

# PENDLETON

HOME TOWN NEWS

WINTER EDITION ~ 2016



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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Over the past six months I've traveled throughout the town, meeting with residents to discuss issues and concerns related to many topics. Along the way I've met a lot of great people and learned a lot about what is and is not working in town government. Looking to the future, I look forward to continuing to meet town residents and continuing conversations related to the issues facing the Town of Pendleton.

In recent weeks I've been very busy turning-over my duties as Fire Chief to Asst. Chief Mark Walter who will become Chief on January 1<sup>st</sup>. I've been even busier meeting with many of the town's elected and appointed leaders, learning about the many details related to the operation

of town government and taking note of concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future. Our town has a lot of great people involved in its operation and I'm looking forward to working with all to ensure that we efficiently and effectively provide the customer service we all expect from our local government.

The Town of Pendleton continues to face what at times seems like a never-ending list of issues that threaten the character of our home town. Much of my time has been spent working on the most recent challenge from National Fuel's proposed compressor station on Killian Road. I can assure all that the Town of Pendleton's leaders will work tirelessly and aggressively to maintain the character of our town and protect our residents. Many new residents have moved here for the same reason so many life-long residents stay: because this is a great community with great neighbors.

In the coming months I anticipate working with the Town Board to undertake various initiatives to address a variety of topics including recreation, parks, and community involvement. One of the first efforts involves improving our current Independence Day celebration or creation of an additional community day or celebration. If you are interested in helping provide leadership and input in this type of initiative, please contact me.

My closing message is to all members of town government, elected and appointed: open communication is important to the proper function of our organization. All must share any concerns, ideas, and information that may in anyway affect our town and its residents. We will work together as a team to deal with all issues and work to make town government as effective and efficient as possible as our town continues to grow.

I welcome communication from all, so feel free to contact me with concerns and questions at [jmaerten@pendletonny.us](mailto:jmaerten@pendletonny.us) or 625-8423. Enjoy your winter and have safe and Happy Holidays.

Supervisor Joel Maerten

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## TOWN CLERK

Happy New Year everyone! How many resolutions will you be making this year? Do you keep the promises you make for yourself? I seldom make them because I seldom keep them!

### TRASH COLLECTION

No changes to the schedule for January-February-March

### HOLIDAYS-TOWN HALL CLOSED

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Christmas          | December 25 |
| New Year Holiday   | January 1   |
| Martin Luther King | January 18  |
| President's Day    | February 15 |
| Good Friday        | March 25    |

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please call me at 625-8833 ext. 12. All the information about holidays, trash collection, and dates for the various meetings can be viewed on our website [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us) Terry Pienta  
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### From the desk of Legislator Tony Nemi

It's been a busy summer here in Niagara County, and county government has been no exception. The county will begin extensive reconstruction work on Feigle Road this coming spring—an issue that

Pendleton Highway Superintendent Jeff Stowell urged me to make a top priority for county government this year.

Likewise, I'm pleased to report that last month, the Niagara River Greenway Commission approved funding for a new canoe and kayak launch and floating dock at the West Canal Marina. This county park has long been an underdeveloped and underutilized asset; I'm working with the County Parks to change that. This canoe launch is a positive step toward that goal, and something a lot of town residents had indicated to me that they want. This will increase public access to the Tonawanda Creek and the Erie Canal and provide a good and safe access point for our canoers and kayakers.

Of course, when I've spoken with town residents, no issue has generated more conversation—and concern—than the proposed National Fuel gas compressor. In May, I sent a letter to the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expressing my concerns about the project and its potential for harming the public and the environment; in mid-June, he personally responded to me. FERC is quite aware of the public opposition, FERC Chairman Norman Bay even noted in his letter that “over 300 residents attended the (May 20 public scope meeting)

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and over 50 oral comments were received.”

The letter I received from FERC also said “All comments received in this proceeding, including noise issues, public safety, property value, and potential impacts on the former Frontier Chemical Landfill site, will be consider and analyzed in the Environmental Assessment to be produced by Commission staff.”

You can add the Niagara County Legislature to groups that have formally opposed the National Fuel gas line compressor; a resolution I introduced calling for an independent study of the compressor station passed unanimously at the Legislature's Aug. 4 meeting. Hours after I joined many neighbors from Pendleton at a picket outside National Fuel's headquarters, the County Legislature went on the record expressing its grave concerns over the project and urging the kind of independent review many of you are asking for. Niagara County clearly learned the lesson of turning a blind eye to environmental problems with Love Canal, and I'm proud my colleagues joined me to vocally oppose this compressor.

