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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

As this edition of the newsletter finds its way into your mailbox, I'm guessing your thoughts are on Fourth of July celebrations, summer vacations, and hopefully good weather. As time and another year quickly goes by, I'd like to share more about great things happening in the Town of Pendleton and the great people that are involved. Not too long before I sat down to start writing this article, I overheard one resident tell others about what a great town we live in and I agree.

The Fourth of July hopefully makes you think about freedom and our great country, but as I write this Memorial Day has just passed and the day was marked by a respectful and well-attended ceremony organized by the Pendleton Veterans Association. A huge thank you goes to these men and women who work diligently to support each other through their common bond and also make sure that our heroes are not forgotten. The Association's efforts with the recent flag sale and their planning for a new memorial on town property are part of what makes our community a great place.

Speaking of great groups, if you see a member of the Town of Pendleton Lions Club, please thank them for the excellent effort they recently put into re-roofing one of the shelters in the Town Park. In one weekend we went from loose shingles blowing around the park to a completed project, right down to the trim. This job shows great community spirit and also helped us all by saving money on the project. Thanks!

This summer will see the observance of the 190th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Pendleton. For over a year, Denuelle Meyer and Joanne Zimmerman have been working with a large group of volunteers in making this event, called the Pendleton Farm & Home Days, a reality.

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I've heard many people lament that we need more activities focused on increasing our sense of community in town and this upcoming celebration is a big step forward in doing this. Thank you all who are in any way part of the planning for the upcoming Pendleton Farm & Home Days which will take place on August 18th and 19th.

For about a year now, plans have been underway for construction of a new handicap accessible playground in the Town Park. As outlined in previous

newsletter articles, the town is assisting Mason's Mission with the organization's effort to make the dream of having such a wonderful installation in our area possible. A thank you goes to the Evchich family and a lot of others who have helped in various ways to make this a reality. Mason's Mission is aiming for the park to be open this summer, so we're keeping our fingers crossed to see construction starting soon.

The arrival of spring and summer means the end of winter and the start of baseball season. Recently the Central Niagara Baseball & Softball Association (CNBSA) held the opening day kick-off in the Town Park and the kids were really excited about the official start to game play. I encourage anyone with a little free time to get involved with organizations like the CNBSA, PABA, Pendleton Veterans Association, Wendelville Fire Company, Lions Club, and any of the other fine organizations in our town. Our town may be small compared to most of neighboring towns, but we are the greatest because of the many dedicated volunteers who contribute in every aspect of town life.

Switching gears, I'd like to address two items related to finances and budgeting. The first item relates to something we don't talk a lot about, but rely on each week: garbage collection. Last year, the Town of Pendleton worked with several other Niagara County municipalities to solicit combined bids for refuse and recycling collections. The resulting process provided significant savings to the town while maintaining the same level of service. Looking to the future, we're exploring other ways to save money and one possibility involves changing from individually-owned garbage cans to uniform garbage totes. Before any decision is made, however, we'd like to know your thoughts. By the time this newsletter lands in your mailbox, an online survey will be available through a link posted on the town's website. Also, paper copies of the survey will be available in the Town Hall. Please take a moment to complete this very short survey.

Finally, I'd like to address a question that was recently asked during public comment at a Town Board meeting. The Town Board was asked why the 2017 town tax was increased by 123%. I'm not going to waste time speculating about any aspect of the question, but the implication is wrong and must be addressed. I'm using this comment as inspiration and motivation to add an educational component to this article, because we are all better served learning a little more about budgeting and the town's finances.

When you receive your tax bill each January, you see multiple lines indicating various funds for which taxes are being collected by the Town of Pendleton. In addition to Niagara County taxes, there are lines for which the town

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collects property taxes to fund the general, highway, water, fire, refuse, and sewer funds. All of these tax lines fund your town government and year-to-year changes are indicated on your tax bill as a percentage. Looking at this year's bill, you can very clearly see that the highway fund tax was increased 123%, with the total amount collected from property taxes to fund this aspect of government increasing from \$99,988 in 2016 to \$221,434 in 2017. The math is clear, the Town Board raised the highway tax by 123%. However, as outlined above, this is one of six tax lines funding the town, of which four went down or stayed the same.

