



The Villager

The Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney
220 S. Howell Street, Pinckney, MI 48169

From the desk of Rebecca Foster, Village President

Snow Removal

If you didn't clear your sidewalk, and the Village came by and took care of it for you - you will be getting a bill for the service. Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of snowfall, per ordinance. We were generous and gave everyone the weekend to take care of the heavy snow of last week. But there are several areas that have yet to be cleared - several of them school bus stops - and that's a lot of snow for people to be wading through. It is the responsibility of the property owner (or enter depending on your rental agreement) to clear sidewalks of snow and ice. To those of you who keep the sidewalks clear of snow regularly - thank you!

New Library? Vote on Tuesday February 22!

The Pinckney Community Public Library has a millage on the ballot in February that requires your attention and your vote. The plan is for the library to purchase and renovate the former Village Education Center at 125 Putnam Street, right behind the downtown area. The library has applied to USDA Rural Development for a low-interest loan to fund the renovations, and is proposing a new millage of .6 mills to pay off the loan and supplement operations of a larger facility. For most homeowners, this will amount to \$60/year or less. This is very different project than the one the library proposed two years ago, so it is worth doing some homework before voting. The library is holding two Open Houses at its current location on Mower Road to present information and answer questions about the project and the millage. One is February 7 from 4-7 pm, the second is February 15 from 6-8 pm. Information is also avail-

able on Facebook - look for "Vote Yes on the new Pinckney Library" (http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_140263779368463). Also check out this link to an informational brochure: http://www.pinckneylibrary.org/PCPL_Building_Project_Brochure.pdf. Library Board members are also a source for information: Bill Wismont, Kate Pratt, Mary Press, Joan McCloskey and Judy Carney.

Village Council recently approved a resolution of support for the idea. Council believes the library's proposed move will enhance the appeal of downtown Pinckney for businesses, residents and visitors. The idea of re-purposing the former school adds to that appeal. The new facility will be able to accommodate not only more books, but also additional computer stations, research facilities, activity space, increased community meeting and event areas, and, perhaps most importantly, a secure yet accessible place for preserving the area's history in documents, photographs and artifacts (much needed since the demise of the Pinckney Historical Society). All of this adds up to a hugely positive impact on our community, and is well worth taking the time to investigate the facts prior to voting on February 22.

Check out the weekly Presidential Blog at www.villageofpinckney.org/?page_id=278

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Mark Your Calendar for the annual St. Patrick's

Day Parade being held in downtown Pinckney on Saturday, March 12. Parade begins at 12 noon. Registration forms can be found on the village web-site.

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. www.villageofpinckney.org
- Join us on 

“Moving Into the Future by Honoring the Past”

By Kate Pratt, Library Board Vice President, and Library Staff

The Pinckney Library is currently working with the Pinckney Community School Board on a project to save the vacant Village Education Center building. In its current condition, the Village Education Center is unusable due to code violations and the expense required in maintaining the building as it now exists. The School Board approached the Library Board hoping we would be willing to take on the task of renovating the building while recapturing the historic and civic significance of this Pinckney landmark. The Library has been operating in its current, cramped facility since 1995 and hopes to move into this larger, renovated facility by late 2012. If this project becomes reality, this newly renovated facility will once again become a focal point for our community and a vital asset for the Village of Pinckney.

Once completed, the proposed new library would have ample parking for its use and for community events. It will have a room available for community uses such as meetings, displays and programs. The plans include space for historical and genealogical materials, dedicated areas for teens and youth, and an enlarged Memorial Garden.

The Library Board has applied to the USDA Office of Rural Development for a long-term, low interest loan to fund this project. Like any lender, the USDA requires security and because of this, the Library will be asking the voters of Pinckney Village and Putnam Township to approve an additional 0.6 mil for 30 years (the term of the loan), on Feb 22, 2011. This would mean an additional \$60 per year (\$5 per month) on a \$200,000 home with a \$100,000 taxable value. If this passes, the project can go forward starting next year. Because the money raised with the new mil would be used for debt retirement, this will be needed in addition to the Library's current .9562 operating millage.

The Library Board hopes that by reopening this historical Village center both the Library and Village will be revitalized and re-energized. As with most good things, however, there is a cost. We can only hope that the voters agree with us that the cost is small when weighed against the expected benefits, and that they will support us at the polls on February 22.

From DPW -

Some things just don't belong in the toilet....Please don't flush the following items. They may cause back ups in your home or costly damage to the sewer lift stations.

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| Baby wipes and diapers | Cleaning sponges |
| Rags and towels | Rubber items i.e.. latex gloves, etc. |
| Disposable toilet brushes | Sanitary napkins |
| Undergarments | Syringes |
| Kitty litter or aquarium gravel | Disposable face wipes or disinfectant wipes |



Run for the Gold 5K Walk, Run and Dash

Saturday, March 12

Kids Dash: 9:30 a.m.

