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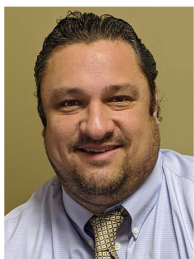
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From the Supervisor's Desk...

It's the time of year, once again when writing a check for January's property tax bill is fresh in everyone's memory and this year this happens to coincide with the start of a new refuse and recycling contract with Modern Disposal Services. The thought that runs through a lot of minds focuses on why are we paying such high property taxes, yet apparently receiving less services? Though I try to avoid boring people too much with discussion of how the Town receives revenue and budgets expenses, it's been awhile, so I believe recent circumstances warrant revisiting this topic.

First, on the side of revenue, the Town relies heavily on sources such as sales tax, meaning out of a projected \$4.1 million in budgeted revenue, about 35% is actually levied as property taxes. Please also keep in mind that whether your taxes are escrowed or you pay them directly yourself, combining your September school tax bill with your January Niagara County and Town tax bill, you do pay a lot of taxes. For example, my family paid a total of \$7,145, of which a total of \$629 was the Town's share, meaning roughly 12% of your annual property taxes goes directly to funding Town services. Please keep in mind that the revenue the Town receives covers emergency services (fire, rescue, EMS), Highway Department, Water & Sewer Department, refuse collection, and all Town Hall operations. A final note on revenue is that the Town Board has consistently kept the tax levy under the New York State imposed tax cap and the Town also has a top fiscal rating from the State. We all do pay a lot in property taxes, but the Town's share is small and used as efficiently as possible.

This now brings us to expenses and I'll specifically focus on refuse and recycling. Looking at my tax bills for the past five years I see that the refuse tax line was \$185 in 2015 and is \$180 for 2021. Facing rising costs associated with operating this program, the Town was able to purchase refuse totes at a low point in the commodities market, meaning a huge savings for taxpayers. Additionally, considering feedback

during the contract proposal process which took place last year, the cost of continuing with the current model of collection would have been considerably higher and would continue to rise over the coming years. The Town's move to tote collection, with four other towns comprising our consortium, joins the many other local municipalities who have done so in recent years for the same reasons.

As an aside, to put this in perspective, communities like Clarence and Hamburg do not offer a program like Pendleton's. In those towns residents are responsible for contracting their own service which easily costs over twice as much as the assessed cost in Pendleton. Residents of the Town of Elma have a transfer station, which means residents have to take their refuse and recycling for a ride as often as necessary for disposal. Considering the convenience and cost, the Town's program, in collaboration with a consortium of local municipalities, is a pretty good deal.

Looking at some of the changes, a big problem appears to be some confusion with the details of the changes and this is understandable. The changes were communicated in recent Town newsletters and by direct mailings from Modern, but we are all overwhelmed in our busy lives and I know reading the mail is pretty low on my to do list. That being said, everyone in the Town Hall and Public Works have been working hard to answer questions and help residents. Please do keep in mind that there is a link on the Town's website to the most recent collection schedule and information.

Going further into the details, some are concerned with the limitations of refuse and recycling totes. For families for whom one

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Meet Troop 98



Come meet the Scouts of Troop 98 and find out how much fun you can have in Scouting.

Meetings: Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM at Pendleton Center UMC

Troop Activities include: Hiking, camping, canoeing, rafting, high adventure, Troop outings, rank advancement, and community service.

For more information contact: Scoutmaster Chris Schultz, 716-625-7936



"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." - Doug Larsen

FORMER PENDLETON TOWN JUSTICE AND ARMY VETERAN HONORED

Former Town Justice Donald Lanternier ret. was chosen as the February 2021 Veteran of the month for NY Congressional District 27 by Congressman Chris Jacobs. Congressman Jacobs presented the award to Former Justice Lanternier Monday, February 22 at a ceremony in Wendelville Fire Hall.

The award is given to select veterans that have gone above and beyond their military service and continued to serve thru community service. Among Justice Lanternier's AFTER military public service accomplishments include Town of Pendleton Justice (33 years), Wendelville Fire Co (62 years), St Paul's Church Council, Pendleton Lyons Club, Niagara County Magistrates Assn, Pendleton Senior Citizens, and 5 Veteran Service Groups including The Pendleton Veterans Association. Don has worked tirelessly to help make our town the great place it is. Congratulations Don!



Mason's Mission

Every child deserves the right to play

"Hello all and hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully by the time your read this the snow will be gone and you parents are ready to get your kiddo's out to the playground! Want to congratulate James Gangloff for winning big first prize of \$12,000 bucks!!

Speaking of progress Supermatty's Water Park has moved slow this past 9 months for multiple reasons, however we plan on picking back up on this in May with our golf outing that sold out in one day!! Our plans are to re-present the idea to the town board for review and approval. We have yet to set the date with them but we hope to meet with them at a meeting sometime within the next couple months. Pending their vote we can move on Thank you all and see you soon!"

