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A message from your Supervisor...

It's been a busy summer in the Town of Pendleton and, despite the never ending rain, work is still moving ahead on our long list of ongoing projects. Certainly the wet conditions have slowed down work in the Town Park and around town, but everyone is pushing ahead and modifying plans as necessary. Hopefully this trend doesn't lead into an equally snowy winter, but we'll be ready if it does.

One project on track to be completed involves construction of a salt barn and installation of a standby generator at the public works facility. As of now, the salt shed is being used and the generator equipment has been ordered. This project is substantially covered by grant funding and the Town has received reimbursement for the full grant amount.

Though public works is important, parks and recreation is a more interesting topic to discuss. If you've been by the Town Park, you've noticed the new splash pad and lavatory building that have been constructed. Unfortunately, the rainy summer has delayed the grading and planting of the areas around the new facilities and this has delayed opening the splash pad. At a recent town board meeting, contracts were approved for installation of fencing, hydroseeding of surrounding areas, and

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construction of a needed pathway. Next summer the splash pad will be ready to go and hopefully the weather is a bit warmer and dryer.

Currently, adjacent to the nice, new splash pad is a fenced-in mud hole. However, this won't be the case for too much longer. After many years and a lot of effort on the part of a lot of people, we were finally able to sign notices to proceed for the general and subcontracts on the community center project. As of the moment, the construction schedule isn't certain, but we are confident we'll have work wrapping up by the start of next summer. We're equally hopeful that there will be minimal to no delays in acquisition of materials and equipment.

In past newsletter articles, I've detailed the projected costs associated with the community center project and anticipated funding. Though our basic estimates were not too far off from reality, the scope of the project has grown. I believe that the Town Board and I share a similar philosophy that it's always better to do something right the first time, as opposed to leaving the shortcomings to someone else down the road. Personally, I've had to deal with the results of this type of thinking and I've always been committed to best value thinking, not lowest cost.



Town of Pendleton Community Center groundbreaking

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The size and purpose of the community center plan has not changed, but other work has been added to the project. The work that is commencing will also include substantial upgrades to all utilities going to the new facility and the Town Park. This is all expensive, but necessary work that is best done while the area is disturbed for construction activities. However, from the basics of water and power supply to being able to increase security and monitoring in the Town Park, we'll have it all covered. There is also extended work related to this project, such as installing new fiber communications cable that will ultimately tie the Town Hall to the Highway Garage.

With this quick update on a lot of work happening, I'll end by saying thanks to all who have worked to make the projects detailed above a reality. Some of the projects are necessary to continue with the Town's core responsibility to our residents and other work is certainly focused on improving our quality of life. Whether it's a need or want, we have a lot of people who work every day to keep the Town running.

Have a great fall! Joel



"Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release...it's what the trees do." ~Ka'ala

"It's the first day of Autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!" ~Winnie the Pooh

"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift." ~Dodinsky

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers!" ~LM Montgomery

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"...I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house. So I have spent almost all the daylight hours in the open air."~Nathaniel Hawthorne



PENDLETON SKI CLUB

Congratulations! Holiday Valley Affiliate Pendleton Ski Club is now signed up for fun! We look forward to another great season!

Just log into your own Holiday Valley site to buy tickets. This online benefit program allows you to "print and go" and have your ticket in hand when you get to Holiday Valley.

To access your exclusive tickets, click the QR Code then log into site with username and password provided.

Username: MWPendleton Password: ski Ridge Road Express is offering transportation beginning January 6, 2024 for eight (8) consecutive weeks. Bus registration & waiver available via email:

Jackie Duncan (716) 609-4186 duncanjackie93@gmail.com





PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION



As I write this newsletter the Pendleton Veterans Association (PVA) has had their first meeting since our summer recess (July & August). During the recess our member's monthly meetings were suspended but the

officers and board members were always available for informal discussions and planning ahead to meet our mission of honoring all town residents that served past and present.

Keeping our mission in mind, some of the more newsworthy accomplishments, and successes during the past 3 months are as follows.

