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HOME TOWN NEWS

WINTER EDITION ~ 2012

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK



Jim Riester
625-8833

The fall seemed pretty nice and unusually warm and snow free. I hope we don't have to pay for it with a snowy winter. As I write this article the lake is 6⁰ warmer than usual - probably not a good thing.

Seems like a lot going on at the town hall these days. The budgeting is finally done the budget was passed in early November, but still doing paperwork for the State on this 2% Tax Cap. Every time we do some paperwork we think that it is over but something new keeps coming up. The budgeting went fairly smoothly this year, I thought. The general fund appropriations were down this year by about \$80,000, which makes things easier.

The highway budget held about the same for expenditures and we were able to use a little more sales tax revenue on the revenue side, which means that we had to use less from the reserve to balance the budget. The 2% tax cap comes into play on the taxes that we are able to raise. It turns out that you can raise the taxes 2% and you can also take in extra money on increased assessed value of the town. Not by reassessing, but by new builds in the town. The board decided to hold the tax rate the same and only collect new revenue by the growth in the town. So the bottom line is that the taxpayers will see no change in their town tax. The only increase will be from what we call brick and mortar increase in assessed value. We thought that would be a fair way to budget these funds. That's why it seems amusing that the state would require us to fill out pages of forms and send an auditor out to check what amounts to a 0% tax increase. The state must have more money than I think! The water, sewer, and fire funds were handled the same way holding the rate the same so all taxpayers should see no increase in their town taxes. I think a pretty good accomplishment considering the times and the projects that we are accomplishing. The only fund that that you will see an increase in is the refuse fund. Our contractor passed along a \$3.60 increase per household. We were able to pass along only \$2.00 to the taxpayer hoping to cover the rest from fund balance and managing the accounts to our advantage. Another good budget!

The other thing that came up the last couple of weeks and you may have read about it in the papers is the contract with Starpoint to run the recreation program at the Mapleton Road campus. The last few years we have paid nothing to use the facility with the rationale that the tax payers already have paid for this facility - why should we pay for it again? Now the school board wants Pendleton to pay rent again or let the children from other towns participate for free. The problem is the program is funded by Pendleton taxpayer's dollars through the town. When we charge the out of town residents to participate all we are doing is recovering the cost of the program. We don't think it's fair to have the Pendleton taxpayers pick up the bill for out of town residents. We are not making money on this program as suggested by members of the Starpoint School board. It cost thousands of dollars to run this program. Not to mention the hours of volunteer time spent by the recreation committee to set this program up. The State helps out to by changing what we have to do from year to year never making it easier or cheaper to do. Hopefully this will be settled by the time you read this. We have always had a good working relationship with Starpoint and hope to maintain it in the future. Working together helps keep the costs down which is in everyone's best interest.

The FEMA battle continues; they want us to do more studies and calculations, of course this all costs money. We are at the point that we want to make sure if we go ahead and spend this money that this will be it and there will be nothing left to study or calculate.

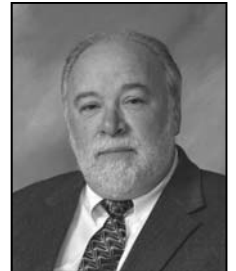
We have openings on the appointed boards as we published in the last newsletter and in this newsletter. If you are interested please have the letters of interest to the town hall by January 1, 2012

Our condolences go out to the Lenhart family on the loss of Burton (Burt) Lenhart. He was a long time Tax Collector for the Town of Pendleton.

As always, if you are having a problem please feel free to call me either at home or at the office and I will at least see what I can do to help you. As ever, Jim

Your Town Board

Councilmen



Joe Frawley
625-8705



Ed Harman
731-9743



David Leible
693-4982



Ron Morrison
909-7932

TOWN CLERK

TAX COLLECTION – January – March 31st

If you are using your bank's on-line bill pay service please verify that the address listed has a Rochester mailing address.

HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED January - March

New Years Holiday January 2
Martin Luther King January 16
President's Day February 13

TRASH COLLECTION January – March

Trash collection and recycling will be one day later than usual for the first week of January because of the New Year's Day holiday.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please call me at 625-8833 ext. 12. All information about holidays, trash collection, and dates for the various meetings can be viewed on our website

www.pendletonny.us

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Terry Pienta

APPOINTMENT FOR 2012

Position	Term
Engineer	1 year
Town Attorney	1 year
Prosecutor	1 year
Town Historian	1 year
Conservation Board (4)	2 year
Board of Appeals (1)	5 year
Planning Board (1)	7 year
Recreation Committee (1)	7 year
Recreation Committee (1)	6 year

Please send a letter of interest to Supervisor James Riester or Town Clerk Terry Pienta. Generally speaking if the Town Board is satisfied with the job that an individual has been doing and they request a reappointment the Town Board will reward them by reappointing them.



