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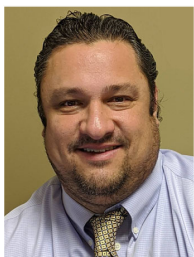
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From the Supervisor's Desk...

Unbelievably fall is approaching, meaning the end to another busy year. In addition to all of the many tasks and duties your local government is responsible for, we've continued to do all that is necessary to do our part related to the ongoing pandemic which is affecting all. Unfortunately the pandemic has had a profound effect on all areas of town government, with many decisions being made to reflect mandates and guidance of many layers of government above the level of town governance. Hopefully we'll continue to see movement towards what we consider "normal" in the coming months.

An important area that has unfortunately been negatively affected by the pandemic over the past years has been recreation, which is increasingly becoming important to all. The effects of the pandemic brought an end to the CNBSA, an organization which had been doing a great job providing baseball and softball programming for many years. Additionally, the Town's summer recreation program has been unable to run for the past two years due to the stringent regulations which the Town has not had the resources to meet, ensuring a safe operation for the kids who typically spend many hours participating in recreational programming. There is, however, a bright side to this story. There have been many residents who stepped forward this year, putting together a limited summer ball program and also resurrected the farmers' market. Thank you to all who put a lot of time and effort into these and other endeavors.

Looking to 2022, we're hopeful that prior programming will be back in operation and possibly new recreational opportunities for residents of all ages can be organized. However, we need help. If you are willing and able to take a role in any type of recreational programming, please let us know. This includes sports, summer recreation programs, and any other type of programming for any age group. If you're interested in helping, please send a note to the Town Clerk with contact information and a brief description of any type of help you are willing to offer. Hopefully the Town Board, working with the Recreation Committee and resident

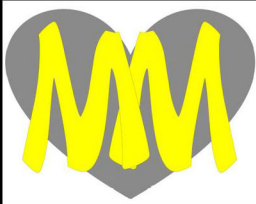
volunteers, can do a big part to make 2022 better than "normal". If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Town Board.

Another bright side for tax payers is in the area of revenue the Town has and will be receiving. Recent grant awards we're working through include funding for new lavatories in the Town Park, funds for a new community center, and construction of a new salt storage building. Recently the Town received notice of an award to improve security on the Town campus and the surprise award of funding related to the Town's shared information technology with Niagara County. Looking to the future, we're hopeful that a recent grant application that has the potential to provide significant funding for continued improvements in the Town Park will come through. On top of this, sales tax revenue continues to be strong, as we were concerned about a significant loss as the pandemic took hold during 2020.

This past summer the Town received its share of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which will ultimately bring approximately \$700,000 of funding that will go a long way towards addressing needs in the areas of public safety and public works. To put this in perspective, we're all seeing increases in prices in the stores, but these price increases are much higher when it comes to purchasing public safety and public works equipment. The increases are often so significant that price quotes can only be considered rough approximations, as the final price of a piece of equipment is set at the time of purchase, a price that is almost certainly higher than the quote. When you see a fire truck or piece of public works equipment, be mindful that each

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Mason's Mission

Every child deserves the right to play

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and continue to enjoy the tail end of it as we welcome the fall and football season! Mason's Mission wanted to bring some real amazing news to you all. First, we want to thank some of our residents here who attended our golf outing we held back in May and donated baskets as well. With their help, and all our participants and sponsors, we grossed almost \$42,000!!!

After expenses we took home a little over \$27,000! A big shout out to Melissa Wojciechowski for her help this year!! Lastly and real cool, we have announced our 2022 Mason's Mission partner and we will be building our very first Mason's Mission indoors!! Yes we will be in the Ralph C. Wilson Explore and More Museum in downtown Buffalo. If any of you have been there it is great and we will be on the 3rd floor. Plans are still fluid but we hope to be in by year's end 2022. Thank you to the board and the administration at the museum for asking us and trusting in our work! We will be calling it Explore Some More with Mason's Mission! A full rendering is on our website! So all have a great fall and see some of you at the meat raffle in October!!! Bring on the meat sweats!

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piece of equipment is priced in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to accurately fill out the recent census questionnaires. The Town's population is often a consideration in funding and accurate numbers only help. The official population of the Town of Pendleton recorded in the 2020 census is 7,035, an increase of 10% since 2010. Our town is one of the few municipalities in WNY that actually grew over the past decade, which I'm guessing is no surprise to most.