- Our **HOMETOWN HERO PROGRAM** is under way and already exceeding our original estimated goals. Please view the ad in this newsletter.
- Made in the USA flags are always available year round please contact Tom 716-210-3015 or Gordie 716-625-4470.
- The PVA was represented at the Niagara County Purple Heart Ceremony, unveiling, and dedication of the new

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

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

We had another fun Kid's Fishing Derby in June. It was a beautiful morning and there were many fish caught. Bailey Foster caught a 30" Carp!

On June 13, 2023, the Lions dedicated the shelter in Depeau Park in memory of Raymond Beiter. Ray was a Pendleton Lion and a former Pendleton Town Supervisor. Thank you to all who attended and supported us in this project.

Our Ramp Team has been busy again this summer. Please keep us in mind if you have a metal ramp. We are trying to build our inventory of metal ramps.

The Pendleton Directory will be delivered soon so keep a lookout for it in your mailbox. Please support our advertisers. You can always contact us Purple Heart monument at the County Courthouse building on August 6, 2023.

- The PVA Honor Guard and board members were present at the Ground breaking ceremony, 8/14/2023, for the soon to be Community Center to be constructed at the site of the demolished Historical Society log cabin.
- The PVA is proud to be a sponsor for the "Tunnels 2 Towers Foundation" local Golf Tournament.
- The PVA is always looking for new Members...DESERT STORM...IRAQ...AFGANISTAN VETS...How about it?
- You can view a drone video of the Newly constructed Military Cemetery in Corfu , NY. At https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-UOHNLxtO8.
- All Veterans are eligible for burial services contact the VA for Form 40-10007 (application).

The PVA will resume meetings on 09/06/2023 at 1pm Town Hall board room. The NOVEMBER meeting will be will be an evening meeting Town Hall board room 7pm 11/01/2003



Greg Metzger, Vice President

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 and hearing aid batteries, so feel free to put them in too.

As always, thank you very much for all your support theck our website, www.PNYLC.org for any updates.

Cheryl Smith, Pendleton Lion Secretary



NEWS FROM NIAGARA COUNTY

by Legislator Tony Nemi

In the beginning of August, it was my sincere honor and pleasure to take part in the Purple Heart Ceremony at the Niagara County Courthouse in Lockport. The Purple Heart is awarded to those wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military.

Niagara County is a Purple Heart county and several years ago, created a Purple Hear Book where we hope to record the name of every resident who ever earned this great honor defending our freedoms in our nation's conflicts. At this ceremony, we added 109 individuals to the book, bringing the total to more than 400.

The event was a tremendous success, featuring a keynote address by Rocky Bleier, a Purple Heart veteran and four-time Superbowl winner with the Pittsburgh Steelers. The renowned Tonawanda American Legion Band also entertained the large crowd with patriotic songs.

The highlight though was the unveiling of the Purple Heart monument and courtyard on the front lawn of the courthouse. In November 2021, the Niagara County Legislature unanimously adopted a resolution to form a Purple Heart Monument Committee to study and report back to the Legislature with recommendations on building a permanent monument to honor all Niagara County Purple Heart recipients. After two years of great work by the committee, the community got to see the results of their efforts.

If you have not yet had a chance to view the new monument, I strongly encourage you to do so. Our hope is that the courtyard becomes a place of reflection and reverence for the community, and a "Place of Honor" for each of the individuals who sacrifices for our nation are forever enshrined there.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the county's Paint and Paper recycling event held in the parking lot at Starpoint. It was a very rainy Saturday for the event, but we were still able to serve more than 600 people dropping off materials for recycling. I enjoyed greeting many of you as you waited in the drop-off line.

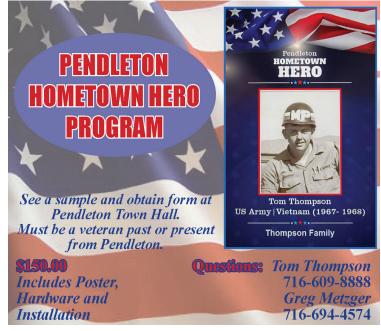
The county still has events scheduled for recycling household hazardous waste this fall. To see upcoming events, visit www.rethinkyourwaste.com/ events. Registration opens roughly a month before the event. This is a great opportunity to get rid those paint cans and other chemicals kicking around the garage, basement and shed before packing up for winter.

