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of Pinckney*

The Villager

Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney

220. S. Howell Street, Pinckney, MI 48169

Summer will be here SOON!

As summer approaches, things are growing and blooming everywhere! To keep the Village looking tidy and make it accessible for everyone to enjoy, the following needs to happen:

All trees, bushes and shrubs in the street right-of-way need to be trimmed by the abutting property owner so no branches grow or hang lower than eight and one-half feet above the sidewalk, and also be trimmed so they don't encroach onto the sidewalk or street.

All trees, bushes and shrubs on private property, the branches of which extend over the line of a street or sidewalk, shall be trimmed so no branches grow or hang over the line of the street or sidewalk lower than eight and one-half feet above the sidewalk and shall also be trimmed so they don't encroach onto the street or sidewalk.

For any tree, bush or shrub on private property that hasn't been trimmed as described above, the Village shall do so at the expense of the property owner. After the trimming by the Village, the actual cost shall be recorded by the Village Clerk, specifying the description of the premises and the trees, bushes or shrubs trimmed or removed. That cost will be reported to the Village Treasurer for the making of the annual assessment roll. The Council may, by resolution, direct the Treasurer to levy on the next general assessment roll each trimming cost that shall be assessed against the property. The amounts of this special assessment shall be collected by the Village Treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as general Village taxes and, upon nonpayment shall be reported to the County Treasurer in the manner provided by law.

A note from our Department of Public Works:

Fire Hydrant flushing will take place April 16th—May 4th.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact DPW at 734.878.0666



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- ◆ Village of Pinckney Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM
- ◆ The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in honor of Memorial Day.
- ◆ Check the Village website frequently for updates on activities, recycling schedules, tax information and more.

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November Elections



We know November seems a long way away, especially since we are having summer in

spring, but we wanted to get information out regarding upcoming elections.

Village residents will elect three (3) Trustees and a Village President this November.

2012 Election Packets have been scanned and are on the Village website but the "Affidavit of Identity..." is a form in triplicate so please use the scanned form only for reference purposes and pick up the actual form from the Township.

Candidates that seek office in the November election must have packets in to the **Township Clerk** by 4PM August 14, 2012.

Remember that Village residents can run for Putnam Township Board as well as the Village Council!

Call the office or email with questions.



Rate Study Update

The Village staff and engineers have been working tirelessly on the rate study update. The last rate study was completed more than 5 years ago. The analysis looks at costs to supply, maintain and improve the municipal water and sewer systems.

The study was presented to the Council at the April 23rd meeting and is available for viewing online or in the Office.

This study will enable the Village to make better decisions on funds needed for maintenance and improvement of our water and sewer facilities. There is potential that based on our aging infrastructure rate increases may be necessary.

Memorial Day Parade and Run

Our Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday May 28 at 1 PM.

NEW THIS YEAR – parade will stage and start at Pinckney High School on Dexter-Pinckney Rd, proceed north on Dexter-Pinckney and then west on M36/Main to Marion Street, where it will disburse along Livingston. Expect road closures, slow traffic and delays while the parade is on the move! Ceremony to follow in the Township Square honoring our fallen veterans.

Parade applications must be turned in to the Village of Pinckney offices by Thursday, May 24th.

For questions, please contact Volunteer Parade Organizer Don McColl at 734-417-5420.

Friendly Reminders from the Zoning Department

Permits for Pools

Permits are required for all pools. Please note that this is an ANNUAL permit and must be applied for each year.

Other Permits

Don't forget your fence permits, driveway permits and waivers for re-roofing or new windows on your home.

Our Zoning Administrator is in the office Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 AM—4PM.



Chief Aseltine's Retirement - Chief Newton's Hiring

As you have heard by now, Chief Denis Aseltine has retired his position as Police Chief effective February 1, 2012. Chief Aseltine served the Village of Pinckney for 27 years, 12 of those as Chief. We are certain that you join us in thanking Chief Aseltine for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

To aid in the hiring of a new police chief, a search committee was established by Village Council. The search committee was made up of Linda Lavey, Trustee, Heather Menosky, Trustee, Michelle Brunner, Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Bob Brookins of Green Oaks Township and Chief Tom Couling of the Village of Fowlerville. The committee interviewed 8 of the 44 applicants. The top 3 candidates underwent background checks and through that process, we found our new Police Chief Jeffrey Newton. Please help us welcome him to our community!