PENDLETON SENIORS

December is almost here and winter is on the way. Everyone will be getting ready for the holidays. The Pendleton Seniors meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. We eat at noon. You must be 55 years of age to join and a resident of Pendleton.

Our Christmas party is December 21st at Brauer's Restaurant at 12:00 noon. The entertainment is a magician.

Our last trip was November 29th. We traveled to Batavia to the finest candy shop, Olivers. Next we went to Bohn's Restaurant for lunch. The highlight of the day was our visit to Yorkshire Hall in Corfu for a presentation of "Christmas Memories". We also want to extend our sympathy to the families of Ed Sendker and the family of Gus Cenker. Both passed away in October. They will be missed.

Please remember our Armed Forces and Veterans around the world.

If you have any questions about the group please call Jane Walter @ 693-6966

Jane Walter
President

YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

The Central Niagara Baseball & Softball Association (CNBSA) will accept registrations for the 2012 season at Pendleton Town Hall on Sat., January 28 from 9 am - 12 noon, Mon. Jan. 30 from 6-9 p.m.; and Sat., February 4 from 9 am - 12 noon.



CNBSA offers developmental and competitive leagues at Pendleton Town Park for girls and boys from ages four to 17 years. CNBSA provides instructional clinics, training for coaches, and a complete range of competitive opportunities for players including league, travel and tournament teams.

CNBSA also offers a Challenger League designed for youths with physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

Clinics will begin in March, with games played through July.

Coaches are needed at all levels, and the support of sponsors and volunteers is always welcome.

For more information on available leagues, registration forms, or to register online, please visit www.cnbsa.com.

FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

Well, by the time you receive this newsletter the hustle & bustle of the holidays will be over, thank goodness!

There was a printing error with the article I submitted for the Autumn Newsletter. Instead of the title reading "From The Water/Sewer Billing Department", the title was printed as "A Reminder To All Residents With Sewer Service" so many of you may have overlooked this article if you do not have sewer service. All of our newsletters are on-line at www.pendletonny.us should you wish to view the article, which explained how to compare your water consumptions.

If you are selling your home please contact our office **5 business days** prior to closing to schedule a final read and a mandatory water/sewer line inspection. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR WATER & SEWER LINES INSPECTED BEFORE YOU CLOSE ON YOUR HOUSE!!!** There is a \$25.00 fee for the inspection.

If any repairs need to be made, there may be additional fees involved.

If you are purchasing a new home please contact our office ASAP to set up an account.



IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE AREA TEMPORARILY (i.e. Vacation) PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE POST OFFICE WILL NOT FORWARD WATER BILLS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE A FORWARDING REQUEST AT THE POST OFFICE. To avoid late fees to your account you can pre-pay your bill(s), or have your bill sent to the temporary address. Please contact the billing clerk at 625-8833 ext. 11 to make these arrangements.

Just a reminder that water bills are mailed out quarterly on the 3rd Friday of the following months: January, April, July and October. If you do not receive a water bill by the last day of the month please contact the billing office immediately.

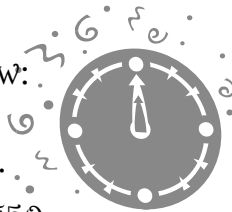
I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all the best for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Rita Dispenza



Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850

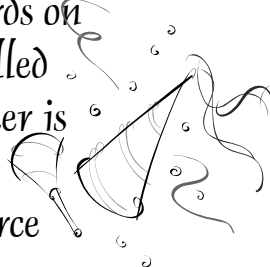


**A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.**

~Edgar Guest

*We will open the book. Its pages are
blank. We are going to put words on
them ourselves. The book is called
Opportunity and its first chapter is
New Year's Day.*

