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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

This year has gone by quickly at the Town Hall, as many things are happening. At times I wonder if I'm imagining things, but others share that they too are seeing each month become busier than the last. So you have fair warning, this article will be long because so much is in the works. In a small town like ours, little things mean a lot and I try to keep everyone as informed as possible.

First, I'd like to thank John Lavrich and Jim Argo for their years of dedicated service to the Town of Pendleton. Both are retiring from their respective positions at the end of the year after lengthy service to the Town of Pendleton. John leaves a void on the Planning Board that will be hard to fill and Jim's dedication to the Water & Sewer Department has been greatly appreciated. Thank you both for your service to the Town of Pendleton and we all wish you both the best in your retirement.

At the end of November we welcomed our new building inspector, Jason Thompson, who previously worked as Deputy Building Inspector in the Town of Lockport. A lot of effort was dedicated in the Building Department over the past two years to ensure that we are up to date in all areas and to provide the best customer service possible. With his experience and training to draw upon, Jason will continue the important work required with building inspection and code enforcement. Also joining the team is part-time clerk Kim Frey who will be assisting in keeping the Building Department working efficiently with the best customer service possible.

Before I delve into the tedious descriptions of the Board's recent budget session, I'd like to thank all Town employees, volunteers, elected officials, and

board and committee members for their hard work and dedication during 2018. I see great cooperation and collaboration, on a daily basis, as all work together to keep our growing town moving in the right direction. Thank you all!

This past November, the Town Board adopted a budget for 2019 and the process was as difficult as always. We work to balance the needs

in all areas of town government with the reality of limited revenue. Unfortunately, as I've outlined numerous times before, we rely heavily on sales tax revenue to balance the Town's budget and this revenue has declined and been stagnant for multiple years. Fortunately, we are seeing an upturn and we're cautiously optimistic that this will continue through at least 2019.

For 2019, we are anticipating relying in part on the Town's savings to balance the budget for two reasons. First, we took a conservative approach to estimating sales tax revenue, as we'd rather be surprised by a good return, as opposed to being disappointed that we were too optimistic. Secondly, we budgeted to address multiple important needs that we have in town government that cannot be delayed any longer. If we wait, the cost always goes up as does the potential for problems and increased liability.

At the Town Hall, we are investing in a complete network server upgrade that is well overdue. Recently the Town approved an agreement with Niagara County to have the County's Information Technology Department take over responsibility for all aspects of computer network security and maintenance. As we become increasingly reliant on our computer systems for every area of government, the security and reliability also becomes paramount. With the County's help, the Town will continually stay ahead of security risks and have the ability to draw on the extensive training and experience the County's IT employees possess.

In addition to the network upgrades, the Town Hall is updating the antiquated software system used for all-aspects of accounting. This software upgrade compliments work started a year ago, with the installation of a new software system in the Building Department. The new software is a bit of an investment, but certainly necessary and we plan to continue software upgrades in other departments in the near future.

Another area of investment is in public works, as this is the largest component of the Town's budget. Updates in the Highway Garage continue with funds budgeted for extensive HVAC repairs and new windows and doors. This work was budgeted for 2018, but was put on hold for another project that became necessary in the Highway Garage, including demolition and rebuilding of a large floor drain. The Highway Garage is aging and we're working to keep ahead of repairs.

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In addition to the Highway Garage work, money is budgeted for a new tandem axle truck with plow to add to the Town's aging fleet. The estimated cost is in excess of \$220,000, but very necessary. Some may have noticed a plow truck driving around town last year from the Town of Newfane. This was due to the fact that a Pendleton truck was out of service for an extended period of time for repairs. I've also received calls from our Highway Superintendent late at night and early on weekend mornings, warning me that multiple trucks are out of service from snow plowing due to break-downs. We cannot have this and the only responsible action is to keep moving forward with an appropriate equipment replacement plan.

The 2019 budget also reflects a continued aggressive road maintenance plan, as I'm always told that all highway superintendents learn to "keep the good roads good". An unfortunate example of what happens when sufficient resources are not dedicated to road maintenance is Fisk Road. The final design for the Fisk Road reconstruction is almost done and we're on track for work in 2019. The down side to this is that the estimated cost could be as high as \$3.4 million. The up side is we have \$2.8 million in Federal funding for the project. Bottom line, the Highway Department has worked hard in the past two years to move ahead with paving and maintenance and it's not in the Town's best interest to slow down now.

