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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Spring is just around the corner and I'm sure for many it won't arrive soon enough. This winter the guys in the Highway Department put a lot of time and effort into keeping the Town's roads clear and passable and I'm sure they want to see warmer weather more than anyone else. On behalf of all, I'd like to thank our public works employees for the long hours and lost sleep that resulted from this winter's rough stretches of cold and snow. This thank you extends to those in the office who diligently keep track of all the hours and expenses for snow and ice removal.

With the arrival of nicer weather we are looking forward to continuing work in the Town Park, as last year we saw a well-overdue focus on improving this wonderful asset. This year's plans include addressing poor drainage, continued work on the Mason' Mission all-inclusive playground, and further updates for the shelters. The new playground has been tremendously popular since opening last fall and we hope over the long-term we can continue to make improvements to the park for the benefit of all town residents.

Nicer weather also means baseball, softball, and other summer sports and we'll soon see the athletic fields around town become very busy. I'd like to thank all who were involved in

the renegotiation of the contract with the Central Niagara Baseball Softball Association (CNBSA) as the ongoing goal is to provide great opportunities for kids while also being fiscally responsible when allocating resources for parks and recreation. By the time you read this newsletter, baseball and softball planning and registration will be well underway and getting very close to opening ceremonies. There are a

lot of recreational opportunities for all in town and I encourage families to watch the Town's website for information.

Just as quickly as baseball season will arrive, it will soon also be time for the Town's summer recreation program. Thank you to Bea Mattina and the Recreation Committee for taking the lead on summer recreation and many other recreation endeavors. We are all also looking forward to the second year of the Pendleton Farm & Home Days in August and Pendleton Garden Tour in July. Please check the town's website and watch for signs advertising both events.

With the arrival of spring and summer weather I am quite certain concerns related to roadway safety and speeding will rise to the top of many residents' priority list and the town board also shares these concerns. Over the past two years I've communicated with many residents about speeding and related issues and also worked with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) to see what could be done. The reality is that the NCSO also works to meet all communities' needs across the county with limited resources and the NCSO prioritizes on a daily basis where to focus. However, recently County Legislator Tony Nemi facilitated a meeting with Sheriff Voutour, Undersheriff Filicetti, and me to try to work out a plan. There will be more to come soon with formal Town Board action, but I'm confident that we can start making progress this spring towards effectively addressing safety concerns.

Finally, as mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a lot of new faces around the Town Hall. Happily, all is moving along smoothly as each new member of the team learns their respective new role and works to provide the best service possible to Pendleton residents. The Town continues to feel growing pains as it grows and also faces increasing demands and mandates. However, it's good to be in the Town Hall and see everyone working hard to get the job done each day. As always, please feel free to call or email me with questions or concerns. Have a great day! Joel

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## TOWN CLERK

I would like to say hello to all of the residents of Pendleton! I am honored to have been elected to the position of Town Clerk. It has been a very busy and interesting first few months for us in the Town Clerk's office as there have been several transitions taking place.

As most of you already know, Terry

Pienta has retired from the Town Clerk's position. She is missed by many but luckily for us she still frequents the office to help us during this time of transition. Peggy Giberson has also left the position of Deputy Town Clerk and is greatly missed. Noreen Lemma has taken on the role of Deputy Clerk along with the help of Julie Wurzer and Stephanie Chase. Stop in and introduce yourself to us next time you are in the area.

With all transitions there are sometimes kinks along the way. We ask that you be patient with us during this transition period. We are all working very hard to learn the ins and outs of this office as quickly and efficiently as possible.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED

Memorial Day	May 28
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### TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL-MAY-JUNE

HOLIDAY	DATE	EFFECT
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018	Tuesday will be delayed until Wednesday, May 30 Wednesday will be delayed until Thursday, May 31

The 2018 Recycling & Trash Collection Calendar is available on the Town's website at [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us).

