



The Villager

Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney

220 S. Howell Street, Pinckney, MI 48169

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Grass and Weeds:

If your grass is over **9" in height** you are in violation of Chapter 94 of Village Ordinance. If you are given notice that your grass is in violation of the ordinance, you will have ten (10) days to correct it. After 10 days you will incur a fine of \$125.00 and will be responsible for all costs of removal of grass and weeds. The 2nd offense is \$200 plus all costs of removal. The 3rd and subsequent offenses are \$400 plus all costs of removal.

It is unlawful to blow your grass clippings into the street as it can get into the sewers and cause clogs and damage. Please either mulch the clippings or place them in a yard waste bag and put them out at the curb on yard waste pick up days.

Brush:

All brush to be picked up shall have the cut ends facing the street.

Do not tangle the brush.

Failure to comply with these procedures will deny your brush to be picked up until corrective measures are taken.

We do not pick up stumps, root balls, construction lumber, or plant material.

Brush pickup is the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Leaves and yard waste:

All leaves and plant material need to be put in brown paper bags to be picked up on yard waste days (every other Wednesday according to the Village schedule).

Normal leaf pickup by the Village will resume around the middle of October.

Trees

Per Village Ordinance 92.64: all trees, bushes and shrubs in the street right-of-way of the Village of Pinckney shall be trimmed or pruned by the abutting property owner so that no branch thereof grows or hangs lower than eight and one-half feet above the level of the sidewalk, and shall also be pruned so that they shall not encroach onto the sidewalk or street.

Sidewalks

Per Village Ordinance 92.62: sidewalks need to be clear of all debris or dirt so as not to inconvenience public traffic. Please sweep up your lawn clippings that are on the sidewalk. Not only will it make your property look neater, but it prevents the grass from entering the sewers where it can cause clogs and damage (see Grass and Weeds above).

For all residents who use the Village of Pinckney Sewer System:

Do you realize that every time you put something down the toilet that is not human waste you increase the chances of your lift station clogging and backing up into your home?

Zoning Department

Summer season is finally here and with that comes requests for pool, fence, deck and building permits!! Please remember Land Use Permit applications require a plot plan showing your property lines and lengths and existing structures' (house, garage, sheds, etc.) size and location in relation to property lines. Show PROPOSED structures (pools, decks, etc) with set-backs from side and rear yards. Examples of plot plans can now be found on the village website under the Zoning section. Remember newer communities with home owner associations require approval prior to any construction and the Livingston County Building Department will ask for the same information to issue building permits.

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- ◆ *Village of Pinckney Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM*
- ◆ *As the normal tax due date of September 14th falls on a Saturday this year, **taxes will be accepted without interest or penalty until Monday, September 16, 2013 at 4 PM.***
- ◆ *Check the Village website frequently for updates on activities, recycling schedules, tax information and more.*

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Trash Reminders

Disposal Guidelines and service requirements:

- Please have your refuse and recycling or yard waste street-side by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- Do not load your bags over 30 lbs; Securely tie bags closed.
- Double bag and securely tie kitty litter, animal waste, ashes, charcoal, dust, insulation, and packing peanuts.
- Place long items-broom handles, curtain rods, etc. on ground beside your bags.
- Do not fill bags with sod, dirt, wood, construction debris, or any other non-compactable materials. Granger will NOT take these items.
- We collect normal household waste only.
- Bags must be accessible from street-side; snow, automobiles and other obstacles must be cleared.
- Do NOT use plastic bags for yard waste.
- **NEVER place the following *regulated* materials in trash cans and/or bags:**
Lead Acid Batteries, PCB Wastes, Yard Waste, Sewage, Liquids of Any Sort (Including: Paint, Gas, Pesticides, Oil and Insecticides.)

We have been working very closely with Granger to provide the best service possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your trash pick up, please call the Village or contact Granger directly at 517-372-2800.

Pinckney’s Fiscal Score

Recently, modifications were made to a fiscal scoring system developed by Michigan Department of Treasury and Michigan State University. The modifications made that scoring system a better reflection of municipal finance practices. The scoring system looks at 10 ratios of the economy and financial circumstances. If a government or municipality has moved in the wrong direction or is

beyond designated thresholds, they score a point. The ratios are designed to take into consideration factors that are external to operations, such as population and tax base change as well as factors that are internal to operations, such as operating deficits and debt load. This fiscal scoring system has been incorporated into an online service by Munetrix (www.munetrix.com).

Low scores mean there is a strong fiscal health with higher scores reflecting poor fiscal health.

These scores are not meant to give a complete indication of a local government’s fiscal health but it CAN provide an early warning system.

The Village of Pinckney has had a score of 1 for the last four years, which indicates a strong fiscal health.

Name	Type	Lies Within	2009 Score	2010 Score	2011 Score	2012 Score
Pinckney	Village	Livingston County	1	1	1	1

Streetlights in the Village

Are you aware that you, as a resident, can report streetlight outages to DTE Energy directly? They can be reported online at dteenergy.com/streetlight, which leads you to the online street light reporting tool or you can also report street light problems by calling DTE Energy toll-free at **800-477-4747**.

