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Town of Penfield hosts “National Plug In Day” Sept. 23
- Electric car charging station at Penfield Community Center -

PENFIELD, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 – The Town of Penfield will join more than 50 cities and towns nationwide to celebrate “National Plug In Day” on Sunday, September 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at its electric car charging station on the south side of the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road.

This free event is being coordinated by Bob Kanauer, an electrical engineer, member of the Town of Penfield’s Energy & Environment Advisory Committee, and owner of LTHS Solar. Visitors will see the newest electric vehicles, have an opportunity to speak to local experts on electric vehicle technology, and play a solar-friendly game.

The Town of Penfield installed the first publicly available charging station in Monroe County at the Penfield Community Center in April 2012. Bob Kanauer donated the charging station equipment and project engineering; the town installed the fully handicap accessible enclosure, providing labor and materials including wood, pavers and conduit. A meter for the charging station is located inside the Community Center.

Penfield’s public charging station supports electric cars like the Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, Ford Focus Electric and more. The cost of electricity for the charging station is about 33 cents per hour. A one hour charge while visiting the Penfield Community Center would typically yield about 14 miles of charge to a car’s battery. It would take roughly three hours to fully charge a vehicle.
Supervisor Tony LaFountain said, “Ownership of electric cars is gaining momentum and we are interested in learning what it will take to support an infrastructure for these vehicles in our community. The town board will track use and costs of the charging station so when demand rises and vehicle costs come down we can measure the benefit of adding electric vehicles to the town fleet for short trips between facilities.”

For more information on National Plug In day go to [http://www.pluginamerica.org/](http://www.pluginamerica.org/).

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