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Happiness shared is the flower."**

- John Harrigan

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recycling tote does not have enough capacity, you may purchase additional recycling totes by contacting Public Works. This has been the procedure since the beginning of the recycling program and there is no limit to the amount of recyclables you may place curbside, as long as all recyclables are in a tote. Around eight years ago I too had to purchase a second recycling tote as one was never enough.

Refuse tote capacity is another issue and for some, one large refuse tote is not enough. Each property owner may pay for up to three additional refuse totes at a cost of \$55 each per year. The refuse totes are provided at no cost, you are only paying for the cost of disposal of an additional 96 gallons of refuse each week for a year. If you do the math, that's \$55 for Modern to collect and haul away the equivalent of a large dump truck of refuse each year per tote, which again is a good deal.

This brings me to the final concern being that in the past each property owner used to be able to place six refuse cans curbside each week and now you're limited on the base service. It has been found that one 96 gallon refuse tote has plenty of capacity for the vast majority of families. To increase this base level of service EVERYONE would have to pay more. If you look around your neighborhood you'll see plenty of neighbors who only place a small bag curbside each week and typically these people are in the "retired" category. To increase the base level of service, a lot of people on fixed incomes who do not produce a lot of refuse would pay more. Instead, the refuse fee has remained flat and the cost of a higher level of service is covered by those who need more capacity. The Town Board did not feel it was appropriate to increase everyone's yearly cost \$50 to \$100 for a level of service most do not need or use.

In conclusion, I tried to put together as brief an overview of Town budgeting and the changes to the refuse and recycling contract as I could. If you have any further questions about these topics or others, please don't hesitate to contact your Town Board. Also, the Town's website is frequently updated with information. Stay safe and healthy and have a great spring and summer! Joel



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PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Finally, after a year of not having any meetings or events, the Pendleton Historical Society board decided that it is time to start having our meetings and plan events. We will follow all covid guidelines and safety measures including distancing, face masks, and hand sanitizing. Our first meeting of 2021 will be on April 19 at the cabin at 7 PM. We will not have refreshments, so bring a beverage if needed. We will discuss the Veterans Flag Sale on May 14th and 15th with signups for selling hot dogs and sausage and drinks. There will be a dues increase...\$10.00 per year so be prepared on that day or at the following meeting of May 17. We will discuss the proposed new building and also have Debbie Leible speak on the history of Fort Ontario in Oswego. It will be so good to see everyone again and reconnect.

PENDLETON FARM & HOME DAYS

With the uncertainty of gathering size this Summer due to Covid 19, the Farm & Home Days event has been cancelled for 2021. The committee is working on bringing the event back bigger and better for the summer of 2022. Mark your calendars for August 19th & 20th 2022. Councilman Dave Fischer

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, It's ironic for me to say it's been another long winter as I'm writing this article on February 24th and my truck temperature showed 57°.

As of today, it has been 2 long months for me watching roads. Only 3 mornings out of the last 60 I didn't get up at 3AM and check roads. Thanks to my deputy, Craig Walter, for covering those 3 days while I was out sick.

That being said, as Spring moves through, we transition our equipment from plowing & salting to road and drainage maintenance. As the snow melts away, I send the crew out to start repairing plow damage. Most times when we can do this late in the winter you'd hardly know any damage was done. Some of the areas will need topsoil and seed when the weather really turns nicer. We also repaired some mail boxes and there are a few we need to repair at a later date as well. If we don't get to you, please give us a call to make sure you are on the list.

Once Winter is completely over I will evaluate all of our roads and pick the best suited projects for the money appropriated in the budget. This year again it has been cut virtually in half, \$125,000 for 2020 and again \$125,000 for 2021. I would like to "finish" Dunnigan Road but it will depend on how all roads fare and the prices when they are bid out this Spring.

We also will need to watch over money set aside for off-road drainage ditches. Many of them need cleaning or recleaning but money and manpower will dictate which ones we can get to. For the most part we were able to get off-road last Fall to at least mow the weeds and brush to allow the Spring rains and snow-melt to drain away. There were a few roadside ditches that

we did not get to in the Fall. Basically, we mow the roadside ditches twice a year and off-road sometime late Summer.

A reminder to those of you with steel pipe in your roadside ditch and/or under your driveway: the steel is always deteriorating. Sooner or later it will completely rot away. It is the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the new "plastic" pipe when that time comes; the Town installs it on town roads. On county roads it is the same except Niagara County Department of Public Works does the work. On state roads the NY State Department of Transportation does not do any of this work. A few years ago, working with the Town Board, it was decided the Town would help out on state roads but only with driveway aprons. On town roads, subject to budget and priorities, we will also fill in your front ditch if you buy the pipe.

As usual, we try to get through the town chipping brush at least every 2 weeks. We typically **DO NOT chip brush from July 4th through Labor Day**, as this is the time we work on our roads and work with other towns on their roads. Please place your brush/branches and bushes in small manageable rows behind the shoulder line. As far as stumps, we do pick them up when we have some free time.

Due to COVID19, the opening of playgrounds and park shelters will be dependent on our ability to comply with NY State mandates. Please call the office as the weather gets nicer to check on the status.