Now, with this being said, it's important to put this in context. The Town Board could have taken the easy way out and probably eliminated the highway component of property tax completely. However, doing so would have been very self-serving and would have given a few individuals a reason to brag while many residents quietly suffered because public works projects like drainage, culvert replacement, park upkeep, and more would have to continue to be cut, as has happened over prior years. Instead, the Town Board should be commended for making the right decision when faced with decreasing sales tax revenue.

When crafting a town budget, the Town Board is mindful of tax levies because each member of the board is also a property owner. For example, here's a comparison of the town taxes on the home my wife and I own, which is assessed at \$212,000:

Tax Fund	2017	2016	2010
General	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway	\$88	\$41	\$90
Sewer	\$80	\$80	\$103
Fire	\$205	\$201	\$214
Refuse	\$163	\$185	\$185
Water	\$59	\$79	\$62
Town Total:	\$595	\$590	\$654

As you can see, this "123% increase" was part of an overall package that increased my taxes \$5. In conclusion, faced with decreasing revenues, increased expenses, and an ever-increasing list of taxpayer needs, I commend the Town Board for working very hard to maintain services. Additionally, I want to thank the town's dedicated employees and volunteers for their hard work and for helping to identify any way to cut costs and increase efficiencies in town government. We cannot ignore that our town is growing as are the demands on town government. To not plan properly today will only eventually saddle future taxpayers with unnecessary liabilities. We are already planning the 2018 budget adoption process and certainly invite all to attend budget meetings, which will most likely start at the end of September.

In closing, please feel free to contact me with your questions, concerns, constructive complaints, and suggestions. Additionally, updated information is always maintained on the town's website, including information about meetings and budget (thank you, Terry!). If you don't see what you're looking for on the website, feel free to ask. Have a great summer! Joel

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Mark your calendar for the 7th annual Pendleton Community Faire and Business Expo on Saturday, September 30th. From 10am to 1pm at the Pendleton Center United Methodist Church, Campbell Blvd. at Bear Ridge Rd.

Organized by Niagara County legislator Tony Nemi and the Pendleton Community and Business Association, the Faire and Expo provides Pendleton residents an opportunity to learn about services offered by Niagara County. This event showcases businesses in the Pendleton area as well as various organizations, including civic groups. Pendleton has a wide variety of activities for residents of all ages and interests. There are no charge for groups or businesses. Door prizes are welcome Special Features for this year:

- Pendleton Historic Castle tours
 - Sheriff's Mobile Driving Simulator
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 - Free Hot Dog Lunch
- For more information contact Kristen Mack at 830-2650, kdmotors1@twc.com

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 2017

Saturday July 15	Town of Wilson Highway Garage
9:00 am - 11:00 am	3356 Wilson-Cambria Rd.
Saturday September 16	Town of Lockport Highway Department
9:00 am - 11:00 am	6560 Dysinger Rd. Town of Lockport, NY
Saturday December 2	City of North Tonawanda - Public Works Department
2:00 PM - 4 PM	758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda



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

"If you have zest & enthusiasm, you attract zest & enthusiasm...life gives back in kind."

- Norman Vincent Peale

PENDLETON FARM & HOME DAYS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

AUGUST 18TH & 19TH, 2017



- Rides
- Pendleton Prince & Princess Pageant brought to you by Marian C. Pilecki, DDS
- Vendors Venue
- Crafters Corner
- Beer tent brought to you by Buffalo Roadhouse Grill
- Hit N Run Band Friday night
- The A-List Band Saturday night
- Family Film Fest on outdoor jumbo screen
- Food Trucks & Vendors
- 5K Run
- Chinese Auction
- Cheerleading Clinic
- Niagara University Repertory Theatre (N.U.R.T.)
- Mr. Pendleton Bachelor Auction
- Petting Zoo
- Country Line Dancers
- Buffalo City Guard Gordon Highlanders
- Pie-Tasting Contest



And....many more exciting entertaining acts & displays throughout the festival

For your group to get involved and/or volunteer contact: Denuelle Meyer at 716-625-3978 or Joanne Zimmerman at 716-743-1187

To support this event through advertising contact: Ann Marie Paglione at 716-417-5593.

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WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Wendelville Fire Company would like to again THANK all the citizens of the Town of Pendleton for their support again this year. The **Annual Spring Raffle** was a huge success. By the time you're reading this, our **Lobster Fest** has taken place, again with many of our citizens having enjoyed a fantastic dinner.

All profits from these events are turned into new equipment and training for our members.