In closing, I'd like to remind all that a lot of information is available on the Town's website. Also, Town Board meetings are now broadcast live on the internet for anyone who would like to know what's going on but may not want to drive to the Town Hall. Should you have any questions about any matter related to town government, please also don't hesitate to contact a Town Board member. Thank you for your time and I hope all have a pleasant fall.

Joel

Winter Parking Reminder!

Parking is prohibited on all town roads, North Tonawanda Creek Road and Bear Ridge Road between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
December 1st – March 31st

TOWN OF PENDLETON APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Town of Pendleton is currently accepting letters of interest for the following Town appointed positions for 2022:

Conservation Advisory Council (1-yr. term)
Planning Board (7-yr. term)
Recreation Committee (7-yr. term)
Recreation Director
Summer Recreation Counselors (2022 season)
Summer Recreation Lifeguards (2022 season)
Swim Director (2022 season)
Town Attorney
Town Engineer
Town Historian
Town Prosecutor
Zoning Board of Appeals (5-yr. term)

The incumbent in some positions may indicate a desire to continue, however, final decisions for appointment will be made at the January 2022 Organizational Meeting.

Letters of interest for these positions are due by January 5, 2022.

Please mail your letter of interest to:

Deborah Maurer, Town Clerk
6570 Campbell Boulevard
Lockport, NY 14094

Community Faire postponed until October 1, 2022

PENDLETON STATION MARKET

Pendleton Station Market (PSM) opened on May 16th, and continues to run every Sunday from 9am - 1pm through October 17th. Site of the historic red building is the home of the PSM and offers a way for the community to partner with local farmers and unique, small businesses in the Buffalo area. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore a variety of vendors providing local produce, meats, baked goods, spirits and other beverages, as well as many fun crafter products (jewelry, oils & vinegars, pet products, apparel - and more)!

For more information, as well as featured vendors and special events, please visit the

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FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT

This has been a very busy year, with a lot of changes! The new water bill went out in July, no more post cards to get lost in between the magazines! My apologies to anyone that had old information on the water bills, the conversion from the old billing system to the new billing system did not go as smoothly as I would have liked and there were many phone calls received the first week or so regarding changes that needed to be made. If you found owner information on your bill that you want removed, you must call me at (716) 625-8833 ext. 111, and I will tell you what you need to provide me. Some information cannot be removed without proper documents.

Well here it is the last week of August and we are finally getting the hot summer weather we should have had in July, I was beginning to think it would never stop raining! Hopefully we will have a nice Fall this year, which is my favorite season of all. I've been hearing rumors of a very snowy winter this year. I hope they are wrong!

I am expecting the consumptions for the October water billing to be lower than normal this year due to all the rain we had in July (the consumption period for your October water bill reflects water used in July, August & September). Remember that when you compare your water consumptions you must compare billing period to billing period (ex. Oct. 2020 with Oct. 2019; Oct. 2018 with Oct. 2017 and so forth) not previous to current bill.

I have been very busy getting ready for the upcoming levy. Remember that there will be a \$100.00 surcharge for any account that is unpaid as of 4:00pm Friday, September 24, 2021. Letters will be going out to anyone this may apply to. If your mailing address changes you need to notify me as soon as possible. This includes phone numbers too, we need your phone number in case of an emergency (i.e. broken water lines, sewer breaks, water being shut at the road, etc.) so please contact me if your address or phone number changes.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF PENDLETON DOES NOT MAKE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OR THE FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS.

- Billing cycles occur in January, April, July and October.
- Water bills are mailed out by the last Friday of the billing month.
- If you do not receive a bill by the end of the first week of the following month please contact the billing department at 625-8833, ext. 111.
- All payments go to the Town Clerk's Office

- For your convenience there is a lockbox located in the foyer at the back entrance to the Town Hall.
- If you pay online please allow **10 business days** for mailing.

If you are selling your home please contact the Water & Sewer Department at 625-8033, as soon as possible to schedule a MANDATORY compliance inspection. **YOU MUST HAVE THE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CLOSE ON YOUR HOUSE!!!** There is a \$50.00 fee for the inspection. If any repairs need to be made, there may be additional fees involved. If you are purchasing a new home please contact our office ASAP to set up an account.