As always, anyone with special needs, seniors, and veterans, do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns. Please feel free to contact me at jstowell@pendletonny.us or 716-625-8033.

Jeff Stowell, Highway Superintendent



"Never cut down a tree in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The Spring will come." - Robert H. Schuller

"Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be."

- Unknown

"The earth laughs in flowers."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**"I believe in process.
I believe in four seasons.
I believe that winter's tough but
Spring is coming. I believe that
there's a growing season, I believe
that when you realize that in life,
you grow. You get better."**

- Steve Southerland

FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

Well we certainly cannot complain about our winter this year, with the exception of the February storm. Thank you Mother Nature! I just hope we don't have to pay for it when spring and summer roll around.

By the time you receive this newsletter Spring should be on its way, and hopefully it will be a nice one. 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.

In case you did not read the message on your January water bill, the Town now offers online bill pay for your water bills! We have had a lot of requests for this over the past few years, so thank you Debbie Maurer for making this available to our residents.

Payments made online will be considered received the day you make your payment. If you are currently paying through a third party payee, you may want to consider switching to the online bill pay to avoid any possibility of late charges.

During Tax Season, we have a lot of water bills going to the lockbox, which is only for Town Tax payments.

The correct mailing address for WATER/SEWER BILLS is: Town of Pendleton
6570 Campbell Boulevard
Lockport, NY 14094

The mailing address for TAX PAYMENTS ONLY is:
Town of Pendleton Tax Collector
PO Box 2305
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If you are using online bill paying with your personal bank you may need to create separate payees for water and taxes to ensure that the checks are being mailed to the correct address. Payments received late because they were mailed to the wrong address will be assessed a late charge.

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 US postmark, I will waive the late charges automatically. Please be aware that a metered stamp **IS NOT THE SAME AS A US POSTMARK** and I will treat all metered stamps as being received 2 postal days prior, no earlier. Third party online bank payments **DO NOT HAVE A US POSTMARK** just a metered stamp, which may cause you to incur late fees if not received in a timely manner.

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.

Late charges are not waived just because you did not receive a bill. The billing schedule is in every quarterly newsletter and online at www.pendletonny.us.

If you are selling your home A **MANDATORY WATER LINE INSPECTION** is required before you close on the property. Please call (716) 625-8033 to schedule this water line inspection as soon as you list your property. There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection, which only takes about 15 minutes, and you will be notified as to whether or not any work needs to be done before a compliance certificate can be issued.

In addition, you must notify the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111, as soon as your Attorney provides you with a closing date so that a final read can be scheduled.

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

Wishing you all a very Happy Spring, Rita Dispenza

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*"A smile is the light in your window
that tells others there is a sharing,
caring person inside." - Denis Waitley*

TOWN OPERATIONS UPDATE

Over the past year the pandemic has affected many aspects of our lives and also Town operations. This includes closing of park areas, canceling the summer recreation program, closing Town offices, and more. Rules and regulations continue to change frequently and Town leaders work to ensure the health and safety of all while maintaining compliance.

Town Offices - As of March all Town offices are open by appointment only. All Town employees are hard at work, but we're being conservative in opening plans, deferring heavily to concerns of health and safety. Last September offices opened to the public, but we were forced to return to the "appointment only mode" in November when local infection rates increased. We anticipate opening the doors as soon as possible.

Summer Recreation Program - Options are being considered and current NYS guidelines are being evaluated. Once a decision has been made, information will be posted on the Town's website. Please keep in mind that changes from NYS, the Niagara County Department of Health, regional infection rates, and the

like could affect this program anytime between now and summer.

Open Meetings - In compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders, there have been a mix of open and closed meetings since early last year. All Town leaders are aware that our goal is to keep meetings open to the public as much as possible and at the moment all meetings are run in this manner. When local conditions deteriorate, we are forced to move to closed meetings with online streaming. Please know that the Town Board postpones any necessary public hearings during times that meetings are closed, as public input is important.

Town Park - There are currently no plans to close the Town Parks and facilities such as basketball and tennis courts. However, we are currently evaluating whether or not pavilions will be available for rentals this year. For updates related to this and other topics, please check the Town's website on a regular basis. Please be patient, keeping in mind that if facilities in the Town of Pendleton are closed or have limited access, you'll find the same conditions in most other local municipalities.

"If you've never been thrilled to the very edges of your soul by a flower in spring bloom, maybe your soul has never been in bloom." - Audra Foveo

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. 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*
11/02/20	5845 Dunnigan Road	Shelly Gerber	\$285,000	\$160,000	1909	Ranch	1984	1.80
11/03/20	7272 Edgewater Circle	Stephen & Ann Lynch	\$415,000	\$281,800	2830	Colonial	2001	.58
11/09/20	6542 Bear Ridge Road	Joseph Panepento	\$325,000	\$103,000	2724	Old Style	1857	1.20
11/16/20	6644 Bear Ridge Road	Charles Mattina	\$200,000	\$140,000	1844	Colonial	1978	.62
11/19/20	5735 Dunnigan Road	LPS Home Improvement	\$449,900	\$315,000	2783	Colonial	2020	1.54
11/30/20	4879 Beach Ridge Road	Julianna Wurzer	\$260,000	\$105,000	1061	A-Frame	1990	.63

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 2021 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible, please call the Assessor's office 625-8833 ext. 131 or 116. If this is your **FIRST** time applying for Enhanced Star, then you will do so through our office. If you are switching to the **Star Credit Check**, then you do so online at www.tax.ny.gov or by calling (518) 457-2036.