Our first item of business is in sending congratulations to Austin Meenaghan and Nina Stolting for being chosen to receive our **Annual Scholarship Awards!** Their essays were chosen out of many to be the most creative and innovative submitted to our Scholarship committee. Congratulations and best wishes to each of you!!!

Our **Annual Road Collection Drive** has begun for 2017. Information and return envelopes will be arriving in your mail. Just a reminder, this drive is conducted in house by the Wendelville Fire Company, with no assistance from an outside contractor. We receive and appreciate all donations and comments that come from the citizens.

The **3rd Annual Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company Car Show** is set for Saturday, August 12th, 2017. Beginning at 9

am, there will be the following events; Car Show voting and Awards, Our **FAMOUS CHOWDER** sale, food & beer tent, basket raffle (sponsored by our Auxiliary) and Bell Jar tickets available. You can get more information by calling Ryan at 799-3567; Online registration is now open at wncyruiser.com. Sounds like a winner!

This is a big one!! **20th Anniversary HARVEST MOON 5K RUN, FUN WALK AND CHILDREN'S RACE!!!** September 6th is the date! Many changes are coming this year to celebrate 20 years as part of the community! A bigger, even better Party and a special 20th Anniversary item of apparel to the first 400 registrants!!! There are categories for all ages in the different events – from 3 years old through 90 + you name it! Anyone can enter, especially in the Fun Walk, which is 2 miles long and just enough to get those joints moving and that heart pumping! How about the folks from your church or school? Perhaps you could form a team and challenge others! How about a parent – child team challenging another one from the neighborhood? All in good fun and for the good of all! Questions? Call Jim, 694-5582 or Steve, 625-9468. **(Great party afterwards! Minimal fee of \$5 for non participants to join in the party...)** Anyone interested, please complete the entry form below in this newsletter and submit. We hope to see you there!

Please complete Entry Form below. Pre-registration Fee \$20.00 Run & Fun Walk, \$10 Kid's Race (US Funds). Kid's Race, ages 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 (6:00 PM), 2 Mile Walk (6:15 PM), 5K Run (6:30 PM)
Please make checks payable to WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, send entries to: Marty Cicatello, 6870 Creekview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094



Wendelville Harvest Moon Entry Form

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Signature _____

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PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

The Lions have been very busy this quarter with the largest effort being the replacement of the roof and repair of the Granger Shelter in Pendleton Town Park. (See pictures below) The event was organized by Lion Paul Aswad. What was

going to be almost two weekends of work was done in about 6 hours on April 29th. Lion Brent Moyer was able to get his roofing friends to volunteer their time for this huge endeavor. Some came after finishing an early morning roofing job they had. The Pendleton Lions would like to give a huge THANK YOU to JAS General Contracting, Tisack Construction Roofing Specialists, J Ward Contracting and UB Engineering students Emmanuel Canales, Jason Prue, Ruben Ocana, Dennis Held and Austin Brakek. The next big event for that shelter will be a dedication ceremony naming it in honor of former Town Councilman, Head of Recreation in Pendleton and Lifetime Lion Mr. Robert Kramer.

This work was followed by two days of painting all the shelters to spruce them up in anticipation of the PSNAP (Pendleton Special Needs Access Playground) Project being installed this summer.

The 32nd Annual Senior Dinner was held on Sunday May 21st from 4 to 7PM at Wendelville Firehall. The Pendleton Lions served the Wendelville Seniors and Pendleton Seniors, a delicious spaghetti dinner with homemade desserts. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time. Entertainment again was provided by Kevin Clark with his piano.

On May 24th at the Starpoint Senior Awards Breakfast the Pendleton Lions awarded six \$500.00 scholarships to graduating Starpoint Seniors. Since the Lions receive so many applications we kept it to six scholarships. Two of these awards were to seniors who are attending a two year college. Each applicant had to write about how they could make the Town of Pendleton a better place to live. All applicants' essays were then reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The recipients from Starpoint High School were Elina Chase, Jasmine King, Olivia Schoenfeld, Shelby Siegmann, Jake Toczek. Graduating senior from Buffalo Sacred Heart Academy, Ava Thompson was awarded the sixth scholarship. Congratulations and great job to all the recipients!

The Lions held their 48th Annual Fishing Derby on June 10th from 9AM to 1PM at the West Canal Marina in the town. Many parents who bring their children come because they had such a great time at this event when they were kids. The Lions who volunteer to measure fish, register the children, cook the hotdogs and help give out the prizes really enjoy putting on the Fishing Derby. Put a reminder in your cell phone for next year as it's always held the second Saturday in June.