As you may have read, the Niagara County

Department of Health (NCDOH) confirmed a rabid bat on East Canal Road in Pendleton this past July. This year, the number of potential exposures to rabies is much higher as usual and, as such, animal rabies continues to be a serious public health concern. The NCDOH offer these important reminders:

- Do not feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or feral cats
- Be sure your dogs and cats are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.
- Keep family pets indoors at night. Do not leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.
- Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed or other foods which may attract wild animals. Feed pets indoors.
- Encourage children to immediately tell adults if they are bitten by any animals. Tell children not to touch any animals they do not know.
- If a wild animal is on your property, let it wander away. Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors that are outside. You may contact a nuisance wildlife control officer who will remove the animal for a fee; or if there is danger, you can call your local law enforcement agency.

Niagara County is taking proactive steps against rabies. We just completed the air drop of the oral rabies vaccine to protect wild animals from rabies and we continue to host free rabies clinics where people can bring their pets to get the rabies shot. We have already held three clinics this year and have a couple more scheduled this fall. To view the schedule and register your pet for the vaccine, please visit https:// www.niagaracounty.com/departments/a-f/ environmental health/ and click on the rabies tab.





TOWN CLERK

Hello there! I would like to thank all of the families who have applied for Hometown Hero Banners to honor their family members. The response has been

overwhelming! We have more than 50 applications already and they are still coming in at a steady rate. I can't wait to see all of the banners displayed around the Town Hall Campus.

The Town Clerk's Office is in the process of updating contact information for all of our residents so that we may be able to reach you in an emergency or for service related inquiries. You may have already received a phone call from one of us but if not, please consider providing your contact information to us. You can do so by calling the Town Clerk's Office or filling out a form on our website. Look for the QR Code in this newsletter for a quick link to the online form.

I also want to inform you that we will be conducting a dog enumeration/census this year. Please see the important **DOG ENUMERATION** page located within this newsletter for more information. I appreciate your response to the questionnaire which is due by December 31, 2023. Please call me if you have any questions.

Below are some important dates for you to easily reference:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – TOWN HALL CLOSED



TOWN HALL 625-8833	EXT.
ASSESSOR - TOM	116
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WATER BILLING - RITA	111

Columbus Day Election Day Veterans Day (observed) Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Christmas Day October 9th November 7^h November 10th November 23rd November 24th December 25th

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

HOLIDAY	EFFECT
Christmas Day	Tuesday's collection on December 26th will
	be delayed until Wednesday, December 27 th

BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Week A (RED Map)	Week B (BLUE Map)
October 10 th	October 17 th
November 14 th	November 21 st
December 12 th	December 19 th

Any calls regarding uncollected refuse or recycling should be made by calling Modern Disposal directly at 716-754-8226.

The Niagara County Division of Environmental and Solid Waste will be holding a **PAPER SHREDDING AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT** on November 4, 2023 at the North Tonawanda Department of Public Works. Pre-registration for this event is required. Go to www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events to register or find out more about this event.

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

It will be ting but on your sweaters and enjoy

WINTER PARKING REMINDER! Parking is prohibited on all town roads, North Tonawanda Creek Road, and Bear Ridge Road, between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am December 1st – March 31st

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

Please help us update your contact information in our database. Just scan the QR Code to answer a short questionnaire or you can call as at 716-625-8833, option 3.



TOWN OF PENDLETON APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Town of Pendleton is currently accepting letters of interest for the following Town appointed positions for 2024:

Conservation Advisory Council (1-yr. term) Planning Board (7-yr. term) Recreation Committee (5-yr. term) Recreation Director Summer Recreation Counselors (2024 season) Summer Recreation Lifeguards (2024 season) Swim Director (2024 season)

DOG ENUMERATION

DID YOU KNOW? Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Market Law requires all dogs older than 4 months to be licensed within the town in which they reside. Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. Any dog living with you for more than 30 days must be licensed.

The Town of Pendleton is currently conducting a dog enumeration, or census. We would appreciate your help by completing and returning the form below to the Town Clerk, either by mail or in person, no later than December 31st. *If you are a landlord and allow dogs, please pass this on to your tenants.*

The animal control officer will be doing random road checks in order to ensure census accuracy after May

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 2024 Organizational Meeting.

Letters of interest for these positions are due by December 31, 2023.