If you are leaving temporarily (i.e. Vacation) please consider prepaying your account to avoid late fees. You can now pay your water bills online at: www.PENDLETONNY.US

Please remember ALL of the men and women in our Armed Forces, past and present. Hope everyone has a wonderful Fall!

Rita Dispenza, Account Clerk

Steven M. Wagner

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PENDLETON SENIORS

Pendleton Senior Citizens have been meeting at The West Canal Marina Park on Tonawanda Creek Road during the summer months. The weather, which was not always ideal, did not stop us from these temporary outdoor get-togethers.

As Fall approaches, we look forward to returning to our regular meeting place at the **Wendelville** Fire Company Hall on Campbell Blvd.

We're very excited to see many of our members once again!!! We will no longer have to rely on good weather to meet!! Along with our "regulars", we welcome those Pendleton residents, ages 55 and older, to join us at any time.

FROM THE DOG CONTROL OFFICER

It goes without saying our four-legged friends are as much a part of our family as anyone, and as such it's of the utmost importance we make sure they are happy, healthy, and properly accounted for.

First off, I would just like to touch on the importance of keeping up on your dog's licensing and vaccinations. This is not a matter within the town's discretion, but rather a state imposed regulation under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. All dogs over four months of age are required to be licensed with their local municipality, and subsequently have their appropriate rabies vaccinations. This license is valid for one year from the original date of issuance. Please note that fees were increased at the beginning of 2021 to \$8 for neutered/spayed and \$20 for unneutered/unspayed.

Another important topic is tracking chips for your dog. It is not required, but certainly encouraged that you have a chip applied to your dog soon after acquiring them. Chips are a cost effective, one time thing that last the entire life of the dog, and make it much easier for myself and other agencies to locate you in the unfortunate event you are separated from your four legged friend. It is important to note, however, that just because you've had your vet implant the chip, DOES NOT mean it is ready to work. After the chip is put in place, you must go to the appropriate provider's website (e.g. Petlink, Buddy I.D, and many others) and register your dog's chip to ensure they are in the system and we are able to track it should we come into possession of your dog. Another tried and true way to ensure your beloved pet makes their way home is a simple collar with your current phone and address information on it. Anything and everything can make a world of difference when they're lost and scared.

Meetings are always the **2nd Wednesday of the month at noon**; please bring a dish to pass or a \$5 donation, which results in a delicious, varied buffet luncheon. After a brief business meeting, many people stay to play games and/or cards.

So, **Wednesday October 13th** is the day we return to "normal", more than a year and a half later. Hopefully our day trips to locations throughout WNY will begin again early next year (2022); these trips are open to all Pendleton residents.

Please remember those members of the Armed Forces and our Veterans.

For any changes, updates, and/or questions, please refer to the Pendleton website and/or contact Joyce Lane at 625-8789.

Lastly, in regards to neighborly relations as it relates to your dog's etiquette; please be considerate. If your dog is barking at all hours of the night, it is not likely you are the only one who can hear it. Not all residents are as fond of dogs as you are either, and they may not take kindly to yours coming into their yard. If you find yourself in a situation where you feel your neighbor's dog is in the wrong, I always advocate for neighborly dialogue and honest solutions, but in the event that is not possible, you do have the right to file a formal complaint with the town.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or the Clerk's office.

-Wyatt M, DCO, Town of Pendleton



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TOWN CLERK

Hello! I am excited to announce that the Town Clerk's office is now an approved Passport Acceptance Agency. This means that we can assist you with applying for new or replacement passport books or cards. We can also take passport photos right in the office for your convenience. Appointments can be made between the hours of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call the office at 716-625-8833, option 3, for more information or check out the **Passport Information Page** on our website at www.pendletonny.us.

For you deer hunters out there, don't forget that you can take a chance at obtaining a leftover Deer Management Permit (DMP or doe permit) beginning on or around November 1, 2021. Stop in and see us!

Please note that the Town Hall will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, October 11th – Columbus Day
 Tuesday, November 2nd – Election Day
 Thursday, November 11th – Veterans Day
 Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Day
 Friday, November 26th – Day after Thanksgiving
 Friday, December 24th – Christmas (Observed)

Check out the Free Rabies Immunization Event coming this fall:

RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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

Saturday, December 11 th	City of North Tonawanda DPW
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	758 Erie Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Here is some helpful information for trash collection and recycling events:

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Tuesday trash collection will not be affected by the holidays during this quarter.

BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

See maps included in this newsletter (at right) and at www.pendletonny.us

Week A (RED Map)	Week B (BLUE Map)
October 12 th	October 19 th
November 9 th	November 16 th
December 14 th	December 21 st

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

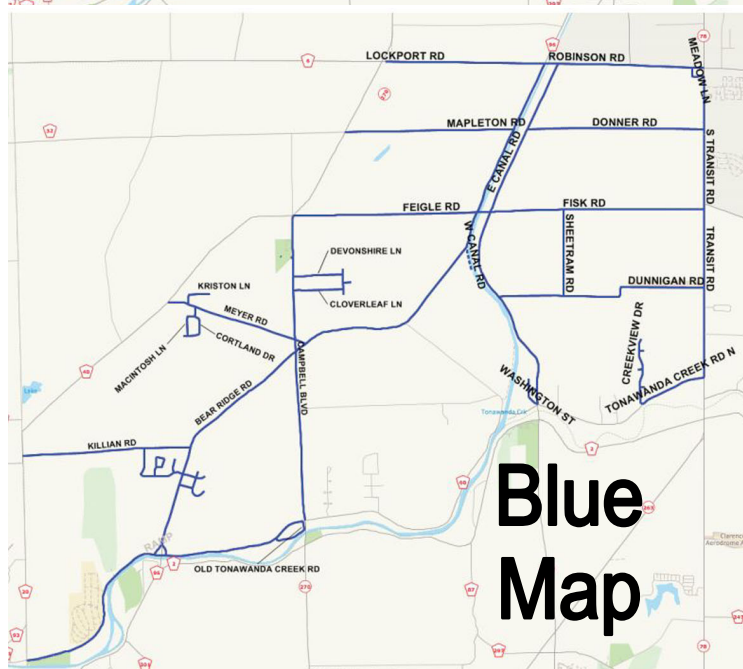
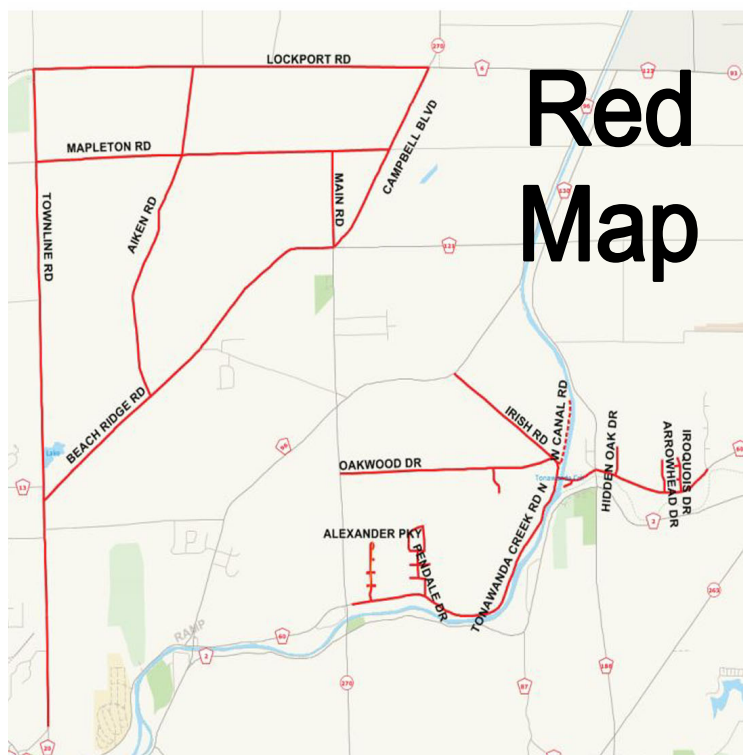
Saturday, October 9 th	City of North Tonawanda DPW
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	758 Erie Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Participation is by appointment only. For more information, go to www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events or call Niagara County Department of Public Works at 716-439-7242.

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

I wish you all a healthy and happy fall season!

