working with. What I'm finding to be one of the biggest issues needing to be addressed involves providing the tools and internal structures that allows each to work efficiently and effectively. As our town grows, so do the demands in all areas, especially places like the Highway, Sewer, and Water Departments. The Town's growth also means increased demands in the Town Clerk's office, including water billing and tax collection. I didn't realize, for

example, how much time was spent simply adding one new water meter to the billing system for a new house.

Town code must also be reviewed and addressed on a regular basis. In the coming months the Town Board will be looking at code-related items such as drainage, noise, and abandoned or unmaintained properties. I'm not predicting any specific changes at the moment, but I feel that it's important that we thoughtfully move forward and either decide sections of our current code are

appropriate or updates are necessary. I've also enjoyed spending a lot of time interacting with our Code Enforcement Officers to learn more about their duties and get their feedback on a variety of issues.

I know I have a habit of getting a bit long-winded when writing these types of articles, but I feel it's important to share as much information as possible. A few specific issues that deserve being addressed:

Town Budget – Recently my wife and I paid our county and town taxes, as every other property owner in Pendleton did. I encourage everyone to review the details of your property tax bill and also the Town budget, which may be found on the Town's website. It's important that we acknowledge what part of the property tax actually comes back to the Town and where it goes. The largest part of Town government is funded through the General and Highway funds. The reality is that almost three quarters of the revenue that runs Town Hall and the Highway Department comes from sales tax revenue. Our town, like many municipalities, relies heavily on sales tax revenue to operate. The portion of sales tax the Town receives is based on a formula that takes into account population and total assessed property value. To increase this important source of revenue, three things need to happen: we all need to patronize Niagara County businesses as much as possible, the Town population must increase relative to other municipalities in the county, and we need to increase the value of properties in Town. This brings me into the next topic ...

Business Development Committee – Pendleton residents need places closer to home to spend their hard-earned money and we also all benefit from a growing tax base. With the reformation of the Business Development Committee we are looking to address both of these concerns. Initial efforts underway include rejoining the Transit North development initiative and working with the Niagara County IDA to identify and promote areas of the Town where responsible development can take place. Efforts moving forward include working within Town government to make sure that the Town of Pendleton has a reputation of being business friendly to responsible investors who have plans that are compatible with the Town's vision. To those who are wondering what that vision may be, current zoning promotes business development in multiple areas including the Transit Road corridor and our "Five Corners" area. More will develop on this with community input in the future.

Community Center – There is a strong call for some type

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Your Town Board

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of community center from a variety of groups. In my mind this also plays-in with what I hear from people about a need for a more defined "community center" or focus of activity in Pendleton. My promise to the most vocal proponents of this idea is that we will take a focused look at this idea and one of two outcomes will be the result. If we find there is strong community support and construction is feasible, we'll build a community center. If the finding is that this project does not have support or is not feasible, we'll end all talk and move on to other initiatives.

As of the February 22nd Town Board work session, a committee has been formed of representatives of the Town's various groups and organizations. Their task is to learn about the community's needs and wants and develop conceptual plans of a facility that will get the most use and has flexibility for a wide-variety of activities. I encourage anyone who would like to provide input to this committee to do so. Please contact John Higgins at 449-2266 or watch the Town's website for information.

Fire Protection – Recently Councilwoman Aimee Jarvis shared with the board that a report from the Fireman's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) showed that volunteer firefighters save New York State taxpayers more than \$3 billion annually. I'm guessing that many don't know that Aimee is also a member of the Wendelville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. This organization assists the Fire Company in many ways, including helping to run the fundraisers that support the organization.

Another bit of information to share is that by the time you read this, the Wendelville Fire Company should have in its Hall #2 a new piece of fire apparatus dedicated to protecting the Town of Pendleton. The new fire engine not only includes essential equipment for fire suppression, but also a wide selection of rescue tools for emergencies such as motor vehicle accidents. With today's standards for emergency vehicle design combined with a constructed size large enough to meet the Fire Company's needs, this purchase is very necessary, but also quite costly. The community's continued support of the Wendelville Fire Company is greatly appreciated and we all can be proud of the volunteers who are there for us day and night. Being a volunteer firefighter and/or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a very rewarding experience. The Fire Company and its Ladies Auxiliary are always looking for new members. If interested, feel free to contact me and I'll steer you towards the appropriate recruitment contact.