As we head into the new year, I want to urge all of you to take advantage of some of the community services the county will be involved in here in Pendleton.

If you are a senior, or know a senior who should be taking advantage of our Office for the Aging's Lunch program, I'd love to see you the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at The Pendleton United Methodist Church, corner of Campbell Boulevard and Bear Ridge Road. Office for the Aging provides classes on fitness, nutrition, and senior benefits. For more information, call Bonnie at 418-4143.

As always, if you have any concerns, feel free to call me at home at 434-0133.

## TOWN HISTORIAN

When the colony of New York was created, before there were any farms, buildings, roads, or even the canal, there was nothing but unblemished wilderness covering the land that would become Pendleton. The early settlers of the colony, along with the other New England colonies, were under the control of the Crown, and that meant they had to support his endeavors. Which at this time meant help build up the naval fleet, so the British Navy could continue to dominate the waters. In order for a boat to be impressive and fast, it had to have a massive mast. The most popular trees for this were the White Pine trees, and as England had depleted most of their forest by this time, they exported the pines out of the colonies. As I previously mentioned, New York, and especially Niagara County was untouched and was literally full of massive trees. The King had a group of special surveyors that were designated to find and pick out the best trees that New York had to offer, and quite a few came out of the area that is now Pendleton. When the surveyors found a tree that they liked, they would mark it with the 'Kings Broad Arrow' which was 3 strikes of an axe that formed an arrow.

The earliest official settlers in Pendleton were Martin Van Slyke and Jacob Crosman, on Tonawanda Creek in about 1807-8, and only a few others joined them. After the War of 1812, then the population began to

increase at a steadier rate, and a big wave came around the 1820's with Sylvester Pendleton Clark not settling until around 1821, when his log tavern opened. So this early crop of residents of the Niagara Frontier, had to make the land sustainable and had to clear land to create settlements. The Crown was no longer claiming the lumber here, but the settlers were very dependent on the lumber market and trade, and instead of the British Navy being supplied, they supplied the United States Navy.

Once there was enough land that was cleared away, the large farms started popping up. The German settlers were among the earliest to perfect the agriculture in Pendleton. The first big settlements were again, near Tonawanda Creek, and it was Philip Woock from Bavaria, in 1832, and then other German families of Adam Koepfinger and Joseph Schimp. Orin Fisk, of who Fisk Road is named after, settled on the East side of the Canal in 1844, and his family had been settled in Royalton in around 1810. Some families were clearing 200 acres of farmland, while others were only clearing small amounts, but the Germans were among the first farmers, and they are given credit for most of the agricultural improvements in the area.

Once again, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to reach me at [tpellish@gmail.com](mailto:tpellish@gmail.com), thank you!

Tori Pellish  
Town Historian

### APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016

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

Please send a letter of interest to Town Clerk Terry Pienta by January 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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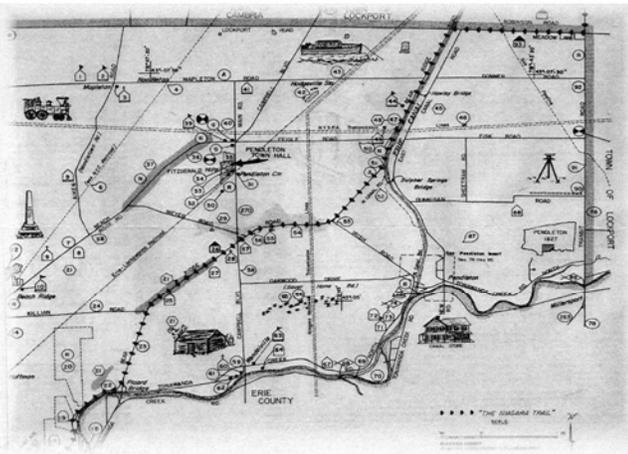
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## PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall is here and the leaves have changed to some beautiful colors. Winter is almost here and the Holidays are upon us. Our meeting is the third Monday of the month at the Cabin on Campbell Blvd. The Board of Directors meet at 7:00 P.M. and the regular meeting is at 7:30 P.M.

