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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

As I write this, the end of a very busy year is quickly drawing near. There's a lot going on in the Town of Pendleton and as I reflect on the year I see a lot of good things happening. In the last newsletter I committed to quickly getting to the point with a short article. This time, there's much more to report so I suggest finding a comfortable spot to sit before reading further. One of the first community issues the town board confronted earlier this year focused on both the condition of Fisk Road and the speeding in the Fisk Road and Feigle Road corridor. A first step to address these concerns involved a unanimous town board vote on a resolution asking the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to study and review traffic on these roads. The town board's request to the NYSDOT was accompanied by supporting letters from Senator Ortt, Assemblyman Walter, Legislator Nemi, and numerous residents from these roads. Eventually a very productive line of communication was opened between the Town of Pendleton and representatives from the NYSDOT and we were able to show the NYSDOT the merit of reevaluating issues such as road condition, traffic volume, and variations of vehicle speeds depending upon time of day and day of the week. Ultimately this assessment established a need to lower the posted speed limit on Fisk Road and Feigle Road from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. I anticipate that by the time this article reaches everyone's mailbox that the new speed limit will be posted on both roads. As mentioned, the second component of issues with Fisk Road is the condition of the road and the need for significant reconstruction. With the estimated cost to be in excess of \$2 million, this is a serious financial obstacle for a town our size to address. Fortunately, over a year ago Highway Superintendent Jeff Stowell began advocating at various levels for funding for this project. In January the

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town board began to vocalize its support to Jeff's plea for financial assistance, but also began the work necessary to bond the cost of this project if such action became necessary. Fortunately this story has a happy ending also. After spending significant time with the Town's budget officer, Don Bergman, researching how to properly proceed financially with this endeavor I eventually found we were wasting our time. This fall we

were thrilled to find that \$2.6 million has been included in the NYSDOT's 5 Year Capital Plan for reconstruction of Fisk Road. This wonderful news has brought resolution to an issue that has continued to be a serious safety concern on this busy traffic corridor. Jeff, the Town Engineer, and I are beginning the work necessary to get this project going with a target for start of construction in 2019. On a project of this size planning, design, and bidding are time consuming activities and it will take multiple years to see this project through completion. With financial resources in place for Fisk Road, the Town is now in a position where other important issues can be addressed. A second important item to come along early this year was the request by numerous residents for construction of a community center. In town there are two senior citizen's groups, a growing veteran's group, and numerous other organizations devoted to serving residents from young to old with each group needing dedicated space to function. Unfortunately we don't have the space necessary for these groups to meet, so we made a commitment to form a committee to take another hard look at a community building, working to establish a need and researching possible solutions. Since its inception, the community center committee has done tremendous work, dedicating numerous hours to the effort. The initial architectural plan the committee inherited from previous efforts had been estimated to cost well in excess of \$2 million. The work the committee is completing is finding that a suitable facility could be constructed for less than \$1 million. The town board is anticipating a presentation from the committee soon and more information will be communicated with the public after the start of 2017. I truly believe that these efforts are very important to serve the needs of town-focused groups, such as the senior citizen's and veteran's groups who meet on a regular basis. As for big plans and good news, a project that originally started a bit small has turned into an opportunity that no one could have imagined. Earlier this year the town committed to assisting the Lions Club's in its effort to place a handicap accessible piece of playground equipment in the Town Park. To make a long story short, this undertaking has snowballed into a spectacular project spearheaded by resident Jason Evchich and the Mason's Mission Foundation. This effort involves the construction of a completely new handicap accessible playground adjacent to the current playground in the Town Park. Our community and surrounding communities have families that will benefit greatly from a playground where children with disabilities can play with their siblings and friends in an outdoor setting. The big question is how does such an ambitious project get funded? The Foundation is working to secure donations

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from individuals and organizations and is well on its way to the goal. Also, great assistance has been provided by Senator Ortt and his ability to secure \$150,000 of New York State funding towards the construction of the park. For more detailed information, search Facebook for Mason's Mission Foundation. There will be more information available in the near future with construction anticipated to start mid-2017.