PA System – I've received numerous complaints related to hearing what is being said at large public meetings, such as public hearings. The Town Board is currently looking into this and I'm confident that this will be addressed soon. Public hearings are very important, affording all an opportunity to make their concerns known and also providing an opportunity to hear the concerns of our neighbors. Councilman Dave Fischer and Councilwoman Aimee Jarvis are working on narrowing down details related to size and cost.

Conservation Board – The role of this board is important and it's in need of new members. If willing and able, please contact Town Clerk Terry Pienta.

As always, I encourage anyone having questions, concerns, or comments to contact me. I may be reached at the Town Hall at 625-

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REMINDERS:

Items containing freon please call Modern at 1-800-330-7107 to arrange for pickup.

Niagara County's first hazardous waste collection will be held at the North Tonawanda DPW on Erie Ave. on April 30th. Please make an appointment at www.rethinkyourwaste.com Niagara County will be hosting several other hazardous waste collections throughout the County. Please check the Town's website periodically as I will post the dates and locations as soon as they are given to me. www.pendletonny.us Terry Pienta

8833, extension 113. Also, feel free to email me at jmaerten@pendletonny.us or call my cell at 807-4603. I enjoy working with my Town Board colleagues and we all want to know what people are thinking and what's going on around town.

Finally, I encourage everyone to be involved in Town government. All meetings dates and minutes are posted on the Town's website (www.pendletonny.us). Please attend any of the various Town meetings, including Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Recreation Committee. Community input is important and everyone in Town government looks forward to hearing from you. You will learn more being in attendance at a meeting than you will through secondary information outlets, such as social media. I hope everyone enjoys the spring, which hopefully will be here soon with great weather!

Sincerely, Supervisor Joel Maerten



**FREE CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS TRAINING
OFFERED TO PENDLETON COMMUNITY**

Extreme weather events such as snow storms are not uncommon to our area. Flooding, or any other natural disaster may also occur unexpectedly causing widespread panic. Knowing what to do during a crisis is the first step in preparedness.

Your town board has partnered with the American Red Cross to offer this free Citizen Preparedness Corps training. Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do When Disaster Strikes will provide an overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters, and how to respond and recover from them. Find out information on having a plan in place when disaster strikes.

Following this free training, each participant will receive a Red Cross Certificate of Completion.

SAVE THE DATE: *Training sessions will be held at the Pendleton Town Hall.*

Open to Public: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - 6:00 pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 - 6:00 pm-7:30pm

Seniors Luncheon: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 -11:00 am-12:00 noon

Seating is limited so please call to reserve your seat (s) on one of the above dates by contacting the Pendleton town hall at (716) 625-8833.

On behalf of the town board, we hope to see you at one of the open sessions being offered in April.

Thank you, Councilman Todd Ostrowski

Welcome Spring!

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PENDLETON SENIORS

The holidays are over and spring is on the way. The Pendleton Seniors meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. You must be a resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older to join. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We eat at noon. Our officers for 2016 are as follows: President-Jane Walter Vice President-Joan Sendker Secretary-Joyce Lane Treasurer-Jean Haylet. Our senior trips will be starting on March 22nd. We are going to Spragues Maple Farm. We will have delicious pancakes. After lunch we will go to the Broadway Market. Our April 26th trip will be to Corning Glass Works and we will also be going to a Winery. Anyone who is a resident and 55 years of age or older is able to go on the trips. For further information about the trips call Beverly Richardson at 434-7609, Carol Moeller at 625-8769 or Doreen Neilson at 692-6652. Please remember our Armed Forces and Veterans. For further information call Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, President

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TOWN HISTORIAN

Coming across an article titled "Famous Women of Lockport," at the Niagara County History Center, a name popped out to me, Ms. Gertrude Warren. If her name doesn't sound familiar to you, she was one of the founders of the national 4-H Club, and she was born here in Pendleton!