*Our next event coming up is our Homemade Cookie Sale on December 12, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Anyone who would like to donate cookies would be greatly appreciated. We will have door prizes to raffle.* The items are: \$100.00 Visa Card, a \$25.00 lottery tree and a wall hanging donated by Jean Haylett.

December 21, 2015 will be our annual Christmas Dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We will eat at 6:30 pm. Entertainment to follow.

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 Carol Moeller, President



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## PENDLETON SENIORS

Fall is here and winter is on the way. And the holidays are upon us.

The Pendleton Seniors meet once a month at the Pendleton Town Hall on Campbell Blvd. You must be a resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older to join. We have a pot luck lunch at noon. Everyone should bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

The trips are over for the year but will start up in the spring of the year. Any resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older is eligible to go on trips. If you are interested in going on trips please contact Beverly Richardson at 434-7609, Carol Moeller at 625-8769 or Doreen Neilson at 692-6652. Remember our Armed Forces and our Veterans. For further information regarding seniors please call Jane Walter at 693-6966.



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If you have a fire hydrant nearby, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help to keep the snow cleared in case of an emergency to allow complete visibility and total accessibility. Whether you plow your driveway yourself or you have a contractor plow for you, please remind them **not** to push the snow toward or around the hydrants so that it does not become buried.

Local Law No. 1-2011 states: "It shall be unlawful for any person or company in any manner to obstruct the use or maintenance of any fire hydrant within the Town of Pendleton, or to place any material or utility of any type in front thereof or within 10 feet of either side thereof. Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be liable for a penalty of \$250.00 and a penalty of \$500.00 for each successive violation".

We have completed our fall fire hydrant maintenance program. We flush "operate" each hydrant in order to insure that it opens and closes freely and shuts down completely. We then lube the three caps to make sure they can be easily removed when necessary. We pump out all remaining water in the hydrant barrel to avoid freezing during the cold winter months.

Just a reminder, that if your water meter freezes, there will be a \$100 to \$200 meter fee charge for a replacement. In most cases heat tape or insulation wrap could help keep meter and pipes from freezing.

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 960, so far. The older style reader is no longer compliant by the FCC regulations and the life expectancy of the older readers are 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 you 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.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, James Argo  
Water and Sewer Superintendent  
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There is a \$25.00 fee for the inspection.

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-Aristotle

**There is nothing permanent Except change.**

- Heraclitus

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Please visit our website at [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us) for more detailed water billing information. When you get to the homepage click on Town Departments at the top of the page, scroll down to Water/Sewer Department, then click on Information under “Water Billing Department.”

You can also view previous Town Newsletters by clicking on Newsletters, located on the right hand side of the homepage.

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

Please remember ALL of the men and women, past and present, serving in our Armed Forces.

Rita Dispenza

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Now that the holidays and parties are over we are settling down to our winter season and hope it's a mild one. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Pendleton Town Hall. If you would like to join us you must be a resident of Pendleton and 55 years or older. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We eat at 12:00 noon and have a short meeting afterward and play Bingo for those that wish to stay. If you have any questions I can be reached at 625-9106. Please remember our Veteran's and those serving in our armed forces. Keep healthy, warm and safe.

Loraine Gately, President

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As we approach yet another winter, here are just a few friendly reminders regarding “**SNOW**”. Please do **not** place snow out in the roadways or shoulders when clearing your driveways. Anyone who hires a contractor must remind them to adhere to this request. Last year with the tremendous amount of snow accumulation, we actually had trouble plowing the new Bear Ridge Estates sub-division due to various contractors plowing and depositing snow from driveways into and across the road. By now, we should have our stakes in place to guide our plows around most of our roads. This is very helpful to our drivers during any snow event. Anyone having any concerns about the stakes please let us know. We could also add some additional stakes near your sprinklers to help prevent any harm. We are **NOT** responsible for any damage that occurs but will try to keep it to a minimum. Also please keep in mind that too many stakes will prevent us from clearing the roads.