~Edith Lovejoy Pierce



WENDELVILLE SENIORS

Happy New Year everyone! Hope 2012 will be a good year for everyone. All the Christmas parties are gone and enjoyed by all. Our trips will start in March 2012, selected by our trip directors, Richard Wagner, Elmer and Jane Walter, who do such a good job for us. Our kitchen committees are as follows: January - Loraine Gately, Chairman with Winnie Holts, Faye Roth, and Gloria Pittler. February - June Oppee, Chairman with Richard Wagner, Rita Spoth, Carol Racey, and Sara Price. March - Donna Belling - Chairman with Connie Bach, Eileen Belling, and Doreen Nielson. Our meetings are held at the Pendleton Town Hall on the second Monday of each month after a "pot luck" luncheon at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If you are 55 years or older and a resident of Pendleton you are welcome to join us. We have a lot of good cooks. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 625-9106. Our meetings are short and we play Bingo or cards afterwards. Please remember our veterans and those serving in the armed forces all over the world. Keep well, keep warm, and be happy.

Loraine Gately
President

RECREATION

Town of Pendleton-KidsPlay: 2012 Outdoor Soccer Program

Once again, the Town of Pendleton and KidsPlay will be coordinating outdoor soccer training and leagues this spring and summer at the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company's Athletic Fields on Campbell Blvd.

KidsPlay leagues are designed to help experienced and inexperienced players develop skill and a tactical understanding of soccer in a fun and supportive environment. The development of a strong foundation of dribbling, passing, and receiving skills are our primary focus at this age level. League games are played 5 v. 5 on a small field allowing for maximum touches on the ball and an exciting game for all players.

All games are led by at least two KidsPlay coaches assisted by parent coaches. Every coach adheres to the same basic "Kids First" philosophy. After a basic evaluation on Week #1, an even amount of experienced and inexperienced players are distributed on to all teams.

Blue and Red Division League players always play on the same night and rotate between early (5:30) and late (7:00) games. PC and Level I players always meet at the same night/same time. Team roster and a league schedule are distributed at the first night.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Tim Hirschbeck at KidsPlay at 873.2353 or kidsplay@mac.com.

2012 Schedule:

PC Soccer (Ages 3-4 + Parent): Thursday 5:00-5:45 pm ** **Starts May 3rd**

Level I Soccer (Ages 4-6): Thursday 5:45-6:45 pm OR Thursday 6:45-7:45 pm ** **Starts May 3rd**

Blue Division League (Ages 6-8): Mondays 5:30-7 pm and 7-8:30 pm (rotating schedule) ** **Starts April 30th**

Red League (Ages 12-under): Tuesdays 5:30-7 pm and 7-8:30 pm (rotating schedule) ** **Starts May 1st**

Fees: PC and Level I Soccer - \$45.00 /// Blue and Red Leagues - \$55.00

** All programs run 7 weeks. A team shirt is included in the program fee.

Registration: Parents have two registration options:

- Register in person at Pendleton Town Hall on any of the following dates:

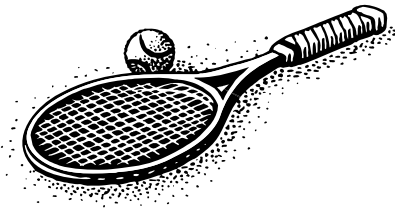
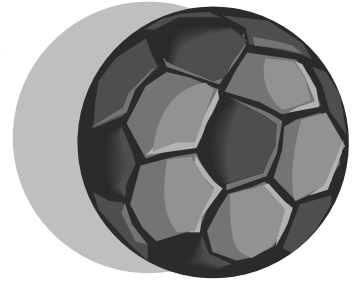
Saturday, January 28 from 9 am to 12 noon

Monday, January 30 from 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturday, February 4 from 9 am to 12 noon

- Download the registration form at www.pendletonny.us and mail to:

KidsPlay of WNY LLC- 70 Creekside Drive - Tonawanda, NY 14150



2012 Summer Tennis Program

This summer we will once again offer tennis lessons at the tennis courts in the Town Park. Signup will be held at Pendleton Town Hall on Sat., January 28, from 9 am - 12 noon; Mon., January 30 from 6 pm - 9 pm, and Sat., February 4 from 9 am - 12 noon.

The program will begin on Monday, July 9th and will consist of six (6) 50 minute lessons for ages covering 6 years - adult. Fees will be \$25 for Pendleton residents & \$30 for non-residents. Time slots will be determined based on enrollment. For more information, please contact Mark Ruppert at amrupp@hotmail.com, or 692-6982.

2012 Family Swim & Youth Basketball Cancelled

As a result of the January 12, 2011 Starpoint School Board vote not to authorize the contract for the Town of Pendleton to use the school district's facilities in 2012, it is necessary for the town to cancel all of the recreation programs as of January 1, 2012.