Please mail your letter of interest to:

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

1, 2024. If at that time you have not returned your form, or are found to be harboring an unlicensed dog (s), you will be subject to possible court fines per dog, along with a one-time enumeration fee of \$25.00 per dog that will be added to the dog license base fees.

Please complete the information below and return it to:

Pendleton Town Clerk's Office 6570 Campbell Boulevard Lockport, NY 14094

You can also complete this form on our website at www.pendletonny.us or by scanning the QR Code found here.



TOWN OF PENDLETON DOG ENUMERATION FORM

Resident's Name:	
Phone Number:	
Residential Address:	
Mailing Address (if different):	
Please check one of the following: I do not own a dog. below	\Box I currently own a dog (s) with license number (s) listed

If you currently own an unlicensed dog (s) please mail back the following information or stop into the Town Clerk's office with the following documents:

- 1. Current rabies certificate showing the date of immunization. We will return this form with your license.
- 2. Spay/neuter certificate if applicable. We will return this with your license.
- 3. Check made out to the **Town of Pendleton** in the following amounts:
 - **\$8.00** if the dog is spayed or neutered
 - \$20.00 if the dog is NOT spayed or neutered

You're invited to the 13th Annual PENDLETON COMMUNITY FAIRE & BUSINESS EXPO



Saturday, September 30th, 2023 10:00am - 1:00pm Pendleton Center United Methodist Church 6864 Campbell Blvd at Bear Ridge Road

Organized by Niagara County Legislator Tony Nemi and the Town of Pendleton Community and Business Association, the Pendleton Community Faire & Business Expo provides Pendleton residents an opportunity to learn about services offered by Niagara County. This event also showcases businesses in the Pendleton area, as well as various organizations, including civic groups. Pendleton has a wide variety of activities for residents of all ages and interests. No charge for vendors. Door prizes welcome.



Legislator Tony Nemi, Councilman Wolfgang Buechler, Star Pharmacy owner Judy Izard, and Councilman Dave Leible

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and welcome to back to school! We started September pretty hot!!! Summe as okay...filled with many accomplishments for us and the Town. A huge huge you to Dave Fischer and the whole Highway & Water/Sewer Departments for all their amazing work and availability to make our park be one of the feature parks n all of WNY! Thank you to the Town Board for the support and all the residents tha continue to support us! Look for an update on Supermatty's Water Park to be open next spring/summer 2024! Also our meat raffle is set for 10/14 and at time of print e have only 5 tables left. Anybody who would like to attend call Jason at 716 346. Also see attached here for more info! Anyone who would like to donate baskets or their time will help greatly too!!! Hopefully we'll see some of you there!!!





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FOOTBALL WORD SEARCH Can you find all these football words and

cheer for our home team?

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hi Everyone...Pumpkins & Scarecrows will soon be here!!!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, even with the wet weather. We tried to get as much off-road mowing done as possible, but the wet conditions cut down on the amount we could do. If the fall proves to be somewhat dryer, we may be able to go back out so that ditches will not become overgrown and reduce water flow for next year.

BRUSH COLLECTION

We have resumed chipping brush and we will try to go out every two weeks. Check the town website and the sign in front of Town Hall for upcoming dates. Reminder: All brush must be placed neatly in piles that our town workers can safely pull apart. Brush should be sticking out butt end at the road no bigger than 6 inches in diameter. Stretch the piles out rather than stacking them too high for the safety of our workers. Do not stack higher than 2–3 feet. We do not chip brush that contains vines nor poison ivy. The town does not chip brush that comes off vacant lots or wooded areas. Please be advised that this service is provided for yard clean up purposes only. When you hire a contractor to come in and remove a tree or limbs, it is the responsibility of the contractor to chip and remove the tree and/or limbs properly.

PARKS

Keeping the parks mowed and baseball diamonds

PENDLETON SENIOR CITIZENS

Thanks to our Trip Committee, we have enjoyed outings on land and by sea during the last several months. These trips are open to all senior residents of Pendleton, so join us whether you belong to the Pendleton Seniors group or not. Non-resident seniors who pay an extra charge are welcome also. It has been great to see these new faces!