5K: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Streets of Downtown Pinckney and into the Lakeland Trail

Sign up for race at

lightoftheworldacademy.org

This is the first ever 5K Run for the Gold presented by Light of the World Academy. All proceeds will be split between [Light of the World Academy Scholarship Fund](http://lightoftheworldacademy.org) and [Faith Medical Clinic](http://faithmedicalclinic.org). The scholarship at Light of the World Academy helps children with hardship, learning disabilities, special needs and dyslexia. The Faith Medical Clinic has seen over 1,500 patients since December of 2007 and they are open 7 hours per week. They have over 60 volunteer staff and see patients between the ages of 18 and 64. Any work planning this event is ALL VOLUNTEER. We are expecting 300-450 racers at our event. If you would like to be a sponsor to this great event please contact Angie Ficaro at aaficaro@charter.net or 517.256.1355.

2011 Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, Brush and Leaf Pick Up Dates

January 5	Trash & Recycling	July 7	Trash & Recycling
January 10	Brush Removal	July 11	Brush Removal
January 12	Trash	July 13	Trash & Yard Waste
January 19	Trash & Recycling	July 20	Trash & Recycling
January 24	Brush Removal	July 25	Brush Removal
January 26	Trash	July 27	Trash & Yard Waste
February 2	Trash & Recycling	August 3	Trash & Recycling
February 9	Trash	August 8	Brush Removal
February 14	Brush Removal	August 10	Trash & Yard Waste
February 16	Trash & Recycling	August 17	Trash & Recycling
February 23	Trash	August 22	Brush Removal
February 28	Brush Removal	August 24	Trash & Yard Waste
March 2	Trash & Recycling	August 31	Trash & Recycling
March 9	Trash	September 8	Trash & Yard Waste
March 14	Brush Removal	September 12	Brush Removal
March 16	Trash & Recycling	September 14	Trash & Recycling
March 23	Trash	September 21	Trash & Yard Waste
March 28	Brush Removal	September 26	Brush Removal
March 30	Trash & Recycling	September 28	Trash & Recycling
April 6	Trash & Yard Waste	October 5	Trash & Yard Waste
April 11	Brush Removal	October 10	Brush Removal
April 13	Trash & Recycling	October 12	Trash & Recycling
April 18-19	Leaf Pick up	October 17-18	Leaf Pick up
April 20	Trash & Yard Waste	October 19	Yard Waste
April 25	Brush Removal	October 24-25	Leaf Pick up
April 27	Trash & Recycling	October 26	Trash & Recycling
May 4	Trash & Yard Waste	October 31	Leaf Pick up
May 9	Brush Removal	November 1	Leaf Pick up
May 11	Trash & Recycling	November 2	Trash & Yard Waste
May 18	Trash & Yard Waste	November 7-8	Leaf Pick up
May 23	Brush Removal	November 9	Trash & Recycling
May 25	Trash & Recycling	November 14-15	Leaf Pick up
June 2	Trash & Yard Waste	November 16	Trash & Yard Waste
June 8	Trash & Recycling	November 21-22	Leaf Pick up
June 13	Brush Removal	November 23	Trash & Recycling
June 15	Trash & Yard Waste	November 28-29	Leaf Pick up
June 22	Trash & Recycling	November 30	Trash & Yard Waste
June 27	Brush Removal	December 5-6	Leaf Pick up
June 29	Trash & Yard Waste	December 7	Trash & Recycling
		December 12-13	Leaf Pick up
		December 14	Trash
		December 21	Trash & Recycling
		December 28	Trash



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Pick Up Pet Waste

Why do we put dog poop in little plastic baggies?

Picking up pet waste keeps the yard clean and the neighbors happy!

It also protects local waterways. Pet waste left on the ground washes into creeks, rivers, and lakes through the storm drains. Bacteria in pet feces compromise water quality, reduce recreational opportunities, and contaminate drinking water supplies. Take a minute to pick up after your dog and dispose of pet waste properly.

Stoop, scoop, and drop those little baggies in the trash!



2011 Historic Calendars are still available for sale at Ed Bocks, Kochan Corner and the Pinckney Library.

Snow and the Right-of-Way

One of the major problems each year in winter is damage to rural mailboxes. Most mailbox damage occurs when heavy, wet snow is thrown against a weakened post or box. The Pinckney DPW cannot assume responsibility for such damage. If the mailbox or post is damaged by snow thrown by the snow removal vehicles, it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace the box and post.

Additionally, private installations within the public right-of-way, such as sod, shrubs, sprinkler systems, rocks, etc. may be damaged in the process of snow removal or seasonal maintenance work. Damage that may occur is not intentional and in many cases unavoidable.

Because it is the statutory responsibility of the DPW to maintain the roadways and right-of-way property, the agency is not held liable or responsible for damage caused to private installations within the right-of-way.