Councilman, Ed Harman

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB



Starpoint Middle school principal Jim & the student's art teacher Debbi Ferrentino stand with Kelsey Maldiner 2nd place finisher & Matalin Barone 3rd place finisher and Executive Director John Faso of Niagara County SPCA

This past November 14th at the Starpoint School board meeting we presented our three Peace Poster winners

with bonds recognizing their efforts in describing their poster theme related to the "Children Know Peace" Peace poster contest. Art teachers Debbi Ferrentino again had her classes participating in the contest, a total of 200 students. Our winner, Catrina Basinski, was also given the opportunity to donate a \$50.00 gift, from the Pendleton Lions, to an organization of her choice. Catrina chose Niagara County SPCA a check was presented in her name at this meeting. Catrina was unable to attend to present the award to the director of the Niagara County SPCA so Lion Gary gave it to them in her name in her name. Our second place winner was Kelsey Maldiner and the Third place winner was Matalin Barone. All three did a great job drawing their posters and even a better job describing them to the audience that evening. Catrina also won the Honorable Mention in our District 20N contest of all club winners this year. Her poster was on display, along with the other winning artists in District 20N at the Lockport Art center this past November.



Lions Chris King, Joe Mascaluso, Dave Leible and Jeff Jarvis help Troops 47 & 98 along with Sen. George Maziarz & Pendleton Highway Sup. Jeff Stowell help load food at St. Paul's United Church of Christ

On November 12th at the annual Boy Scout food drive Pendleton Boy Scouts troops 47 & 98 sparked an outpouring of support from community and organizations. Donations were collected from residents and organizations and

their members to be presented to the food pantry Saturday, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Tonawanda Creek Road.

Along with the Boy Scouts, the Pendleton Lions Club and the Wendelville Ladies Auxiliary made generous donations.

The Lions Club Members donated numerous

turkeys, pumpkin pies and fresh potatoes making sure that everyone had a Thanksgiving turkey. Many more Boy Scouts, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary Doreen Nielson, Lion Bob Kramer and Dave Fraass were too busy stocking food to be present for the pictures.

All of the food delivered was overwhelming and overfilled the pantry's refrigerator, freezers and shelves which were recently built by the Lions.

The Thanksgiving meals were distributed to needy families Thursday morning. The event was a complete success.

Councilman Dave Leible was also instrumental in the birth of the Nutrition for Seniors Program in Niagara County with the help of Legislator Tony Nemi.



Sen. George Maziarz & Lions Dave Leible, Joe Macaluso & Jeff Jarvis look on as Aimee Jarvis, Pres. Of Wendelville Ladies Auxiliary presents a donation to Irene Ruggirello representative of the Pendleton Food Pantry

Our annual Christmas Toy Wrap with toys from Trooper toys for tots will be held on December 14th at the Wendelville fire company starting at 6:30PM. There are a lot of toys to be wrapped this year because Santa and Mrs. Claus still bring the toys to the SASH preschool for special education children on Thursday December 21st. We will also be wrapping many more toys for your Pendleton food Pantry this year as their need is far greater this year.

During this Christmas Holiday on December 28th and 29th the Pendleton Lions are holding their third Holiday Basketball Tournament with this year's theme "Vision Beyond Sight" at Starpoint High School with the help of the schools athletic department, In particular the Athletic Director and the Boys Basketball coach. There will be four teams again this year. So if any residents would like to watch some good basketball the JV games are at 1PM each date and the Varsity games begin at 5PM. The championship games will start at 3PM on the 29th and 6PM that same evening.

Again, in closing thank you for your support. Your help keeps us very busy throughout the year.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo

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 *
08/01/11	5234 Fiegle Road	Stevens	125,500	120,000	1396	Old	1825	4.9
08/10/11	4808 Tonawanda Creek	Vandewater	175,000	180,000	1875	Old	1905	
08/29/11	7272 Lakeview	Valenti	317,500	241,000	2416	Cape	1999	
09/01/11	6313 Townline	Greer	135,000	160,100	2066	Old	1850	8.2
09/12/11	6891 Townline	Meddaugh	149,400	104,200	1388	Ranch	1980	
09/14/11	7190 Bear Ridge	Trautman	165,000	158,400	1841	Ranch	1960	
09/15/11	5650 Tonawanda Creek	Billingsley	124,000	95,000	1400	Cape	1941	
09/28/11	5876 Tonawanda Creek	Coles	165,000	156,600	2254	Old	1870	1.8
10/03/11	7101 Bear Ridge	Davison	133,280	130,000	1832	Rd Ranch	1973	
10/03/11	6290 Bear Ridge	Bonnett	70,000	68,000	1293	Old	1880	
10/14/11	5886 Fisk	Ludwig	147,500	140,100	1200	Ranch	1966	5.8
10/27/11	5584 Mapleton	Toelsin	130,000	104,300	1040	Ranch	1969	