Another less spectacular but necessary matter has also been addressed through assistance from Senator Ortt. Water and Sewer Superintendent Jim Argo provided me with a list of prioritized needs earlier this year and high on the list was backup generator power for sewer lift stations. Senator Ortt provided the assistance necessary to secure \$50,000 in funding to address this need at the Town's largest lift station. This work will take place during 2017 and is budgeted with a town contribution of approximately \$8,000.

More good financial news arrived this fall with the results of the bid for refuse disposal. The Town of Pendleton participated in a consortium with multiple other Niagara County municipalities, putting out to bid a multi-year contract for refuse and recycling disposal. The results were impressive, saving town residents a substantial amount of money over the existing contract which is set to expire, with continued service by Modern Waste Corporation. Looking to the future, I ask all residents to consider the pros and cons of moving to waste totes, which are similar to our recycling totes. A move to a waste tote system could save us even more money and an opportunity to provide input on this possibility will be available early next year.

This fall saw the opening of the Hampton Inn on South Transit Road and the town board was able to attend the opening ceremony with other local dignitaries. We are all very happy to have the wonderful addition of this new business to town and addition of hotel space to the area. Another possible new addition to the Transit Road corridor is Dollar General, with a proposal currently making its way through the Planning Board as I write this. The Town of Pendleton is open to new businesses who want to be part of our community and I look forward to seeing more action in the future.

Last, but not least, is the adopted budget for 2017. I thank all involved for working diligently to craft a responsible budget that isn't focused solely on supporting the cheapest town government possible. Instead, the focus has been on efficiently and economically meeting the needs

of residents. A wide-variety of concerns have been articulated to the town board during the past year and I feel confident that we are going to be able to address many of them. The list of concerns includes, but is not limited to: park improvements, trail maintenance, roadside ditches, culverts, off-road drainage, and road maintenance. The Town Board will continue discussions with residents and all involved in town government operation to make sure we are mindful of everyone's concerns and priorities. The adopted budget is available on the town's website at: [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us).

All residents are concerned about taxes and the town board is certainly mindful of this. Most importantly, this year's budget is under the New York State tax cap. The amount appearing on your tax bill is calculated based partially on assessed value and partially on per unit fees. A property assessed on the lower end will see a small decrease in taxes. A home assessed more towards the middle range will see an increase of several dollars. As you review your property tax bills in January and September, keep in mind that the taxes levied by the Town of Pendleton are the smallest portion of a typical homeowner's combined yearly property tax bill, yet the Town provides some of the most important daily services. The Town Board is very happy with this budget and the priorities that it contains and we are always mindful of the cost of local government on all residents.

In conclusion, I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy new year with new opportunities. As always, please feel free to contact me any time with your concerns, questions, or ideas. Also, there are numerous town meetings taking place each month and meeting announcements and minutes are placed on the town's website. Please stay informed and ask if you have any questions about the Town of Pendleton. Have a great winter! Joel

# C O N T A C T U S

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<b>Town Clerk's Office</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Bldg Dept. Jack</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Bldg Dept. Dave</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Assessor's Office</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Assessor's Clerk</b>	<b>123</b>
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<b>Judge Mack</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Judge Maziarz Clerk</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Judge Mack Clerk</b>	<b>119</b>
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## TOWN HISTORIAN

The first schoolhouse built in Pendleton was in 1816 by a man of the name Dawson on East Canal, now the building is actually being used as the substation No. 3 of the Wendeville Volunteer Fire Company. By 1827 there are 8 school districts for all the hamlets and townships in Pendleton, including Wendeville, Wheatfield, Mapleton, etc. The first school commissioners were Henry Keyes, Alanson Sykes, and John Shuyler.

The schools were built throughout the area, with one on Beach Ridge, Mapleton Road, Feigle Road, Ridge Road, and Bear Ridge Road. The schoolhouse on Mapleton was very close to where Starpoint now stands. The Mapleton Schoolhouse, or Pendleton District No. 4 was also used as a meeting place for the early settlers that were of the Presbyterian religion. Many schoolhouses were meeting places for social gatherings and for religious practices when there was not a church built within the town, or when they needed to hold their meetings in secret.