The reason we can do so much for the community is because we have so many members. This past Spring we added Heidi and Jim Dio and Patricia Myers to our membership.

And in closing, we would like to say goodbye to a great gentleman, Lion Ray Beiter, who passed away earlier this spring. He will be greatly missed.

Cheryl A. Smith, Lion Secretary



The recipients from Starpoint High School were Elina Chase, Jasmine King, Olivia Schoenfeld, Shelby Siegmann, Jake Toczek. Graduating senior from Buffalo Sacred Heart Academy, Ava Thompson was awarded the sixth scholarship. Congratulations and great job to all the recipients!



Thank You to All Who Helped!



Pictures above and bottom left: Pendleton Lions and Friends replace roof & repair the Granger Shelter in Pendleton Town Park.



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TOWN CLERK

Please welcome Peggy Giberson to the Town Clerk's Office. Peggy worked at the Highway Department for 5 years so she is probably a familiar face for many of you. She has replaced Doreen Genet who retired in April after 20 years of service for the Town of Pendleton. Peggy has been working hard learning the various jobs involved in the Clerk's Office. Doreen and Rita have been a big help showing her the ropes.

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR JULY – AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

HOLIDAY	DATE	EFFECT
July 4 th	Tuesday July 4 th	Tuesday will be delayed until Wednesday, July 5 Wednesday will be delayed until Thursday July 6

REMINDERS:

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

2017 Scheduled Collection of Hazardous Waste will be held on September 23 in Lockport and October 21st in North Tonawanda. Detailed information will be posted on the County's website at www.rethinkyourwaste.com. Appointments can also be made closer to the scheduled dates. There will also be a new Voucher Program for a free disposal of 50 lbs. of hazardous waste at Hazman on Wales Avenue in Tonawanda. Details for that program is on the same website.

Terry J Pienta

ACTION CPR PROVIDES CRITICAL FIRST AID CPR CERTIFICATION TRAINING WITH NEWLY INSTALLED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

As activity increases throughout the summer months at the town park, residents should be aware of the newly installed (2) AED units that have been recently purchased and available for public access in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. The AED units are located in the rear parking lot vestibule entrance into the Town Hall and within the Historical Society.

Numerous town employees and community group members attended class in May 2017 and received training certifications on the proper deployment of these units to help benefit our entire community. On behalf of the entire town board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Action CPR LLC for conducting this invaluable training to our community partners.

If an emergency exists that requires the use of an AED:

Remember to Call 911 to start advanced medical care. In the event that a unit is deployed, please notify a member of Town Hall at (716) 625-8833 so that we can properly maintain the units and keep them serviceable to the public. Have an enjoyable and safe summer! Councilman Todd Ostrowski



WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

A quick reminder with any digging, earth removal, stump grinding, driveway replacement etc., you must notify Dig Safely New York at 811 or 800-962-7962 or online at www.digsafelynewyork.com, before any work begins. Dig Safely New York takes Stake Out requests 24 hours a day, 7days a week. Free of charge. This is a State Law in New York.

If you move or widen your driveway please inform the Town of Pendleton Water and Sewer Dept. at (716)625-8033 so we can look at your project. In some cases you may have your public sewer service or water service in the driveway area. We highly recommend you move these services before work commences. The Town of Pendleton will not be liable for damages incurred due to broken services.

We had 1500 water readers to replace and I'm happy to report we only have 9 readers remaining to replace which 5 are due to vacancy.

Thank you in advance for those of you who have kept the grass and weeds trimmed around our fire hydrants. Please keep in mind the Town can't be held responsible for any damage to plants and bushes during our routine maintenance. We do not recommend planting flowerbeds around the Fire Hydrant. This summer we want to start painting Fire Hydrants. Some of them are looking pretty weathered.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at (716) 625-8033.