Personnel costs also continue to be a substantial cost of town government, which is typically true for any organization. On the positive side, the Town is working with its insurance broker to address health insurance costs, which will reduce the projected increase from 16.08% to 2.96%. Additionally, the Town has been working with its insurance broker in many other ways to ensure proper protection while decreasing liability. An example of this is the adoption of a new facilities usage agreement at the urging of the Town's insurance broker. The

Town Board continues to look for ways to limit costs while maintaining good customer service to Town residents.

Other items included in the 2019 budget include increased investment in the Town Park, a large drainage project near Tonawanda Creek Road, continued funds for litigation necessary to protect the Town, a new mandate for firefighter cancer insurance, continued focused speed enforcement, and increased cost of fuel and salt. The final budget reflects a tax levy increase that is under the New York State tax cap and the Town Board is confident that a good balance was reached in prioritizing requests. In the big picture, Town of Pendleton property owners have one of the lowest town property tax rates in Niagara County.

In more interesting news, we currently have two new architectural proposals focused on possible court additions and replacement of the historical society building with a new structure for all Town groups to use. Though it seems like both projects have gone around in circles for the past couple of years, with the Fisk Road project coming close to completion, the Town is in a better position to make plans that can be acted upon. Receiving \$2.8 million is great, but this involves a reimbursement process, meaning you have to expend the money before submitting for reimbursement. This process ties-up Town resources and we can't have too many things going at once. Hopefully, we'll finally be able to move forward on one or both of these projects in 2019 and 2020.

In closing, I hope all have a great winter and hopefully we won't have to wait too long for spring weather. Please remember that Town Board meetings are open to the public and I encourage all to attend an occasional meeting to learn about all that is happening in town. Also, Town Board meeting minutes and a lot more is available on the Town's website, so navigate there often for the latest news and information.

Sincerely, Joel Maerten

❁ Happy New Year! ❁

TAX COLLECTION ❁

Tax bill will be mailed out by December 31st.
REMINDER: We no longer use a Post Office Box. Bill must be either paid in person at the Town Hall, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by mailing your payments to:

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TOWN CLERK

Happy Holidays! As 2018 is coming to an end I would like to thank you all for your kindness, encouragement and mostly your patience as I have been transitioning into the position of Town Clerk. It has been a very busy year and I have learned so much! I anticipate better things to come from the Clerk's office in the next year. Stay tuned!

TRASH COLLECTION

The 2019 Recycling & Trash Collection calendar will be mailed to all residents from Modern Disposal Services at the end of December. It will also be available on the Town's website at <http://pendletonny.us/trash-recycling-guide/>. As a reminder, trash collection will be delayed one day during the week of Christmas and New Year's Day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED

New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King Day	January 21st
President's Day	February 18th

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

Wishing you joy, peace and prosperity in the New Year!

Debbie Maurer



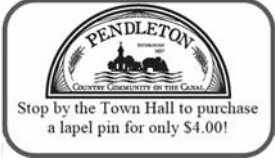
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to the participating children and parents as well as the hard working staff who helped to produce another successful Pendleton Summer Recreation program at Starpoint School. Each of you is an integral part of the program and your cooperation and efforts are greatly appreciated. Work has already begun on the 2019 edition.

The Pendleton Family Swim Program will be held on the following Fridays: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2019, in the Starpoint School Pool from 7-9 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If the school closes on Friday due to weather or emergency, the swim program will be cancelled for that evening.

Beatrice Mattina, Recreation Department Chairwoman

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

The Pendleton Lions are having another busy and productive season!

Lions Dan Hamm, Tom Valentine and Jeff Jarvis were at the Pendleton Community Fair, Oct. 8 informing residents of the things we do and who we are. Thank you to all for the kind words and donations we received.



Above: Town Clerk and Lion Debbie Maurer, Middle School Principal Mr. Bryer, winners Ethan Ernst (2nd), Derek Kneepel (1st), and Jake Stickney (3rd), with Lions Tom Valentine, Joe Biondo, and Rich Neizgoda.