Schoolhouses typically taught students from the range of first graders to eighth graders, all in one room. Classes ranged from 6 to 40 students, with a single teacher. In 1907 Pendleton School District No. 6 had 30 students with only one teacher, Grace A. Kinne. Teachers focused on teaching their pupils reading, writing, arithmetic, history, and geography. The schoolhouse featured a wood burning stove and a bathroom in an outhouse located outside of the schoolhouse. In Starpoint now there are around 2,663 students with 232 teachers in the

entire 115 acre campus. Much different from the one roomed house of a hundred years ago.

I am very interested in hearing any stories anyone has heard of the one room schoolhouses here in Pendleton. I'm sure that there have to be some great ones out there, so please let me know at [tpellish@gmail.com](mailto:tpellish@gmail.com)

Have a happy holiday season! Tori Pellish

## TOWN CLERK

The 2017 Recycling & Trash Collection Calendar will be mailed to you from Modern Disposal Services by the end of December. The information will also be available on the Town's website [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us)

## TRASH COLLECTION

The trash collection will be delayed one day during the week of Christmas and New Years.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - TOWN HALL CLOSED

Christmas	December 26
New Year Holiday	January 2
Martin Luther King	January 16
President's Day	February 20
Good Friday	April 14

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

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**Just a few reminders:** All water/sewer payments should be mailed to: Pendleton Town Hall – Water  
6570 Campbell Boulevard  
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If you are selling your home please contact the Water/Sewer Superintendent at 625-8033 as soon as possible to schedule a **mandatory water/sewer line** inspection. There is a \$25.00 fee for the inspection which will be added to your water/sewer bill.

When you received your actual closing date, please contact the billing clerk at  
625-8833, ext. 111 to schedule a final read request.

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

If you are purchasing a new home please contact our office ASAP to set up an account.

**If you are leaving the area temporarily (i.e. Vacation) please be advised that the post office will not forward water bills, even if you have a forwarding request at the post office.**

To avoid late fees to your account you can pre-pay your bill (s), or have your bill sent to the temporary address.

Please contact the billing clerk at 625-8833 ext. 111 to make these arrangements.

**Please visit our website at [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us) for more detailed water billing information. When you get to the homepage click on Town Departments at the top of the page, scroll down to Water/Sewer Department, then click on Information under "Water Billing Department."**

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

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

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

Without them we would not have the freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

Rita Dispenza

### PENDLETON SENIORS

Winter is on the way and everyone will be getting ready for the holidays. The Pendleton Seniors meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. We have pot luck at 12:00 noon. Everyone should bring your own table service and a dish to pass. You must be a resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age to join. For more information please call Jane Walter at 693-6966. Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Brauer's Restaurant. We will eat at noon. Please remember our Veterans and our service men. Have a good Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jane Walter, President

### WENDELVILLE SENIORS

Winter has arrived! The children will probably be happy with the snow. On January 9<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Richards will speak to us about the scams that prey upon the elderly. On March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a speaker from Hospice Niagara. Both speakers will be at the Pendleton Town Hall at 1:00 P.M. If you would like to join our club you must be 55 years or older and a resident of Pendleton. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Pendleton Town Hall. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Our "pot luck" luncheon is at 12:00 P.M. We have a short meeting and play Bingo afterwards. Please remember our Veteran's and those serving in our armed forces. If you have any questions I can be reached at 625-9106. Keep warm and safe and enjoy our winter season.

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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, Well after it is all said and done it was a great summer and fall! We accomplished a lot of road work this year, including topping Aiken Road between the bridge near Beach Ridge Road to Mapleton Road. We also overlaid Main Road and put a stone/oil mixture on the shoulder to support the top on both roads as well as many driveway aprons. We also had a company micro seal Kriston Lane, Hidden Oak and Townline Road from Mapleton Road to Lockport Road. That particular section of Townline Road we share with Wheatfield so we each paid for half of the \$28,000.00 bill.

For those of you on Kriston Lane that had to walk in and out during the process of micro sealing, I apologize on behalf of the contractor. I specifically told the salesman that they could not close the road and to do half of the road at a time. However, the salesman was out of town and by the time I got there his workers had already closed the road and had both lanes done which left some of you to park at the intersection and walk in. He, "the salesman" was read my riot act and this should not happen again with this type of procedure.