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please call me at 625-8833 ext. 112. Deborah K. Maurer

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**WILLIAM MAKEPEACE CHACKERAY**



### Assemblyman Raymond Walter Assembly District 146

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#### 2018 Dates:

March 14 <sup>th</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	September 12 <sup>th</sup>
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	October 10 <sup>th</sup>
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup>

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2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	3542 Wruck Road, Town of Hartland
SATURDAY, JUNE 2	Hyde Park – Oasis/Centennial Pavilion
9:00 am – 11:00 am	911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls

You can pre-register for the clinic online at: <http://www.niagaracounty.com/health/Services/Environmental-Health/Rabies/Rabies-Clinic>

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- Henry Ford

### SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Town of Pendleton is pleased to provide a summer program for children aged 5 to 12. This program is available for town residents and students who attend Starpoint. Fees are \$45 for Pendleton residents and \$225 for non residents. Swim participation is an additional \$25. This includes lessons and free swim.

We will meet at Starpoint school Monday thru Friday from 9 to 3 for six weeks starting July 2nd ending August 10. Children may take swim lessons, play board and/or card games, do crafts, use the playground, play games in the gym, and play outside. On Fridays, we will go on field trips. Field trips are \$10 each. Only those signed up for the field trips will attend those days.

**Sign Up Dates:** Saturday, May 5 (9am - Noon)  
**at Pendleton Town Hall** Thursday, May 17 (7pm - 9pm)

If you are at least 16 years of age, and are interested in working this summer as a counselor, please pick-up an application at the Town Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Beatrice Mattina at 716-417-0965.

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Assessor's Clerk - Stephanie	123
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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, In writing this at the end of February, it's hard to believe how tough the winter was at the start. From mid-December to early February was quite different to how February ended up. I almost feel bad for the ski resorts and winter outside sports. On the other hand myself and my crew had quite a battle to start the year off, working all the weekends and Holidays. Thank you to my crew for the great job keeping the roads passable the majority of the time. I know there are some of you that don't understand what it's like to plow and I invite you or your kids to stop at the garage sometime and just sit up in a large truck. It will change your perspective quickly.

I've tried again this year to shuffle plow routes to make sure we are as efficient as possible. Again it takes 2 ½ to 3 plus hours to make it through town one time as more and more subdivisions are built out here. I've tried to make changes to not only clear the "Mains" first but get all of our roads cleared as fast as possible. In doing so there will always be some lawn damage. I've seen our plow off the road surface as much as 12". Again if you've never been in a large truck you'd see that 12" isn't actually much at all. During the melt down days I've sent the crew out to do minor repairs to any lawn damage that's been done and we try to keep our "guide" stakes up to help keep damage to a minimum. Anyone with plow damage to your lawn we try to get repaired by the time the grass starts to grow. That includes some minor topsoil and grass seed where needed.

Those of you that put an expensive mailbox up do so at your own risk. As with most Towns in the County and in including the County themselves, we replace some of the "hit" mailboxes with a \$20.00-\$25.00 mailbox. We have to have some room when cleaning the snow in our "right of ways".

As far as the upcoming spring season, one of our goals is to continue to improve our Town Park. This includes finishing the landscaping around the new playground. Finishing the 2 new volleyball courts plus installing as much new drainage as possible. We also plan on continuing on the baseball/softball diamonds along with CNBA. Along with the Town Board we are trying to make the commitment to improve our parks as much as possible.

We also will continue to clean as many roadside ditches as we can. During the breaks in the snow we have already begun cleaning areas of Townline and Irish Roads.

We will also look to extend our piping of the road ditch alongside Tan Tara golf course. As time goes on, we will determine whether we can do it with our crew and equipment or possibly borrow or rent equipment for that particular job which is basically our deepest, most impacted ditch in Pendleton.

Also as the summer season begins, we have as our priority to mill and pave the Ridgeview subdivision. This consists of milling out the old worn out blacktop and replace it with new. This will be similar to the Pendale subdivision that we did last year. Timing will be determined as the season moves along as we work with all the Towns in the County. I will keep you posted in any way I can as to the schedule and what the homeowners in the subdivision will need to do so the

inconvenience will be minimal.

As for Fisk Road update: We are moving forward and working not only with our Town Engineer Dave Britton, but also with the engineering firm chosen to design the construction. One Problem we are having is the Government grant worth \$2.6 million dollars that we are receiving is very specific to work only being done in the Right of Way. Fisk Road has a Row of 49½ ft. Therefore, we are in the design stage to determine how to incorporate some of the drainage that is outside the Row. I will keep you posted as to how we are coming along as much as I can. I do anticipate a job similar to the Fiegle Road project. Construction is scheduled to begin spring/summer of next year, 2019.