Speaking of the Bear Ridge Estates, thanks to some neighbors and my crew, we found a couple of “**flaws**” in the drainage system. Part of the problem was that some growth near the inlet pipe to the east pond was preventing approximately one foot of water from entering. We removed it and cleared out the silt. Another major problem discovered was in the overall design. Water from outside the sub-division was actually entering into the drainage system. Once the problem was discovered, we corrected it immediately to its origin keeping the outside water in the back ditch which wraps around the perimeter of the sub-division. We still need to plant grass seed in some of the backyards along the east properties and a

little cleanup will be needed to be done on the new phase. Also, in the near future, we need to get control of the ditch on the south side. Along the wetlands we need to reduce the growth in and around the ditch to keep it flowing.

As far as the Ridgeview drainage, the engineer is looking at some areas to see if anything can be done in the future to relieve the flood waters.

I have some good news for Feigle Road Residents. Yeah!! The project will start and finish next year, 2016, minus anymore government interruptions. There, of course, will be some inconveniences including closing the road to one-way traffic at some point for a couple of weeks. The final result will be a safer, slightly wider road. Although it is a country road, we will help as much as possible when we can. Also, Fisk Road, which qualifies for the same Federal money, will be voted on sometime after March. I will do all I can to plead our case. Basically, all counties from across the region fight for a road in their area. All we can do is hope for the best.

This spring I will re-evaluate our road program and work with the board for a final plan.

Anyone with a request for special needs during this winter please do not hesitate to call. For an example, I have a couple of residents that need to get to a medical facility for treatment. In most cases we are able to assist you with this.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe and healthy *Happy New Year, 2016!* As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at **716.625.8033** or **jstowell@pendletonny.us**.

Jeff Stowell  
Highway Superintendent

## RECREATION NEWS

Come “burn off” those dreaded holiday calories and join us for an evening of fun in the water! The Pendleton Family Swim Program is “FREE” and is open to all Pendleton residents. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following Friday evenings from 7-9 PM in the Starpoint Pool; January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12 & 26. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. If the school is closed due to weather or any other emergency, the swim program will also be cancelled for that evening.

It takes approximately five straight days of constant freezing temperatures to produce a safe surface on our ice rink. Signs will show when the rink is open. Hours of operation (when open) are 7 AM- 9 PM. In an effort to find a balance between hockey and free skating

(no hockey, sticks or pucks allowed), please be aware of the following: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday are designated for hockey related activities. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday are free skate days.

Here are some updates concerning the Pendleton 2016 Summer Recreation Program at Starpoint School. There will be no change in fees. We will no longer have a limit of two field trips per child. We will add a second bus if necessary to accommodate extra attendees. Field trips will take place on Friday this year rather than Wednesday. The number of field trips is still to be determined. There will be no camp or swimming on field trip Fridays.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Charlie Langlois  
Recreation Director

## TAX COLLECTION

Tax bills will be mailed out by December 31<sup>st</sup>. They will also be available on the home page of the Town website at [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us). If you pay your bills on linethrough your bank please allow enough time for me to receive your check. ***The envelopes do not have a postmark stamped by the US Post Office and cannot be considered timely in the event it is received after the due***

***date.*** (Real Property Tax Law §925)

Preferred mailing address is located on the left hand corner of your tax bill.

You may also pay your taxes at the First Niagara Bank located at 5737 South Transit Rd. We will also accept payments at the Town Hall.

Terry Pienta, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

How can I start this article off without talking about our Veterans Day wreath ceremony at Town Hall? What a beautiful expression of gratitude to our brother vets both nationwide and within our town. The ceremony was solemn but short outside at the memorial stone because of the weather. A special thanks goes out to Boy Scout Troup 98 and the Wendelville Fire Co Honor Guard for their assistance. The ceremony continued inside in the council chambers with words from our current President Bill Rott and finished with a flower bouquet presentation to Town Clerk Terry Pienta for all the assistance she has provided our organization since inception.

Needless to say our association has been well received in town with our ranks growing almost four fold in just over 1 ½ years to almost 60 active members. Many thanks go out to the officers and board members for the time spent planning, organizing and attending all the functions and meetings necessary to make the association a success. We are committed to streamlining our presence, expanding our impact and assistance, delivering our messages while completing our mission.

We recently have received tax exempt status from the government and are now positioned to formally start accepting contributions and raising funds for our main mission of constructing a permanent memorial in our town. Two very notable donors to date are "THE RICHARD BRAUER MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT" "\$2800.00 (we are their chosen charity for the year) and "TERRY (Thompson) CARBONE \$1000.00 (in memory of her numerous family veterans). What a great kickoff to our fundraising efforts. Speaking for all the vets in town we will be forever grateful.