So, where have we been and where are we going? May: Corning Museum of Glass

June: Kenny Rogers Tribute at Seneca Alleghany Casino July: Double-Decker bus tour of Buffalo and wine tastings in Wilson

August: Buffalo River history tour and lunch at Polish Villa

September: Back to the Casino for a Celine Dion Tribute October: Arcade/Attica Railroad and lunch at Turkey Run Restaurant

Plans are already underway for 2024!! Give Joe Kania a call at (716) 625-8118 for more information.

Our regular monthly meetings continue on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Wendelville Fire Hall. You can call Joyce Lane at (716) 625-8789 to see if a special

prepared was quite a challenge this year, but the public works department was up to the challenge and kept the parks in great condition.

The splash pad is in the final stages of completion. Unfortunately, the wet weather delayed our ability to final grade & seed around the pad, and we were unable to open this year as expected. By the time you read this newsletter the grass will be growing and will be mature enough to open the pad in Spring 2024. With the addition of the splash pad to our park along with the playground, shelter, & baseball diamonds, it will be a very busy year. Families should really enjoy it!

MAILBOX CHECK

With the cooler weather coming, and I hate to say it, but snow will be in the air before we know it. Please take some time to check your mailboxes for winter readiness. Mailbox posts deteriorate over time due to WNY's weather. Both wooden and metal posts become weak and will fail with the pressure of the snow being plowed against them. More times than not the reason we are replacing mailboxes is because the post has rusted or rotted. If your post is showing signs of deterioration, please replace before winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. David Fischer Highway Superintendent P: 716-625-8033 M: 716-909-1408 Email: dfischer@pendletonny.us

lunch is planned. Otherwise, bring a dish to pass or a \$5 donation... such a variety of food...such good cooks!! Bringing your own lunch is another option. Lunch is at noon, but come earlier to visit friends. We always welcome new members. Dues are \$10 yearly and all Town of Pendleton residents aged 55 or over can join.

In addition to lunch, we often have speakers. Four of our invited guests spoke at the July meeting: Debbie Maurer, Town Clerk; State Senator Robert Ortt; Assemblyman Mike Norris; and Legislator Anthony Nemi. A speaker is planned for the October meeting, maybe a surprise in November, and our annual Christmas party in December. It's not too late for you to take part in these meetings.

Fittingly, we end with a reminder to remember the dedicated members of our Armed Forces as well as those veterans who have served Our Country. Thank you.

"Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been." ~ David Bowie "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

~ Abraham Lincoln

PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Pendleton Historical Society will be on September 18 at 1pm. As usual, we will meet at the town hall. Please join us for this special meeting. We will have Linda Hunter speak on Quilts-Past and Present. Mrs. Hunter is a Pendleton resident and quiltmaker, teacher, and lecturer. Some of you may have taken one or more of her classes. Please bring an old family quilt for display and discussion. We will have our museum's quilt for viewing. Hopefully, we will have a good time learning and talking about old

quilts and their importance. At our meeting we will plan other events and meetings and reconnect with each other after the long summer. Anyone go on any historical trips? At our last meeting in June, we had great discussions of a few of our members being on military ships going to serve in post WW2, Korean, and Vietnam. This was preceded by a talk we had of the HMS Queen Mary as a transport ship. Come and see the work being done on the community center and our exhibit room. Next meetings will be October 16, November 20, and December 18. See you on these dates...bring a friend.

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 LA	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND *
03/07/23	7372 Bear Ridge Road	Estate of Gladys Dallas	\$300,000	\$170,000	1910	Ranch	1963	5.3
03/14/23	4714 Tonawanda Creek Road	Judith Bayer	\$300,000	\$197,300	1929	Old Style	1963	39.50
03/14/23	5832 Fisk Road	Kenneth Clark	\$276,969	\$145,000	1302	Ranch	1987	1.72
03/17/23	6680 Dublin Lane	Brandon & Brodie Winder	\$430,900	\$255,000	2172	Colonial	2017	.57
03/23/23	7274 Lakeview Court	James & Kim Frangos	\$692,500	\$450,000	5417	Colonial	1999	.70
03/31/23	5046 Mapleton Road	Rose Kish	\$230,000	\$137,600	1824	Raised Ranch	1974	1.20
04/26/23	6625 Aiken Road	Estate of Mary Ann Taylor	\$385,000	\$155,700	1953	Old Style	1830	2.0
5/1/2023	6341 Aiken Road	Estate of Thorntana Haag	\$175,500	\$129,100	1440	Ranch	1958	.90
05/02/23	4714 Tonawanda Creek Road	Kurt & Jeffrey Doerflein	\$247,500	\$197,300	1929	Old Style	1860	63
05/11/23	6363 Main Road	Josephine Park	\$313,250	\$125,000	1496	Ranch	1965	1.5
05/26/23	4559 Mapleton Road	Estate of Heidi Holm	\$170,000	\$110,000	1895	Old Style	1672	1.0
05/26/23	5367 Tonawanda Creek Road	Kevin & Michele Aleong	\$200,000	\$95,000	1936	Old Style	1050	1.20
05/26/23	5133 Tonawanda Creek Road	Maria Agulles	\$65,000	\$102.100	1955	Cape Cod	1102	.50
05/30/23	6716 Cortland Drive	Anthony & Eileen May	\$435,000	\$200,000	2009	Colonial	2204	.50

