

Penfield Township Newsletter

Spring 2020

TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL

Township 3, Range 17, became by the original drawing, the property of Caleb Atwater who paid the Connecticut Land Company 25 cents an acre or about \$4,000. He deeded the land to his six daughters in equal sections that were put on the market when the original settlers came.

In 1818, Peter Penfield and Calvin Spencer came from New York and found the land suitable for settling. Penfield Township was founded in 1820.

Mark your calendar for September 27th. We will be hosting a bicentennial celebration with food, games, activities, and more. Look for more details on penfieldtownship.com, our new LED message board at the town hall, or FaceBook.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Coronavirus outbreak has affected all of us to varying degrees. We won't know the full extent of its devastation until long after the threat is over. For some of us it was merely an inconvenience, for others it may have significant personal and financial consequences.

In keeping with Governor DeWine's mandate, the Penfield Town Hall will be closed and all activities normally held there will be suspended until the shut-in is over.

In the meantime, maintain social distancing, keep in touch with your loved ones, and keep an eye on any of your neighbors who may require assistance.

Visit us at penfieldtownship.com or FaceBook for updates.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

SPRING CONCERT APRIL 18TH

CANCELLED

TIME: 7 PM

THE ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT IS PERFORMED BY THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BAND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

PRIDE DAY – MAY 16TH

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

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MAY 25TH

PLACE: PENFIELD CEMETERY

TIME: 10:00 AM

BLOOD DRIVES – MAY 22, JUL 24, SEP 18, NOV 27

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 2:00 PM UNTIL 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 5TH

PLACE: TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ROOM TIME: 7 PM

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

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**THE PENFIELD COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR
IS NOW ONLINE AT PENFIELDTOWNSHIP.COM**

VISIT: WWW.LIVEHEALTHYLORAINCOUNTY.COM/KEY/

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BAG YOUR TRASH

We know you shouldn't have to, but to help keep the township looking nice, bag your trash, especially on windy days.

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. You can also view our Community Calendar to see what is happening at the township.

Visit us at: www.penfieldtownship.com

HALL RENTAL

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

The "Community Room" has an adjoining kitchen which includes 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 and round tables, and padded chairs. An additional \$250 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 \$100 security deposit is required and returned when the hall is left in satisfactory condition.

Availability of both halls can be checked on our website, but must be verified.

Contact Theresa Seman at 440-574-3362 for more information or to book a rental

DUMPSTER DAYS

Dumpster Days will be held May 16th, August 8th, and October 17th from 8 AM to 3 PM.

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

Residents may NOT bring hazardous material, paint, tires, or 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.

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 if you are eligible to receive services 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.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

Rick Conrad serves on the Rural Lorain County Water Authority.

Eric Flynn sits on the Wellington Fire Board.

Duane Johnson serves on the South Lorain County Ambulance Board.

John Eaton (Huntington Twp) represents us on the LMRE Board of Trustees and Jackie Johnson on the LMRE People Fund Board.

RECREATION PARK NEWS

The Park Board focus in 2020 will be to address the playground equipment at the park which is worn out or in need of repair. The park has three baseball fields, one of which is lighted. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running a softball league, this may be your place. We also have a soccer/football field that could use some playing time. For more information or to join the park board, contact Terri at 440-315-9048.

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, or Jackie Johnson at 440-371-1868. The society is planning to hold a "Fill the truck" fundraiser on Pride Day, Saturday May 16th. Any household items such as clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, accessories, electrical items, toys & games, and knick knacks are accepted.

The money raised will be used to offset the costs of renovating one of Penfield's old, one room school buildings, which was recently relocated. Bring your donations of clothing etc. to the town hall from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Visit them on Facebook at Penfield Historical Society or online at :
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohpenfi/

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT WORK

The Township employs three part time workers to maintain the Township property and township roads. They mow the Town Hall property, the roadside park, the recreation park property, the cemetery, and the township road ditches. They also plow snow on the township roads, parking lots, and driveways. They perform maintenance on the township equipment, such as mowers and trucks, and do maintenance and repair on the township buildings as well.

The Township also employs a Zoning Inspector, who performs and manages the zoning related duties within the township, such as issuing building permits, inspecting all roads within the township for zoning issues, helping residents with their zoning matters, and supporting the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Township has several boards which are made up of residents who are willing to give their time and energy to the community for little or no compensation.

The Zoning Commission, which consists of five members and two alternates, is responsible for creation and amendment of the Township Zoning Resolution. This resolution is the guide by which all zoning decisions in the township are made. Zoning Commission members are compensated for their time.

The Board of Zoning Appeals, which also consists of five members and two alternates, is responsible for hearings for area and use variances, conditional uses, and appeals for decisions of the Zoning Inspector. BZA members are also compensated for their time.

The Recreation Park Board can have up to seven members. They are responsible for, among other things, coordinating the park resources with organizations and groups such as Hot Stove. They identify and oversee improvements to the park. They host community events such as Easter Brunch and Movie Night. Park Board members are not compensated.

All of these boards need additional members. If you are civic minded and want to be involved, or simply want more information, contact any of your elected officials. We would love to have you on our team.

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, please let us know. Everyone is welcome.

For more up-to-date information, visit us at
www.penfieldtownship.com
Or on Facebook at Penfield Township

ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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