I've also been in contact with the engineering firm working on the State bike path. Tree cleaning has begun from Tonawanda Creek to Fisk Road Bridge. This project includes another parking lot at the south east side of the Fisk Road bridge as well as a lot of work at the East Canal area near Dunnigan Road, including re-location utilities and sheering up the area along the shoulder where the actual path will be. I'm also bring told this will be completed during 2019.

Anyone interested in seasonal help with my crew (mostly in the parks) please come to the Highway Garage for an application. Must be 18 years old with a valid NYS driver's license. We typically hire up to 3 people and start as soon as grass needs mowing.

This summer along with our usual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration we will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Farm and Home Days. Looking for info from several people and I'm sure volunteers are welcome. This will take place in August.

Please call (625-8033) or e-mail (address below) me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Jeff Stowell  
Highway Superintendent  
jstowell@pendletonny.us

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## SPRING LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Central Niagara Baseball and Softball Association (CNBSA) is Back!

Registration for the 2018 season is open and teams are forming. You can register online 24/7 by visiting [www.cnbsa.com](http://www.cnbsa.com).

The Town of Pendleton is pleased to announce that CNBSA is ready to start another season of youth baseball and softball. The town and CNBSA have collaborated and are committed to providing a great recreational experience for all participants.

We are excited to announce that CNBSA has agreed to purchase a field groomer to be used by town

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Thanks to the support from our Town, County and State, we have accomplished our first goal, the construction and opening of Mason's Mission Playground at Pendleton Park. We will continue the fundraising effort for our one-of-a-kind Merry Go Round/Carousel coming hopefully this Spring. The foundation will then switch gears in 2018 to help confused and scared parents with disabled children and other communities reach their goal of total inclusion...with wheelchair accessibility county and state wide. Thank You so much for making this a reality for all our children!

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highway employees for field maintenance, thus making a better quality field to ensure the safety for all our young athletes.

On behalf of the town board, I would like to extend many thanks to Highway Superintendent Jeff Stowell and the town highway employees, along with members of CNBSA. Through this continued partnership, we are committed to making Pendleton Park a more attractive and safe environment for our young athletes.

Opening day in mid-May is fast approaching. We look forward to an enjoyable season. Let's have fun and play ball!

Todd Ostrowski, Councilman



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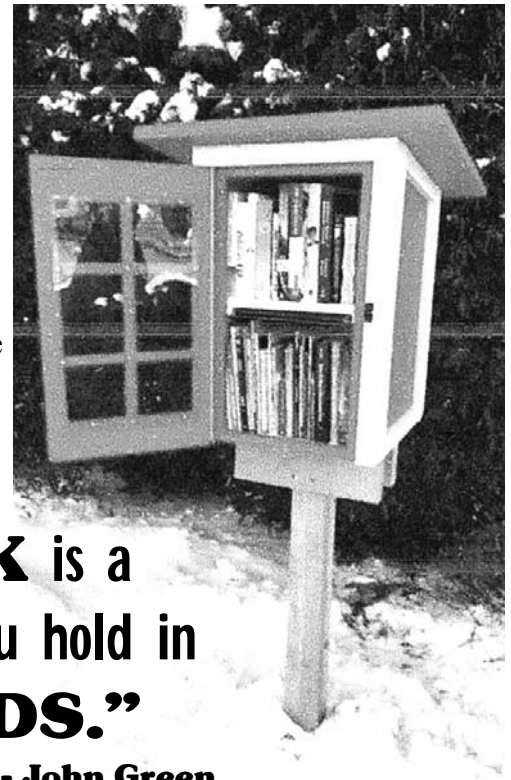
## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

A Little Free Library has been installed on the grounds of the Pendleton Town Hall facing Campbell Boulevard.

Anyone is welcome to take a book and/or donate a book for others to enjoy. Share your favorite books with the Pendleton Community!

In addition to books for all ages, you will also find a journal in the box. You are invited to share your thoughts about books you have read and/or about Little Free Libraries.

The Niagara Frontier Reading Council is sponsoring this library with the hope that it inspires and fosters a love of reading and builds community spirit. Serving Western New York, NFRC is a local chapter of a national literacy organization. For more information, please visit [www.thenfrc.org](http://www.thenfrc.org).