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.

As a resident/owner of property in Pendleton, there are property tax exemptions that you may be entitled to - including STAR, Enhanced STAR, Senior Citizens, Veterans, Agricultural, people with Disabilities and Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. For information on any of these exemptions you can either visit the NYS Department of Tax and Finance website www.tax.ny.gov or visit the Assessor's office at Pendleton Town Hall or contact us by phone at 716-625-8833.

go to the NYS website noted above or call (518) 457-2036 to sign up for the Basic STAR Credit (which is a check from NY State vs. receiving an Exemption).

Additionally, any resident/owner who is currently receiving a Star Exemption can switch to the credit program by contacting the New York State Department of Tax and Finance, via their website or phone number.

If you are a resident/owner of a property and are 65 years of age or older, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption, and possibly the lowincome Senior Citizen Exemption. Contact the Pendleton Assessor's office at 716-625-8833 ext 131 for additional information. All Enhanced STAR applications require enrollment in the NY State Income Verification Program (IVP). Note, if you are currently enrolled in the Enhanced STAR Exemption or Credit, you do not need to renew your application (unless you are contacted by our office or NY State).

The forms for all the exemptions and the IVP If you are signing up for Basic STAR, you need to program are available at Town Hall or can be obtained via the NY State website. Deadline for all exemptions is March 1st.

TOWN HISTORIAN



"Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random..." Saint John Neumann (1811 – 1860)



Pendleton was many miles from Bohemia. It was a small village in the new world where dangers, both real and imagined, plagued the minds of its inhabitants. One man in particular seemed to eschew this reality in favor of a divine appointment. He was a newly ordained priest named John Neumann. No matter which primitive mean he possessed to travel, his unwavering devotion to an internal blueprint of broad change was a force to be reckoned with.

John was born on March 28, 1811 in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) to Philip and Agnes Neumann. He was the middle of several siblings in a German speaking household. As a child, he had a serious demeanor coupled with an insatiable appetite for books. He contemplated his life's direction early. Ultimately, he decided upon missionary work but instead pursued the priesthood. He left his native country and New York would become his new home.

In New York City, seventeen days after his arrival, he was ordained a priest at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Between Buffalo and New York City, he confided in one of his superiors that he preferred to serve in the country. This would satisfy his mission as a redemptorist or a clergyman that oversaw the community's poor and spiritually abandoned. This role would also serve as a catalyst for the origins of the Catholic School System in America as well as the Beneficial Bank. From Buffalo, he was sent out into the rural areas. His trek through the country would culminate in 900 square miles and reach the homes of over 300 families. No moss



grew under his feet. John walked, rode horseback and canoed to his destinations from Williamsville to as far as Java. In Pendleton, he helped with the genesis of what would become Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church.

Pastor John Neumann visited Pendleton on several occasions most notably in 1836 and 1839. He lead mass in the humble log cabins of early German Catholic settlers Adam Koepfinger and Michael Meyer. In 1839, he baptized four infants and officiated the marriage of Carl Meyer to Margaret Heim.

John Neumann died unexpectedly on January 5, 1860 at 48 years old age. He was the bishop of Philadelphia and as was known of him, perpetually in motion. His body could no longer sustain his rigorous physical routine.

As one visits Good Shepherd today, a statue in honor of him stands regally to the side of the parish. The burial site in the back is named "Saint John Neumann Cemetery" in his honor.