Aswad and Joe Macaluso 15 years a piece, Jeff Ott and Jeff Jarvis each have 10 years. The Lions motto is "We Serve". The DG Jeff Jarvis's motto is "Make Time". Obviously these gentlemen have done so and are continuing to serve.

Lion Joe Biondo runs our Peace Poster Contest at Starpoint. This year's theme was "Kindness Matters". About 120 students from 7th grade participated. Judging was held Nov. 5. This year the winners are: 1st Derek Kneepel, 2nd Ethan Ernst and 3rd Jake Stickney. There was a tie for second. Art teacher, Amanda Alvarez and Pendleton Lions Club members presented the winners to the Starpoint BOE on Nov. 19, 2018. All winners received an award. The first place winner also picks a Charity of his choice that the Pendleton Lions will make a donation to.

Another Community Service the Lions support is the Pendleton Food Pantry. Lions Joe Biondo, Rich Neizgoda and Bob Kramer volunteer every week that they can. Other Lions members join them when they are available. The Pendleton Lions donated \$1000 to the Pantry to buy Turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Our Ramp Team has been busy this Fall. . The Team dismantled and took apart a metal ramp we own that was on loan and put that in storage. We also had another metal ramp donated to us from a Youngstown resident. This had to be taken down and also is in our inventory now. Please contact us through a Lion you know or our website if you require one. Someone from the Team will make an appointment to talk

During our District Governor Jeff Jarvis's visit to our Oct. 23 Club meeting, Service Awards were handed out. Over 200 years of service were recognized: Robert Kramer, a Founding Member 50 years, Vincent and Joseph Beiter 40 years each, Joe Biondo has 25, Paul

about it with you. We do try to respond as quickly as possible when the call comes in.

The Holiday Season is upon us and we will be even busier. Dec. 7th will be our annual Christmas Party at Classics V. On Dec. 8th we are co-sponsoring the Town Christmas Tree Lighting event. We are also competing in the Door Decorating Contest in the Town Hall. Dec. 18th we will be holding our Toy Wrap at Wendelville Firehall. This year our Santa Claus, played by Lion Steve Lorenzo, will be giving gifts to about 85 children at North Tonawanda Learning Center. Children from our service area go to this school to get assistance for their special needs.

Some big events we have coming up are: Pendleton Veterans Assoc. Meat Raffle sponsored by the Pendleton

Right: Don Metz, Denise Edbauer, Susan Dray, Doreen Neilson, Pastor Ann Quinn, Joan Wright, Lion Rich Neizgoda



Lions will be held Feb. 22, 2019 at Wendelville Firehall. Doors open at 6PM draws start at 7PM. For tickets call Dan-316-1378 or Tom 609-8888. Our Pendleton Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration at Classics V on March 30, 2019, more to come on this.

Some final notes: Pendleton Lions website, Lions@PNYLC.org, was just updated. If you have glasses to donate there is a box at Pendleton Town Hall. Thank you for all of your support. If you have a need, "We Serve".

Lion Secretary, Cheryl A. Smith



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FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

First things first, it is with a heavy heart that I must say goodbye to two very special gentlemen. John Lavrich, who I have had the pleasure of working with for over 13 years, will finally be able to relax and spend his retirement with his lovely wife, Jan, whom I have the fondest memories of. John I hope that you and Jan have many happy, healthy years left to enjoy with each other.

Next up is James Argo, who has been my supervisor since 2006. Jim will also be retiring at the end of the year. It was a rough road the first couple of years, we are both stubborn and hard headed, but we worked out the kinks and together implemented a very smooth process for the water billing, final reads, reader change outs and all of the other procedures the water/sewer department is responsible for. This will be a huge loss to our Town, as Jim's dedication to the job is immeasurable. It has been a pleasure working with you Jim. I hope you and Carol enjoy a long, happy and healthy retirement.

It's so hard to say goodbye to people you have worked with for so long, as they become an extended part of your family. So to John and Jim, take care, good luck, see ya later and thanks for the memories.

Back to business, just a few reminders: All water/sewer payments should be mailed to:
Pendleton Town Hall – Water, 6570 Campbell Boulevard, Lockport, NY 14094.