Debbie Maurer
dmaurer@pendletonny.us



WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS – OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH JANUARY 1ST, 2022

It's been extremely busy and exciting over the last few weeks for those of us members of the Wendelville Fire Company, as well as the residents of the Town of Pendleton. We have continued the celebration of our Centennial Year with 2 big events. On July 24th we celebrated a double occasion; the Dedication of our refurbished Ladder truck, 27A8, AND the breaking ground on our new, larger and more efficient Hall 2 on Main Road. Joel Maerten, Supervisor of Pendleton and a past chief of Wendelville, gave comments, as did Karen McMahon, assemblywoman and Rob Ortt, State Senator. Tony Nemi, Niagara County Legislator also gave words of appreciation and encouragement to the company and the members. Many citations and Accolades were offered. Wendelville firefighter Jack Lyon christened the new truck with a bottle of champagne as tradition, and a brief reception followed. It certainly was a day of pride for Wendelville!

Last Saturday was a major event for the Fire Company. We did a "throw-back" Field Days to let all the Townsfolk celebrated with us the 100 years of service we have shared with these good people!! Not to be confused with the Field Days of years ago, it was planned to make Chowder available to the townspeople, some food, drink and fellowship. By no way was it a money-making event, it was a time to allow us to visit, to see old friends and catch up. West of the Mark was terrific, and of special mention was the incredible Fireworks display presented by the company with the assistance and support of the Town of Pendleton. The parade was a hit, and we welcomed over 20 Marching units from as far away as Marilla, and they even brought

the Band, too! There were many smiles and hugs as folks renewed friendships, and laughter was the music of the day! The Weber Smoker/ grill was won by Jim Gill of Pendleton and the winner of the Centennial Garden Contest was Elaine Fiegler. Our Centennial Raffle was a success, thanks to all, with the Winner of the Grand Prize being Tom Trabert of Amherst. A shout-out of gratitude to those who supported us! More pictures will be in next edition.

We are happy to announce the winners of our Scholarship competition for 2021; Dillon Zdrojewski, Elizabeth Dallas, Delaney Brodfuehrer and Alexander Modonia. Congratulations and best wishes on all of your future endeavors!

And as the year moves forward we have other exciting activities! By the time you read this our summer will be a memory and we look forward to an evening of excitement and fun as we have a Meat Raffle coming! Mark your calendars, November 13th from 7pm – 10pm, \$7.00 per ticket or \$50.00 for a table of 8. Doors open at 6 pm; bring your own snacks. Beer and pop are included in your ticket price, and pizza will be available for purchase. No outside alcohol, please! Remember to bring a cooler with you for your winnings!

The winners of Harvest Moon Centennial 5K Race were...
Vincent Tripi Overall Race winner Men's Division at 17:55.
Men's Masters Division, Dave Dixon in 18:14.
Winner of the Overall Race Women's division, Keelan Walsh at 22:54.
Women's Masters Division, Joni Maxick-Jason at 23:10.
Firefighter's division, Michael Drum at 24:57.
Firefighter's Masters, John Barbaro, 39:53



Happy 100th Anniversary!

PENDLETON BICENTENNIAL MURAL

The Pendleton Settlement Bicentennial Mural was dedicated August 12, 2021. The painting was specially commissioned to depict early years of how the settlement looked when Sylvester Pendleton Clarke purchased land and converted part of Tonawanda Creek tributary into the original location of the Erie Canal in 1821. The mural scene is when Pendleton Clarke welcomed the canal boat Seneca Chief on her voyage to New York City Harbor to officially open the Erie Canal in 1825. The mural is permanently displayed on Uncle G's Ice Cream Shop facing the original Erie Canal, now the Erie Canal Trailway.



The mural was created by retired Newfane Teacher and artist, Robert J. Rimmer. Prints and greeting cards featuring the mural are available for purchase at Uncle G's Ice Cream Shop as well as the Niagara Art Trail Gallery, Shop & Resource Center located in Wrights Corners Plaza. The Niagara Art Trail shop also features other works (originals and reproductions) by Bob.

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PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION



Where else than June 14th of this year should I start this edition of the Pendleton Veterans Newsletter.

On this date at the Town Board meeting a resolution was proposed to the town board by the Pendleton Veterans Association to

honor PVA member Mr. Gordon Bellinger. Mr Bellinger is a founding member of the PVA and a tireless contributor to our main mission "to honor all Veterans from Pendleton past and present."

The town board responded with passing a resolution honoring Mr Bellinger and in so naming the new PVA monument "Flagpole" in his honor in perpetuity.

The entire resolution (133-21) can be viewed at the town website/town board/meeting minutes/June 14th 2021.