Sincerely,
James Argo, Water/Sewer Superintendent
Storm Water Officer

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*
02/07/2017	5656 Tonawanda Creek Road	Arter	\$143,500	\$82,000	1,112	Cape	1941	
02/10/2017	6576 Sheetram Road	Hausladen	\$255,000	\$205,000	2,362	Colonial	1992	1.5
02/13/2017	7260 Ridgeview Drive W.	Siuda	\$290,000	\$263,700	2,606	Colonial	2003	
03/31/2017	4566 Killian Road	Scarpelli	\$242,000	\$165,000	1,606	Colonial	1998	
04/05/2017	5141 Mapleton Road	Park	\$145,000	\$110,000	996	Ranch	1961	1.2
04/07/2017	4811 Mapleton Road	Maiolo	\$175,000	\$155,000	1,741	Colonial	1995	3.1
04/12/2017	5887 Tonawanda Creek Road	Jesson	\$137,000	\$100,700	1,206	Cape Cod	1941	1.1
04/21/2017	4804 Beach Ridge Road	Dubickas	\$210,000	\$140,000	1,636	Ranch	1968	
04/24/2017	6369 Aiken Road	Turk	\$145,000	\$89,500	1,606	Ranch	1955	
04/28/2017	7144 Pendale Circle	Schaffer	\$380,000	\$275,000	2,822	Colonial	1998	
04/28/2017	7306 Bear Ridge Road	Kinan	\$335,000	\$298,000	3,022	Colonial	1993	

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. Please remember all exemptions are due by March 1st. If you will be turning 65 in 2018 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the assessor's office at 716-625-8833, ext. 116. If you purchased your house after March 1, 2015 you need to contact NYS Taxation and Finance (518)457-2036 to receive your Star Credit.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, Another Spring has come and gone and Mother Nature gave us another record rainfall. We tried to respond the best we could during the heavy rain events. Some of the problems were as simple as some leaves and sticks blocking the receivers. Some problems were related to private property grading and filling of yards. Some is from old deteriorating steel pipe that is collapsing and plugging. A couple of my guys actually went to Wheatfield and borrowed their "Sewer Jet" and flushed out some of the plugged areas. I've said with the past budget cuts that we are 3-5 years behind with our drainage maintenance. At this time we are overwhelmed with calls regarding ditch cleaning, replacing old steel, clay, and just a mixture of old material. Also those of you looking to pipe an open ditch, it will take some time if we can even get to this.

As of late May we have accomplished a lot of work including catching up with parks and cemetery maintenance. I have had to use 2 of my guys on a regular basis to work in the parks department because as of this day we have not had any applications for our seasonal help. We are looking for 18 years old or older with valid NYS driver's license to work with us.

To date my crew has gone through the majority of the town roads patching pot holes, shoulders, and low spots in the right-of-way. We are using Wheatfield's roller and a special trailer that keeps the blacktop hot so none of it gets wasted. We purchased this "Hot Box" a couple years ago with the Town of Newfane at a cost of approximately \$30,000 total. There used to be only one owned by the county and we would borrow it. Once the other towns saw it, it became the best used piece of equipment in the area to the point where there now is about 6 in the Niagara County area.

We also expanded the parking lot at Wendelville soccer fields adding approximately 18 more parking spots. We still need to finish removing fill and marking the spots with paint on the stone.

We also expanded the parking for the firemen at the Main Road fire hall.

This summer's main projects are milling & paving Pendale sub-division, and paving Irish Road & backing it up with stone shoulders. As far as Pendale goes I'm still getting updated prices for milling contractors and paving contractors. At this time I'm looking at milling out 3" and putting back 2" inches of Binder and 1" of Top. This might be an on the job decision as the base isn't real deep so it might end up closer to 2" removed and new put in. As far as timing I'm hoping for mid-July but that still depends on contractor availability and other town schedules. I will need approximately 15+ constant trucks so it's complicated getting everyone scheduled together. We only have 4 trucks so it's important to have the other neighboring towns to work with us. I will communicate ahead of time with Pendale residents as things get closer.

As for Irish Road, we are looking at a fairly simple overlay of Hot Mix Blacktop. Once the Top has been completed we will come back to put a stone and oil mix on the shoulders and finesse any driveway aprons. Time permitting I hope to clean the ditches and cut "weeps" in to drain water out of the base of the road.

Some good news: Details are moving forward with the Fisk Road Construction project. If you have not heard by now we are receiving approximately a \$2.5 million grant from the government. I was hesitant talking more about it last newsletter as there was a paperwork "glitch" that needed to be taken care of by us (mainly by our engineer, Dave Britton and supervisor, Joel Maerten). They have

done a great job giving the DOT the proper paperwork they requested. This is a fantastic deal for all Pendleton residents as this is basically a fully funded grant and don't we all know we needed it. The actual construction could start as early as 2018 and with our input it will likely be similar to the Fiegle Road section of this "Federal Corridor". I will keep you posted on this as well.

