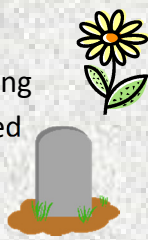


SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 8th from 9 AM – 12 noon. This day will be spent cleaning leaves and picking up branches. Pinckney Historical Cemetery is located at 647 W. M-36, just west of downtown Pinckney. Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, blowers and clippers if you can (but not required).



TAX DAY IS APRIL 18th
The regular tax return filing deadline is April 15. However, due to April 15 being on a Saturday and the Washington D.C. Emancipation Day holiday being observed on April 17 instead of April 16, 2017, Tax Day is on the following Tuesday.



Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day
(Please note that the Pinckney Police will still be on duty and DPW will be on call.)

Summer 2017 Road Project
Portage Street from the dead end east of Mill Street to the dead end at the Mill Pond, west of Marion, will be reconstructed this summer along with improvements to the sanitary sewer system and the storm water system. Sidewalks will be added on the north side of Portage and the east side of Marion. The sidewalks will close, at least part of, the walking loop from Mill to Portage to Marion to Main Street. While a construction start date has not yet been set it will not begin before June 5th and will be completed by early August. Final construction dates and timelines will be posted when they are finalized.

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FROM LINDA LAVEY, PRESIDENT

Two Dons Are Better than One

As you know, our little Village has a pretty little staff, and we work them pretty hard. That's why it's both a little unusual and very fortunate that we now have two fellas named Don working with the DPW! Don Bedwell has been around the community for a good while. Some may know him from his work with the Putnam Township Fire Department. He started with the Village in July. Don Fralick comes to us after a successful career with the Fenton water department. He started in August. Both are affable, hard-working, and answer to "Don." When you see a Village DPW truck or plow go by, there's a 40% chance that a Don is driving it. Give them a wave, or say "Hi," and let them know they're doing a good job.



Don Bedwell



Don Fralick

#2 in an ongoing series introducing our Village staff: Meet our Zoning Administrator, Diane Kay-Hougaboom!



How to introduce our Zoning Administrator, Diane Kay-Hougaboom? It could be said she is a cycling enthusiast, having pedaled all over Michigan, the Midwest, and even through the desert out west; or a trails enthusiast, working with Friends of the Lakelands Trails and other entities to support trail development (for cyclists and everyone else); or an enthusiast for canine companions, having adopted a mismatched set (one almost pony-sized!), or a wine enthusiast, enjoying the finer things in life. Seeing a pattern? Enthusiasm and energy, a Renaissance woman! She grew up in Howell, studied at Michigan and in Pittsburgh, lives in Hell. Other things she loves: social justice, working to support youth services in the County; beekeeping, gardening, anything nature; and of course her charming partner in law and life, husband Bill Hougaboom. For the Village she loves permits showing up complete and on time, responsible development plans, solving issues before they become problems. Zoning Administrator is a tough job, luckily we have a tough lady for that task in Diane.

The Solid Waste Department of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office provides information and special events encouraging residents to responsibly deal with hazardous waste. They will again be coordinating three free Household Hazardous Waste collections for Livingston County residents. Information can be found at: <https://www.livgov.com/dpw>. Calls for reservations will be taken beginning in April at 517-546-0040.

Spring Clean-Up on May 2nd and 3rd

Our annual spring clean-up will be on May 2nd and 3rd this year. DPW will be coming around to pick up leaves left over from the fall on those days. Please make sure your leaves are next to the road and are free of debris.

Brush pick-up will be held on the regularly scheduled Tuesdays (the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month) beginning April 11th. Please don't place brush out prior to the Friday before and no later than 8am on the date of pick up. Place brush to be chipped with largest end (8"-10" diameter or less) facing the same direction, out toward the roadside. Large piles of brush that are a tangled mess won't be picked up. Yard Waste Pick Up by Granger will begin on April 12th. They will only pick up yard waste in the brown paper yard waste bags.

Your 2017 Village Property Tax bill will be mailed out on July 1st. If you don't receive your tax bill shortly thereafter, please let the treasurer know!

Taxes are due September 14th, 2017, so plan accordingly.

