



The Villager

The Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney

From the desk of Rebecca Foster, Village President

The Village of Pinckney received a \$50,000 grant through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant administered through the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. And since that is such a mouthful, we're just calling it an Energy Kit Grant for short. The money will be used to purchase 475 energy kits to distribute to residents at no charge. We have partnered with Michigan Green to compile the kits, gather data and administer the grant. This same organization recently conducted an energy audit of Village Hall and we have already implemented several energy-saving measures as a result. Although we need several more months of data to be sure, we have reduced our electrical bill by 10% from December 2009, and 18% from January 2009.

The Energy Kit contains 42 energy conservation measures, with each one rated to last a minimum of seven years in residential use: 3-in-1 LED Nightlight (Nightlight, Flashlight, Emergency Light), (2) LED Nightlights, (2)



23W CFL Exterior Floodlights, (4) 13W CFLs, (4) 23W CFLs, (8) Switch plate and (16) Outlet Sealers, (2) 1.5 GPM Earth Massage Showerheads, (2) 1.0 GPM Dual Threaded Faucet Aerators, 1.5 GPM Dual Spray Kitchen Aerator, Energy Savers Booklet. Each kit is valued at \$100.

As part of the grant requirement, we will be tracking energy savings. These calculations can be done using an energy calculator, based on the specifications of each piece in the kit. However,

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Reminder from DPW

Chapter 94: Village of Pinckney Code of Ordinances: Control of Tall Weeds, Grass and Brush

(A) *In any case in which the owner, occupant, agent or other person having control or management of any lot or parcel within the village allows the presence on any lot or parcel or on any portion of any lot or parcel of any tall weeds, tall grass and/or tall brush in violation of the provisions of this subchapter, the enforcing official shall notify the owner, occupant, agent or person having control of the lot or parcel to abate the violation within ten calendar days.*

(B) *The notice shall be given to the owner, occupant, agent or person having control of the land by certified mail with return receipt requested or by personal service. In addition, the village may publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the village during the month of March that weeds not cut by June 1 of that year, and as necessary after each June 1 to remain in compliance with this subchapter, will be cut by the village and the owner of the prop-*

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Village of Pinckney Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM
- ♦ Check the Village website frequently for updates on activities, recycling schedules, tax information and more.
- ♦ Council meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months at 7pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers.
- ♦ The Police Department is open Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM. An officer is available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 911 for both emergencies and non-emergencies. You may also leave a message on the office service at 878-3700.

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Changes at Village Hall

Judi Paul Retires

After more than 11 years as the Treasurer for the Village of Pinckney, Judi Paul has retired, effective March 31, 2010.

Judi's conscientiousness and diligence have been an asset to Village. She has been integral in establishing the strong fund balance that the Village benefits from today in these difficult economic times.

We wish Judi well and hope that she enjoys a long healthy and happy retirement.

New Treasurer Appointed

Julie Weiland has been appointed Village Treasurer effective April 1, 2010.

Julie is a graduate of Pinckney High School and currently serves as the Deputy Clerk and a Trustee for Unadilla Township.

The Treasurer is now a part-time position. Julie is available in the office Mondays and Wednesdays 8a—4p. Stop by and introduce yourself.

New Position in Village Hall

Upon Judi Paul's retirement, the Village Council voted to split the Treasurer position into two part-time positions (Treasurer and Accountant).

Joining the Village Staff as Accountant is Kimberly Lim of Dexter. Kim has an extensive accounting background and we are certain she will be an asset to the team.

The Accountant position is part of the Clerk's office.

Lots of changes this Winter at Village Hall

Thanks to the efforts of our multi-talented DPW Department, the Village Hall has received some long over due tender loving care. The building has been made more cost and energy efficient through the use of light sensors, better insulation and more efficient light fixtures. A fresh interior paint job and some fun historical photos scattered throughout the building give it a fresh look. Come by and check it out.

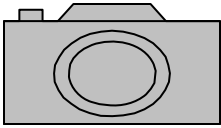
Shop Local

The Village has several new and returning businesses. Please patronize your local Village merchants whenever possible.

- Snap Fitness, a 24-hour fitness facility, is renovating space in the west end of the old Pinckney Pharmacy.
- Carney's Complete Auto Repair has purchased the old DPW building on South Howell. Renovations are nearly complete and the Shop should be open soon.
- Exotic Sportz retail shop has returned to the Village on Pearl Street.
- Watch for a Grand Re-Opening of National City Bank as PNC Bank.
- Ostlund Services has taken up space in the corner shop at Main and N. Howell. Ostlund Services offers 24/7 Commerical and Residential Plumbing Services.