*****Anyone receiving the Enhanced Star including Aged exemption recipients must now be Enrolled in the mandatory New York State Income Verification Program (IVP)*****

******IF YOUR INCOME IS \$30,000 OR LESS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE******



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TOWN CLERK



Hello! I'd like to start out by thanking everyone for their patience over these past few months while the office had limited access to visitors. We missed seeing our friends and appreciate your cooperation during that time. My main

objective was to keep the staff as healthy as possible to avoid having to shut down completely. By allowing us to provide our services in a "not so normal way" we were able to conduct our business in a safe and efficient way. My deputy clerks and I all look forward to seeing you when our office is fully open again!

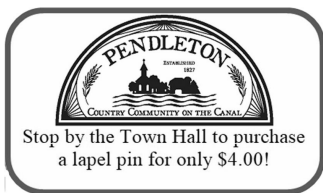
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED

Good Friday April 2
Memorial Day May 31

It is time to bring back our Annual Townwide Garage Sale. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th. Please give us a call in May to add your name to the list!

As Supervisor Maerten explained earlier in this newsletter, you may purchase "additional capacity bag tags" for \$5.00 per tag from the Town Clerk's office. You can also contact us to sign up for additional tote service as indicated in his article. Please call the office at 716-625-8833, option 3, if you would like more information on this service.

The 2021 Recycling & Trash Collection Calendar is available on the Town's website at www.pendletonny.us. This calendar now includes the monthly bulk/large trash item pick up dates. Please refer to the calendar and maps located on our website or call our office if you have any questions.



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*"To plant a garden is to
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- Audrey Hepburn

"I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the Spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?" - Edward Giobbi

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL-MAY-JUNE

Memorial Day Monday, May 31, 2021

**Tuesday's collection will be delayed
until Wednesday, June 2.**

Any calls regarding **uncollected refuse or recycling** should be made by calling Modern Disposal directly at 1-800-330- 7107, Opt. 1.

I am also pleased to announce that the Town has been given Federal approval to operate as a Passport Acceptance Agency. COVID delayed our implementation process for a few months but we are back on track and plan on offering this service beginning in May. Passport processing will be conducted by appointment only so give us a call if you are interested! More details will be posted on our website in the near future.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly at 625-8833 ext. 112, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. We have all been cooped up for too long!