If you are selling your home please contact the Water/Sewer Superintendent at 625-8033 as soon as possible to schedule a **mandatory water/sewer line** inspection. There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection which will be added to your water/sewer bill. When you receive your actual closing date, please contact the billing clerk at 625-8833, ext. 111 to schedule a final reading.

You must have your water & sewer lines inspected before you close on your house!!!

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. Please consider prepaying your bill.

Please visit our website at www.pendletonny.us for more detailed water billing information. When you get to the homepage click on Departments at the top of the page, scroll down and click on Water/Sewer, go to right side of the page for Rates and Information.

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

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

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, Let's start with an update on Fisk Road. We are on schedule for 2019 Summer construction. We officially are receiving \$2.8 million grant. In order to receive grant money it requires certain criteria including lots of engineering and strict right of way regulations. With the design engineers plan out, total cost of the project will end up near \$3.5 million. As far as the project itself, it will be a little similar to the Fiegle Road project a few years back. Our grant for Fisk has strict ROW "right of way" regulations meaning all of the grant work has to stay within the ROW. Some of the ditches are off the ROW so therefore the contractor that gets the bid (which will go out the Spring 2019) has to stay within the ROW which on Fisk is a total of 49 ½ feet. As the majority of the job will be contracted out, we will be overseeing and doing some work outside of the ROW. Expect some delays during the construction process. We intend to close the road to local traffic only. There will be signs posted all around the area to direct vehicles. More on this project as time goes on.

We hit the snow season with a bang. A lot of break downs on the first 2 snows in early November. Our mechanic Mike did an outstanding job repairing break downs on the fly. I'd send 3 trucks out 1 come back, 2 more out 1 back etc. Our large tandem trucks are aging fast and 2019 we will start replacing them with new ones one at a time ASAP. Approximate price for large tandem with plow and salter runs about \$225,000.00 so look for one new one fall 2019 as they literally take about 1 year to build. Thank the board for listening to the Highway needs as its tough for me during "tricky" weather to get a fleet of trucks out while they break down a lot. Like all of you we want to get into our vehicles and get the job done, fast without constant break downs.

By now we are into full winter mode and have all of our stakes installed to "guide" our trucks to the best of our ability. As a reminder: we are not responsible for anything in The Right of Way. Please do not place anything heavy or permanent in the ROW for safety reasons. The responsibly lies with you if someone is injured. We do repair any of our lawn damage either rolling the sod back over during thaws and in the Spring, minor topsoil and seed. Lawn sprinklers etc. you're on your own. Although some of you disagree, we need room to remove snow from the roadside and shoulder areas and need plenty of room to do so. Occasionally our plows do minor damage in plowing snow. Our stakes help as long as it doesn't prevent us from moving snow off the roads.

Ditching: we only were able to brush hog approximately half of our off road ditches and roadside ditches due to the heavy rains late summer and fall. If weather cooperates we'll try to get out during the winter to get some more done.

We have tried to play "catch up" with some of your roadside piping needs but are still years away. We will continue to try based on priorities around Town.

We will also try to get as many ditches cleaned as we

can as the Town Board continues to try to increase our manpower. We are almost always looking for at least part time seasonal help. Anyone looking for work should stop and see us at the Highway garage 664 Campbell Blvd. and apply. Must be 18 years old, valid driver's license and pass a drug and alcohol test.

We've also continued to help Masons Mission playground at the Park. If anyone hasn't visited yet please try to do so and see what a wonderful experience the ALL INCLUSIVE playground has to offer. There has been some added equipment late this fall and we will all try to continue the great growth at the park.


We've also done a little bit of work with the Pendleton Veterans as they are building a new monument by the exit at the Town Hall.

We will continue our brush chipping as weather permits. We try to get out every 2 weeks to "sweep" the Town. REMINDER: place brush properly at the shoulder so we can grab it and put through the chipper. We will NOT pick up "Bonfire" piles. **VERY IMPORTANT note: we do NOT chip brush from July 4th through Labor Day.** Please make note of this, as we need those months to get our road work and help our neighboring Towns do theirs as all Niagara County works together. Those of you in Pendle and Ridgeview got to see this cooperation the last couple of years during the milling and paving process. (Thanks again for all of your cooperation during the process). As Spring rolls along we'll evaluate all of our Town roads and make a final list that need attention. As of Fall I am watching the cracking on Meyer, Oakwood and Dunnigan. I definitely plan on surface treatments on Mapleton (between Campbell and Bear Ridge) also looking at Aiken definitely between Mapleton and Lockport Road.

