Spring 2018 Newsletter

Village of Pinckney

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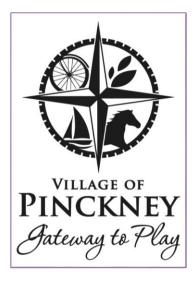
From the desk of Village President, Linda Lavey:

I would love to supply you with lots of fascinating new information on the planned sewer upgrade project. All I can report is that the full application is almost complete, and that it should go out to bid soon. The construction work itself will travel along South Howell. Again, we'll let you know more as soon as we know more.

Here at Village Hall we've had a few staff changes to report:

Departures: It's bittersweet to announce a few departures among our Village staff: Zoning Administrator Diane Kay-Hougaboom has left her post to focus more on her law practice; accountant Kim Lim was offered a full-time position with an institute at the University of Michigan; the DPW's Don Fralick found work geographically closer to his Novi home. We thank them all for their service to the Village and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Arrivals: On the flip side of the departures, it's my pleasure to announce some staffing additions and change-ups that I am confident will provide excellent service to the Village going forward. The Zoning Administrator position has been accepted by our Treasurer (and former Secretary) Michelle Brunner. Michelle is now the Treasurer/Zoning Administrator. A first for the Village! She is taking it on with gusto. That move made room for former Council Trustee Heather Menosky to take over the Secretary role. She demonstrates the superior customer service skills she has been known for. Our new accountant is Kimberly Bilko, who brings us her years of financial services experience and no fear of keeping our collective books straight. Finally, Don Fee has joined the DPW. Don is from Gregory and has extensive water system experience. Should you have occasion to encounter any of our new staff, take a moment to welcome them aboard!



Upcoming Events

May 28

Memorial Parade 1pm

June 2

Art in the Park- sponsored by the PPHH Chamber of Commerce

Irrigation Meters

Control your water usage, by having a second meter installed for your outdoor watering needs. Irrigation Meter rates are based on water use alone, without the sewer portion, as the water is not being sent through the Village Sewer system.

Irrigation Meters can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works at 734-878-0666.

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'Is my bill correct?' If you think your water usage seems high, try checking for unknown leaks. Here is what DPW Director Scott Mills suggests:

Check for water usage leaks in your establishment by looking at your Water Meter. First make sure everything is off. Look at your meter, there will always be an indicator for water usage but they differ in appearance by meter type. If you have a leak somewhere and your meter is digital you will see a Plus sign by the numbers; if it is an older style meter, you will see a dial or a triangle rotating. These are signs that you have something leaking. A drippy faucet could be the culprit but if you cannot find anything visually then most likely it is the flapper valve in the toilet tank. If you would like to check the toilet for leaks the Village has Dye Tablets available upon request.

From Chief Newton:

Spring is just about here, so let's prepare ourselves for potential weather threats...after all, this is Michigan!

- 1. Spring is when there is the highest potential for damaging tornadoes, among other threats.
 - a. Prepare a tornado plan with your family
- 2. Spring flooding can be a significant threat to lives, property
 - a. Flooding is not an event to be forgotten in the spring. During spring's warmup, rainfall and melting snow can very easily cause large amounts of runoff in a short period of time.
- 3. Gusty winds can trigger downed wires and other damage.
 - a. The strongest winds occur during March and April due to the development of big and powerful surface storms developing in the lee of the Rockies then moving east.
- 4. Snowstorms can still be a threat and cause disruptions to travel
 - a. In the early spring, snowstorms are still a potential extreme weather problems

There will be a County Wide Tornado Drill on April 11th at 1pm

PVB Back Flow Prevention Devices: The Village of Pinckney has adopted the Michigan Department of Public Health code R₃₂₅.11401 to R₃₂₅.11407 which requires that all PVB devices be tested on a routine basis. Experience shows that there is not a mechanical device, which can be depended upon unless it is routinely tested and maintained. Backflow prevention devices must be tested only by certified backflow prevention testers who are knowledgeable of the workings of the devices and fully realizes the hazards of cross connection with a potable water system. At minimum, the State requires that these devices be tested every 3 years and you are required to submit a copy of the test reports to the Village Offices. Visit the Village Website for a list of certified PBV Contractors





Want To Run For Office?

This November we will have 6 seats up for grabs on the Village Council. 5 of the spots are Trustee positions, and the 6th is the President. Trustee terms are 4 years; President Term is 2 years, Please contact the Village Clerk if you are interested in filing for an Elected Official Position.

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