

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES**

Our monthly Defensive Driving/Point Insurance Reduction Program classes continue through the end of the year in the Town Hall Board Room. The remaining dates are 10/4, 11/1 and 12/6. October has 7 registrants. None for November yet, but December has 1.

Including the October class we've had 58 participants in 8 classes (no classes scheduled in July or August) averaging 7.25 per class.

In 2024 we had 38 participants in 6 total classes averaging 6.33 per class. Three months did not have classes due to schedule conflicts with the Macedon Community Room. 3 other scheduled classes ended up being cancelled due to low or no enrollment. They were all Monday & Wednesday split classes (3 hours each day). This year we switched to just Saturdays (6 hours single day).

Later this month I'll be contacting Officer Murray to look at our potential dates for 2026 classes. We plan on continuing to use the Town Hall Board room for all classes.

On 9/9/25 Officer Murray stopped in and said he heard that Parkwood Heights Senior Living Community may be interested in hosting a class on their campus. I emailed the Life Enrichment Director Diana Cort about this but she respectfully declined. In short she said that any residents who still drive can easily make the short trip over to town hall if they want to take the class. I delivered a few flyers to Parkwood earlier in the summer to distribute.

**MACEDON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS MEETING**

On Thursday 9/25/25 I met with Macedon Historical Society President Sandy Pagano at their two buildings at Macedon Center & Canandaigua roads. The purpose was for her to show the recent upgrades to the Meetinghouse & Academy to see if they could be of use for any Town Rec programs. She said they typically charge around \$60 per day/event to rent one of the buildings but would only charge the town half of the fee.

The Meetinghouse features a main large room with tables & chairs with a smaller galley kitchen (double sink, stove, microwave, fridge).

The Academy has a larger kitchen with three stoves, a bigger fridge, double sink and air fryer. The downstairs rooms are pretty packed with historic items but the upstairs has a larger open space with a small stage. The Academy also has wifi, the Meetinghouse is not wired for internet at all.

The Meetinghouse may be a good site for a new club or class we put on in 2026. It has similar amenities to the Town Board Room and Community Room and is usually only booked Monday nights (Gananda Rotary) and Tuesday nights (Scottish dancing).

The Academy kitchen table space is probably too small for our cooking class plans (see below), but the upstairs space with the stage is unique and could potentially host a club or class.

### **COOKING CLASSES**

About an hour before our meeting on 8/27 I was on the phone with Jeffory "Cheffory" McLean who taught our cooking class we did in February 2023. That class was held in the Pal-Mac Middle School Health FACs (Home Ec) room but the cost to continue using that room was too high.

Due to costs/space we discussed using the Community Room to put on a couple of weekend classes on Saturday 11/15 and Saturday 12/13 from 1:30p-3:30p. We need to purchase a few cooking sets (electric induction plates, pans, utensils, etc.) to makeup for the lack of kitchen equipment we had in the HEALTH FACs room but we had budgeted for that this year. We're looking at class sizes of 10-12 people.

### **BULLIS PARK CONCESSION STAND**

New with Fall Soccer this year is an open concession stand! I removed 99% of the Summer Camp equipment and supplies from the Bullis Building and moved it to the basement closet at the bottom of the stairs in village hall.

Soccer parents Melinda Smyth and Jen Goodwin are helping with 'day of' operations while I'm off coaching in Group 3. We're selling the usual items (water, coffee, soda, gatorade, chips, candy, pizza) and will continue through the end of the Fall session. I plan on continuing to do this with all rec soccer programs in 2026.

### **FALL SOCCER**

Fall soccer started last week (9/24) and continues for three more Wednesdays (10/1, 10/8, 10/15)

We have 158 participants this year. Last year we had 106 total. In 2023 we had 131.

### **WINTER INDOOR SOCCER**

Registration for the Winter Indoor Travel soccer season will open by 10/15. Practices are set to begin on 11/10. This week I reached out to coaches to see if they are returning. Boys 10+ will have Isaac Wheeler returning if Chris Mahnke declines again. David Cialini & Connor Doll who coached Boys 8-9 last year and the 15U summer travel team are good to return as well. I'm still working on finalizing Boys 3-5 and Boys 6-7 but have candidates.

For the girls, we need a 3-5 coach. Hannah Dentel-Colf replied to me that if Mike Karns doesn't coach the 10+ team she would move up to that spot, and Sami Dentel move up to 8-9 leaving a vacancy at Girls 6-7. Hannah said she may have some coaching candidates. I may also be available to coach the Girls 6-7 with my daughter since the Boys 8-9 team has coverage.

Gym space has been requested basically from 11/10/25-3/31/25 but there may be a little more movement this year because the Middle School gym has a few conflicting

reservations (Mondays in Dec-Feb, Fridays in Nov-mid Dec). I'm trying to work around those. I requested Fridays in the primary and intermediate gyms if the middle school conflicts can't be avoided.

### **GOLF CAMP PLANS FOR NEXT SUMMER**

I reached out the Pal-Mac interim AD Dan Harris to see if their golf coach would be interested in leading a golf camp next summer similar to what we do with our annual tennis camp. He put me in touch with Varsity golf coach Coleston Scheik. He said he would be interested, but we need to set up a time to further discuss. We're looking at Sycamore Golf Club to host the camp, but haven't reached out to them yet. Coleston apparently has a good relationship with them.

### **DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION INTERVIEW PANEL**

Last week I was emailed by the Pal-Mac School district to see if I was available to participate in the interview process for their Director of Physical Education (athletic director) position. The interviews are scheduled for 1/20/26 & 1/22/26 from 4p-7:30p. I indicated I would be available.

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