Now that winter is here we should have all of our stakes in to "guide" our plows, particularly through the subdivisions. As a friendly reminder, try to keep things out of the right of way the prevent or hinder us from clearing the snow from the roadway. I saw a gentleman putting some nice landscaping around his mailbox and I told him that we will put a stake by it, but during heavy snows we have to push the large piles of snow off either with a payloader or the wings of our large trucks and we are not responsible for any damage. In WNY we need room to be able to clear the roads as quick as possible for all vehicles to pass. Please remind your snow plow contractors to not place snow in the roads or sometimes the right of way. This is not only dangerous and more difficult for us, it is also illegal.

As for next year's major roadwork plans being finalized, we are putting Pendale subdivision and Irish Road on the top of the list. If all goes well, Pendale will get a complete mill and pave job. This will include grinding out three inches of old and putting back two inches of binder and one inch of top. As spring rolls along more specific information will be available as to what work will be completed and when.

Some GREAT news for Pendleton was recently received by our supervisor, Joel Maerten, that Fisk Road will be renovated without using money from Pendleton's budget. With our taxes being so hefty in New York State we certainly will be contributing to helping pay for this project, but there will be no need to pull money out of the town budget. Fisk Road has been on the Federal list for a few years now and was initially going to be funded 90 percent by Federal and State monies and 10 percent being Pendleton's share. It was then stated that we would be responsible for 70 percent of the job and that the Federal and State monies would only cover 30 percent. However, it has now been determined that Pendleton will now be responsible for zero cost on this project! The cost of this was projected to be near \$2.5 million three years ago. By the time it starts, hopefully within the next couple of years, it will most likely be higher than that. This project will be similar to the one completed this year on Feigle Road. More details to follow as soon

as we continue to get the great news!

Some more good news, the State DOT finally has allowed us to lower the speed limit on Fisk and Feigle Roads from 55 to 45mph. We will get the new signs up as quickly as possible on Fisk Road and the county, who is responsible for Feigle Road, will do the same. We have come a long way with the state DOT on Mapleton with a slightly lowered speed in front of Starpoint to 40mph. We did receive a grant transfer from the Town of Porter to install two solar powered flashing lights at the beginning of each lane, which helps out some. Thanks to Highway Superintendent, Scott Hillman, from Porter who told me the lights were just sitting in storage. We have had many meetings with "all involved" (fire, police, board members, myself, ect.) to get to this point. This still is not enough and talks continue with the state and county to do more. This may include a turning lane(s) off of Mapleton Road, signals and possibly another access road off of Aiken Road.

Now some good news/bad news: Ken Smith, my Deputy Superintendent of Highway, is retiring in March 2017 after 34 years of service. **THANK YOU KEN!** This is good news for him, but bad news for me as Ken has been a great deputy for me and the taxpayers, but he is also the fifth out of the original eight workers I inherited when I was first elected to retire. We will likely move one of the Sewer and Water guys over to Highway and the Town Board has agreed to allow us to hire a long overdue laborer for the Highway Department. Once this is done, it will put us up to seven total workers. This will still be one short from ten years ago, but a step in the right direction.

With Ken's retirement and the additional subdivisions being built in town I will be working on some new plow routes with some new drivers to try to keep the roads cleared as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thanks again Ken Smith for your service and a happy and healthy retirement to you!!

Please remember your winter driving skills and drive safely and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! As always, please feel free to contact me at [jstowell@pendletonny.us](mailto:jstowell@pendletonny.us) or 716-625-8033. Jeff Stowell, Highway Superintendent



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If you have a fire hydrant nearby, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help to keep the snow cleared in the case of an emergency to allow complete visibility and total accessibility. Whether you plow your driveway yourself or have a contractor plow for you, please remind them NOT to push the snow toward or around the hydrants so that it does not become buried.

Please be advised that if your water meter freezes, there will be a \$100-\$200 meter fee charge. The charge varies depending on the size of your meter. In most cases heat tape and insulation wrap could help to keep the meter and pipes from freezing.

We have completed our fall fire hydrant maintenance program and pumped out all remaining water in the hydrant barrels to avoid freezing during the cold months.

