



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2AM on November 2, 2014. Turn clocks back one hour.

REMEMBER! Please have your trash and recycling or yard waste out by 6am.

Upcoming Events

@ www.downtownpinckney.org

Park It!

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Come join us for our Trails event! Park It is a celebration of our local trail system and is designed to get everyone out and moving in our beautiful section of State Park, the Lakelands Trail. Numerous events and activities will take place in Putnam Township Square.

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Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 10, 2014

A Pinckney Tradition! The Homecoming Football Game is preceded by the homecoming parade. Come out and see the homecoming court and show your Pinckney Pirate Pride!

Spooktacular

Friday, October 24, 2014

Downtown Pinckney is transformed for this free, family Halloween celebration. Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Jack O'Lantern Contest and the Spooky Forest as well as music, refreshment and games is all available for the little ghouls!

Light Up the Park

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Santa is coming to Pinckney! Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies as we await the arrival of our favorite Jolly old Elf who will flip the switch at 5pm to Light Up the Park!

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ADOPT A HEADSTONE

The Cemetery Board has begun an Adopt-A-Stone program to help offset the cost of repairing, resetting & cleaning of the numerous historical headstones in need of help. Minimum adoption contribution is \$25. Contact Village Hall for more information.



BEFORE



AFTER

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Fall cemetery clean-up will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 9am until Noon. It's a great opportunity to earn community service hours as well as get some exercise out in the fresh air! Bring gloves. (Pssst....there is a rumor there will be donuts from Pinckney Bakery that morning!)

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Volleyball Court at Loy Bond Park!

Residents Jan Slotnick and Chris Telios recently approached Village Council for permission to build a Volleyball Court in Loy Bond Park. Village Council whole-heartedly approved the idea and allotted \$700 for the purchase of sand. The volleyball court was completed quickly and the first game was held on Tuesday, July 29th with at least 30 residents turning out, despite the rain. A schedule of games can be found on Facebook. Search for "Pinckney Social activities network" or just stop by with friends and start your own game.



Loy Bond Park is located on the corner of Joan and Elizabeth Streets.

Bagged Yard Waste, Leaf Pick Up and Brush

Bagged **yard waste** is picked up every other week by Granger the same day as the trash pick-up. Bagged yard waste consists of twigs, grass clippings, and leaves and is placed in the large brown yard waste paper bags. Consider keeping a brown bag on hand for smaller piles of twigs.

Leaf pick up happens in the fall and is done by our DPW. Pick up is two days a week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) until leaves are all picked up. We try to time the pickups to go with the 'fall leaf season'. We also have a 'spring clean-up day' where leaves are picked up in the late spring after everyone has cleaned up from winter. Please place leaf piles by the road and keep them free of rocks and branches as these can damage the leaf vacuum.

Brush is picked up and chipped by our DPW on the second and fourth Tuesdays of January through October, weather permitting. Please stack branches neatly with cut ends toward the street.

Our complete schedule can be found online at the Village website under the 'Garbage & Recycling' tab.

Did you know that you can receive your Utility Bill via email? Email clerk@villageofpinckney.org and help the Village 'go green'.



Getting Ready For Winter!

Snow on Sidewalks -

Per ordinance 92.62, no person owning or occupying any lot or premises abutting upon any street in the village shall permit sidewalks in front of the lot or premises to become obstructed by snow, ice, debris or dirt so as to inconvenience public traffic. The snow or ice may NOT remain on the sidewalks more than 24 hours after it has fallen or accumulated. If you don't shovel your sidewalks, the Village will do it for you AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.

Salting Sidewalks -

Consider alternatives to salt for icy patches like a "safe paw-type" product or even bird seed. Remember all the salt on the roads and sidewalks eventually ends up in our stormwater system which is connected to the Huron River.

Snow and fire hydrants -

It is helpful to keep the fire hydrants clear from snow. In case of emergency, we want the fire department to be able to access the hydrants easily.

Snow and mailboxes -

Properly secure your mailbox. It's important to make sure your mailbox is secured well and it's not on a rotted post. It is your responsibility to keep the area in front of your mailbox clear of snow, so the mail person can safely deliver your mail.

Snow and right of way -

Homeowners should be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from driveways into or across roads is illegal, because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists. Instead, pile the snow behind the curb or shoulder on your side of the road.

Avoid creating site hazards.

Snow emergencies -

In the event of large snowfall, the Village of Pinckney may declare a snow emergency. No vehicles will be allowed to park on the street in order to allow DPW to safely plow the streets.

Note from the Chief

Last year was a record setting winter and this year's Farmer's Almanac is predicting another severe winter. Let's get ready for the upcoming onslaught.

