

On the Sunny Side

Linda Lavey, Village President

Wellhead Protection Commission

This spring the Village will participate in an update of our Wellhead Protection plan. The plan is designed to keep contaminants out of the water system by having plans in place to prevent accidents, address development concerns, and educate the community.

We are looking for village residents who might be interested in being a part of this commission. If you have an interest and could make yourself available for approximately four evening meetings (over how long?), please contact the clerk by calling village hall or email at clerk@villageofpinckney.org. Meetings should begin mid to late April.

As I write this we have just a hint of freezing rain from low, gray clouds. It's 34 degrees. It's the first week of Spring. With no sign of a crocus let alone a daffodil it's easy to despair that this awful winter will ever be over and it leaves no great optimism for what kind of summer we will have. Still, a few of the braver trees are budding, the little glaciers lining the streets are starting to recede, and even that Matterhorn at the Post Office is starting to shrink some. We have got through it, again. As I watch the snow slowly sinking away from the yards and fields I get the impression not that it is simply melting, but that our Village is rising up out of it, the very ground we stand on has decided it has had enough. We can take that for an example of perseverance, and hope that our road salt budget does not take such a big hit next year.

That said, it wouldn't be right not to give a little shout out here to Dave Marshall and his DPW crew. While you're sleeping through the storm they're driving plows right through it so you might have a chance of getting to work or school in the morning. Kudos, too, to our PD and our stalwart Village staff, keeping an eye out for your safety and well-being, freezing cold day in and day out.

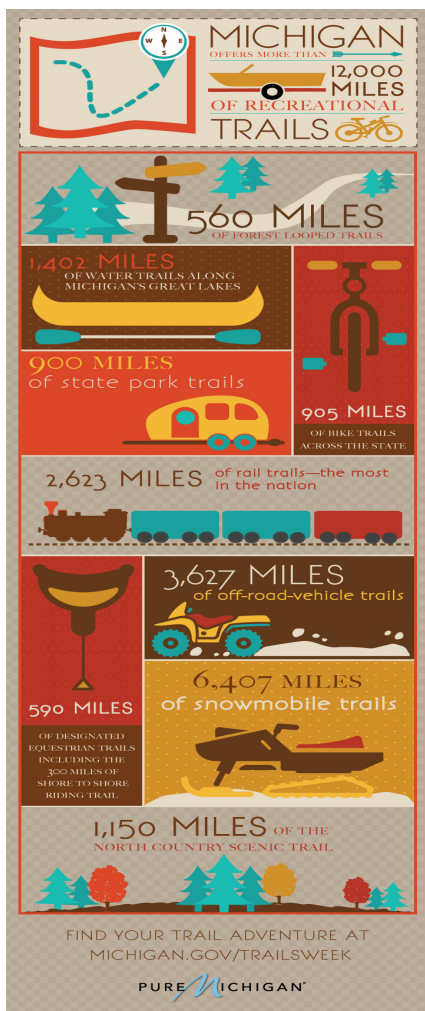
I hope you made it to the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Organizer Patsy Dible outdid herself this year. There are lots of things going on in the Village this spring and summer, and I hope to see you there. There are plenty of opportunities if you would like to get involved, contact the Village office.

Just like everywhere else, things in the Village never get cheaper. You may notice a slight uptick in the utility bills. This is part of multi-year plan to correct the rates, as these systems have to pay for themselves, nobody else is going to come in and give us water and sewer service. We do this very sparingly and reluctantly, and we have to pay them, too.

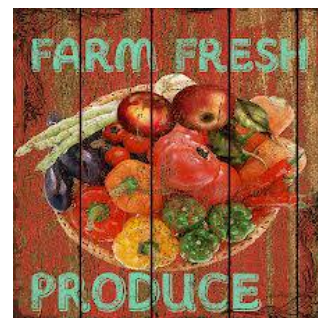
As always I want to know how we're doing, bad or good. Drop me a line at president@villageofpinckney.org.

Dates to remember:

April 14 & 28	Village Council Meetings	May 3	Farmer's Market opens
April 15	Federal & state taxes due	May 11	Mother's Day
April 20	Easter Sunday	May 26	Memorial Day Parade
April 29	Leaf & Brush Pick-up Day		



Farmer's Market Returns Saturday, May 3rd!



