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**Town of Penfield hosts “National Plug In Day” Sept. 28**
- Electric car charging station at Penfield Community Center -

**PENFIELD, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 20, 2013** – The Town of Penfield will join 100 cities and towns nationwide to celebrate “National Plug In Day” on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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. The New York State Electric Automobile Association is the local sponsor; national sponsors include the Sierra Club and Nissan. For those that have an electric car and would like to be part of the event you can register at [http://www.pluginday.org](http://www.pluginday.org).

Visitors will see the newest electric vehicles, have an opportunity to speak to local experts on electric vehicle technology, see how electric vehicle charging stations operate, and drive/ride in some of the vehicles.

The Town of Penfield installed the first publicly available electric vehicle charging station in Monroe County at the Penfield Community Center in April 2012. Bob Kanauer donated the 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. In May of 2013 the Town of Penfield installed a second public electric vehicle charging station at the town hall complex on Atlantic Avenue.
“The Town has taken a proactive approach to help support residents with sustainability” said Penfield Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “The installation of our public charging stations is one of many steps we have taken to be good stewards of the environment. Their use continues to grow and expand each month as more residents invest in electric and hybrid vehicles.”

Penfield’s public charging station supports electric cars like the Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf, Ford Focus Electric, Nissan RAV4 EV, Tesla Roadster, Honda Fit EV, Smart for Two EV, 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.

For more information on National Plug In Day go to http://www.pluginday.org.

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