“a **BOOK** is a  
**DREAM** you hold in  
your **HANDS.**”

- John Green

**READING** *gives us*  
**SOMEPLACE** *to go*  
*when we have to*  
**STAY** *where we are*

### FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT



**The Niagara County Water District has increased their rate on the water that the Town of Pendleton purchases from them, as a result, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE MINIMUM CHARGE FOR WATER HAS INCREASED FROM \$11.00 TO \$15.00 FOR ALL TOWN RESIDENTS. The new rate will be reflected on your April water bill.**

In addition, the returned check fee has been increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00; the Mandatory Water/Sewer Line Inspection, **required for ALL sales in the Town of Pendleton**, has increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00; and beginning this year, **there will be a \$100.00 surcharge for all unpaid water/sewer amounts that are Levied to the Niagara County Tax Bill.** A letter will be sent out at the end of August to any resident that this matter pertains to.

Now for the good news, by the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be on its way! I can't wait to see the daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses start to show their beautiful blooms. I am hoping that Mother Nature will be good to us and provide us with a nice spring season this year, but just in case, now would be a really good time to check your sump pumps to make sure they are in good working order, especially if you have water back-up pumps.

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

For those of you who read the “**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**,” which is normally enclosed in this edition of the Newsletter, please be advised that it will now be on the Town of Pendleton website. A **direct link**, once

established, will be printed on the April water bill, which will be mailed out by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

If you did not receive a water/sewer bill please be advised that the following information is printed in each and every Newsletter:

**Water/sewer bills are mailed out during the months of January, April, July and October.**

**If you do not receive your water bill by the end of the first week of the following month please contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111.**

If you are selling your home you must notify the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111, **as soon as possible** to schedule a final read. A **MANDATORY WATER LINE INSPECTION** is also required before you sell your home. Please call (716) 625-8033 to schedule water line inspections. There is a \$50.00 fee for this inspection.

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

Wishing you all a very Happy Spring, Rita Dispenza

## 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*
12/01/17	5536 Mapleton Road	Olewine Trust	\$150,000	\$117,800	1,316	Ranch	1969	2.20
12/08/17	4648 Kriston Lane	Nasca	\$275,000	\$270,000	2,705	Colonial	1991	
12/12/17	7270 Edgewater Cir	Esch Mays	\$348,800	\$250,000	2,774	Colonial	1998	
12/14/17	6299 Campbell Blvd	Taylor	\$253,100	\$200,000	1,790	Ranch	2001	4.40
12/14/17	5849 Dunnigan Rd	Miller	\$134,500	\$104,700	960	Ranch	1982	1.80
12/15/17	6910 Bear Ridge Rd	Jasulevich	\$385,000	\$270,000	2,522	Ranch	2007	1.00
12/19/17	6935 Creekview Dr	Orzel Trust	\$208,700	\$175,000	1,924	Colonial	1972	
01/08/18	6750 Bear Ridge Rd	Holler	\$282,000	\$248,000	2,110	Colonial	1988	1.40
01/16/18	4983 Tonawanda Creek Rd	Lester	\$170,000	\$126,400	1,200	Colonial	1973	
01/22/18	4720 Tonawanda Creek Rd	White	\$213,750	\$125,000	1,572	Cape Cod	1945	
01/25/18	5536 Mapleton Rd	Olewin	\$150,000	\$117,800	1,316	Ranch	1969	2.20
01/25/18	4870 Mapleton Rd	Bialik	\$294,000	\$195,000	2,418	Ranch	1996	4.80
01/30/18		Woods	\$175,000	\$135,000	1,680	Colonial	1998	

### 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.



### PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

**Pendleton and Wendelville Seniors, the Pendleton Lions annual Senior's Dinner at Wendelville Fire Hall will be held April 29, 2018. A Roast Beef dinner will be served this year. Watch your church bulletins and club news for further information.**

Our **Annual Seal Drive** letter has been sent out. If you are not listed in the directory the inserts will advise you how to get your name and phone number in our directory.

By the time you read this we will have participated in the Olcott Lions Polar Bear Swim for Sight held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Olcott Beach. We sell Sahlen's Maple Hotdogs, it's the only time you can get one. All proceeds go to programs for the blind.