Beginning Saturday, May 3rd, the **Pinckney Farmer's Market** will return to Putnam Township Square. The market will be open 9 AM – 1 PM Saturdays and run through mid-October. Thanks to some hard-working volunteers, the market was reintroduced to the community mid-summer 2013. Response to the farmer's market was great! We hope to provide even more items like cheese, organic meat and flowers this season. If you are a retailer looking to sell your wares, please contact our Market Guru, Jenny Myers at jenmyers13@gmail.com

Save the date for



September 20-27, 2014

From the Police Department

Jeffrey Newton, Chief

The Pinckney Police is proud to announce two new members to the PPD workforce! On March 24, 2014, we swore in two new officers, PO Timothy Martin and PO Justin Shadis. They have each completed their required State Academy training, along with a 3-month in-service training program here at the PPD. You will see them out and about now, so be sure to say hello.

Thank you Spring! It has been a brutal winter and I am sure everyone is happy to be through it and moving on into spring. That said, we still need to be very aware of Michigan's ever changing weather. Each year, spring brings with it the potential for violent weather. We must all be mindful of this and be prepared to deal with anything Mother-nature sends at us.

Here are some quick suggestions;

- Plan Ahead
- Get a weather radio and/or monitor your local weather stations, www.weather.com or www.nws.gov
- Have pre-set locations for shelter within and without your home.
- Have supplies on-hand (including 1 gallon of water per person – per day)
- Seek shelter immediately in the event of a "Warning"
- Be prepared to seek shelter in the event of a "Watch"
- Please look to the Village websites – www.pinckneypolice.org and www.villageofpinckney.org for complete information on weather safety tips and facts.

From Dustin Wise in Zoning:

As summer is just around the corner, it's important to start thinking about any home improvements (interior and exterior), sheds, fences, and above-ground swimming pools, etc. Please notify the Zoning Administrator to request the proper permits required by the Village of Pinckney before any project is started. Check the Village website for forms. Click on "Zoning" on the menu on the left. Most of the forms are available there for printing. Happy home improvement!



More Gateway to Play

It is finally spring! With it, hopefully, will come warmer weather and lots of outdoor activities.

The **Pinckney Farmer's Market** returns Saturday, May 3 much to everyone's delight!

The month of May also brings in a slew of Memorial weekend activities. The traditional **Memorial Day parade** will take place on Monday, May 26 with step off at 1:00 PM from the Lakeland Trail/depot area south to Main Street and then west into the Village. This is a great way to show the community how much we honor our veterans and active service members. If you or your group is interested in participating or sponsoring the parade, details can be found on the front page of our website at www.villageofpinckney.org

Also on Memorial Day, **People's Church** will host a celebration on the Square with food, music and activities from 10 AM – 1 PM. All park activities are free to the public. The **5K race and 1 Mile kid's fun run** kicks off at 9 AM at the Church. To pre-register for the race go to www.peoplespinckney.com

Don't forget **Art in the Park** May 31 and June 1! Artisans and food vendors can still register to participate at www.brightoncoc.org

Fun continues through the summer with movies, music and fun. Visit www.downtownpinckney.com for a calendar of events in and around the Village.

Plant Michiganders!

Black-eyed Susans are a native Michigan plant whose deep roots filter polluted runoff and help keep water clean.

They are also a popular food source for butterflies!



Non-Metered Sewer Notice

Our non-metered sewer customers should have noticed a change (not an increase!) on their 1st quarter 2014 bill. Instead of 1 billing item called 'Sewer' there will now be 2 billing items called 'Sewer' and 'Sewer Base Fee'. The sum of these two amounts will equal the previous single amount.

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Spring Leaf and Brush Pick Up

Spring Leaf and Brush Pick Up will be Tuesday, April 29th. If it rains Tuesday, the pick-up will be the next day.

When placing brush at the curbside for pick up, please place the cut ends neatly towards the road and do not tangle the branches.

Make sure the leaves are in a separate pile AWAY from the brush, as branches and other debris can damage the leaf-vacuum machine.