Other important Veteran initiatives completed or contributed to, putting aside we (PVA) are on summer recess, are as follows:

- The PVA buried our time capsule on June 14th, 2021 - Flag Day - to be retrieved in 25 years.
- Participated and contributed to the Wendelville Fire

Hall 100 year celebration and parade 8/14/21.

Congratulation to all Wendelville Fire Hall first responders past and present.

- Attended the unveiling of the "Pendleton Settlement Bi-Centennial Mural" at Uncle G's on 8/12/2021
- Attended Town Board meeting 6/14/2021 (see above)
- Completed repairs to Veterans Monument at Town Hall.
- Canceled our summer picnic this year in an abundance of caution.
- Attended and contributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 77 - Tonawanda, presentation of the Vietnam Memorial Wall replica. The display was at Veterans Park in City of Tonawanda.
- Meetings going forward to year end as follows, September 1, 2021 - October 6, 2021 - November 3, 2021 - December 1, 2021. All meetings start at 1:00 pm with the exception of evening meetings. If an above meeting is rescheduled to an evening, members will be notified by email and it will be listed on the town website and electronic billboard at town hall.
- Attended the Town Board meeting 8/9/21 to view, discuss, and approve the architectural drawings and plans for the proposed town community center at town hall center. The proposed community center will be the PVA's and other community organizations meeting venue when completed in the future.
- The Honor Board in town hall has been updated to date. Please notify us if you know of a Veteran resident of Pendleton that is not listed on our Honor Board.

In closing,

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Greg Metzger

PVA Board Vice President



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We hope everyone had a great summer this year and you are looking forward to a beautiful Fall.

We would like to thank everyone who visited the Wendelville Firehall's 100th Anniversary and supported our Grilled Bologna Sandwich booth. Your support allows us to do more for our community.

The Pendleton Directory will be delivered shortly so keep a lookout for it in your mailbox. Please support our advertiser's. You can always contact us through the www.PNYLC.org if you would like to put an advertisement or update your address information.

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 collection boxes in our local businesses, Pendleton Star Pharmacy and Craft Coffee House. They are also at Pendleton United Methodist Church, and St. Paul's United Church of Christ. We do collect, refurbish and donate these 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 and check our website, www.PNYLC.org for any updates.

Lion Secretary, Cheryl Smith



FUN FACTS ABOUT APPLES

- There are more than 2,500 varieties of apples grown in the United States
- Apples are in the rose family, as are pears and plums
- It takes about 35 apples to produce 1 gallon of cider
- Variety of apples range in size from a little larger than a cherry tomato to as large as a grapefruit. The largest apple ever picked weighed 3 pounds!
- Apples are a good source of fiber
- Newton-Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.
- It takes the energy from 50 leaves to produce 1 apple!
- Apple trees can be grown farther North than other fruit trees because they bloom late in Spring, minimizing the chance of frost damage.
- The top apple producers around the world are: China, United States, Poland, Turkey and Italy.

FUN FACTS ABOUT PUMPKINS

- A pumpkin is technically a fruit. The reason: is it has seeds and is closely related to cucumbers and melons.
- Pumpkins are packed with nutrition, 1 cup of cooked pumpkin has only 49 calories, but contains 49% of your daily needs for Vitamin K, along with Vitamin C, Potassium, Vitamin E, Iron, Folate and Niacin.
- Each pumpkin produces about 500 seeds...and they make a delicious - and nutritious - snack!
- Pumpkins grow everywhere...except Antarctica.
- The United States produces 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins every year! Every state grows some pumpkins, but most of our supply is grown in 5 states: California, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
- There are about 45 different types of pumpkins that vary in size, shape and color, colors include traditional orange to white and even green.

PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical Society wants to thank all who visited our booth at the Wendelville Fire Picnic. We did so well, selling out of everything - the sausage sandwiches, popcorn, and potato chips. We had a great time participating in this event and were able to make enough money to fund our museum for the time lost with covid. We also were open a few times during the farmers market. With the summer ending and fall beginning, we will resume our meetings if covid cooperates. First meeting is September 20 at 6:30 pm at the log cabin. We will discuss packing up our exhibits in anticipation of the cabins destruction and the new community center being built. How exciting for all of us in the town. I will also speak on Fort Ontario. I visited it last fall and it has a long and interesting history. See you there!

Janet Karnes, *Vice President*

A smile is a crooked line...that sets everything straight!