Born on November 17, 1884 on Meyer Rd., she was raised in Lockport, but remained close to Pendleton. Throughout her childhood and high school years she was a member of Liberty Hyde Bailey's Nature Study Clubs, an early forerunner of the 4-H Club. She became a teacher at Columbia University, where she earned her bachelors and masters, but was asked to come for work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1917 to help prepare lesson plans rural teachers for canning clubs. The canning clubs were meant to coincide with the boy's corn clubs. After the success of her clubs, and after WWI, she developed new projects which included clothes making, bread making, and other cooking techniques.

While the 4-H Club has roots in the early 1900's, Ms. Warren was the first person to use the term 4-H Club in a federal document in 1918, the Smith-Lever Act gave federal money to established programs of Extension Service-USDA.

Warren was instrumental in spreading the 4-H Clubs to outside countries as well, including the 4-H Youth Exchange Program, this was widespread in the years before WWII. The country of Latvia gave her the award of the Order of the Three Stars, one of their highest honors, which had never been given to a woman before. She was also honored by the USDA, in 1949 with the Superior Service Award for Outstanding Contribution.

As always, if you have any information or questions, please feel free to contact me via email, tpellish@gmail.com Tori Pellish



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Sat Jun 11	Hyde Park Oasis/Centennial Pavillion (behind ice rink)
9:00am - 11:00am	911 Robbins Dr. City of Niagara Falls 716-286-4940
Sat Jul 16	Town of Royalton Highway Garage
9:00am - 11:00am	5316 Royalton Center Rd. Town of Royalton 716-772-2431
Sat Sep 17	Town of Lockport Highway Department
9:00am - 11:00am	6560 Dysinger Rd. Town of Lockport, NY 716-439-9524
Sat Dec 3	City of North Tonawanda - Public Works Department
9:00am - 11:00am	758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda 716-695-8585

Niagara County Department of Health requests that anyone bringing more than six animals call the department one week in advance at 439-7511.

FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

Well we certainly cannot complain about our winter this year. I think Mother Nature decided to give us a break from the last two horrible winters that we had. Thank you!! I just hope we don't have to pay for it when spring and summer roll around.

By the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be on its way, and hopefully it will be a nice one. Now would be a really good time to check your sump pumps to make sure they are in good working order, especially if you have water back-up pumps.

The next newsletter will not be until July, so I would like to remind you now that the Town of Pendleton **DOES NOT** make adjustments to water or sewer for sprinkler systems or for the filling of swimming pools.

For those of you who read the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report," which is normally enclosed in this edition of the Newsletter, please be advised that it will now be on the Town of Pendleton website @ www.pendletonny.us, which will save the Town quite a bit of money in printing fees.

As many of you may or may not be aware, we are having a lot of problems with the mail delivery of late. I don't know what is going on with the US Postal Service but mail is being received later and later, so if you pay your water bills via your bank online, please request the payments be submitted as early as possible.

If there is a case where I receive your water payment after the due date, and it was mailed on time, which will be verified by the official US postmark, I will waive the late charges automatically. Please be aware that a metered stamp **IS NOT THE SAME AS A US POSTMARK** and I will treat all metered stamps as received on the date I receive it. Online bank payments **DO NOT HAVE A US POSTMARK** on their envelope.

If you did not receive a water/sewer bill please be advised that the following information is printed in each and every Newsletter: **Water/sewer bills are mailed out during the months of January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your water bill by the end of the first week of the following month please contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111.**

If you are selling your home you must notify the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111, **as soon as possible** to schedule a final read. **A MANDATORY WATER LINE INSPECTION** is also required before you sell your home. Please call (716) 625-8033 to schedule water line inspections.