If you have a grinder pump unit, I would like to stress the importance of not using water when there is a power outage. Using water will fill up the tank, which could back up into your home. Flooding the tank could cause more costly system repairs as well as longer down time to repair the grinder pump unit.

A reminder that the grinder pump cannot handle certain objects such as baby wipes, female products, clothing, plastic toys, q-tips and even cigarette butts. These items will cause the grinder pump to jam and eventually burn out the pump. Excessive grease is also a common problem. Grease will adhere itself to the internal components preventing the pump from operating properly, eventually burning out the pump or other electrical components. By being conscious of these issues, we would tremendously be able to reduce repair costs.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration regarding these issues. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 716-625-8033.

Sincerely, James Argo  
Water/Sewer Superintendent

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## PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Hello Pendleton ----We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving . Hopefully everyone remembered to say a personal thank you and a little prayer for our brothers in arms currently serving overseas and in combat zones. God bless them for all they do.

A lot has gone on in town for the Veterans Association since the last newsletter. We participated in the vendor fairs at both the Pendleton Center United Methodist church and the Wendelville Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary affairs. Both venues were well attended and our information table was busy with Veteran issue questions and new member inquiries. Please, everyone: never hesitate to contact any of our Association officers or board members with Veteran issues or concerns. If we don't have the answers to your issues, we know who does. Just contact us thru our mailbox in town hall or call any board member.

Our Veteran Association board of directors has voted to reduce our meeting schedule to one meeting per month on the first Wednesday of the month. This will take effect starting with the January 4, 2017 afternoon meeting. Afternoon meeting will all begin at 1:00pm. Additional meetings are scheduled for Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. Meetings are held at the Pendleton Historical Society Building (log cabin) next to town hall.

Our Association has 2 members active on the towns Community Center Feasibility Committee. At the time of this writing we are awaiting receipt of conceptual drawings to be

presented to the Town Board for their input. The conceptual drawings are what our committee has discussed and determined will hopefully satisfy the needs of ALL the organizations that will use this much needed facility. There is no "one size fits all" for this project and hopefully the committee has addressed the needs of everyone concerned within a budget. Be on the lookout in the near future for the ability of the residents of Pendleton to comment on this project.

In conclusion, I can not give thanks enough to all the town folks that contributed to the Veterans Day Ceremony especially Rev. Jonathan Hunt, Supervisor Maerten, Don Lanterier Retired Town Justice, Bill Rott Board member, Barb Usiak Vocalist, Wendelville Fire Co Honor Guard, Boy Scout Troup's # 98 & 47 and all PVA members. And of course Tim Horton's and Smiths Orchard for the refreshments.

Quick notes:

- 1) New veteran members always welcomed and encouraged.
- 2) Keep Memorial Day open for a very special ceremony at Town Hall.
- 3) Damaged flag disposal bin located on porch of Historical Bldg log cabin.
- 4) We proudly support Pendleton food pantry.
- 5) Kudos to PVA President Tom Thompson for his involvement in the Viet Nam Helicopter project in Veterans Park, City of Tonawanda
- 6) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
- 7) Donations for our permanent Veterans Memorial Fund always accepted (receipts available)
- 8) Like us on facebook
- 9) Keep August 18 & 19 open on your calendar in 2017. First annual Pendleton Farm & Home Days, this year celebrating Pendleton's 190<sup>th</sup> birthday . Fun for everyone!

Greg Metzger, Board Member

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Pendleton Town Hall  
Tax Collector  
6570 Campbell Blvd.  
Lockport, NY 14094

OR

Town of Pendleton  
PO Box 1310  
Buffalo, NY 14240-1310

Terry Pienta, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## ASSESSMENT NEWS

This continuing section of our newsletter shows the Arm's Length sales for the previous quarter. Not included in Arm's Length sales are construction sales, estate sales, foreclosures and sales between relatives. \* Land sizes under one acre are not listed. Because sales will eventually affect what your home is assessed, it is important for property owners to see what is sold in town, and the sales prices.