Anyone with special needs of any kind...be it seniors, veterans, physical needs please do not hesitate to call. We will do the best we can to help you.

Please remember your Winter driving skills and drive safely and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As always, please feel free to contact me at (716) 625-8033, email (jstowell@pendletonny.us) or stop by the Public Works garage with any concerns.

Jeff Stowell, Highway Superintendent



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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*
08/06/18	6133 Townline Road	Diane Green	\$285,878	\$225,000	2,976	Colonial	1991	1.50
08/07/18	7156 Rolling Meadow Drive	Keith & Jill O'Neil	\$395,000	\$313,000	2,412	Colonial	2014	
08/10/18	7329 Paddock Ridge Road	Paul & Rachel Tanis	\$504,000	\$252,000	2,766	Colonial	2011	.80
08/17/18	7269 Pendale Drive	Frank & Michele Porreca	\$280,000	\$210,000	2,352	Colonial	1998	
08/29/18	7279 Lakeview Court	Mary Jane Pinzone	\$365,000	\$240,000	2,504	Colonial	2000	
08/31/18	6625 Aiken Road	Robert & Wendy Sue Peronne	\$265,000	\$155,700	1,953	Old Style	1830	2.00
09/04/18	7140 Pendale Circle	Alvin & Carmel Beiter	\$435,000	\$299,300	3,041	Colonial	1995	1.10
09/05/18	5974 Seneca Court	Susan J. Koziol	\$391,000	\$298,000	3,256	Colonial	1994	
09/11/18	6270 Bear Ridge Road	Nancy K. Magee	\$130,000	\$ 88,000	1,168	Ranch	1960	
09/11/18	7310 Bear Ridge Road	Christopher & Kristina Domagala	\$185,000	\$118,800	1,486	Ranch	1945	
09/24/18	5225 Pendale Court	Donna Ickowski	\$374,202	\$276,500	2,917	Colonial	1993	
09/26/18	4503 Beach Ridge Road	Shawn J. Davidson	\$180,000	\$125,000	1,228	Ranch	1954	1.80
09/28/18	7197 Pendale Court	Paul & Judith Kazmierczak	\$345,000	\$275,000	2,830	Colonial	2000	
09/28/18	4694 Tonawanda Creek Road	Frank Et Al Meisenburg	\$155,000	\$100,000	1,215	Cape Cod	1941	1.00
10/02/18	7160 Pendale Circle	Gerald Kij & Marianne Dabek	\$409,000	\$285,000	3,058	Colonial	1997	3.30
10/09/18	4692 Beach Ridge Road	Maynard & Sandra Climenhaga	\$159,900	\$110,000	1,136	Ranch	1950	1.60
10/11/18	6523 Sheetram Road	Jack Heinz & Kelsey Wnek	\$319,000	\$158,200	1,808	Ranch	1984	1.60
10/18/18	6090 Aiken Road	Donna J. Michaels	\$166,000	\$115,000	1,040	Ranch	1972	
10/26/18	4465 Mapleton Road	Richard Kress	\$205,000	\$132,100	1,560	Split Level	1957	
10/30/18	6927 Bear Ridge Road	Trustee by Goodrich Family Trust	\$140,427	\$106,000	1,296	Cape Cod	1954	1.20

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 2019 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext. 116.

***** Anyone receiving the Enhanced Star including AGED exemption recipients must now be enrolled in the NYS Income Verification Program (IVP)*****

NERDS GONE WILD TO PERFORM AT PENDLETON DAYS 2019

We are excited to announce that the Third Annual Pendleton Farm & Home Days will feature the renowned 80's party band, Nerds Gone Wild! Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 16th and 17th, 2019, when we'll pack the Beer Tent for a crowd-pleasing show full of your favorite throwback hits. Plan to break out your leg warmers and pocket protectors for The Nerds as they make their Pendleton Days premiere!