A special thank you to Ms. Peggy Armano (her mother was a member of the ladies guild of the blessed John Neumann) who has close ties to the Saint and offered a most intriguing interview as well as countless others that brought this together.

God Bless. Carissa Smith, Historian

"Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, and how you leave others feeling after having an experience with you becomes your trademark." - Anonymous

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Once again, Autumn is almost here! The nights are getting longer and there is crispness in the air.

Summer gets shorter each year it seems; or is it we who move more slowly, trying to savor more and more ...

It is with great pride that we inform you of Major Awards that have been bestowed on three members of our Company. Chief Rich Misztal and Former Chief and President Joseph Riester have each received "Firefighter of the Year "by the Western Division of the Firefighters Association State of New York each in their length of Service Categories. Rich received his Award in the 5 to 20 years of service slot, while Joe received his in the 21 to 30 years of service to our community. Thanks to you both for your time and dedication to our town and its people.We are also proud to announce that John P. Lyon, a member of Wendelville for 35 years, is being entered on the Wall of Honor in Erie County. The Erie County Fire Services "Wall of Honor" is created to serve as public recognition honoring those members of Erie County's fire service who Main Road, the Committee and officers have gone to have demonstrated through their dedication, talents and sacrifice, virtues promoting fire service values. He will receive the award on October 19 at a ceremony at the Erie County Training Facility. Jack has had quite an interesting and honored career in the fire service in both Niagara and Erie County. Mr. Lyon began his firefighting career in 1959 when he joined the Lancaster Hook and Ladder Company. He then transferred to Wendelville in 1988. He has proven to be a pillar within Lancaster as well as Wendelville and the Pendleton community. Jack has been involved in the following; President of Lancaster Fire Council, President of Erie County Fire Chiefs Association, Erie County Fire Advisory Board, Western New York Firemen's Association. Member of the Southwestern Firemen's Association, Charter Member of the Burn Treatment Center, and NY State Fire Chief's Association. In addition, Jack has been associated with Wendelville and Niagara County through originating the Niagara County Haz-Mat Team, Coordinator 1990-2014. Deputy Fire Coordinator for Niagara County for 22 years, Niagara County Fire Chiefs Association, Niagara County Firemen's Association, Niagara County Fire Advisory Board for 20 years; Radio Systems Committee. Started Live Wire Demo by NYSEG. He has also been awarded the following awards through Wendelville and Niagara County; Firefighter of the Year, Wendelville Fire Company (Joe Johnson Award)1997, and theFireman of the Year, Niagara County (Richard Watson Award) 2003. We thank and honor him for his compassion toward humankind given so freely to our communities. Well

deserved, Jack!

Congratulations and "Well Deserved" to both of you. And special thanks for your time and talent!

The Firefighters here at Wendelville are moving to the fall and winter drills, boning up on how to deal with malfunctioning Carbon Monoxide Monitors and ice rescue incidents. Each season has its own individual personality and the foibles that go with it. As an example, we'll soon see more chimney fires and less field fires, for sure.

You may have seen a few red and white signs popping up over a few lawns in the town. These address an issue that all companies are dealing with more and more each day. We are in need of more interested volunteers to fill in our ranks. Men, women, well seasoned or just starting out; there is a job for everyone! Have you ever thought about being a volunteer firefighter? How do you know if it's not for you?? Come and ask, discuss and see if you have a way to help....you have nothing to lose but a few minutes of your time...and it may prove fruitful. There are more ways to help out Things are always in constant than you think! motion around each of our 3 Fire Stations. After putting the finishing touches to our most recent hall, Station 2 on inspect our new Emergency Response Vehicle, hoping for delivery in December of this year. Things are looking good! This will replace our current Emergency Response Vehicle and be housed at Station 2 on Main Road.

As many of you know, October is Fire prevention Month and we are already filling up dates to do our school demonstration at Starpoint and other local schools. It's important to impress upon even the youngest students the concept of "Stop, Drop and Roll" and the importance of calling 911 in an emergency. If you have a group that you think would benefit from our Fire Prevention program, please call Chief Rich Misztal at 716 481 2608 and see what he can do for you.