DATE	ADDRESS	SELLER	SALE PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	SQ. FT. L.A.	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND*
08/08/16	6512 Bear Ridge Road	Schreiber	179,900	130,000	1248	Ranch	2003	1.10
08/12/16	7153 Bear Ridge Road	Czyrny	222,000	150,000	2200	Ranch	1950	12.00
08/17/16	4163 Beach Ridge Road	Waild	201,000	125,000	1542	Ranch	1955	1.90
08/23/16	6715 Townline Road	Olds	150,000	105,000	1040	Ranch	1964	
09/02/16	7278 Edgewater Road	Confer	382,000	321,000	3011	Colonial	2001	
09/08/16	5731 Fisk Road	LPS Home	318,000	227,000	2039	Ranch	2016	
09/08/16	6746 Bear Ridge Road	Pignatora	295,000	207,000	1929	Cape Cod	1990	
09/15/16	6915 Creekview Drive	Riggles	320,000	210,000	2640	Colonial	1981	1.50
09/27/16	6711 Campbell Blvd	Falbo	250,000	165,000	2108	Ranch	1970	3.00
10/05/16	4843 Mapleton Road	Pusch	165,000	115,000	1176	Ranch	1972	
10/12/16	7267 Lakeview Court	Tripp	310,000	270,200	2285	Colonial	1994	
10/13/16	5191 Mapleton Road	Collins	158,000	106,600	988	Ranch	1962	
10/18/16	7264 Edgewater Circle	Hernandez	341,000	299,700	3352	Colonial	2003	
10/21/16	7213 Townline Road	Richardson	133,560	101,300	1411	Ranch	1950	
10/26/16	7352 Creekbend Drive	Griffith	389,000	267,000	2370	Colonial	2008	
10/28/16	5440 Irish Road	Nicholas	60,000	50,000	1120	Ranch	1959	1.70
10/31/16	6859 Townline Road	Campbell	121,000	71,400	1140	Ranch	1955	

### 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 2016 you may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. If you believe you might be eligible please call the assessor's office at 716-625-8833, ext. 116.



**SNOWFLAKES are one of  
nature's most fragile  
things...but just look what they  
can do when they stick  
together!**



~ Verna M. Kelly

**"I wonder if snow loves the trees and  
fields...it covers them up snug, you  
know, with a cozy white quilt;  
and perhaps it says...Go to sleep  
darlings, 'til the Spring comes again."**

~Lewis Carroll

### BOARDS/COMMITTEES

The Pendleton Town Board will be accepting "Letters of Interest" for the following Boards/Committees:

- Board of Appeals (5 yr. term)
- Planning Board (7 yr. term)
- Recreation Committee (7 yr. term)
- Prosecutor
- Engineer
- Town Historian

Generally speaking, if the Town Board is satisfied with the job that an individual has been doing and they request a reappointment the Town Board will acknowledge their service by reappointing them.

Please mail your letters of interest by January 3<sup>rd</sup> to:

Terry Pienta, Town Clerk

OR

Joel Maerten, Supervisor

6570 Campbell Blvd.

Lockport, NY 14094

# Welcome Winter



## PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

**We Serve**

This past October 28th at the Starpoint School art room we met with Lions and art teachers, principles' and administrators to select our three Peace Poster winners for the 2016-2017 contest. The children we selected drew three enlightening posters that we think depicted this year's theme "A Celebration of Peace" perfectly. We had three young 7<sup>th</sup> grade students Franklin Merlo selected first over all, and for the second time in 2 years we have worked with the school we had a tie for second with Marah Brown and Adrianna Licata. Art teacher Amanda Alveraz worked only with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, about 115 students participating in the contest. On November 30<sup>th</sup> we introduced our winners to the community at the BOE scheduled meeting.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> our three winners met us at the Starpoint School board meeting to receive their awards for their posters. The 1<sup>st</sup> place poster was drawn by Franklin Merlo and he also had the opportunity to pick a charity that the Pendleton Lions would donate to in his name. He selected The WNY Food Bank, which was represented by Heather Hellman, who received the donation in Franklin's name.