REMINDER

If you move from your primary residence in Pendleton it is your obligation to notify the Assessors 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. The most common exemptions are granted to Seniors 65 and older, Veterans, Disabled with limited incomes, and committed agricultural land. If you will be turning 65 in 2012 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the Assessor's Office at 625-8833 ext. 16.

TOWN HISTORIAN

A New Fire Company Part 1

One day in 1920, after the men came back after a fire, they were mad. The barn was lost, just by a bucket brigade. So they all met at Albert Lefler's Store to talk and start a new Fire Company. After a couple of meetings, they were ready to organize.

Mr. Lefler donated some land. Mr. Vincent Beiter donated a slaughter house that stood behind his home. The building was fixed up to be their Fire Hall. Now money was needed to buy a new truck. They held raffles and collected donations. Five local men gave some money, on a five year note to buy a truck. A truck was bought with that money from Fred Muck, a Ford Dealer in Getzville. Yes, it was a Model T truck.

The Firemen were very happy and the Town of Pendleton residents were proud. It was put in the new hall ready to go.

So a party was held, the Wendelville Band was there, and oyster stew was made. The truck was driven all over Town. Frank Wolf was made the Chief of the new Fire Company. He also ran the Mohawk Hotel in Town.

On July 3, 1928 at 3:00, a Lawrence Seefried, ran to his mother's house, Catherine Seefried, telling her that Marie Smith and her boyfriend were in a boat and it tipped over. They ran to the place, pulled the boat out of the water, but could not find Marie and Robert. The Alarm was then activated.

For the past 82 years, my wife and I have lived in Mrs. Seefried's house, across from Black and Ransom Creek.

Ben Sobczyk
Town Historian



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. This winter season I ask all of you to **DRIVE** safely. Parents, please take the time to talk to younger drivers about winter driving skills. I believe most important is the vehicle speed. Almost all of us are in a hurry these days, **BUT** you have to slow down when winter conditions arrive. My family (even my mother) says I drive like an old man. I believe driving “slower” could help prevent an accident.

We have installed most of our “guide stakes” for plowing. We also have all of our equipment serviced and ready for winter. My annual reminders: if we hit your mailbox we repair or replace it as quickly as we can. We replace with a standard (up to \$15) mailbox and a signpost when necessary. All of you are at your own risk when you put any mailbox up, but especially an expensive one. Lawn sprinklers are another item that we are not responsible for. If our stakes are not marking them, you may use your own as long as it does not keep us from clearing the roads. We do minor lawn damage repairs in the spring. If your mailbox is hit, please call as soon as possible.

Several of our off road ditches did not get mowed, mostly due to the fall rain we received. If the ground freezes without much snow, we will try to mow them yet this winter.

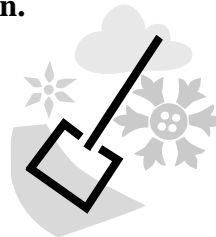
Weather permitting, we will continue to clean roadside and off road ditches. The continuation of Dunnigan and Sheetram roadsides are at the top of the list. After a lot of clearing in this area, we did cut a garbage can out of the middle of a long stretch of pipe. If you see anything in the ditch such as garbage cans, etc. and cannot get it by yourself, please call us and we can help before it becomes a larger problem.

I have seen a few homes placing leaves out to the road. We do not pick them up. If left at the roadside, our plows will most likely put them in a place that neither of us wants, so please try to clean them up. If you need a place to dump them, call me and I will help you.

Once again, my annual reminder - **PLEASE DO NOT** plow, snow-blow, or shovel snow into the street. Late last year, there was still a significant number of people doing just that. It is **ILLEGAL**. More importantly, it is unsafe and puts peoples lives in danger. **PLEASE** do not do this and please do not allow your contractor to do this as well.