Take care, Debbie Maurer

**The Town Clerk's Office is now
accepting Credit Card Payments***

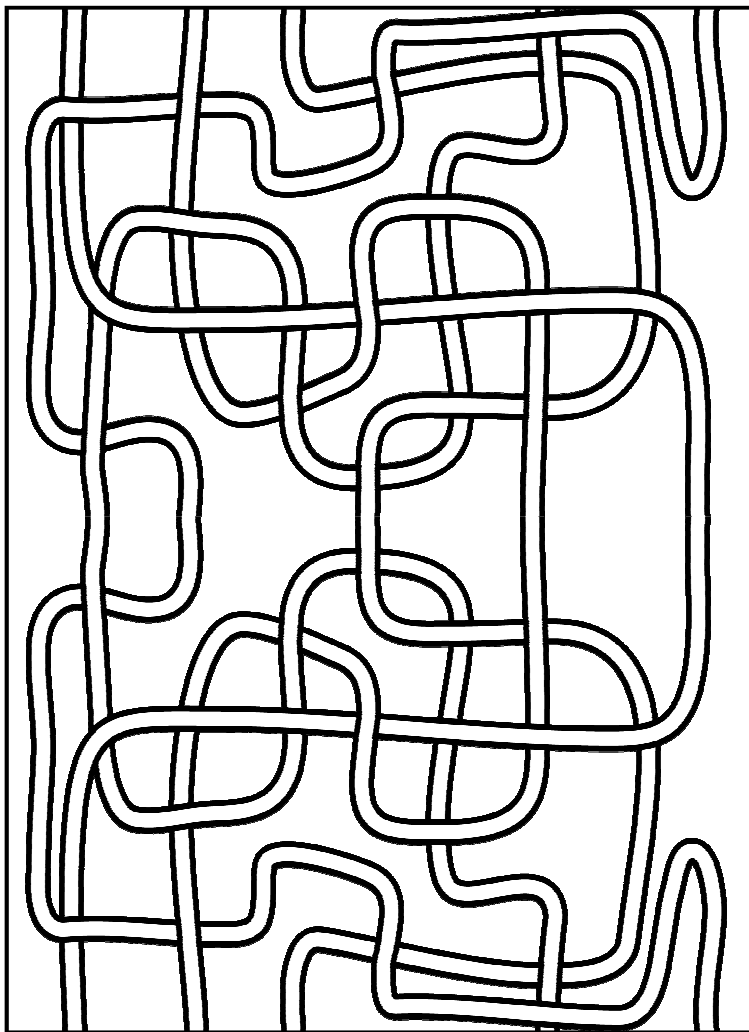


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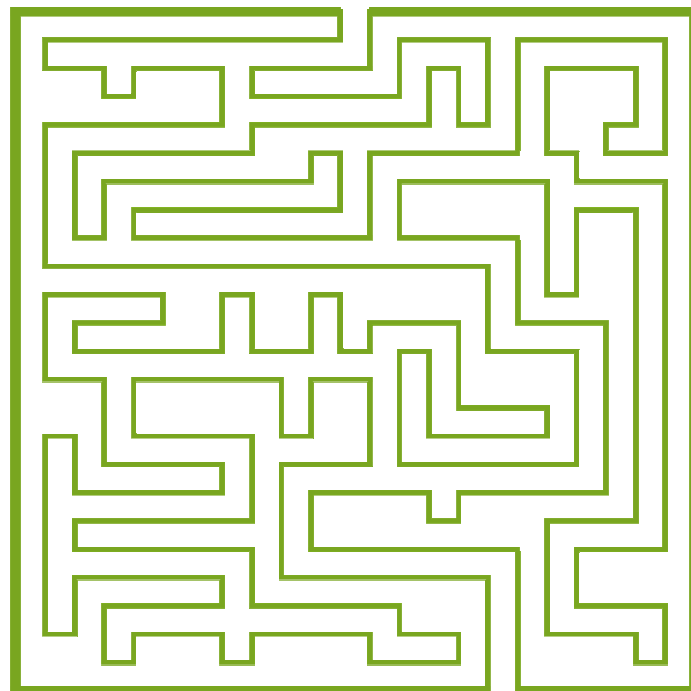
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Fun facts about Spring:

The term 'spring' fever refers to psychological as well as physical symptoms associated with the arrival of spring including restlessness and daydreaming. While the exact cause is unclear, scientists believe increased light, more exercise, and more bare skin influence hormone levels.

During springtime, birds are more vocal as they sing to attract mates and warn away rivals.

Help the boy
find his friend



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**"If you see someone
without a smile, give
them one of yours."**

- Dolly Parton



Honeybees are more likely to swarm during spring. They swarm as a way to start new colonies from successful ones. Surprisingly, swarming honeybees are very docile and the most friendly they will be all year.

In many Slavic countries, it is common to gather on the first day of spring to burn an effigy and throw it in a river as a way of bidding farewell to winter.

Fun facts found at: FactRetriever.com

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Did you know?

- Octopuses have three hearts.
- Polar Bears have black skin.
- Butterflies Can taste with their feet.
- A single strand of spider silk is thinner than a human hair, but also five times stronger than steel of the same width. A rope just 2 inches thick could reportedly stop a Boeing 747.
- A sea lion is the first nonhuman mammal with a proven ability to keep a beat.
- Sharks kill fewer than 10 people per year. Humans kill about 100 million sharks per year.
- Wild dolphins call each other by name.
- Elephants have a specific alarm call that means ‘Human’.
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- Animal Facts found at: TreeHugger.com



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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION



Well, the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) not unlike many of the other town community action groups has been in limbo for over a year at time of writing. For obvious reasons the PVA has canceled most member in person meetings and the Board of Directors have only met in

person twice. The Board has met virtually because of lack of meeting venue and to meet Covid protocol. The Historical Society log cabin, our normal meeting venue, has been shut down until further notice. The PVA did meet during the relaxed regulation period last year but as things took a turn for the worse we elected to cancel meetings on a month to month basis.

Our member involved activities have been greatly cut back during Covid however, our Honor Guard has unfortunately been busy with one of their most important missions. That is expressing condolences and honoring the service of deceased veteran residents of Pendleton to their families. Since the last newsletter our Honor Guard has performed this honor to 3 PVA member families, 3 non PVA member veterans families and to the family of Barbara Usiac the vocal performer who sang patriotic songs at many of our ceremonies. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND REST IN PEACE.**

The PVA is hoping that we can resume meetings in the near future along with our annual flag sale, during Armed Forces Week, tentatively scheduled for May 14th -15th 2021. Please watch the Town Hall electronic billboard for exact times and possible date changes.

As always our flags are for sale year round with all sizes available to order and most popular sizes and styles in stock along with branch of service and POW-MIA flags. Contact Tom at 210-3015 or Gordie at 625-4470.

If any PVA member or town resident that has knowledge of a Veteran residing in town that is not listed on our Honor wall in Town Hall please contact us thru the Town Clerk's office so they can be added in our next update. PVA Membership applications are also available from the Town Clerk at Town Hall. Veterans come join our association.