The **Lions Club Scholarship for Starpoint Seniors** is again ready to award 6 (six) \$500.00 Scholarships. Seniors, remember to contact your student services office for the details. This includes Seniors applying to a 2 year college. Please apply.

To all our residents, don't forget this year is the **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby**. It will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 8AM. There will be prizes for every child that signs up.

Please check out our **Pendleton Lions Website** at [www.PNYLC.org](http://www.PNYLC.org). We do read and follow up on any

emails sent to us. It is always kept up to date courtesy of Lion Dave Bratek. No computer? Please feel free to contact any Pendleton Lion's Club member for more information. We are in the Directory.

As always thank you for your support and donations. Lion Secretary, Cheryl Smith





## WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Even though the weather is still a bit cold and dreary, the WVFC family is busy, busy busy! In February at our annual installation dinner, we installed the following folks into office for the year 2018. Our Chief is a veteran one, Chief David Moje. The 3 Assistant chiefs are, in order of line, Assistant Chief Randy Moje, Assistant Chief Matthew Berry, and Assistant Chief Shawn Christman. Another major officer is First Aid Captain is Steve Keelty. Captains are Kenneth Klalbfleish, Nicholas Kalbfleish, and Kiernan Hickman. Lieutenants are Zachary Moje, Richard Mistzal and Michael Johnson. Jim Riester is the First Aid Lieutenant. We welcomed new members Alex Fischer, Wyatt Maerten, William Wagner and Cathleen Pietkiewicz. Fire police officers are Mark Walter, Captain; Jacobus Van de Put, Scott Lombardo, Paul Lukowski, Jeffrey Bannister, John Fouchie, Andrew Pilecki, Thomas Izard, Dennis Kenny, Edward Mc Donough, Brian Mau, Ryan Whitmore, John Sattleberg, James Moreland and Terry Miller.

Auxillary Officers; Aimee Jarvis, president; Mary McDonough, vice president ;Angela Butera, treasurer; Susan Coughlin, secretary; trustees Doreen Neilson and Judy Izard; Chaplin, Doreen Neilson.

The evening was in memory of the following members lost in 2017; Raymond Beiter, William Bush, Martin Gilbert, James Jarvis, Joseph Kedron and John Moyer. We will fondly remember these honored people!

Attention HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF PENDLETON! The Wendelville Fire Company offers a \$500 scholarship to a male senior and a female senior at the end of the school year. To qualify, you must reside in the Town of Pendleton, and be completing your senior year in any High School; not just Starpoint, but private schools as well, St. Joe's, Canisius, Sacred Heart, Mount St. Mary's, Christian Central Academy, etc. Starpoint

students, the application is available in your guidance office; students in other schools, please call 625-8575 and one will be mailed to you. Be prepared to write a short essay on the value of volunteerism to the community. Applications close April 16. Best of Luck!!

Our Sportsman's Raffle was held on Mach 24th. Thanks to all who attended or helped out!

Looking ahead to Spring...Fire Prevention programs are available. See any member or contact the Fire Hall. Our Annual Road Collection letters will be arriving shortly. All funds are handled in-house by our members; all funds go directly to the Fire Company. Please be generous.

Looking further ahead toward Summer; Annual Car Show, August 11th...GET INVOLVED! By joining your local Fire Department, You're afforded the chance to truly make a difference in your community. This is your chance to get involved in something rewarding and meaningful. You'll find out what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter, to have the courage to act and the ability to perform. Do it for the pride, the honor of it all, do it for the community who needs you. You will find it will be one of the best decisions of your life! Call Clem Joyce to discover more; 799-3723.

One last thing...Spring is coming, Annual Easter Egg Hunt WVFC Hall 1, Saturday, March 31, 1 pm for town residents 13 and under. Great prizes for all!

# Welcome Spring!



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## PENDLETON FARM AND HOME DAYS

Mark your calendars! We are very excited to announce that we are having our 2nd annual **Pendleton Farm and Home Days** event! It will take place on **Friday, August 17th and Saturday, August 18th** and this year it will be bigger and better! The committee has been working on securing the bands, beer tents, many rides and attractions, cheer clinic, food trucks/vendors, a chicken BBQ, outdoor yard games, basket raffle, pageants, the Bachelor auction, and a car show. There are many other events and activities that are in the works as well! For this event to be successful, we need the help of volunteers in our community.