Police Department Union

In March 2012 the full-time Police Officers (less the Chief and Sergeant positions) voted to join the Michigan Association of Police Union. Initial contract negotiations will begin in the near future.

A Message from the Police Department:

The Police and Zoning Departments would like to remind residents of the **junk car blight ordinance** that is enforced. All motor vehicles must have a valid license plate affixed to the rear of the vehicle, the vehicle must be in legal operating condition (not missing any major components) and the vehicle must be parked on a driveway or approved surface. If the vehicle does not meet these requirements, the vehicle can be housed in a garage or suitable structure.

The police department offers a **vacation check program**. If you are going on vacation or will be away from your home, contact the police department and request that your home be added to the property check program. Officers will randomly conduct security checks of your residence. If any unusual conditions are found such as vandalism, larceny of outside property or attempted break-ins, the homeowner is notified immediately by police.

Lastly, officers would like to remind residents that Michigan does not have a leash law. However, **dogs are required to be under the control of the owner at all times**. If a dog wanders out of a yard and into a neighbor's yard, the owner is in violation. Of particular concern is safety of children around loose and wandering dogs as well as smaller dogs that are tied out being attacked by larger aggressive dogs that are not under control of the owner. The Pinckney Police Department, in conjunction with officers from Livingston County Animal Control, do enforce the Michigan Dog Law of 1919 and violators may be issued a 93-day misdemeanor citation for violations.

Report Illegal Drug Activity

Illegal drug activity in our community can and should be reported to LAWNET. LAWNET is an undercover team of law enforcement agencies that is primarily working to combat narcotics.

Report illegal drug activity to LAWNET by calling 734-994-8881 (callers can remain anonymous) or email drugtips@pinckneypolice.org

What's in Your Medicine Cabinet?

As part of a collaboration with Livingston County Community Alliance, Pinckney PD now has a Big Red Barrel. Keep your children and community safe by disposing your unused medications in the Big Red Barrel located in Pinckney's Village Hall.

PBTs ANYTIME!

In order to provide better service, Pinckney PD is now doing PBTs any time an officer is available.

Cost is \$5.00 for Villagers and \$10.00 for non-village residents.



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Village Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall, in the Council Chambers.

The public is welcome to attend meetings. Public Forum is the time for citizens to voice their concerns and opinions on Village matters. Council opens Public Forum at the beginning and end of each meeting, with a five minute time-limit for each speaker.

Planning Commission Meetings

First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ARE NEEDED! Please consider this opportunity. For details visit the village website.

REFUSE & RECYCLING



The Village of Pinckney takes pride in offering several environmentally responsible options for trash disposal.



Weekly trash pick-up is provided on Wednesdays by Mid-Michigan Rubbish. Holidays push collection to Thursdays for the following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. There is currently no limit to the number of cans or bags, but there is a 50-lb weight limit per bag. One large item per residence per week will be collected at no charge. Please contact Mid-Michigan for any excessive amounts of trash or large items. Phone: 517-851-4388.

Recycling and yard waste pick-up are also provided on alternating weeks, also on Wednesdays. Recycling bins are available at Village Hall - a \$5 deposit is required. Yard waste collection runs April through November. Yard debris must be bagged in brown paper bags or in the yard waste bags available at most hardware stores. Limit of 10 bags per pick-up.

Recycling Schedule: Apr 11, 25; May 9, 23; Jun 6, 20; Jul 5 (Thurs), 18.

Yard Waste Schedule: Apr 4, 18; May 2, 16, 31 (Thurs); Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25.

Brush Schedule: Apr 9, 23; May 14; Jun 11, 25; Jul 9, 23.

Leaf Pick-up: May 7 (Mon) & 8 (Tue).