NEWS FROM NIAGARA COUNTY

By Legislator Tony Nemi



Just as Niagara County was ending its State of Emergency for COVID-19, we were hit with torrential rainfall from Lewiston to Lockport that caused significant flooding and damage, and led to another brief State of Emergency. It once again proved you never know what's coming next, but you can certainly do your best to be prepared for it.

When it comes to Niagara County government, our emergency preparedness is led by Emergency Services Director Jonathan Schultz. We are very fortunate to have someone of his caliber leading our Emergency Services Department and serving as fire coordinator. Essentially, Jon serves as our lead "first responder" coordinating with volunteer fire companies, the Sheriff's Office, the Health Department and others to meet the demands of any given situation. Jon has been recognized by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) as being among the group of professionals who have maintained their Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) designation. The CEM® designation presently is held by only 2,000 men and women globally in the emergency management profession.

But we all have a part to play in emergency preparedness and that is why Jon and his team have released the free - Prepare Niagara - smartphone app. The Prepare Niagara app allows the county to reach out to the community quickly in the event of any type of emergency. Research has shown that over 80 percent of people in the United States own and use smartphones as their primary means of communication so this a very

important tool for us to get important information out. Beyond that, the app offers a host of other features to aid in emergency situations including:

- Submit damage reports
- View evacuation procedures
- Receive push notifications
- Connect to the organization's social media platforms
- View shelter locations
- Read recent news and press releases
- Review emergency plans and checklists for your family

The Niagara County Emergency Services app is available for download for free in the App Store and Google Play by searching "Niagara County Emergency, NY" or going to <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a58414094>. I encourage Pendleton residents to take a minute and download this very useful and important app.

One other quick topic I wanted to cover. The county has been alerted about a scam that involves residents receiving a purported phone call from Niagara County telling them there has been a security breach in county government and asking them to verify personal information.

Like so many of these scams, this is an attempt to obtain your personal information that can be used to steal your identity. Niagara County does not randomly call residents and ask for your personal information. The scammers appear to have "spoofed" a legitimate Niagara County number. If you receive a call and are unsure if it is legitimate, hang up and call the county's Public Information Office at (716) 439-7241 which can assist you.

Upon the heel of Autumn, it is natural to seek out the creature comforts: warm clothing, hot apple cider and mysterious tales. Perhaps to that list "cemeteries" would make a lovely addition. We've a small collection in Pendleton. It is also important to note some fall under the "private property" category. It is essential permission is granted first.

Established in 1928, Acacia Memorial Park is the newest cemetery in town. It was originally intended for freemasons and their families. Now it welcomes all denominations. At 218 acres, It is located on Tonawanda Creek Road several hundred yards from West Canal Marina. It's perfect for a leisurely stroll.

This cemetery is the original Evangelical Reformed (the other portion is located on Bear Ridge Road, North of Killian). It's on around 1/2 acre of land and is well maintained. Some of the markers pre-date the Civil War. There are many German surnames that look familiar to long time residents.

The only Roman Catholic parish and cemetery in town, it sits on one full acre of land. A small chapel on the property was built in memory of Henry, Anna, Joseph and Mathilda Winter. There are old and new sections.

This cemetery is on private property (right behind the Clarke family plot) located down the road from Uncle G's and not far from the dead end on Monroe Street. It was in use for decades.

This cemetery is on 4 acres. 4-H pioneer Gertrude Warren was buried here in 1979. The cemetery is still in use.

With both new and old sections, this cemetery is mentioned in a book of maps in 1859. The land undulates slightly. It is the continuation of Wendelville's U C of C on Tonawanda Creek. Both cemeteries are affiliated with Saint Paul's U C of C on Old Tonawanda Creek Road.

This is located in a small wooded area. It is derelict and overgrown. The graves cannot be seen from the road. It is on private property.

One of the earliest cemeteries, some of the dates go as far back as the 1810s. Local legend Noah Strickland is interred here. Gravestones are stacked in a razed

**9.)
Evangelical -
Methodist**

This cemetery sits far back in a wooded area (unable to be seen from the road). It

belonged to a Methodist Church that burned down prior to 1900. It is no longer in use. It is on private property.

This small cemetery is feet away from the King Cemetery on Monroe Street. It contains the graves of town founder, Sylvester Pendleton Clarke, and many of his family members. The dates range mostly from the 1820s until 1860s. It is no longer in use.