I also want to take a minute to thank all of you for cards, good wishes and prayers during my recent battle with blood clots - my guys in the Highway Department, the office personnel and most importantly, my family including Kathy, who spent a **LOT** of time with me while I was being treated at Buffalo General. The hospital is also high on my thank you list, as the doctors and nurses there gave me tremendous care and treatment.

Please, please have a very safe, healthy winter season.



Jeff Stowell
716-625-8033
jstowell@pendletonny.us

WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Not much time until Christmas, then a New Year arrives!! The firefighters at Wendelville would like to thank the residents of the town for their ever-present support of all of our activities and programs. We could not maintain our standards of protection without you.

Congratulations to our new Officers for 2012!!
President, Brian Mau, Vice president, Ed McDonald, Sr., Secretary, Randy Rupp, Treasurer, Jeff Bannister, Financial Secretary, John Fouchie, Trustees, Jim Kieffer, Jim Schlemmer and Ed McDonough. Line officers; Chief, Shawn Christman, 1st assistant, Joel Maerten, 2nd assistant, Andy Pilecki, 3rd Assistant, Mark Walter, Captains, Jamie McDonough, Matt Berry and John Sattelburg. Lieutenants, Bruce Culligan, Matt Moje and Nick Walter. First Aid Captain, Tom Elbersen and First Aid Lieutenant, Wes Sorge. They will be sworn in at our Installation in February.

Just a few reminders for the winter months – please help us by making sure your house numbers are clearly visible and large enough to read from the street. Check your smoke and CO2 detectors for working batteries and make sure these items are in good working order. Remember to shovel and salt steps and sidewalks that you use frequently so as to keep them free of ice. Take that extra minute to use the precautions you should to make sure that the danger of falls is minimal.





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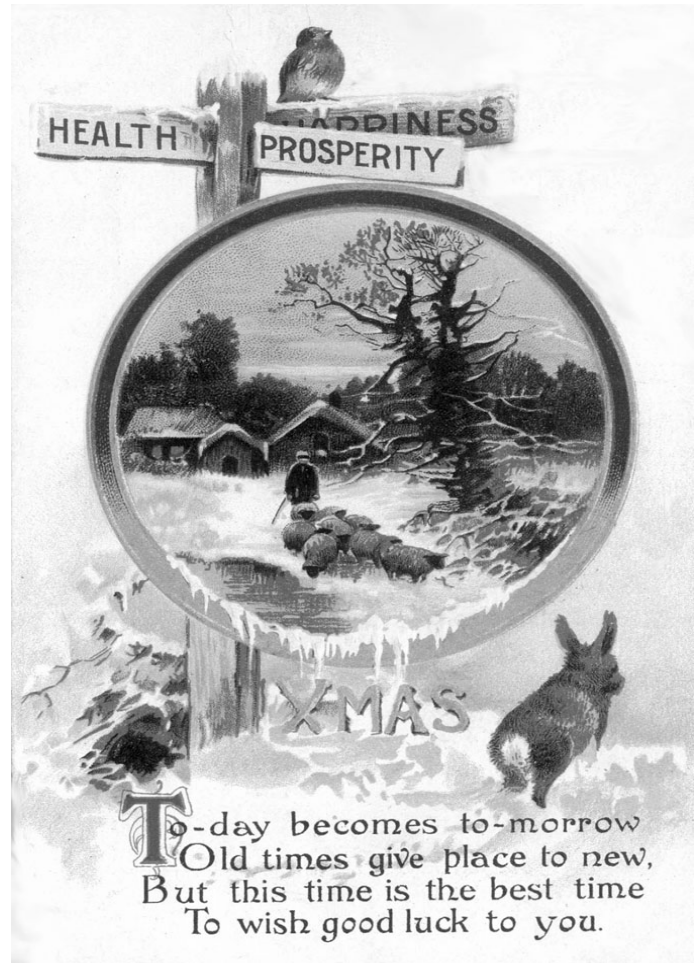
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*“The best thing you can do is
the right thing; the next best
thing you can do is the
wrong thing; the worst thing
you can do is nothing.”*

-Theodore Roosevelt

**“To create more positive
results in your life, replace
‘if only’ with ‘next time.’”**

*“If today were the last day of my
life, would I want to do what
I am about to do today?”*

-Steve Jobs

Some words of wisdom for the New Year!

"20 years from now you will be disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the one's you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

-Mark Twain



"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change."

-Jim Rohn

"Use what talents you possess, the woods will be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

-Henry van Dyke



"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

-George Bernard Shaw

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