Our Veterans association has constructed and maintains a "DAMAGED" U.S flag disposal receptacle located on the front porch of the Historical building (log Cabin). Please feel free to dispose your old, damaged, frayed, torn or otherwise damaged U.S. flags for proper retirement.

As most vets in town receiving property tax exemptions are aware, Kelli Coughlin (Town Assessor) has requested that they visit town hall and verify all your information on file. Kelli is also encouraging any vet NOT receiving the property tax exemption to please apply for this benefit, YOU HAVE EARNED IT. In either case, bring your DD 214 discharge papers and /or supporting docs when you visit town hall. If you do not have your DD 214 PLEASE verify your information regardless. Most vet association members have already verified their information; it only takes a few minutes and assures your exemption going forward while Kelli automates her office and files. Kelli would like to have all verifications

completed by 12/31/15 if possible. I hope every vet receiving the exemption has received the letter from Kelli because you may not receive the notice, now is the time to act. This newsletter is scheduled to be mailed the last week of December. Keep an eye open for a VETERANS ONLY bulletin board to be placed next to the memorial board inside town hall. It is under construction as we go to print. We will post the latest information for veteran's affairs and upcoming events of importance.

Last but not least, our first evening meeting 11/18/2015 was a great success. More evening meetings to come. Our regular agenda was followed. We welcomed 7 town resident veterans for their first meeting. We also welcomed Boy Scout, Wyatt Kneoppel, seeking our involvement in his community project towards Eagle Scout ranking. As always we were pleased with the turnout and delighted in the response to our never ending recruitment effort. Come and join our association, get involved, we are committed to veteran issue awareness. We listen and can help you.

Thanks,  
Greg Metzger

### PLEASE NOTE!

**The Pendleton Veteran's Association has scheduled two evening meetings;**  
**January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

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## 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* |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------|
| 08/06/15 | 4447 Mapleton Road    | Bowler   | 145,000    | 120,000        | 1536         | Ranch    | 1958       |       |
| 08/26/15 | 7360 Bear Ridge Road  | Donovan  | 166,000    | 140,000        | 1541         | Ranch    | 1955       |       |
| 08/27/15 | 6933 Bear Ridge Road  | Bratt    | 98,880     | 134,000        | 1680         | Cape     | 1953       | 1.00  |
| 09/01/15 | 7072 Bear Ridge Road  | Hollasch | 175,000    | 170,000        | 1416         | Ranch    | 1950       | 2.10  |
| 09/03/15 | 4956 Mapleton Road    | Campbell | 123,000    | 110,000        | 1656         | Old      | 1830       | 1.00  |
| 09/08/15 | 6523 Sheetram Road    | Barry    | 233,000    | 158,200        | 1802         | Ranch    | 1984       | 1.60  |
| 09/28/15 | 7245 Edgewater Circle | Xu       | 340,000    | 290,000        | 3436         | Colonial | 2002       |       |
| 10/09/15 | 6988 Bear Ridge Road  | Rhoads   | 302,000    | 245,800        | 2531         | Colonial | 1993       | 1.90  |
| 10/13/15 | 5994 Seneca Court     | Sens     | 344,900    | 255,300        | 2443         | Ranch    | 2000       |       |
| 10/16/15 | 6065 Campbell Blvd    | Yatchuk  | 210,000    | 173,000        | 1776         | Ranch    | 2009       | 1.06  |
| 10/30/15 | 7189 Creekbend Drive  | Dyviniak | 425,000    | 297,000        | 2747         | Colonial | 2008       |       |

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you will be turning 65 in 2016 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext.16

The Assessors office is still asking anyone receiving the veteran's exemption to please come in to verify your information. We are finding veterans that are entitled to more exemptions than they have been receiving. If you are a veteran and are not receiving the Veterans Exemption please come see me in the office and bring your DD214 to see if you are eligible.

Also please go to [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or stop in the

office to get some pamphlets about the reassessment process. I feel it is necessary for our town to look into doing a Reassessment soon. If you reference the Arm's Length Sales that I post in each newsletter you can start to understand why I think its time for a Reassessment.