Please remember to drive safe and respect not only our "work zones" but anywhere you drive.

Have a Safe & Fun Summer, Jeff Stowell

Highway Superintendent
jstowell@pendletonny.us

FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

Well it looks like we are going to have a rainy finish to the month of May, which should make pulling weeds a little easier as we get our gardens and flower beds ready for the much anticipated summer season. I sure hope we have a nice one this year!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF PENDLETON DOES NOT MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER/SEWER BILLS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OR THE FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS.

Water/sewer bills are mailed out by the last Friday 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 first notify the water department at (716) 625-8033 as soon as possible to schedule a **MANDATORY WATER LINE INSPECTION**; and second notify the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833 ext. 111 with the date of your closing so that a final read can be scheduled.

To those of you who read the **Annual Water Quality Report**, there was an update to the Nitrate reading in the Table of Detected Contaminants. You may view the **AWQR** in its entirety at: <http://goo.gl/dOPxCr>.

Please remember all of the men and women who have served and who are serving in the Armed Forces.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

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2017 YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Summer Camp opens Monday, July 10. Orientation is at 9:00 am. Please report to Starpoint Middle School's "new" Cafeteria F. The daily hours are 9 am to 3 pm. Field Trips are on Fridays and Camp is closed. Staff training day is Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 am.

We are asking for donations of any old board games, arts & crafts or anything else that might make a rainy day better at Camp. The fun and safe environment funded by the Town of Pendleton has over 240 children registered and employs almost 30 residents!

PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical Society meets on the third Monday of the month at the cabin on Campbell Blvd. at 7:30 P.M. We have made several rugs on our old loom. We also have made pillows and placemats. We are working on the 190th anniversary celebration of the Town of Pendleton which will be held on August 18th and 19th 2017. August 18th is the pie contest. Bring pies for judging and for sale. We will sell water, pop and popcorn. We will also sell our rugs, pillows and placemats. July 4th will be our basket raffle at the cabin. We have many nice baskets. The drawing will be 8:00 P.M. on July 4th. We appreciate your support.

REMINDER: The Historical Society will be open on Sundays during July and August from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome, looking forward to seeing you there.

For further information call Carol Moeller, President.

Jane Walter, Secretary

RECREATION

The purpose of the Town Recreation Committee is to develop, improve, maintain and review Town parks and recreation programs. While monitoring participation in recreation programs, costs and benefits to the community have to be weighed. We have started charging for the use of the Wendelville soccer fields. The Town has been maintaining these fields and purchasing equipment for a long time without reimbursement from outside organizations.

Committee members Charlie Langlois, Mark Ruppert, Chris Frey, Mike Argentero, Craig Burns, Eileen Czarnecki, Karen Zernhelt-Wolf and myself have worked in conjunction with Town Board members Dave Leible and Todd Ostrowski to budget for park improvements and repairs. Without the structure of a Parks Department, many items have not been maintained and are in need of improvements. The Highway Department has been overwhelmed by the task of this added to their existing responsibilities. The time has come for the Recreation Committee to make recommendations to the Town Board on how to address all of the growing needs. We will be working on that during the winter months.

Steve Lorenzo, Recreation Director
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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Wow what a sale. Thank you Pendleton for the great response to our Annual Armed Forces Day flag sale. Successful beyond our expectations. On that line thanks go out to the Empire State West Military Vehicle Preservation Association and Wendelville Fire Company for displaying some of their vehicles. 100% of proceeds from this sale go into our Permanent Monument fund.

Our Veterans Association held a solemn wreath laying ceremony at Town Hall on Memorial Day which was well attended. We also rededicated a plaque with known members of the Arm Forces from Pendleton that had made the ultimate sacrifice. It was attended by members of their families, many town residents and officials.

Donations keep coming in for our Permanent Veterans Monument fund with a thank you to all that contributed. Special thanks go out to Terry (Thompson) Carbone for her substantial donation.