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Wishing you all a very Happy Spring, Rita Dispenza



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WENDELVILLE SENIORS

Spring has arrived! It will be nice to see green grass and flowers blooming. The bus trips started March 22nd to Sprague Maple Farms and then to the Broadway Market in Buffalo. April 26th, Corning Glass and to a Winery. Adult Pendleton residents are welcome on these trips too. Our spring Party will be held at the Pendleton Town Hall on April 11th. Our menu will be pizza, wings, salad and dessert. Jean Haylett, Carol Moeller and Helen Cassell are in charge. If you wish to join our club, you must be 55 years or older and a resident of Pendleton. Bring a dish to pass and your table service around 11:30 A.M. We have a "pot luck" luncheon at noon. We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. If you have any questions I can be reached at 625-9106. Please remember our Veterans and those serving in the armed forces. Have a wonderful Spring.



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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, Well, all in all at the time of this writing, it has not been a bad winter. Basically there were four events with two being severe. The storm that hit Friday, February 12th I actually had to pull trucks off the road due to zero visibility. As most of you know, there were a couple hours that afternoon that were really bad.

There was a school bus that went off the road in the new subdivision across the street from our garage. It took my deputy and me ten minutes to get there to check on them from our garage. Once we made sure all were safe, we plowed a spot for them to transfer the children to another bus. I had a few people ask why there were no plow trucks out during those couple of hours. I explained that when both my staff and I couldn't see the front of the plows I had to make the decision to get off the roads for everyone's safety. I can assure you we plowed the roads that day over and over many times. For example, I plowed the front of the fire hall five times that day and you would never have known that it was even plowed once.

Along with my six workers and myself, I also had three workers from the sewer and water department out in small trucks helping to clear the cul-de-sacs while we concentrated on clearing the main roads.

Anyways, Spring is just about here. I do want to let all of you know which streets are considered town, county and state highways. So if not mentioned in this newsletter, I will try to give you a list in the very near future. You can always call and ask us any questions regarding your road or property. We did go through some learning curves with a new secretary and phone system. However, we always try to answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

Once Spring really sticks around, I will evaluate all the roads and spend this year \$250,000 to the best interest of all. We've also been stocking some off road ditching money for the town ditch #1 area by the outlets at Tonawanda Creek near the Tan Tara Golf Club. The engineer for the town and I have been trying to work together in regards to solving this ditch problem, which drains a significant amount of water throughout the town. I will also have my crew clear as much roadside ditches as possible on our town roads as time, weather, manpower and budget permits. Typically a ditch needs to be cleaned every 3-5 years with all the variables factored in. Due to the cut backs over the years, we fell behind and continue to play catch up. As always, we try to employ two to three "summer" workers in the parks and grounds department with some help flagging and chipping in the Highway Department. Anybody interested please apply at the Highway Garage located at 6640 Campbell Blvd. The job includes a lot of weed whacking, lawn mowing and prepping the athletic fields for the upcoming season. Summer staff will start as soon as the first lawn mowing is needed.

Please be advised not to throw debris of any kind into any ditches. This includes grass clippings, brush, etc. Also please inform your lawn service of this request as well. The debris does not just float away and disappear. It can clog and plug the ditch and affect you and many of your neighbors. At the recent town work session I was happy to hear the board discuss some drainage ordinances. Hopefully that talk will continue into some positive action.

Even though it's a difficult task, we continue to fight to get some speed limits lowered, especially on Fisk and Feigle Roads. It is up to the State DOT to make any changes and so far the method they use (traffic counters) does not warrant changes. Their method is

based on a percentage that needs to be exceeded in general to make any changes. Road conditions, etc. should be included but never seem to be. I also find it ridiculous that in front of Starpoint School there is a 45 to 55 miles per hour speed limit. I'm open for any help in this matter as is the town board.

During the week of March 7th I will be heading to Albany for my 13th yearly lobbying for our CHIPS funding which is State Aid that Pendleton has received approximately \$65,000 in recent years. I will press our speed limit issues along with other needs as well to our Albany representatives.