Then during a late October meeting the club voted to donate another \$1000 to the Pantry for thanksgiving and Christmas dinner foods. At a later meeting, we collected \$200 dollars from the lions in attendance and the Pendleton Veterans donated \$300 dollars collected from their members at a meeting. Together those donations will be able to purchase the Thanksgiving Turkeys and the Christmas Hams. Thanks to both organizations for their help in providing the



Winning Student Franklin Merlo, Lion Joe Biondo, Middle school Art teacher Amanda Alvarez, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Marah Brown, Principal Jim Bryer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place student Adrianna Licata, Lion Rich Neizgoda and Lion President Sam Mattina.



Members of food Pantry including Food Pantry Director Melissa accept Thanksgiving donations from Pendleton Lion Zone Chairman Rich Neizgoda



Officer Installation 2016-2017: Lions Pam Owens, Tim Murphy, Tom Valentine, Terry Wyant our new directors, President Sam Mattina Director Ken Smith, New Secretary Cheryl Smith, Treasurer Dan Wendt and Director Chris King.

food for the holidays.

During the month of June Pendleton Lions installed the new officers for the 2016-2017 year. The installation was performed by PDG Lion Jim Muscorell and numerous directors and officers including new president Lion Sam Mattina and New Secretary Lion Cheryl Smith, Lions Pam Owens, Tim Murphy, Tom Valentine, Terry Wyant our new directors, President Sam Mattina Director Ken Smith, New Treasure Cheryl Smith, Treasure Dan Wendt and Director Chris King.

Your Pendleton lions recently, December 2nd, held their annual Christmas party with many residents and Lions and families presents. Thanks, go out to Marty Cicatello, Joe and Vince Beiter and their beautiful wives for a great job and to all who came thank you for another successful Christmas Party, **Happy Holiday's** to all in this great town.

On December 20th, we will hold our annual Christmas Toy Wrap with toys donated by the Pendleton Lions club being wrapped at the Wendelville fire company in Pendleton. We hope this night will be filled with many Lions but hopefully even more of our families, friends and residents of this wonderful town will be there to help us with this work party. All fruits of labor will allow us to make some very special kids very happy.

Great things are happening in the club so if there is an interest from anyone please contact our membership chairman Steve Lorenzo at 589-5023 or membership committee member and past president Rich Niezgoda at 689-9226 for information and applications.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo



Lion Dave Bratek and his wife Laureen enjoy this party with some of the residents and friends that were there.



Lion Joe Biondo paying for Turkeys at Walmart with monies from Pendleton Lions members and the Pendleton Veterans Association

## RECREATION

Winter still provides great opportunities for outdoor recreation. A nice day of walking the trails, fishing, bird watching, building a snowman, ice skating, taking some exceptional photographs or even sneaking in a game of tennis are available to us. Grab a cup of coffee...get the kids bundled up...and get outside!

The TOWN ICE RINK is an outside facility behind the water tower and is at the mercy of Mother Nature. Signs will show when the rink is open.

OPEN SKATE: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday 7am to 9pm \*no hockey sticks/pucks\*

HOCKEY DAYS: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Sunday 7am to 9pm

Local indoor ice rinks with public skating:

Cornerstone Arena in Lockport [cornerstoneicearena.com](http://cornerstoneicearena.com) 438-7698

Northtown Center at Amherst [Amherst.ny.us](http://Amherst.ny.us) 631-7555

SNOWMOBILES/ATV's please use caution on the trails and obey posted speed limits. Please stay on the designated trails and off of private property so that we may continue this privilege.

PENDLETON'S FAMILY SWIM PROGRAM will be held on Friday nights in January and February at the Starpoint School swimming pool from 7 to 9 pm. This is open to all Pendleton residents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. When Starpoint schools close for an emergency the Swim Program will also be cancelled that evening.

Steve Lorenzo, Recreation Director

## PENDLETON FARM AND HOME DAYS August 18 & 19, 2017

A committee of volunteers has been working diligently since last April to plan for our upcoming Pendleton Farm and Home Days. We have many exciting things planned for the inaugural event.