- Home fires are more prevalent in the winter months than any other season. Cooking is the leading cause of all winter residential building fires. Other winter fire hazards include space heaters, fireplaces and candles.
- The cold weather increases your chances of getting frostbite or hypothermia. Between the years of 1999-2004, an average of 647 people died each year from hypothermia.
- In 2009, over 16,000 Americans were treated for head injuries in emergency rooms because of playing winter sports (skiing, sledding, snowboarding, snowmobiling).
- Fatal crashes were 14% more likely to happen on the first snowy day of the season than on days following. It takes drivers a few days to regain their sense of driving in this weather.
- According to the CDC, most carbon monoxide poisonings happen in January; the second most in December. Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but less than one-third of American homes have one installed.

Prepare your car:

- Have your vehicle serviced regularly (check the owner's manual for the recommended interval) to ensure better gas mileage, quicker starts, faster response on pick-up and passing power, and to prevent major problems.
- You need to check the concentration level of the antifreeze in your vehicle's engine. This is done by using an antifreeze tester which is inserted into the water reservoir of your car. Do not open the radiator cap!
- Add a stronger windshield cleaning/de-icer fluid solution to keep the spray from freezing. (It is best to use a product that has a cleaner as well. This allows you to dislodge the road grime from the windshield.)
- Check air pressure in your tires (including the spare) and replace any worn tires. (Having proper wheel alignment will lead to a longer life for your tires).
- Make sure your windshield wipers are ready for the snow and ice build-up

Projects in the Village

Aeration Project

In April, the Village completed a \$700,000 upgrade to the Wastewater Plant which included new aeration equipment. The new equipment installed replaced equipment from 1991 that was no longer effective in producing enough Dissolved Oxygen in the removal of BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) and the reduction of Ammonia.

50% of this project was funded by a grant from the Michigan DEQ Clean Water Revolving Fund.

Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

Pinckney Chrysler is looking into adding a new addition which would add a garage and wash bays.

Pirates Cove

Pirates Cove Self Storage is getting ready to start construction on two new buildings, a driveway entrance and road to the facility.

Wellbridge

Wellbridge is in the process of getting all of the required permits from the State, County and Village to start work on the foundation. Wellbridge specializes in post-acute rehab and nursing care.

The days are getting colder, have a warm heart.



FROM LINDA LAVEY, PRESIDENT

Yet again this year, as the days start to shorten and the mornings become decidedly crisp (or downright chilly), I find myself thinking again of that fable you probably learned about in your childhood, of the grasshopper and the ant. The frivolous grasshopper has spent the warm summer months singing, and the industrious ant has spent its time storing up food for the winter. Winter comes, as winter always does, and the grasshopper is in trouble.

Of course I'm identifying with the grasshopper. I haven't had enough of summer yet. I haven't had enough time to do the things that really need to get done. Summer is always too short. If we have another winter like last winter, I know I'm not ready.

Luckily, we have some ant-types in our employ. DPW, while also dealing with the mountains of brush this year, have been readying the plow blades and calculating salt orders. Our Thin Blue Line is of course always prepared, even though we are down one cruiser (when the wrong old car meets the wrong roadside rock, that'll be the end of it) and while this may have the Chief feeling a little bit grasshopper (we still have two cruisers, mind your p's and q's!), PPD will be there for us. Totally not kidding if you look up "industrious" in the dictionary, there's a picture of our Village Hall staff. Okay I am kidding, but they're working hard to keep us going, preparing our budget (plus enforcing it!), and hosting the auditors for their annual visit. Please see the other items in this newsletter on winter preparedness. I want to call your attention especially to the one on snow removal. Last winter caught us all a little by surprise so we were (somewhat) forgiving of those not clearing the snow. Not this year. It's just too expensive and time-consuming for the Village staff to take care of, so please do your part and shovel the snow or hire it done, businesses and residences.

On another topic: one thing I very often hear a complaint on is that it is hard to find out what is going on in the Village. We're working on it. You should know about, bookmark, and often visit the Events Calendar on the Downtown Pinckney site (<http://downtownpinckney.com/events/events-calendar/>). It has all the area events that the webmaster can find. Contact Village Hall if your organization's event needs to be added.

Knowing, like the ant, that winter is coming, I still don't think I would trade any of my days of singing. Here's hoping for one of those leisurely fall seasons, where the color lingers on the trees and the sun puts in the occasional afternoon appearance even into November. We grasshoppers could really use it.

Potential-filled Lot for Sale in Downtown

135 W. Main Street
.31 acres of vacant, improved land, in the Central Business District is for sale by the Downtown Development Authority. Zoned for retail, mixed use. High traffic corner at Main Street (M-36) and Marion. Lots of potential.
\$79,900