Pinckney Police Department



Some seasonal reminders:

SKATEBOARDS and OTHER TOY VEHICLES

Per Village Ordinance 72.01, skateboards, rollerblades and other toy wheeled vehicles may not be operated on the sidewalk anywhere in the central business district of the village. Children are permitted to use bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. on the sidewalks in their residential neighborhoods; however, they are advised to yield to pedestrian foot traffic.

BURNING

Per Village Ordinance 91.01, no burning in the Village is allowed except for some certain exceptions. A recreational fire is one of those exceptions. Keep in mind that a recreational fire has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height and is within a fireproof ring or pit and the fire is used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.

A note from your Zoning Administrator:

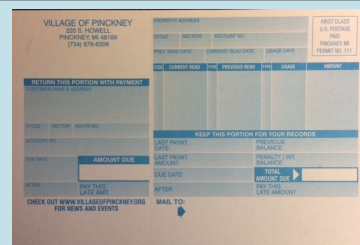
Spring has come, the grass has ris, I wonder where, the birdies is?

The zoning office can't tell you where the birdies are, but we can remind you that once spring comes and the grass starts to grow, we do enforce our ordinances prohibiting tall grass and weeds. While tall grass may seem like it is simply an eyesore, it can also be a hiding place for undesirable critters like mice and a place for bugs like mosquitoes to beat the summer heat. Chapter 94 of the Village Ordinances (Control of Tall Weeds, Grass and Brush) requires that property owners keep their lawns and property neat and trimmed throughout the growing season. Grass and weeds over 9" in height (both in front AND back yards) are in violation of the ordinance. Penalties for noncompliance may result in the village mowing and trimming and placing a bill for this on the tax roll.

For the health of our infrastructure, please DO NOT blow grass clippings into the street. The grass clippings can wash down to storm drains and clog them. This causes extra work for our already hard working DPW who would have to unclog the drains to prevent flooding.

If you are building a deck or shed this summer, visit the Zoning Administrator for a permit. (Office hours any time on Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday from noon to four).

And Remember to enjoy this beautiful time of year.



We continue to see residents struggling to receive their postcard utility bills. Only the post office knows where they go! You can sign up to get email bills and reminders by emailing the village clerk at clerk@villageofpinckney.org



Did you end up with extra recycling bins in your yard after the big storm? Please bring them to village hall for redistribution. We get a limited supply each year.



Look for information coming soon in the mail from Granger Container regarding curb carts!

Rain Gardens

Rain gardens have been around for a long time, but they're becoming increasingly popular as more landowners become conscious of their impact on the overall environment. Rain gardens are simply planned gardens that capture, and filter, rain water that would otherwise run off, or through, their property.

Rainwater runoff has become a more serious problem as both residential and commercial development has increased the quantity of impervious "waterproof" surfaces... roads, building roofs, patios, and other impenetrable areas that preclude rainwater from soaking into the ground. Increased rainwater runoff is the cause of a number of potential problems, including increased pollution of streams and water supplies, as the rainwater picks up chemicals from roads, lawns, farms, and parking lots; erosion of both surface soil and subsoil, sometimes resulting in sinkholes and structural damage; and reduction of the natural replenishment of groundwater supplies. These issues may be so subtle as to not be obvious and sometimes the problems created by rainwater runoff occur miles downstream from the cause.

You can easily construct a small rain garden with little effort or upkeep that will benefit the local environment and improve the beauty of your immediate surroundings. Unlike water gardens, there's no need to install special liners, and no issues with the problems associated with standing or stagnant water, like muck and mosquitoes, to name just two. Your rain garden will not resemble the unattractive catch basins that are increasingly popular in commercial construction areas. You won't need to put a fence around it, and you won't be creating your personal little swamp.

A rain garden's purpose is to collect, filter, and keep the water that would otherwise run off of, or through, your property. Typically, large or medium sized rain gardens should be located at least 10 feet from your house to preclude increasing the amount of water around your foundation. (Note, however, that having plants around the house will also reduce the amount of water that seeps into the ground around your foundation.) Rain gardens should not be located immediately over a septic system, as these areas are already moisture laden. The surface of your rain garden should be 4 to 8 inches lower than the surrounding surface of the lawn, so that it will be able to trap rainwater for a short period of time, until it seeps into the soil, feeding the plants and filtering any potential pollutants that would otherwise run off the property.

For more information on how to build your personal raingarden go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/shorelandzoning/documents/rgmanual.pdf>