ATTENTION ALL TOWN OF PENDLETON RESIDENTS

We do accept electronic waste for recycling at the Public Works/Highway Department location at 6640 Campbell Blvd. Our hours are from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. There is a small fee for certain items. You are welcome to call our office or stop by during business hours. Also please keep in mind that you can donate your items to local charities if it is in working condition. Please **do not** put out any electronics to the curb. Unfortunately the town garage can no longer pick these items up. It is now considered unacceptable for landfills. Thank you for your cooperation.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at **716.625.8033** or jstowell@pendletonny.us.

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CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Yahoo! Will be holding a Charity Softball Tournament at the Town Park on Saturday June 4 starting at 8 am. The rain date is Sunday June 5. Any teams or individuals who wish to participate should contact Alexis at alexisdr@yahoo-inc.com for more information.

PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical meeting is the third Monday of the month. We meet at the cabin on Campbell Blvd. at 7:30 P.M. The Board of Directors meet at 7:00 P.M.

Our officers are as follows: President-Carol Moeller Vice President- Janet Karnes Secretary-Jane Walter Treasurer- Jean Haylett The Board of Directors are: Melody Zurcher, Nona Goodrich, Doreen Neilson, Dick Schagler, and Debbie Leible.

We are having a **BAKED GOOD SALE** on May 21 from 8:00am-6:00pm. Anyone who would like to donate baked goods would greatly be appreciated. We are also planning a basket raffle on July 4th at the Town of Pendleton's 4th of July celebration at the Town Park. All baskets should be at the cabin on May 28th.

Someone will be at the cabin from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Pendleton Historical Society is having a garage sale in conjunction with the Town-wide Garage Sale in June. We will be participating on Saturday June 4th only.

For further information call Jane Walter at 693-6966 or Carol Moeller at 625-8769. Jane Walter, Secretary

PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

When the board members and officers of the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) accepted their respective posts, we were all in agreement with our mission: "TO IDENTIFY ALL PENDLETON RESIDENT VETERANS, PAST AND PRESENT, AND DISPLAY APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY." We started a long process of appreciation and gratitude early in our existence with the identification of all vets and the construction and placement of an Honor Board in the town hall with those identified to date. The process is ongoing and the board is routinely updated as needed.

With our mission in mind, it has come to our attention that there is a private enterprise business activity within the town trying to acquire a portion of the Poole Cemetery on Beach Ridge Road for a right-of-way. Because of vandalism many years ago at this cemetery, the exact location of all graves is not known as there are no records available. The only known Revolutionary War veteran from the area (pre Town of Pendleton), along with his ancestors and other early settlers of the area, are buried in this cemetery. Private Noah Strickland (in Capt. Taylor's company), was a soldier for freedom and democracy at age 17. (Born 1/8/1760 died 10/15/1829). Needless to say, we as the Pendleton Veterans Association are united in our strong opposition to this action.

Tom Thompson, PVA President addressed the Town Planning Board at the February 16, 2016 meeting, in regards to this issue. The planning board chairman, Joe McCaffery, informed the public in attendance in detail, that the board was aware of this situation and would deal with it appropriately. After the meeting, Tom was

approached and thanked by several very concerned residents living in close proximity to Poole Cemetery. They were appreciative for the PVA bringing this issue to light.

PVA ANNOUNCEMENTS -- HAPPENINGS -- FACTS & SCUTTLE-BUTT

60+ members strong, come on down and join, all vets welcome. Damaged, torn or otherwise compromised US flags accepted for retirement. Flag disposal receptacle located on front porch of Town Historical Society log cabin.

Watch for our web site which is currently under construction.

PVA currently makes announcements through all local newspapers, gazettes and bees, community announcements sections. Town Hall electronic bulletin board, also.

Our next evening meeting will be 3/16/16, 7:00pm. Day time meetings going forward: 2/17, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 5/18, all at 1:00pm.