Our next fun night will be 3rd Annual Meat Raffle scheduled for FRIDAY, November 10 from 7 - 9 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person or a table of 10 for \$80. Complete table tickets must be purchased at the same time. You can buy online at wendelvillevfc.com or by calling Mike Confer at 716-253-4824. Over 21 only! This evening is always a great time. Get 'em before they're gone!!!

OUR Annual Harvest Moon 5K race and Fun Run on September 6th was another big hit! Despite the heat, the runners and walkers competed and a wonderful celebration followed with abundant food and drink for all. The overall winners of the race were: Ladies: Lily Schultz - time: 20.16/Gentlemen: Matt Langworthy - time: 17.53. The Wendelville Firefighters thank all of you for your participation. See you next year!!

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Greetings, Pendleton neighbors! The Conservation Advisory Council is back to tell you about invasive bugs. These are insects which are not native to our country's environment and pose a threat to our farms, crops, and native flora and insects. If you see them, you should follow the guidelines of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation listed below and/or kill the insect.

The first is Japanese beetles.

They are native to Japan and have been in the United States for over 100 years. They eat over 300 kinds of plants in the US, including the leaves of fruit trees, the roots of grass, and the flowers of rosebushes. By eating the leaves of



crop plants, they can stunt the growth and disrupt how much fruit the tree or bush can produce. You can find them easily in the summer on your rosebushes and on leaves of bushes, particularly during July/August. Pluck them off your bush and crush them or put them in a bucket of water dosed with dish soap (they'll be unable to escape the soapy water). This should be done daily or close to daily to reduce the population. From personal experience, taking the time to do so intensively one summer will reduce their populations going forward in your garden and yard. However, you do have to keep an eye out every summer, as their populations can increase if left unchecked. For more information, please see this website: https://extension.umn.edu/yard-andgarden-insects/japanese-beetles

The second is the spotted lanternfly. Native to Asia, this insect was first seen in the US in 2014. It feeds on the sap of fruit trees and grapevines, damaging the plant and making it more vulnerable to diseases and other pests. Signs of an infestation may include the following: Sap oozing or

weeping from tiny open wounds on tree trunks, which appears wet and may give off fermented odors. One-inchlong egg masses that are brownishgray, waxy and mud-like when new. Old egg masses are brown and scaly. SLF excrete liquid waste called



honeydew that builds up under plants, sometimes encouraging the growth of black sooty mold. Spotted lanternflies lay their eggs on vehicles, firewood, outdoor furniture, and stone, which inadvertently gets moved around by people. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and NY DEC has been monitoring this pest closely and inspecting goods moving in and out of areas where the lanternfly has been quarantined. You can help by doing the following: Learn how to identify SLF. Inspect outdoor items such as firewood, vehicles, and furniture for egg masses. If you visit other states with SLF (Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia), be sure to check all equipment and gear before leaving. Scrape off any egg masses. Destroy egg masses by scraping them into a bucket

of hot, soapy water or a baggie/jar of hand sanitizer. If you see it, take pictures of the insect, egg masses and/or infestation signs as described above (include something for scale such as a coin or ruler) and email to spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov. Note the location (address, intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates). After you have reported SLF in your area and collected a sample, you should kill any additional SLF you see by stepping on it or crushing it. For more information, please see these websites: https://www.dec.ny.gov/ animals/113303.html and https://www.wnyprism.org/ invasive species/spotted-lanternfly/

The final ones are brand new to the US but nonetheless need to be warned about. They are called the Asian giant hornet (also known as the Northern giant hornet or the murder hornet) and the yellow-legged hornet. Asian giant hornets were first spotted and destroyed in Washington state in 2019. Yellow-legged hornets have been spotted in Georgia this year. They pose a danger to humans, but in particular they rapidly kill commercial honeybee and native hornet and honeybee colonies and hives. This is bad news for agriculture and local habitats, since bees and wasps are important to crop pollination and the maintenance of healthy ecosystems. If you see insects you think are the Asian giant hornet or the yellow-legged hornet, please follow the same procedure listed above for the spotted lanternfly and notify the DEC at isinfo@dec.ny.gov. Please

keep in mind that they will look similar to other insects! The USDA has a look-a-like page to help you distinguish between them. For more information, please see these websites: https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-leggedhornet and https://



www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/ planthealth/plant-pest-and-diseaseprograms/honey-bees/ngh/northerngiant-hornet



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