

# Penfield Township Newsletter

Spring 2016

## DUMPSTER DAYS

Penfield Dumpster Days will be held May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and October 15th from 8AM to 4PM.

Residents may bring scrap metal, motor oil, car & farm batteries and general trash.

Residents may NOT bring hazardous material, paint, tires, and construction debris.

Some residents have abused the prohibition on construction debris in the past and the Trustees reserve the right to reject any load not deemed acceptable.

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## BE VIGILANT!

The Lorain County Sheriff's Office reminds us to beware. Tax season is a prime time for scammers. Don't fall victim.

With tax season comes a whole new variety of scams. Don't give out your personal information, especially your social security number.

Lottery scams are also quite popular. Again, don't give out your personal information and don't pay for anything that you did not initiate.

If you did not contact them, hang-up or close the website; don't be a victim.

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## WEBSITE

The Township Website contains up-to-date information about upcoming events, board of trustee meeting minutes, contact information for our elected and appointed officials, recreation park information, zoning permit information, fees, zoning regulations & map, and recycle center information.

Visit us at: [www.penfieldtownship.com](http://www.penfieldtownship.com)

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### EASTER BRUNCH – MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 10:00 AM -1:00 PM

### SPRING CONCERT APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 7 PM

THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT IS PERFORMED BY THE KEYSTONE ALUMNI & FRIENDS BAND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 3 PM UNTIL 7 PM

### REVERSE RAFFLE – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE

CONTACT TERRI BACSI AT 440-315-9048

### PRIDE DAY – MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

PLACE: TOWN HALL, RECREATION PARK, CEMETERY, ROADSIDE PARK - CONTACT VICKI IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: PENFIELD CEMETERY

TIME: 10:00 AM

### BLOOD DRIVES – JUNE 24 , AUG 24, OCT 19, DEC 14

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 3:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM      TIME: 7 PM

The Annual Christmas concert is performed by the Keystone Alumni & friends band. Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food items and toys for Well-Help are appreciated.

## **HALL RENTAL**

Penfield has two halls available for private functions. Both are air conditioned, and can be rented for birthday parties, weddings, graduations, showers, and etc. Township residents' funeral luncheons can be held free of charge. Community groups, such as scouts and 4H, can use the hall for their meetings for free.

The "Community Room" is a 48' X 48' hall with an adjoining kitchen containing a warming oven, refrigerator, microwave, and coffee pots. It rents for \$300. It has theater-style seating capacity of 312 (chairs only) and banquet-style seating capacity of 145 (chairs and tables). It features rectangular tables and padded chairs. An additional \$200 security deposit is required and returned when the hall is left in satisfactory condition.

The "Township Meeting Hall" is smaller and rents for \$100. It has theater-style seating capacity of 60 and banquet-style seating capacity of 42. It has electrical outlets for roasters, crock pots, or coffee makers, but no kitchen access. Tables and chairs are included. An additional \$50 security deposit is required and returned when the hall is left in satisfactory condition.

**Contact Dee Telzerow at 440-537-3116**

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## **LORAIN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING**

The Southern Satellite Office of the Lorain County Office on Aging (LCOOA) is located nearby in Wellington and offers many residents in the community a variety of services. They can help determine what you are eligible to receive and connect you with programs that might be able to help. The LCOOA helps those 60+ years old or disabled and their families develop a long term plan to stay in their homes. To learn more, brochures are available in the Town Hall lobby or you can call 440-647-0777.

## **PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2015**

Other than road-related projects, we accomplished some good things this past year. Some of the highlights are:

- The Town Hall received a new front porch and ramp through a Troop 118 Eagle Scout Project.
- The Town Hall parking lot was repaired, sealed and restriped.
- We planted shrubs around the Town Hall to dress it up a bit.

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## **E-MAIL DATABASE**

We have collected a list of Residents' e-mail addresses so that we may, from time to time, communicate information about Penfield. If you would like to receive communication in this manner please contact Trustee Duane Johnson to request that your e-mail address be added to this list.