The following are some of the visible and maybe not so visible activities The PVA is involved in around town and contributed, attended or will participate or contribute in some way:

- PVA has made a contribution to Starpoint Central School System for the Scoreboard fund.
- PVA attended the Wendelville Women's Auxiliary Vendor Fair 4/8/17 and displayed for sale all our flags and veteran items along with answering public interest Veteran issue questions.
- PVA has currently decided on a final Monument design which will be built on the Town Hall campus in the near future. It will honor all veterans particularly town resident veteran's past, present and future. Our Association encourages town contractors to inquire about the bid process. Leave or send inquiry to Pendleton Town Hall, c/o PVA mailbox.
- PVA is currently in negotiations with The Town Board for the exact location for the Permanent Memorial on the town campus.
- As always, the PVA accepts donations for the Veterans monument and will gladly provide a receipt.
- PVA continually updates our honor wall with new Veteran's names; it is located next to Town Clerks window in Town Hall. Contact us with any resident veteran whose name is not included.
- See the PVA at the July 4th Town Park celebration if you have any concerns or veteran related questions.
- See the PVA on August 18th & 19th at the 1st annual Pendleton Farm & Home Days celebration. It is our towns 190th birthday this year. Lots going on during these 2 days at Town Park with something for everyone. Get involved volunteers needed.
- PVA membership is always open and encouraged for Pendleton residents. All honorably discharged Armed Forces, National Guard and Reserve veterans welcomed.

In closing The Pendleton Veterans Association would like to congratulate all the Starpoint graduates male and female. If you are unsure of your future, for whatever reason, why not consider military service as a stepping stone. You can receive BIG education incentives as a benefit, along with the honor of serving your country.

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PENDLETON SENIORS

Summer is almost here. All the flowers are starting to bloom. Let's enjoy the warm weather. The Pendleton Seniors meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. We have a pot luck lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We eat at noon. If you do not bring a dish to pass you are asked to give a \$5.00 donation. You must be a resident of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older to join. Anyone who is a resident of the Town of Pendleton is able to go on the Senior trips. For more information on the trips call Bev Richardson 434-7609, Carol Moeller 625-869 or Doreen Neilson 692-6652. Please join us. Please remember our Armed Forces and our Veterans. For more information call Jane Walter at 693-6966. Jane Walter, President

WENDELVILLE SENIORS

Welcome to Summer everyone! The Wendelville Seniors had election of officers at our May meeting. They are as follows: President - Loraine Gately, Vice President - Beverly Richardson, Secretary - Norma Lavocat and Treasurer - Helen Cassel. July 10th will be our annual picnic in the Pendleton Town Park. Chairmen are Donna and John Moyer. A basket raffle will follow. Norma Lavocat, Barbara Ciepiela and Gary Gilman are Chairmen. To become a member of our club you must be 55 years of age or older and a resident of Pendleton. We meet at the Pendleton Town Hall at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch followed by a short meeting. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We play bingo afterwards. Please remember our Veteran's and those serving in the Armed Forces. Enjoy your summer.

Loraine Gately, President

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TOWN HISTORIAN

Hello Neighbors, So I thought for this newsletter I'd briefly talk about genealogy research, as most of the questions I receive pertain to this topic.

While ancestry.com, myfamilytree.com, and other sites like that are a great tool for completing your tree, so are tools right here in your backyard! Visiting your local historian & historical societies are a great way for you to get up close and personal with your heritage and possibly some artifacts or archival material that once belonged to your family! I highly recommend asking me questions, the Pendleton Historical Society, The Niagara County Historical Society, and the Niagara County Genealogical Society to get you started on your path to tracing your roots.

We usually begin by taking a last name and looking at early county or city directories to find a house number, a street name, and sometimes an occupation. We also have thousands of photos that are organized and classified, so if you were looking for an ancestor that played in a city football game, chances are we would be able to pull a copy of the roster picture! We also have maps, articles of clothing, and thousands of every day objects that all once belonged to members of Niagara County, it's just a matter of you getting interested and trying to connect the dots!

Hope to hear from you soon! Tori Pellish
Pendleton Historian

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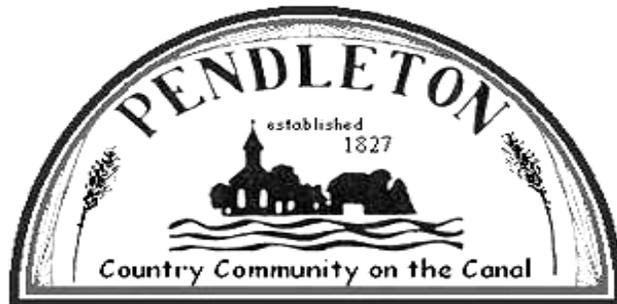
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