At time of this writing Memorial Day Ceremony, the 4th of July Celebrations and the Farm and Home Day's are still in the mix. If and when they happen you can count on the PVA to be front and center with our information booth and flags for sale. Any changes or cancellations will be posted on the Town Hall electronic billboard.

The PVA would like to congratulate the two Starpoint seniors who will be receiving our scholarships this year with a big thank you to their relative that has served our country. (recipients unknown at time of writing)

ATTENTION PVA MEMBERS- -Annual dues were due in January. If not paid please send to or drop in lock box at Town Hall attention Pendleton Veterans.

DID YOU KNOW- -Lt. Jon G Miller, a lifetime Pendleton resident and PVA member is currently deployed in the South China Sea, piloting Navy Fighter Jets, off the Nuclear Aircraft Carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE JON!**

Greg Metzger

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

We hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to getting outside in the coming Spring.

The **Lions Club Scholarship for Starpoint High School Seniors** is again ready to award eight \$500.00 Scholarships to deserving Starpoint Seniors. Contact your student services office for the details. All Seniors applying to 4-year and 2-year colleges are eligible. Get your applications in.

For now the **Pendleton Lions Annual Senior's Dinner** is being postponed. Please watch your church bulletins and club news for future updates.

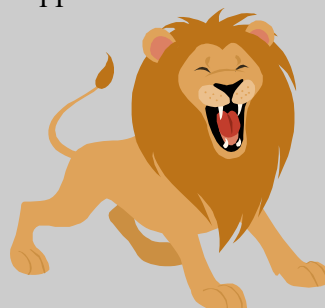
At this time, we do not know if we will be able to hold the Annual Pendleton Lions Fishing Derby usually held the second weekend in June. Watch for future updates and the signs.

Reminders: We always help with eye exams and glasses if someone needs assistance. We also collect and

distribute some minor medical equipment, canes, wheelchairs, shower seats, etc. We also will remove and reuse metal wheelchair ramps if they are in good shape and donated.

Please be on the lookout for our Lions glasses donation boxes in our local businesses since we do collect, refurbish and donate those all over the world. We do the same with hearing aids, so feel free to put them in too.

As always thank you very much for all your support.



Lion Secretary, Cheryl Smith
www.PNYLC.org



NEWS FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Living during a pandemic can surely affect things, especially when it comes to recreation! Last year, baseball and softball were cancelled, along with Summer Recreation, Forth of July Celebrations, Pendleton Farm and Home Days, and pavilion/playground use at our parks. It is good to see that the trails have been getting a lot of use during these times. Hopefully, we will be able to resume many more activities in the near future. As I write this in February, we are not exactly sure what the future will bring.

At this time, we are looking for residents to join the Recreation Committee. We meet on the third Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7pm. If you are interested, please send a letter of intent to our Town Clerk, Debbie Maurer.

We are sad to hear that CNBSA is no longer operating. We checked to see what other options are available to Pendleton residents and found a few.

Lockport Little League (lockportlittleleaguebaseball.org) is an option. John Godfrey could answer questions regarding this league. His number is 716-471-1237.

Here are some other options:

League	Website	Non-Resident Fee/Cost	Register	Schedule
Lou Gehrig* East Amherst	lgybs.com	\$25/\$165-\$185	Starts Jan 1st	May-June
Town of Wheatfield League	wheatfield.ny.us/162	\$40/\$40-\$60	Starts Feb	May-July
North Tonawanda National Little League	ntnll.org	none/\$50-\$100	Feb or on-line	
North Tonawanda American Babe Ruth**	ntabr.sportssignup.com	none/\$100-\$125	Jan 1st-March	May-June

*Lou Gehrig accepts Health Insurance

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We are very interested in finding a group of volunteers who would like to coach and run a baseball and softball league using our fields for 2022. If that is something that would interest you, please send a letter to the Town Clerk, Debbie Maurer.

Last year, we were able to put up a new pavilion at Depeau Park. The ribbon-cutting ceremony should take place sometime in spring. Also, bocce courts have been added to the main Town Park. Just bring your own bocce balls.

Many of the things we do require a lot of planning and preparation. This year, we will not host Pendleton Farm and Home Days because of the unknowns caused during the pandemic. We are in talks with Starpoint and the Niagara County Health Department regarding Summer Recreation. Please periodically check the website for updates.

The Farmer's Market is scheduled to take place this season. The market is planned to be held every Sunday 9am-2pm, and run May 16th thru October 17th. Volunteers to help with the market operations or vendors that may want to participate can either contact Justin Graham at jgraham@pendletonny.us or Marissa Wroblewski at mejacobson1@yahoo.com.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Spring!

Beatrice Mattina

Town of Pendleton Recreation Committee Chairwoman

PENDLETON SENIOR CITIZENS

It has been quite awhile since the Pendleton Seniors have been able to meet – a year ago in March, in fact. We miss the opportunity to get together to socialize, have a delicious potluck lunch, and hear about upcoming day trips which our travel committee has planned throughout the area and are open to all Pendleton residents.