**duane.johnson.57@gmail.com**

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## **RECREATION PARK NEWS**

Last summer, thanks to a grant from K.E.Y., United Way, and the Lorain County General Health District, a 3/8 mile paved extension was added to the walking trail. This year, fitness stations, Storybook Stroll stations, mile markers, etc. will be added as enhancements to the trail.

Also, an electronic scoreboard for baseball field number 3 will be installed, donated by the Athletic Boosters and private donors.

The drainage issue along the main walkway at the front of the park has been addressed.

The dilapidated tennis courts were removed and the rubble was recycled to create a new parking lot just north of the west pavilion. Fencing will be added where the tennis court once stood, around the new parking lot, and along the west side of the main driveway.

## **WENS**

Lorain County recently implemented a **Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS)**, which is sometimes referred to as a reverse 911. With this, the county, or any political subdivision (City, Township, etc.) can issue warnings or emergency information, such as weather alerts, boil alerts, and so forth. It should prove to be a useful tool that can disseminate information to a target group very quickly.

If you would like to be included, and we hope that you will, go to the address below and provide the information on the registration sheet. It only takes a few minutes.

[https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/lorain\\_oh/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/lorain_oh/wens.cfm)

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## **PENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The organization was formed to help preserve historic artifacts and information from and about Penfield Township. It is an affiliate of the Lorain County Historical Society. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the town hall. For further information or to join, contact Bill Kies at 440-452-6331, Jackie Johnson at 440-371-1868, or Linda Van Meter at 330-648-2605. The society is holding a "Fill the truck" fundraiser on Pride Day, Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Cloth items, even stained or torn ones, and nearly anything that one person can carry will be accepted. Donations are tax deductible.

Among other things, the money raised will be used to purchase archival grade materials to store the artifacts. Bring your donations of clothing etc. to the town hall from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Visit them on Facebook at Penfield Historical Society or online at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohpenfi/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohpenfi/)

## **K.E.Y. COLLABORATIVE**

Penfield Township is part of **Keystone Empowers You**. United Way of Greater Lorain County and the Lorain County General Health District have partnered with local organizations to create a community collaborative that will increase access to physical activity and healthy food options in order to reduce the risk of chronic disease in the Keystone community.

Last summer a 3/8 mile paved loop was added to the walking trail at the recreation park. This year fitness stations and signage will be added to the existing and extended trail segments which will include things such as distance markers, exercise tips, nature facts, and a storybook series for young park patrons.

For more information go to:  
[KeystoneEmpowersYou.com](http://KeystoneEmpowersYou.com)

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## **ROAD BRIDGE UPDATES**

The Jones Road Bridge replacement project is finally underway. The project was delayed for several reasons, one being that the paint on the old bridge contained asbestos. The bridge has been removed and construction of the new one has begun. They are working on installing sheet piling, which protects the bridge foundation from the erosion effects of the river, and tubular piling, which will be the main foundation of the new bridge. Once the piling is complete, the project should progress noticeably quicker. When the bridge is completed the road will be straighter, making the crossing easier and safer. The projected completion date is somewhere around June of 2016.

**ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**TRUSTEES**

RICK CONRAD - 19800 INDIAN HOLLOW RD  
GRAFTON, OH 44044  
216-396-7015

LLOYD GORDON - 42950 JONES RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-281-0995

DUANE JOHNSON – 41869 JONES RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-225-3636

**FISCAL OFFICER**

VICKI DENES – 41012 ST RT. 18  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-315-5607 FAX 647-5744

**ZONING INSPECTOR**

RICHARD DONAHUE – 41241 WEBSTER RD  
LAGRANGE, OH 44050  
440-355-4581

**PARK BOARD CHAIRMAN**

TIM TYRONE – 42780 PECK WADSWORTH RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-396-3096

**ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN**

RON RUNION- 42450 SMITH ROAD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
330-648-2291

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRMAN**

JACKIE JOHNSON – 41869 JONES RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-647-4540