Attention Taxpayers:

The State is sending another round of Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Audit Questionnaires to homeowners. It is important for property owners to respond to the inquiry by completing the Questionnaire and submitting the required documents within 30 days from the date on the inquiry letter. Failure to respond to the Questionnaire will result in a denial of the PRE.

If you have questions regarding the PRE Audit Questionnaire, please contact the PRE Audit Call Center at (888) 909-2799 between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Pinckney Summit

Have you heard the great news about Pinckney? We hope so!

The first Pinckney Summit was held in May. The Summit is a group of individuals (residents, business owners, Chamber members, elected officials and volunteers) working together to better the Village for business owners and residents. The initial goal established was to improve communication between the Village—Township—Business owners—Residents. This communication goal was discussed in-depth at the meeting in June. The next meeting will be on August 6th at 6:30 PM at Village Hall. Details will be posted on the Village website. Please consider joining in on the conversation. If you are interested in receiving email blasts regarding news and information from the Village, please email clerk@villageofpinckney.org with the subject line “Email Blast” and you will be enrolled.

Chief Newton's Police Update

New Village Parking Ordinance



On March 11, 2013, The Village of Pinckney Council adopted a new Traffic Code which includes a new parking ordinance. Chapter 71.01 of the Village of Pinckney Code of Ordinances, "Additional Traffic Regulations / Parking Prohibitions" addresses these changes. There are two primary changes that will impact some residents of the Village.

Section 71.01

A. **No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places:**

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) In front of any driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant or instructional building;
- (5) On a designated crosswalk;
- (6) At any place where official signs prohibit parking;
- (7) At any place where parking is permitted for specific purposes unless the occupants of the vehicle are complying with the requirements of permitted uses;
- (8) On more than one (1) designated parking space;
- (9) On any grass or otherwise landscaped area;
- (10) On a playground or playing field.

B. A person who violates this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

The item of chief concern is 71.01A (9): *On any grass or otherwise landscaped area.* This is a relatively common practice within the Village that is now prohibited activity.

PARKING VEHICLES FOR SALE; VIOLATION AS MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION.

No person shall park any vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or recreational vehicle for the principal purpose of offering same "for sale" in any public or privately owned parking lots. This would include but would not be limited to automobile service stations and commercial parking lots, or any area normally open to the public but not licensed as an automobile sales area. In any prosecution or proceedings under this section, the registration plate displayed on a motor vehicle shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person responsible for parking such vehicle at the place where such violation occurred.

I would like to help define this section of the ordinance. The intention of this ordinance is to prevent lots filled with "For Sale" vehicles, which are sources for crime, as well as blight. The important language within the ordinance is: *No person shall park any vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or recreational vehicle for the principal purpose of offering same "for sale" in any public or privately owned parking lots.* To clarify this, if you park a vehicle in a lot for the principle purpose of selling it, then you are in violation. If you park your own vehicle in your driveway with a "For Sale" sign it, it is not parked there for the "principal purpose" of selling it, and you are not in violation. The same goes for vehicles parked in lots that are used as employee parking.

I hope this clarifies the new ordinance. If anyone needs to view or wishes a copy of the new ordinance, please come to the Police Department to get a copy, or one can be downloaded from the internet by going to:

www.pinckneypolice.org

Utility Bills

Utility bills are mailed quarterly to all residents of the Village. Residents will receive their quarterly bills between the first and third of the months of January, April, July and October. Payments are due on the first Thursday of the following month. Residents may view their bill online using the link on the village website under the Water and Sewer section. The Village has set up email billing but we still need more residents to participate to make it effective. If you wish to have your quarterly bill emailed to you rather than mailed, please email clerk@villageofpinckney.org with your name, property address and the email address you want utilized.

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Loy Bond Park, near Elizabeth St. and Joan St. in the Portage Dells subdivision, is registered to be part of Todd's Landscaping 'Give Back to the Community' program. When you hire Todd's Services for landscaping services or purchase landscape products, TSI will make a donation of 1% of the total purchase price (up to \$50) to the park.

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.

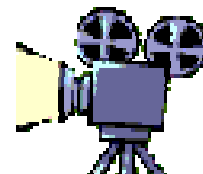
Summer Activities in the Village:

Movies in the Park

Held every other Friday during the summer in the Township Square, Downtown Pinckney and it is FREE! Activities start at 7 pm and the movie starts at dusk. Bring chairs, blankets, beverages, snacks and bug spray! No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. In case of rain, the movie will be shown in the Pinckney Library at 7:30 PM.

Dates for Movies in the Park are:

- July 12th: Despicable Me
- July 26th: Wreck-It Ralph
- August 9th: Dolphin Tale
- August 23rd: The Avengers



Hootin' in the Park

Thursday evenings at 5 pm from late July through end of August. Music, food and fun! Hosted by the local Lions Club.

Dates for Hootin' in the Park are:

- July 18th, July 25th, August 1st, August 8th, August 15th, August 22nd