We will have to be patient a bit longer but with the vaccine available now, the end may finally be in

sight. Once again, our regular monthly meetings should resume. Our current members will be eager to see one another, as well as any other town residents age 55 and over who wish to join us. New people are always welcome, so just come to the Wendelville Fire Hall at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, and bring either a dish to pass or a \$5.00 donation.

Please watch the Pendleton website or call Joyce Lane at 625-8789 for details or questions. Meanwhile, stay safe and we look forward to the return of our “normal life.”

WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

We here at the Fire Company are going with the flow as far as the Pandemic is concerned. Most of our usual gatherings, activities and efforts to fundraise involve larger crowds, we continue try to adapt our programs to the CDC and NY State Department of Health guidelines. Needless to say, most things are up in the air! The Easter Egg Hunt will not be held this year, BUT the Bunny may be seen riding on one of our engines on Saturday, April 3rd in the afternoons! Keep a lookout; watch our website—wendelvillewfc.com—for updates.

We are trying to schedule a Sportsman's Night for the fall, no date set yet; we are working on making Lobsterfest take-out only; Harvest Moon 5K may be reworked to fit the guidelines. If it happens, the date would be Wednesday, September 8th. We will have our Annual Road Collection, as in other years.

We will wait to the very last minute to change the status of the 100th Anniversary Town Celebration in August and only if it is necessary!! Just like you, we are in the dark – inch by inch, day by day...we'll solve it!

There are important announcements that each resident of the Town of Pendleton should be aware of. It is included here...Wendelville Fire Company Makes Two Major Announcements for 2021...February 19, 2021
PENDLETON, N.Y. - The Wendelville Fire Company (WFC) announced today that two major improvements are being made to assist in fire suppression for the residents of Pendleton. This announcement comes as the WFC celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2021.

"Very shortly Wendelville will be breaking ground on a new Fire Hall and taking possession of a ladder truck" said Matthew Berry, Chief Officer of the Wendelville Fire Company. "Our Station two on Main Rd. will be replaced by a new four bay structure allowing for better response from the center of town and will also allow for the purchase of a piece of apparatus we are in need of, a ladder truck."

Wendelville will continue to operate out of three halls within town, each that will house an engine for quicker response times. The new hall on Main Road will replace the old outdated hall and will include four bays for apparatus, doubling in apparatus storage. "The Town of Pendleton is increasing in size daily and this new hall will allow us to keep up with the population increase regarding emergency operations" said Mark Walter, President, WFC.

Schneider Architectural Services of Buffalo, NY have designed this project for the WFC and the structure will encompass 5315-square-feet in total. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August of this year with a completion date by the end of 2021.

The second announcement of adding a ladder truck to Wendelville's fleet is something that has become a necessity in the Town of Pendleton. "The construction of two hotels in our district, new home construction with steep roof pitches, metal roofs and homes with solar panels all create challenges for fire suppression" said Chief Berry. "Roof operations are dangerous for firefighters and the addition of a ladder truck to our fleet will allow our firefighters to conduct safer roof operations and rescue operations if the need arises" said President Walter.

Wendelville purchased a refurbished 2003 E-One 95' Mid Mount Platform truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus of Union Grove, AL. This truck was previously in service in Kansas and will help serve the Town of Pendleton at a fraction of the cost of a new ladder truck. "Why buy new when used will do" said Richard Misztal, Third Assistant Chief. "New ladder trucks cost in excess of one-million dollars today; this truck will allow us to protect our residents and firefighters at a fraction of the cost."

The ladder truck is currently being refurbished and is scheduled for delivery in early May. "Training will be our number one focus prior to placing the truck into service" said Shawn Christman, First Assistant Chief. "Our firefighters will receive specialized training for this piece of equipment and we will be placing it into service this summer."

With Wendelville celebrating 100 years of service in 2021 these two projects will make this year one for the history books in many ways. Wendelville is a unique fire company because they service the entire Town of Pendleton, all 27 square miles and are the only local emergency service provider for the town, creating the slogan "One Town, One Company." Please be aware that both projects have been entered into with forethought and much planning. Questions should be addressed to Mark Walter, President or to Joe Riester, Vice President. These moves will enable us to continue to serve all residents to the best of our ability even in this constantly changing world. "One Town, One Company."

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100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CELEBRATION

Well, we have begun our famous Year of Celebration. The kick off was pretty anticlimactic, as our annual Installation was cancelled by the guidelines for CDC and New York State's Department of Health. We have all been affected by this virus and it has directly changed some lives forever. While we are still at its mercy, we are forging ahead with plans for our Town Celebration, which is scheduled for **August 14th, 2021**. We are planning for a Chowder Sale to start at 3pm, Games of chance and Beer tent, Fireman's Parade at 5 pm, the announcement of the winner of our Anniversary Raffle, Food , Beverages and a great evening of entertainment by WNY's Premiere Country Western Band, **West of the Mark**, from 7:30-10 pm! All are welcome, no cover charge – a real community event. All ages are invited, there will games for kids, the rope ladder challenge for the young adults and teens...a little something for everyone!