In October, we had the opportunity to meet a number of you at the Pendleton Community Faire and Business Expo at Pendleton Center United Methodist Church. Through those conversations, we celebrated this past year's event and gathered ideas for next summer. Thanks to all of you who came out to the Community Faire and supported Pendleton Days and all of the local organizations!

In case you missed it, this year's Pendleton Farm & Home Days took place August 17th and 18th at Pendleton Town Park. Attendees enjoyed performances from groups like the Hot Country Liners, Matt's Music, and the Buffalo Dolls. Kids of all ages loved the petting zoo, as well as the rides and inflatables provided by Mobile Mountain Entertainment and Hammerl Amusements. Beautiful classic cars filled the parking lot for our Classic Car Cruise on Friday night. We also crowned winners for our competitions - Jeremiah Schultz and Natalie Aprile currently reign as the Prince and Princess of Pendleton, and Hannah Shubring won the first ever Pendleton's Got Talent! We had a great turnout of vendors, crafters, community groups and organizations, and a delicious spread of food offerings. We couldn't have done it without the dedicated volunteers and community partners who helped make this event happen.

Our mission has always been to bring together the families, organizations, and businesses of Pendleton to celebrate our wonderful town. If you want to be a part of this growing Pendleton tradition, we are looking for volunteers and committee members. Whether you want to chair a committee, volunteer during the event, or reserve a spot as a crafter or vendor, we want you to get involved! Additionally, we invite school groups and organizations to join us - this could be a great fundraising opportunity for your group! Be on the lookout for upcoming advertising opportunities as well.

Please contact Denuelle Meyer (553-3545) or Joanne Zimmerman (579-4012) to see how you can be part of the team.



PENDLETON FARM AND HOME DAYS

Any non profit group can be included in the 2019 Pendleton Farm and Home Days. This is an excellent way to let the Pendleton public learn and possibly join your organization. In the past 2 years we have had churches, the historical society, boy scouts, veterans, and Pets Alive. All free publicity. If interested contact Janet Karnes, 625-8895 for more details.



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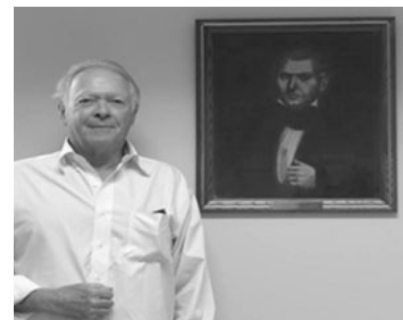
TOWN HISTORIAN NEWS

Pendleton...where did it get its name from??!! Well, we were graced with the presence of our town's namesake several weeks ago, and he is a wealth of knowledge and understanding about how our community began so long ago. At the end of August, I received a phone from a gentleman named Sylvester Pendleton Clarke, and he was looking for the town historian. One would think that he was my long lost brother as I reacted with such excitement and immediately went into action spreading the word and organizing a reception for our honored guest. You see, he is the great-grandson of the founder, Sylvester Pendleton Clarke. What a joy to welcome him!! Pendleton Center, originally a 132 acre parcel founded in 1827, was named after the village at the junction of Tonawanda Creek Road and the Erie Canal, where Mr. Clarke opened a tavern in 1821, then Pendleton Inn in 1822, and he later served as postmaster in 1823. This is the current location of Uncle G's and Wendelville fire station #3. Sylvester Pendleton Clarke was born in August 1870 in Rhode Island, and he spent his life as a surveyor, preacher, postmaster, innkeeper, and then settler. He was governor of Grand Island, underwent negotiations with the Native Americans, which earned him the rights to develop, survey, and govern this area. The completion of the Erie Canal and its junction created the nucleus of this town.

Willet Clark and Sarah Pendleton Clark had several children in Rhode Island in the early 1800's. The name "Pendleton" comes from her father, Captain Sylvester Pendleton, and they had a son Sylvester Pendleton Clarke in 1818. He married Shirza Penny and they had 4 children together; she died in 1811. He then married Lucy Wakefield and at age 58 he had his 13th child, Henry Clay in 1838; they had 15 children total together in Rhode Island. Henry married Sarah Jane Burgess from England, they had 9 children, and

Henry was 56 when they had their last child, Houghton W. Clarke, born in Buffalo in 1894. He (nickname Hotch) married Linda and settled to raise his family in Atlanta, GA, and their youngest son is Sylvester Pendleton Clarke, our beloved visitor on September 14th.