Armed Forces Day flag sale, in conjunction with the Historical Society bake sale, 5/20, 5/21, featuring the new town Fire Rescue Vehicle; antique military vehicles (5/21 10am-2pm, weather permitting); Wendelville fire prevention trailer. All of the above events will be held at the Historical Society. (See separate ad this issue)

Memorial Day, 5/30/16, wreath ceremony 11:00am at the town hall.

Donations for the permanent memorial fund now being accepted (receipts given).

The Pendleton Veterans Association will be celebrating its second anniversary 4/2/16

Compiled by Greg Metzger and Tom Thompson

2016 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

This year's six week summer recreation/aquatics program is scheduled to run weekdays beginning, Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, August 18 from 9 am – 3 pm. It will be held at the Starpoint Central School. It is open to all children between 5 – 15 years of age, whose parents or guardians live in the Town of Pendleton and/or the Starpoint School District. A child must be 5 years of age by July 12, 2016 to attend. Please be advised that the pool area at Starpoint School will not be available this summer and the town will look for an alternative location. Swim lessons are available as part of the aquatics program. Boys and girls are assigned to classes based on class size and skill level. The recreation program offers a variety of arts & crafts, playground activities and games (board/card games as well as gym games like 4 square, dodge ball, knock out and basketball). Children must be picked up or exit the program on or before 3 pm.

Registration will be held at the Pendleton Town Hall on Campbell Blvd on Saturday, **May 7** and **May 21** from 9 am – noon and Thursday **May 19** from 7 pm- 9 pm. Registration forms can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office or downloaded from the Town's Website at www.pendletonny.us, after April 20. In order to register your child, you must submit a completed registration form, a copy of the child's immunization record, doctor's order where required, show proof of

residency and pay any associated fees. Submissions to Town Hall or by mail must be in a sealed envelope. You will receive an acknowledgment via email that your registration has been received and accepted.

Town of Pendleton residents will be charged a \$25 registration fee for each child. The charge to participate in the aquatics program is \$10 per child. Non Residents living in the Starpoint Central School District will be charged a \$160 registration fee for each child. Only checks or money orders will be accepted for payment. Cash will not be accepted.

All registrants may attend all of the field trips (there is no limit this year). They are scheduled for Fridays. The recreation and aquatics programs will be closed on field trip days. There is a \$5.00 non refundable per child fee (special trips may have a higher fee). Registrants will be required to sign up for field trips and aquatics on either May 7, 19 or 21.

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE FROM MAY 23-MAY 27. A \$100 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED TO EACH LATE REGISTRANT. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 27.

Charlie Langlois
Recreation Director

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SAFE BOATING AND PERSONAL WATER CRAFT COURSE

Once again we will be holding the safe boating class for your New York license on April 2nd. Class will start at 9.00 am sharp and run till 5.00 pm, be there 15 minutes early. The class will be at Wendelville Fire Co. on Campbell Blvd and Tonawanda Creek Road. You must call to reserve a spot, the class is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Please call Dave Leible at 957-6242. Thank You - Councilman Leible

WENDELVILLE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary Of Wendelville Fire Department is looking forward to a great year. August 13th, we will be having our "Basket Raffle" along with the annual Car Show. Also October 15th, we will have a "Venders Fair" along with Chowder and goodies. We are always looking for new members, so anyone that wants to support our community and volunteer please send us a letter of interest to: 3740 Campbell Blvd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120. You must be 18 years old. Thank you and have a Great Summer.

ASSESSMENT NEWS

This continuing section of our newsletter shows the Arm's Length sales for the previous quarter. Not included in Arm's Length sales are construction sales, estate sales, foreclosures and sales between relatives. * Land sizes under one acre are not listed. Because sales will eventually affect what your home is assessed, it is important for property owners to see what is sold in town, and the sales prices.