You will soon see banners around the town announcing the year of celebration. They are colorful and bright, you will feel our happiness and pride when you see them! We will be holding an Anniversary Raffle

during the Spring/Summer months to defer some of the costs we incur without touching the regular Fire Company Budget. We feel it is our responsibility to the town residents.

So, we will go ahead and plan for all these parts of the celebration until a point when we can breathe a sigh of relief or we are forced to declare that the virus has stolen another thing from our lives!!!

Watch the Sign in front of Hall 1 or Check in to our website-wendelvillefc.com-for updates!!



Pictured are the officers of the Wendelville Fire Company Auxiliary. Installed were Aimee Jarvis, President; Alexis Butera, Vice President; Nancy Wilde, Secretary, and Laurie Barnes, Treasurer. Also installed were Judy Rudes and Judy Izard as Trustees.

WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY CENTENNIAL GARDEN CONTEST

Are you the Best Gardener in Town? Have you been gardening for years, or is it a Covid skill that you have developed? This may be your chance to prove if your Green Thumb is outstanding!

The Wendelville Fire Company is sponsoring a Garden Contest as part of the celebration of our **100 years** of serving the residents of the Town of Pendleton. Our theme is "America; Red, White and Blue." Town residents can register to participate in this once every 100 years event!

Residents who sign up are asked to plant an area of their garden to represent our theme, "America; Red White and Blue". The Fire Company will then judge these gardens on the following:

- 1 Landscape design, Aesthetic consideration and curb appeal
- 2 Culture and Maintenance
- 3 Loyalty to theme
- 4 Creative use of plant materials or ornamentation

The Fire Company will use a panel of judges, including local experts, to develop a score for each registrant. Top Scorer will win a fabulous prize, and be the envy of all their friends and neighbors! (Probably!) Judging will take place the weekend of **August 6th and 7th**, one week before our 100th Anniversary Field Day to be held at the Firehall. Winners will be announced following our Grand Parade. There is a \$5.00 registration fee per entry. Contact Joe Riester, (716) 598-1653, with questions. All applications must be turned in by July 1, 2021.

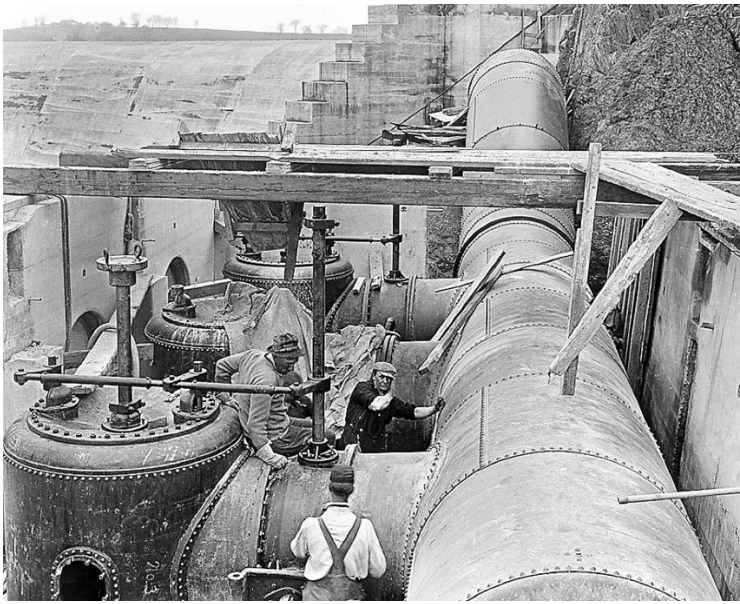
Registrant Name: _____

Garden to be judged address: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number: _____

Registration fee: \$5.00 Check payable to Wendelville Fire Company

Send applications to: Centennial Garden Contest
Wendelville Fire Company
7340 Campbell Blvd
North Tonawanda, NY 14120



PENDLETON TOWN HISTORIAN

Guard Gate 18, the ancient colossus which towers above the Erie Barge Canal at Bear Ridge Road, is a sight familiar to most Pendletonians. A favorite point of plunge for teenagers during the sultry days of summer, it stands at an impressive 43 feet.

The original sluice gate dismantled, the Empire Engineering Corporation was given the task to begin the construction of a modern lock on August 6, 1908. It took several years to complete.

This gate, like its siblings, is vital to the regulation and proper flow of the canal. Each season presents a new challenge. Throughout the year, employees keep periodic vigil over the guard gate and canal. During the winter, the guard gate is closed for repairs. Each spring, right around April, an operator mans the concrete counterweights from a small control house nearby. The process is gradual (up to 15 inches at a time). This helps to ensure the water distributes evenly for miles.

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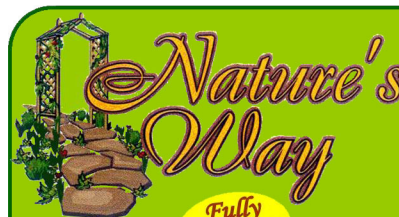


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