### Reassessment Frequently Asked Questions...

- Fair Assessments - A guide for Property Owners
- How to Estimate the Market Value of Your Home
- The Job of the Assessor
- How Property Tax Works
- Property Tax Myths & Misunderstandings
- The Locally Stated Level of Assessment
- The Property Tax Cycle
- Understanding the Equalization Rate
- Assessments Vs. Taxes: What's the Difference

As always if you have any questions please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call.

**Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.**

# Did you know?

The City of Buffalo's Turkey Trot (Thanksgiving foot race), is the oldest continually run foot race in North America, founded in 1896 and run every year since.

There is an opera house on the US/Canadian Boarder where the stage is in one country, and half of the audience is in another.

**The Dutch Village of Giethoorn has no roads; its buildings are connected entirely by canals and footbridges.**

**During World War II, the crew of the British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer named Pollyanna aboard their vessel for six weeks (it was a gift from the Russians).**

There is a glacier called "Blood Falls" in Antarctica that regularly pours out red liquid, making it look like the ice is bleeding. (It's actually oxidized salty water.)



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## PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

This past October 29th at the Starpoint School art room we met with Lions and art teachers, principals' and administrators to select our three Peace Poster winners. The children we selected drew three enlightening posters that we think depicted this year's theme "Share Peace" perfectly. We had three young 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Tabitha Griggs selected first over all, and for the first time ever in the 8 years we have worked with the school we had a tie for second with Emma Davison and Alexa Weber. Art teacher Amanda Alveraz worked only with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, about 120 students participating in the contest. On November 30<sup>th</sup> we introduced our winners to the community at the BOE scheduled meeting.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> our three winners met us at the Starpoint School board meeting to receive their awards for their posters. The 1<sup>st</sup> place poster was drawn by Tabitha Griggs and she also had the opportunity to pick a charity that the Pendleton Lions would donate to in her name. She selected The Child Advocacy Center of Niagara.

We asked Amanda to come to a meeting in late last year and give us a brief overview of how the contest is run at Starpoint. We really did this because in the 9 years since we began partnering with the Starpoint there have been (3) three top three finishers in the district contest. Because of this The Pendleton Lions awarded Amanda with the R.J. Uplinger Distinguished Service award. Established in 1993, the award honors outstanding Lions and non-Lions or organizations who perform exemplary service to a Club, district, or community. These honorees possess the highest examples of Lions' character, ideals, purpose, and service. The award cannot be purchased by an individual-it must be presented as a recognition of the recipient's service. Congratulation Amanda, Kelly Tomasello and substitute art teacher Debbi Ferrentino for many jobs well done in helping these students understand Lion's Quest for world peace.

Then during a late October meeting the club voted to donate another \$300 to the Pantry for thanksgiving turkeys and other dinner foods. We donated the turkeys and yams and other vegetables to our local food pantry for their Thanksgiving dinner. At that same presentation Niagara County Legislature also donated \$500 to our food pantry to help them with the upcoming holidays.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> the Pendleton Lions presented a second 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.

From April until now our club performed installations to four new members. New Lion Sue Ohol sponsored husband and Lion Tom Ohol, and Ed McDonald was Sponsored by Past President Lion Jeff Jarvis. Both were installed by PCS Tom Witkowski with PDG Jim Muscoreil watching the inductions. This was the first induction of the members. Our third member Lion Dave Bratek is sponsored by Lion Chris king and installed by Secretary Joe Biondo. Our fourth member Lion Jason Evchich is installed by PDG Jim as his sponsor Lion Steve Lorenzo looks on. Welcome to the Pendleton Lions.

Great things are happening in the club so if there is an interest from anyone please contact our membership chairman Ken Smith at 625-6186 or membership committee member and past president Rich Niezgoda at 689-9226 for information and applications.  
Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo



Right picture: Lion Chris King sponsored New Lion Dave Bratek who is installed by Secretary Joe Biondo.

Left picture: PDG Jim installs Jason Evchich with Sponsor Bubba looking on.

Sec Joe Biondo, Principal Jim Bryer, Winning student Tabitha Griggs, Jackie from The Child Advocacy Center of Niagara, Emma Davison - 2nd, Art teacher Amanda Alvarez, Alexa Weber - 2nd and our Pres. Lion Ed Maziarz



Secretary Joe & President Ed present a \$1000.00 check to Melissa from the Pendleton Food Pantry for winter holiday needs.





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