Hotch stated about our founder: "Many a man's accomplishments, objectives, and ideals die with him. But, not this pioneer in the early days of helping to settle and plan the sound future of the western "Empire State", and the vast lands still awaiting development west of her, bordering on the Great Lakes...To this day, historians, writers, and his ancestry correspond in an effort to capture and record his triumphs, trials, and rare character."



2001 was the last time our founder's great grandson came to visit, so this was an extraordinary honor and privilege to host him and his guests and be educated by him. Penn, as he is fondly called, has led an equally adventurous and successful life as his great-grandfather. He was also an entrepreneur, real estate broker in Georgia, land purchaser, settler, and investor, highly successful businessman, and world traveler (mostly by sailboat) with his wife Sharron. He has no children. The day was incredible, as it started with a reception here where Mr. Clarke shared with town employees and residents, many pictures were taken and gifts given to him, then he and his guests were escorted by our town clerk Deb Maurer and historical society director Carol Moeller to Starpoint where he presented to some young children, and from there they had lunch at Ship-n-Shore, visited his great-grandfather's historical gravesite on Monroe Street, and were treated to free ice cream by Uncle G's owner Rachel Lindamann, all before their trek to see Niagara Falls. What a fantastically memorable day for all!! Thank you to everyone who made the visit possible and memorable, and we hope he will return to see us again. Perhaps for Pendleton's 200th anniversary in 2027 if not sooner...thank you Penn and guests!!!! Stephanie Chase, town historian (716) 625-8833; schase@pendletonny.us

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"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning." - TS Eliot

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

I still can't believe, after 36 years, I am writing my last article for the Town Newsletter. I was just a young lad when I started working for the Town of Pendleton in 1982. I have seen a lot of people come and go. I have worked with many different Town Boards. And I have seen a lot of wonderful changes in this town that I grew up in. I want to thank everyone I've ever worked with for making my time here so rewarding. The employees here in the Public Works Building and those at the Town Hall are some of the greatest people I've ever had the pleasure to work with and I will miss you all. It's going to be strange waking up in the morning and not driving to the Public Works Building everyday, I hope my truck doesn't get confused. I have had a great group of guys to work with and have admired their dedication to our town. I am more than confident that Jeff

Stowell, who will be taking over the water/sewer department, will continue to provide our residents with the same quality and efficiency that I have tried so hard to do. After all, it is you the residents that we all work for and I hope that I have assisted each and every one of you to the best of my ability. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to work here for so many years. I will miss you all very much. James Argo, Water/Sewer Superintendent



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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

As I sit here writing this newsletter I can't help in starting with the tremendous turn out that we had for our wreath laying ceremony for Veterans Day November 12, 2018. It was held at the Town hall and included a speech from State Senator Robert Ortt. Senator Ortt represents constituents from the 62nd district which includes Niagara, Orleans and part of Monroe counties. The Senator is the former mayor of North Tonawanda and is a Bronze Star recipient and Veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

Senator Ortt gave a very appropriate speech honoring all veterans for their sacrifices and bravery and a brief highlight of his duties in the War in Afghanistan. **THANK YOU SENATOR FOR YOUR SERVICE !**

The Pendleton Veterans have indeed been busy with multiple initiatives this quarter. Some of the more noticed ones were:

- Our Veterans Monument construction is on schedule with the completion of the Flag pole and lighting and the Monument foundation and inner structure complete as of November 1st. The natural stone veneer will be completed by early spring as weather permits as will be the concrete walkways and surround pad.
- The fall evening meeting was well attended 9/3/18. We try to have occasional evening meetings to accommodate Veterans and members that are still in the work environment and can't attend our daytime meetings.
- Flag sales are always available as are new member applications. Call Gordie at 625-4470 for flags. Stop by town hall for Membership applications or call me at 694-4574.
- Pendleton Veterans Association Honor Guard's attended the Cambria Town Hall Veterans day celebration and performed a Rifle detail salute along with Cambria town Veterans
- As always Pendleton Veterans Association is grateful for past, present and any future donations. Receipts are available and donations are deductible.
- Pendleton Community Business fair at Pendleton Center United Methodist Church was well attended and many visitors to our Information table were welcomed.