Pinckney to celebrate 175 years

Plans are taking shape for the Pinckney 175th Anniversary, scheduled for the weekend of June 25-27. We have a wide variety of unique, economical, fun, family-centered activities in the works that can help us honor our history, look forward to our future, and most of all celebrate our present with our friends and neighbors right here in our own town. A few of the events on the roster are a 5K Run-Walk, historical walking tours, movies on the Square, a contest to design a village crest, a farmer's market, a Pinckney Idol talent show, and a parade. Our birthday party provides an opportunity to find some entertainment close to home, shop, eat, and learn more about this place we call home. Plus don't forget the souvenirs! There will be t-shirts, bracelets,



Pictures Needed

As part of the Village Hall renovation, we are trying to compile photographs of former Village Mayors and Presidents. If you or your family have lengthy ties to Pinckney, we can use help. We are missing photos of several individuals. I have included the years that they served for reference.

Thompson Grimes 1889-1892; 1895-96

Warren A Carr 1893

Ira J. Cook 1894

Claude L. Sigler 1897-1898; 1901-1903; 1913, 1917-1922

Alexander McIntyre 1899-1900

Emil R. Brown 1904 and 1906

William H. Placeway 1905

Jerry Dunn 1907

E. W. Kennedy 1908

George F. Green 1909

F.G. Jackson 1910

M.J. Reason 1912, 1914-1916 and 1923-1924

Percy Swarouth 1932-1934

Fred Slayton 1925

William Surgenor 1971

Richard Darrow June 1982-March 1983

Thomas Read 1986-1988 and 1990-1993

Bonnie Clark 1988-1990

Michael Powell 1995-2000

All photos will be returned, we just need to scan them. Please check the list carefully. Thanks for your help in preserving our history!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS:

The members of the Police Department have been working hard at learning the new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System that was purchased by Livingston County. The system went live on January 5th and we have had our share of problems but it is starting to become a tremendous asset to the Village. Hopefully it will help us improve our service to the people of the community.

The Village and its Police Department received a technology grant through the Michigan State Police called a Byrne JAG Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 toward the purchase of digital in-car camera systems. This will upgrade our current VHS system which has become antiquated and costly to repair. The new systems will be almost completely automatic freeing up the officer to pay more attention to what he is doing and not if the camera system is working. Recording of incidents and events will be easily made when needed and the current inventory of over 350 VHS tapes will no longer be needed.

The Pinckney Police department has also joined a community information service called Nixle. Log onto www.nixle.com to follow the Village of Pinckney and get more details.

Village Events:

Art in the Park

2010 is the 20th Anniversary of Art in the Park! Come celebrate June 5-6 in downtown Pinckney with a full weekend of arts, crafts, loads of activities and lots of entertainment. Hours are Saturday 10 am - 7 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm.

Memorial Day Parade

May 31 at 1:00pm

Street Light Outage Reporting

DTW Energy Community Lighting is making it easier for customers to report street light outages online. Simply enter the link below in your browser and report the outage for quick repair. <https://www.dteenergy.com/cso/pltr/initTrouble.do?customerType=residential>

Cemetery Update

- Elm disease and old age have gotten to several trees at the Pinckney Cemetery. Unfortunately, they have had to be removed to prevent any damage to headstones or danger to visitors.

- The Columbarium is on-site and niches can be purchased through the Village Clerk. Each niche will house two sets of cremains (without urns).

- Plans have been approved for the Perpetual Garden at the Columbarium. Watch for spring planting.

- Cemetery Board member needed! We currently have an open position on the cemetery board. We would love your thoughts and ideas. Please consider joining this board. For more information contact Village Hall.

Keep updated on what is going on in the Village of Pinckney by joining us on facebook at the Village of Pinckney fan page.



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erty charged with the cost under the provisions of this subchapter. The village may cut weeds as many times after June 1 as is necessary to keep the lot or parcel in compliance with this subchapter and charge the cost to the property owner. Failure to publish this notice will not relieve property owners of their responsibility.

DPW will be flushing fire hydrants from April 12 through April 30. Please plan your water usage accordingly, and be aware that there may be occasional rust in the water. Please flush water lines if you notice a rusty color in the water. The rust is not harmful, but may cause discoloration of your laundry.

**Last day to pay utility bills
before they roll to taxes**

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we would also like to track "real time savings" and will be asking for copies of DTE and/or Consumer Energy bills from residents who receive the kits. This is not a requirement of the grant, or a condition to receive a kit. If you choose to be part of this more detailed research, we only need one copy of your bill when you pick up your kit, and one in early 2011 (we'll send reminders). You may redact everything on the bill if you want, except address and usage history.

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Celebrates 175 years*

maps, and a commemorative program. It's the first Can't-Miss-It event of the millennium.

All groups and clubs in the area are invited to participate: if your organization would like to be a part of it all but you're not sure how, we have plenty of ideas and would love to have you join in. The next organizational meeting will be April 7th at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

While you're waiting for that weekend in June, start checking the attic and the basement for the photo albums, and old boxes of snapshots and memorabilia. We are calling on all residents, and especially residents of historic homes, homesteads, and farms: historic photographs and printed materials of all kinds (newspapers, programs, yearbooks, class pictures) are urgently needed to help tell our area's history. Old portraits or photographs of people and places, of course, will help but also more recent photographs (or motion footage) of events (parades, sports, anything). All materials will be copied or scanned and promptly returned.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Check the website for important updates and announcements on local construction projects.