**ZONING SECRETARY**

LINDA VAN METER – 24004 FOSTER RD  
LITCHFIELD, OH 44253  
330-648-2605

Penfield Township  
41012 ST RT. 18  
Wellington, OH 44090

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Mailing Address  
Street Number and Name  
City, State 98765-4321

# Penfield Township Questionnaire

We would like to increase utilization at the recreation park and would very much like you to tell us what would make the park more appealing to you, your family, and your friends. Last year, with the help of K.E.Y. (Keystone Empowers You Collaborative), through a grant from United Way and The Lorain County General Health District, we added a 3/8 mile paved extension to our walking trail. There are several enhancements to that trail in the works. We would like to continue to enhance the park and the new trail. Please, take a few minutes to either fill out this paper copy and return it to Vicki Denes at 41012 State Route 18 Wellington, OH 44090 or visit [penfieldtownship.com](http://penfieldtownship.com) and click on the survey link.

1. About how often do you or your family come to the Penfield Recreation Park during the summer?

- Every day       A few times a week       Once a week  
 A few times a month       Once a month       Never

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why do you come to the park?

- To play official sports       To play pickup sports       For the playground       To get exercise

Comments/Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please check all of the features of the park that you or your family members use.

- Picnic pavilions       Baseball diamonds       Basketball court       Walking trail  
 Volleyball courts       Soccer field       Playground

Comments/Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What new features would you like to see at the park?

- More water fountains       Exercise equipment       Shady areas

Comments/Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What would motivate you to come to the park more often?

- Storybook strolls       Walking groups       Outdoor movie nights       Outdoor book discussions

Comments/Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you be interested in a community picnic sometime during the summer?  Yes  No

## **HOW WE SPEND YOUR TAX DOLLARS**

One of a township's biggest responsibilities is the maintenance of its township roads. In 2015 we replaced a culvert on Webster road and also widened the road. The project was a joint effort with LaGrange Township. Most of the funding, \$101,501 came from an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant, \$8,508 from an interest free loan, leaving our local share at \$20, 820.54. In 2016 as the final step, Webster Road will receive an asphalt overlay. \$94,483 of this cost will come from an OPWC grant, \$9,000 from an interest free loan, and the remaining \$19,760 as our local share.

In 2016, Jones Road, between Route 301 and West Road will be chip-n-sealed at a cost of approximately \$38,000. A discounted rate for chip-n-seal was obtained by uniting with other townships and Lorain County.

Also, in 2015, we spent \$29,656.34 to resurface Webster Road from Route 301 to Whitehead Road and Short Road from Foster to Vermont Street.

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### **PENFIELD TOWNSHIP GRANTS**

Penfield Township received an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant for \$101,501 which was used for the Webster Road widening project. We also were awarded \$63,000 from the Lorain County Storm Water District (SWAC) to be used to continue cleaning the Curtice Ditch in the Northwest section of the township. A Lorain County Solid Waste grant of \$2,667.34 was used for walking trail benches, smoking urns, and pride day food.

## **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

We celebrate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Penfield Cemetery. It begins at 10:00 AM, and typically includes a small parade with the Keystone Marching Band, 4-H clubs, Scouts, and more. We also have a presentation by a keynote speaker. If you are interested in speaking or would like to suggest someone, let us know. Everyone is welcome. We have a new PA system this year.

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### **South Lorain County Ambulance District**

Penfield is served by The South Lorain County Ambulance District (SLCAD). Trustee Duane Johnson represents Penfield as a member of the SLCAD board.

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### **Wellington Fire District**

Penfield Township is served by the Wellington Fire District. Trustee Lloyd Gordon represents Penfield as a member of the Fire Board.

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### **Rural Lorain County Water Authority**

Penfield Township is served by Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA). Trustee Rick Conrad represents Penfield as a member of their board.

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### **RANDOM INFORMATION**

Penfield Township has two Automated External Defibrillators. (AED) One is in the main hallway at the town hall and the other is kept in the shed at the recreation park.

**For more up-to-date information, visit us at**

**[www.penfieldtownship.com](http://www.penfieldtownship.com)**

**Or on Facebook at Penfield Township**