If you have a fresh idea for a new event/activity and would like to lead and implement it, please contact me. The committee would love to hear your ideas to help us bring more enjoyment to the event and ultimately, bring our community together. We are also looking for volunteers who can help on the days of the event. These things would include set up, clean up, directing parking, or running a station. We would appreciate anything from a couple of hours to whatever time you would be able to donate. We will also be looking for donations of any kind. If you are fortunate enough to be able to donate, please contact me. I will be happy to let you know how you can help.

Please help us spread the world and make Pendleton Farm and Home days a spectacular event for our community!  
Sincerely, Marisa Lucci 716-417-6463  
educator222004@yahoo.com



## TOWN HISTORIAN

Happy Spring fellow Pendleton Residents!! I would like to introduce myself to you as your new town historian. I have been employed by the Town since June 2016, and I have a great deal of pride in our town, our community, our school, and this entire area with its very rich historical roots. I am the assessor's clerk as well as a deputy town clerk, and I have been a resident here on Oakwood Drive for 4 years and my children attend Starpoint.

I have a strong desire to promote and reveal some of our town's rich history, and remind you residents of the foundation and past experiences of Pendleton. I have a strong passion for our history, and because of my own residency, ties to Starpoint, community involvement, and town employment, I have gotten to know and greatly appreciate the residents and businesses here.

Let's start with we KNOW about Pendleton!! We are located east of Niagara Falls and southwest of Lockport. Originally, our town was termed Pendleton Center because of its smaller size, and originated in the area around Uncle G's. In 1827, surveyor, preacher, postmaster, and innkeeper Sylvester Pendleton Clark gave his name to this town, after negotiations with the Native Americans in Niagara, and he earned the rights to develop, survey, and govern this area.

Pendleton was primarily an agricultural community, where many well-known families "built" this

area because of their farms, and many are still here (article for another time). Throughout these past several years, many residential homes, subdivisions, and businesses have populated our farming town. Currently, this is continuing to happen, and it is a sign of these modern times. Families WANT to live and raise their children here. There is still very much a small rural town feel as you drive from one end of the 27.4 square miles to the other end.

In the year 2000, the population of Pendleton was 6,050. In the census done in 2010, it was estimated at 6,300. In 2016 numbers, we have approximately 6,560 people. The next census will be done in 2020. As of 2017, we have 3,087 taxable parcels, 3,191 total parcels, including around 2,600 single family homes. And we are GROWING!! Here are some astounding statistics: In 2011, the median sale price of a single family home in Pendleton was \$180,000. In 2013, the median sale was \$224,000. Last year, the average sale price of a single family home was \$280,570. Out of 127 regular house sales in our town in 2017, there was 1 sale for \$700,000; 3 homes for \$500,000; 12 home sales above \$400,000; 37 sales above \$300,000; 74 houses were under \$300,000. I am completely confident that WE here in Pendleton will maintain our heritage, strengthen our roots, keep our rural values intact, and possess deep respect for our community as we embrace this growth, development, and change in the years ahead...all TOGETHER!!!

Stephanie Chase, town historian

## PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

As I write this I am looking out the window to more snow. Spring however is on its way and will soon be here.

The Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) has been busy over the holidays and throughout the winter with our Memorial fund raising efforts and community initiatives.

The PVA would like to thank all the many contributors to our ongoing Memorial Fund raising efforts, especially Mr. Kyle Stoddard and his warriors who raised \$1,400.00 to our benefit. Kyle and his warrior's contribution was the result of a community focused Soup sale and basket raffle. Kyle's group are all Starpoint students with adult philanthropic ambitions. We at the PVA are blown away with his enthusiasm and focus.

Other notable PVA initiatives to note:

- Additional ongoing memorial fund raising efforts.
- Ongoing negotiations with Starpoint CSD Board to create a Veterans school tax exemption (NOTE---Spring issue of Spartana will have a survey for all district residents to complete. PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY AND RETURN AS DIRECTED).