DATE	ADDRESS	SELLER	SALE PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	SQ. FT. L.A.	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND*
11/06/15	6144 Bear Ridge Road	Sanders	145,500	145,000	2178	Old	1900	1.50
11/09/15	5734 Dunnigan Road	Lautenschlag	299,900	195,000	2226	Colonial	1986	4.10
11/13/15	4816 Beach Ridge Road	Mack	265,000	185,000	2064	Colonial	1985	20.40
11/17/15	5248 Mapleton Road	Atlantic	148,000	111,400	1008	Ranch	1964	1.50
11/30/15	7276 Ridgeview Drive	Moyer	340,000	273,700	2659	Colonial	1998	
12/02/15	6269 Campbell Blvd	Vivian	120,000	85,000	1078	Old	1880	1.70
12/03/15	4598 Killian Road	Green	210,000	160,000	1608	Colonial	1997	
12/11/15	4174 Beach Ridge Road	Tasca	125,000	110,000	1161	Ranch	1953	
12/17/15	4134 Mapleton Road	Nepokroeff	213,000	140,000	1379	Colonial	1997	1.10
01/04/16	7174 Pendale Circle	Walker	318,000	268,100	2558	Colonial	1999	3.50
01/13/16	5812 Fisk Road	Paolucci	183,000	142,900	2280	Old	1878	
01/22/16	7201 Pendale Circle	Underwood	329,000	262,500	2601	Cape	1999	

REMINDER: If you move from your primary residence in Pendleton it is your obligation to notify the Assessor's office. Each residence that is receiving the Star Exemption signed the Star application acknowledging that they would notify the Assessor of their change in residency.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

As the weather gets better we all will be experiencing more on road construction projects. Please pay attention to work zone areas, signs, flagmen, etc.

Also, just to let you know about your public sewer, if a problem occurs, there is no cost incurred by the homeowner for the repairs relating to normal wear and tear if the service is provided weekdays and Saturdays between 7am and 3:30pm. Reports made Sunday or on holidays will be serviced the next weekday morning unless immediate overtime service is requested. Homeowners with problems that occur during the week between 3:30pm and 7am, who are unable to wait for service until the following day, can request immediate service. You will be billed the prevailing overtime hourly rate. All overtime service will be billed a minimum of two (2) hours. Those requesting emergency off hour repairs will be billed for the service time required, but will not be responsible for the cost of materials, providing the failure was related to normal wear and tear.

Please read the Homeowner Brochure regarding grinder pumps that was mailed to you. If you did not receive one, we have copies at the water and sewer office and at town hall.

A reminder about inspection of public water and public sanitary sewer systems regarding all property transfers (sale of property). This inspection must take place prior to transfer (sale) of real property. The inspection generally takes 15-20 minutes and there is a \$25 fee that will be added onto your final water bill. Please call us for an appointment to schedule the inspection with plenty of time allotted in case there are repairs necessary.

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report should be completed by the end of March. This report will not be published in the newsletter anymore. For future reference you can refer to the town's website at www.pendletonny.us and look under the Water and Sewer Department for this information. It will also be posted on the Town Hall Bulletin board and on the Water and Sewer office bulletin board located in the town garage. If you have any questions or concerns about the report or any other issues, please contact me at 716-625-8033.

Also, please remember that before any digging or earth removal occurs, you must call Dig Safely New York at 811 or 1-800-962-7962 or online at www.digsafelynewyork.com. Dig Safely New York takes stake out request calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, free of charge. This is a law in New York State.

I would like to thank those of you who have responded to our phone calls and letters we sent out in regards to replacing your water meter readers. Out of 1560 for replacement, we have completed 1200, so far. The older style reader is no longer compliant by the FCC regulations and the life expectancy of the older readers is reaching their limits. In most cases, it will only take approximately 10 minutes to replace and will not interrupt your water service. Also, there is no charge to replace the meter reader. We will be calling your or sending a letter requesting to set up an appointment. Please feel free to give us a call at 716-625-8033. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, James Argo
Water and Sewer Superintendent
Storm Water Officer

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PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

Pendleton Seniors citizens and Wendelville seniors, in fact, all seniors who may not belong to these clubs, the Pendleton Lions are planning their annual Senior's spaghetti dinner at Wendelville Fire Hall. We are

planning for the middle of May 2016 with cocktails starting at 4:00 PM and dinner at 5:00 PM. Look for your clubs announcement and church bulletin reminders of a more permanent date shortly. Anyone who is considered a senior citizen, please do come and join us for another wonderful afternoon of food and fun. See you in the middle of May.