Plans are underway to have a Craft Show, a Cheerleading Clinic and Food Trucks and Vendors. We will have several local wineries and microbreweries available for tastings. Two well known, local bands have been booked to entertain us on Friday and Saturday nights in the beer tent. We are looking into games of chance and carnival rides, as well as a Pendleton Prince and Pendleton Princess Pageant. The Historical Society and several area churches are already planning their parade floats. We are hoping that many of Starpoint's student organizations and Pendleton's community groups will get involved as well. Plan on attending the family movie night under the stars, as we share a family favorite on the huge screen.

There are still many opportunities for you to get involved.

**Vendors-** Bonnie and Scott Kane are chairing the Vendors Area. They are currently seeking area businesses to sell their goods at the event. In order to make it interesting for the crowd, we are limiting the number of people selling the same items. For example, we would like to have a Pendleton resident that sells Thirty-One products, Avon, Silpada, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Real Estate, Landscaping, Home Improvements, Pools, etc. If you would like to represent your company, please contact the Kane's by **February 1, 2017**. After this date, they will seek vendors outside of Pendleton. We would also like to invite area retailers as well. Contact the Kane's at [bgizmo@gmail.com](mailto:bgizmo@gmail.com)

**Crafters-** Susan Boyce and Nancy Hanover are organizing the Craft show portion of our Pendleton Farm and Home Days. All crafters must be selling things that are hand-made. If you are interested in selling your wares, please contact them for details. [Nanhano60@aol.com](mailto:Nanhano60@aol.com) or [susaneboyce@gmail.com](mailto:susaneboyce@gmail.com)

**Pie Recipe Contest-** The Historical Society is currently accepting applications for those of you that would like to share that famous family recipe! Please contact Carol Moeller at 625-8769 to register for this event. No, they do not need any more judges to try the pies! However, some pies may be available for sale following the contest.

**Sponsors-** We are looking for area businesses and families to help us fund this wonderful undertaking. If you would like to be a Sponsor of Pendleton Farm and Home Days, please contact Denuelle Meyer or Joanne Zimmerman for more information about how **your name** can be a part of this.

**Here is the big one... Calling all Pendleton Bachelors**, ages 19 to 90- To cap off our Pendleton Farm and Home Days, we will be conducting a Bachelor Auction on Saturday evening. We know there are some fine, eligible bachelors in our community, and we need their help! On Friday night, we will introduce our bachelors to the community. Then on Saturday, we will offer the ladies an opportunity to "bid" on a date night with one of these men. The highest bidder will be treated to an evening out with a "Bachelor of Pendleton" and a dinner donated by one of Western New York's beautiful restaurants. We would like to have bachelors from all age groups; maybe a farmer, an educator, law enforcement, a retiree, a firefighter, a doctor, a restaurant owner or any one of the groups of men represented in our town. Whatever you do, is interesting to someone! We know we have a lot of great men in our community. Let us know if you would be willing to help us out in this way. It will be fun! Single men only, please!

Finally, please "Like" The Pendleton Farm and Home Days on Facebook and forward the information on to all of your Facebook friends. We will also have an Event page that we will be updating periodically. Think about how you would like to get involved, even if that means marking the dates on your calendar, so that you can be sure to attend. For more information contact us at: [pendletondays@gmail.com](mailto:pendletondays@gmail.com) or by calling Denuelle Meyer 625-3978 or Joanne Zimmerman 743-1187

## PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical Society meets on the third Monday of the month at the cabin on Campbell Blvd. We have made some rag rugs and table runners on our 100 year old loom. These are made by the members of the Historical Society. We have also made pillows. They will be available at our annual homemade cookie sale being held on December 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like to donate cookies please bring them to the cabin on Friday evening, December 9 at 6:00 pm. There will be door prizes too. The prizes are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – stained glass panel, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – large afghan and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a homemade rug. The raffle will be at 3:00 pm. We are also working on the 190<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Town of Pendleton. For more information contact Carol Moeller at 625-8769. More information will follow. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jane Walter, Secretary

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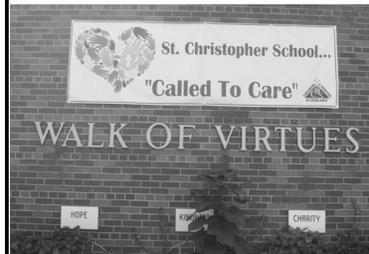
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