- Creation of an academic or vocational scholarship at Starpoint CSD for a deserving senior.
- Honored Terry Pienta outgoing town clerk in retirement.

Moving forward into spring & summer look for the PVA involvement in the following :

- Annual Flag sale at the Historical Society (log cabin) building
- May 18-19 ( during armed forces week ) special exhibits
- Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony...Special guest speaker and refreshments, Town Hall parking lot 11:00 a.m.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Town park picnic...Veterans display and flag sale
- NOTE...Veterans Memorial Artwork and renderings coming soon.

LASTLY...PVA would like to thank all Federal, State, Local and Private agencies for assistance in the creation of the Veterans Cemetary in Pembroke, NY...IT'S FINALLY GOING TO HAPPEN

Greg Metzger, Board Member

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### WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

I would like to say thank you to all who have helped to keep our fire hydrants cleared of snow this winter. It's been a little rough with the wind and snow this season and your help is very much appreciated.

The Town's ice rink, located behind the water tower, has worked out very well this winter. It stayed cold enough for longer periods of time this winter for many of our residents to enjoy.

We will continue our grinder pump updates as soon as the weather breaks. I will be contacting the residents that still have the original pump systems to set up a date and time to have the new units installed. In most cases, a completed grinder pump update takes approximately three to four hours to complete.

Another reminder, with the warmer weather approaching we will be experiencing more on the road construction projects very soon. Please pay close attention to all work zone areas, signs, flagman, etc. and **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding public water and/or public sewer please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 625-8033.

Sincerely, James Argo  
Water/Sewer Superintendent

### SAFE BOATING COURSE

There will be a safe boating course for all ages, held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.00 am till 500pm, at the Wendelville fire co at 7340 Campbell Blvd. This a New York State course given by the Niagara County Sheriff's Marine Division. All ages must have this course to drive a personal water craft (jet ski) in New York State. There will be a break for lunch, so you can run out or pack a lunch. You must pre-register for this class. To sign up or for any questions, please call Dave Leible at 957-6242.

Councilman David Leible

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# Welcome Spring!

## PENDLETON SENIORS

Spring is almost here and we are all looking forward to it. The Pendleton Seniors AND Wendelville Seniors have merged together. We will be one group as of June 2018. We will be the Pendleton-Wendelville Seniors. We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month starting in June at the Wendelville Fire Hall, 7340 Campbell Blvd. NT, NY. It is a pot luck lunch at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If you do not bring a dish to pass you are asked to give a donation of \$5.00. You must be a resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older to join. Anyone who is a resident of the Town of Pendleton can go on the Senior Trips. For information on the trips, contact Bev Richardson at 434-7609, Doreen Neilson at 692-6652 or Carol Moeller at 625-8769.

The Pendleton Seniors Spring Party will be held on May 16, 2018, at Scooters Restaurant, 4869 Beach Ridge Road, Lockport, N.Y. For more information, call Lorraine Gately at 625-9106. Hope to see you there. Please remember the Veterans and the people in the Armed Forces. If you have any questions, call Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, President

## PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical Society meets the third Monday of the month at the cabin on Campbell Boulevard, in Lockport at 7:30pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Ann Marie Linnaberry. She will speak on the Irish and the Erie Canal.



Our 2018 Officers are: President-Carol Moeller; Vice President-Janet Karnes; Secretary-Jane Walter; and Treasurer Jean Haylett.

If you would like further information, please call Carol Moeller at 625-8769 or Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, Secretary

## WENDELVILLE SENIORS

Spring is here! It will be nice to see green grass and flowers again. On February 12<sup>th</sup> the Wendelville Seniors voted to merge with the Pendleton Seniors beginning in June 2018 and we will be known as the Pendleton-Wendelville Seniors. Our new meeting place will be in the Wendelville Fire Company's Social Hall on Campbell Blvd. We will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

The Wendelville Seniors Spring Party will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fieldstone Restaurant in Lockport. Chairpersons are Jean Haylett, Helen Cassel, and Carol Moeller.

Many new trips are being planned by the P & W Bus tour directors this year.

This is my last newsletter as my term as President of the Wendelville Seniors will end May 14<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank the Wendelville Seniors for their friendship throughout my years as your President.

Please remember our Veterans and those serving in our Armed Forces.

Lorraine Gately - President

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