Below is a little something on our lions who are helping out worldwide to provide sight to people who cannot get help. Please read and enjoy their efforts.

Pendleton Lions Improve Eyesight of Nicaraguan Poor

The 2016 Hopeful Ways Nicaragua Eye Care Mission Project was a tremendous success! Pendleton Lions Paul Aswad, Jim Carlins and Brian Mau joined the Hopeful Ways Eye Care Medical Mission to Juigalpa Nicaragua where this 2 week mission trip provided free eye care services to over 2,700 needy people in Nicaragua. The free services included eye exams, prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses, safety glasses and eye moisturizing drops. The mission also provided 42 eye surgeries to correct cataracts, pterygium and strabismus. Nicaragua is the 2nd poorest country in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti.

The 31 person all-volunteer medical brigade included 8 Lions from WNY and Boston MA, an ophthalmologist, optometrists, opticians, nurses and support staff. The brigade was made possible with financial support from the volunteers, WNY District 20-N Lions Clubs, a Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant, corporate sponsors and private donors.

The brigade worked very closely with the Juigalpa Lions Club who provided logistical support, transportation, lunches, Spanish translators, patient registration and clinic manpower support. The nearby Nicaragua Lions Clubs in Camoapa and Santo Tomas also provided manpower support. For more information about this trip, or to learn how you can participate in or support future mission trips, contact Jim Carlins at jjcarlins@hopefulways.org or 716-909-8942.

A special "Thank You" to all who donated eyeglasses, sunglasses and financial support, including 11 WNY Lions Clubs. The mission could not have been as successful without this support.

Our annual seal drive was held at Wendelville Fire Hall on March 16th at 6:30PM. We thank the many residents, family members and friends for helping us getting letters stuffed and ready for mailing to all residents. Also, there will be two inserts about information on our directory. If you are not listed in the directory the inserts will advise you how to get your name and phone number in our directory. To those who will donate to the Pendleton Lions Club seal drive we would like to thank you for your support once again. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us support all these worthy causes in the town.

As a reminder to our residents with seniors attending Starpoint HS, the Lions Club Scholarship for Starpoint Seniors who reside in Pendleton is again ready to award 6(six) \$500.00 Scholarships. Seniors remember to contact your student services office for the details. If you would like to apply for our scholarship please see your Guidance officers at the school early in the year. This year we are encouraging seniors who may think that their average and

because they are only going to a 2 year Junior college they do not qualify, think again. We are looking for seniors who want to go into Junior college; this is how we started this program to help students continue their education now we want to go back to those times.

On February 25th the Pendleton Lions presented a third donation of \$1000 to the food pantry of Pendleton at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Tonawanda Creek Road. The gift was very welcomed and will be used for more holiday dinners for the clients of Pendleton and surrounding towns.

As our year winds down let me remind everyone of our coming events. Once again, we have the **Senior Citizens Dinner** in the middle of May and also a reminder to all our residents, don't forget this year's **47th annual kids fishing derby** to be held on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 from 9AM till 1PM at the West Canal Marina in the town. Come early and enjoy the fishing and fun. Grandmas and Grandpas gather up your grandchildren and bring them all along and let's make this another great day. We guarantee no rain on this day. There will be prizes for all kids who sign up and for those who catch those great big fish again this year.

Thank you in advance for your support with our fund drives. If anyone knows of any resident who might need some assistance, maybe with a wheel chair ramp or some sight or hearing related need or some other project, please look in the directory and contact any Lion. Also remember please continue to support our directory advertisers. Thank you again for your continued support and donations.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo



Past President Rich Neizgoda presents a \$1000.00 check to many helpers of the Pendleton Food pantry for the Easter holiday needs



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Spring 2016

Pendleton Veterans Association USA Flag Sale at the Historical Building

May 20th 2016 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

May 21st 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

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