- The Veterans were invited to a luncheon sponsored by the Niagara County office of the aging and co-sponsored by Niagara County Legislator Tony Nemi. It was held at the Pendleton Center United Methodist Church. Thank you!
- The Pendleton Lions Club is sponsoring a meat raffle to benefit the Pendleton Veterans Initiatives. It will be held at the Wendelville Fire hall, February 22, 2019. See town web site or town electronic billboard as we get closer to date.
- Keep in mind that the P.V.A. is always attempting to identify any Pendleton resident who is Regular service, National Guard, or Reserve currently actively serving or deployed. Let us know if we can be of assistance to their family or to themselves.

The Pendleton Veterans Association along with other Veterans Groups want to thank all Starpoint Central School district taxpayers for completing the recent questionnaire mailed to them. The short 3 questions answered will go a long way in convincing the Starpoint School Board that the right thing to do is grant the proposed 3 tier tax exemption to eligible Veteran property owners residing in the district.

The Pendleton Veterans Association has started negotiations with the Starpoint School Board to erect a plaque in the school to honor the three known veteran Starpoint students that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

I personally want to thank Starpoint Middle school teacher Ashley Daigle for inviting me and 2 other veterans to talk to and take questions from seventh grade students during the Veterans day celebration held at the school 11/9/18. I was honored and look forward to the same next year.

In conclusion, "DID YOU KNOW" P.V.A. member Elmer Walter 66 year resident of Pendleton, 65 year member of Wendelville Fire Co, many year member of Pendleton Historical Society and Pendleton Seniors, 9 year Town Board and Town Clerk (64-73) is a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Achieving the rank of sergeant, Elmer instructed draftees in Infantry and communications skills. In my interview with Elmer he stated he hoped his students (draftees) listened to him. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ELMER .**

Greg Metzger, Board Member

Welcome 2019!

BOARDS/COMMITTEES

The Pendleton Town Board will be accepting letters of interest for the following Boards/Committees:

- Board of Appeals (5 yr. term)
- Conservation Advisory Council (1 yr. term)
- Planning Board (7 yr. term)
- Recreation Committee (7 yr. term)

Also for the following appointed positions:

- Engineer
- Prosecutor
- Town Historian

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 acknowledge their services by reappointing them.

Please mail your letters of interest by January 10, 2019 to: Deborah Maurer, Town Clerk **OR** Joel Maerten, Town Supervisor, 6570 Campbell Boulevard, Lockport, NY 14094.



**"Thank You...
One and All!"**


Mason's Mission
Every child deserves the right to play

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Mason's Mission Foundation in what was a real amazing year for us and our town!

This is the time of the year that people often say what they are thankful for and I have a few in particular. I would like to thank so very much Jeffrey Stowell and the entire Highway department for all that they did and are continuing to do for us and the park. People like Mr. Stowell often get left out of the good things that go on. He and his crew put feeling and emotion into what they did and we could not have done it without them. Joel Maerten, one of the wonderful leaders in our community, from day one when I walked into his office with this crazy idea, he never wavered, never questioned, just believed and his support throughout this process was nothing short of amazing. This also goes for Dave Fischer, Todd Ostrowski, David Leible, Justin Graham and Amy Jarvis. You all supported our project from beginning to end. Last but not least all of you!!! People often ask how we did what we did so fast! It was because of the people mentioned above and all of you in our town!

This was in no way a solo job! Our community served and supported our vision to completion!!! I am very proud to call these people friends and am honored that they came along in our journey together. We all learned some amazing lessons along the way didn't we? Now that we are complete stay tuned for new bathroom updates and continued improvements to the park and playground in the near future!

Merry Christmas and God bless, and above all, always remember **"Every child deserves the right to play!"** The Evchich Family




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PENDLETON-WENDELVILLE SENIORS

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Please remember our people in the Armed Forces and our Veterans.

If you have any questions, contact our new President - Joyce Lane at 625-8789.

I want to thank all the people who worked with me for the last eight years. It is time to retire and let someone else take over.
Jane Walter, President