Additionally, it is curious to include that the gravestones contain an evolution in artwork. Have you noticed different symbols and motifs? Each one has a meaning. When was the last time you took a trip to visit our ancestors?

I'd like to thank the readers for their ongoing interest in the preservation of Pendleton's history. This is no small task and it benefits all to participate. If you have any questions, comments or additions, please contact me at one of the following: Email - CSmith@Pendletonny.us
Mobile Phone: (716) 342 - 9767

Thank You & God Bless Carissa D. Smith

“Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all.”

- William Faulkner

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others, belong to us as well.”

-Voltaire



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.

	ADDRESS	SELLER	SALE PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	SQ FT LA	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND *
01/07/21	7216 Campbell Blvd	William Torrisi	\$255,000	\$105,000	1512	Old Style	1930	4.6
01/07/21	6064 Transit	Estate of Raymond Deiboldt	\$148,000	\$113,000	1208	Cape Cod	1953	1.9
01/29/21	7340 Bear Ridge	Paul & Christina Dizer	\$140,000	\$115,000	1440	Ranch	1955	.84
01/29/21	5662 Dunnigan	Jerry & Barbara Ryer	\$175,000	\$122,500	1602	Ranch	1952	3.4
02/04/21	7051 Campbell	Basil & Martha Logan	\$165,000	\$110,000	1244	Ranch	1967	.94
02/04/21	5029 Ton. Creek	Helen Spoth	\$220,000	\$154,000	1316	Ranch	1990	.69
02/09/21	5562 Mapleton	Estate of Kelly Weaver	\$137,500	\$85,000	1210	Ranch	1967	.92
02/11/21	5673 Ton Creek Road	Richard Wagner	\$120,000	\$110,000	1130	Ranch	1954	.55
02/17/21	6468 Bear Ridge	William Heitzenrater	\$45,000	\$32,000	1495	Old Style	1850	1.10
02/19/21	7330 Bear Ridge	Estate of Evelyn Wojtkowski	\$110,000	\$115,000	1306	Ranch	1954	1.0

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. 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******

Interesting Facts about Autumn

From justfunfacts.com

- The date of the beginning of autumn varies according to climate, tradition and culture, but when it is autumn in the Northern Hemisphere it is spring in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice-versa.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, the first day of autumn - lasts from the autumnal equinox (September 22, 2021) to the winter solstice (December 21, 2021). In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn lasts from March until June.
- The reason the solstices and equinoxes don't come on the same day each year is because the Earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days.
- The first day of autumn or the autumnal equinox has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. The term equinox comes from the Latin words *aequus*, meaning equal and *nox*, meaning night.
- Autumn begins when the center of the sun crosses the Earth's equator. As Earth continues it's path around the sun, days become shorter and nights become longer.
- The Earth's orbit around the sun has very little effect over the Seasons on Earth. Instead, it is the tilt of Earth's rotational axis, which is angled at around 23.5 degrees, that creates seasons.
- While Americans typically use the word "fall", the British use the word "autumn", though both terms date around the 16th century. Before these terms, this period was called "harvest".
- The word "harvest" comes from the Old Norse word *haust*, which means "to gather or pluck". As people moved into cities, "harvest" fell out of use and city dwellers began using "fall of the leaf" which was shortened to "fall".
- One of the most stunning signs of autumn is the turning of the leaves. Leaves change their wardrobes in response to chilly temperatures and less light; they stop producing chlorophyll. As greens fade, the leaves other pigments, such as yellow and orange of carotenoids shine through. Vibrant red hues are the result of anthocyanins, pigments that are produced in the fall.
- A "harvest moon" is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. Before artificial lighting, such moonlight was essential to a farmer's successful harvest.

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"It's cold outside, but warm in my heart.

And the gray fall sky is His work of art.

Laden and low, quiet and still,

November is welcome, and my eyes drink their fill.

Of brown-gray grass and red-orange leaves,

Of pavement winding through the strong, stately trees.

Down the hill, past the barn, past the gate, up the lane, the
house with bright candles in each window pane.

Now I step inside; Oh, it's warm! Oh, that smell!

Hot turkey roasting, potatoes done well!

Sweet, spicy cider, and warm winter wine

Cranberry sauce - Oh! - the flavors divine!

The smiles and hugs are so warm and sweet!

In this cold, gray November, a Thanksgiving Treat!

I do love it all; and am so thankful; yes,

for this lovely season, I am truly blessed.

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