



We have an option to email your Utility Bill to you. Please contact the Clerk for more information at [clerk@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:clerk@villageofpinckney.org).

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas tree and brush pick-up will be on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Department of Public Works will come around and chip these items. PLEASE make sure that all ornaments and lights are removed from the trees because these items can damage the chipper!



### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Step off at Noon!

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Paddy Wagon Bed Race** needs bed racing teams! It is a two block race down Main Street minutes before the St. Patrick's Day parade steps off. Slap some wheels on your 'bed' and come on out!

Rules and Applications can be found online at:

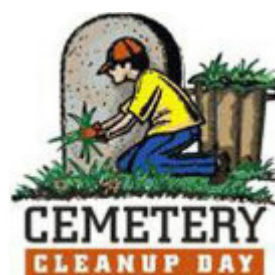
<http://villageofpinckney.org/parades/st-patricks-day-parade/>

### SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP 2018

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 12 noon

This day will be spent primarily picking up grave blankets and wreaths. Pinckney Historical Cemetery is located at 647 W. M-36, just west of downtown Pinckney.

Bring gloves if you can (but not required).



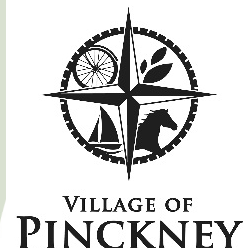
### Did you know?

The Village of Pinckney provides the following services:

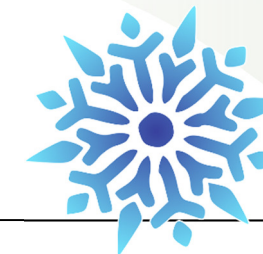
- Battery recycling
- Drug disposal (pills)
- Leaf & Brush pick up
- Yard waste bag pick up
- Weekly trash pick up
- Bi-weekly recycling pick up
- Fabric recycling pick up
- Christmas tree disposal
- Notary service at Village Hall
- Miss Dig for Sewer and Water
- American Flag drop off for appropriate disposal

## FIND UPCOMING EVENTS

@ [www.downtownpinckney.org](http://www.downtownpinckney.org)



# Village of Pinckney



WINTER 2018

### FROM THE PRESIDENT, LINDA LAVEY:

#### Onward and Upward

By the time you read this newsletter (and please do: as our staff have collected some useful information here), we'll have put 2017 behind us and for my part, good riddance. Every year has its share of ups and downs and 2018 will be no different. Our collective time machine is stuck in "Forward," so that's where we'll go. I'm happy to announce that at long last it seems the parts are starting to come together for the long-planned upgrade of the sewer system. This will be for the Village a very large project with new pumps, a new force main sewer line, and – since so many of us doggedly refuse to stop flushing things that shouldn't be flushed – a whole apparatus specifically to deal with "flushable" (they're not!) wipes and other detritus that make their way down our pipes. "Sounds expensive," you might say. I agree, but not fixing it will certainly cost even more eventually. We're planning to borrow and luckily have qualified for low-interest, long-term (40 years) federal funding, a Rural Development loan from the USDA of around \$3 million. Should be able to buy the whole town for that! We want to do it right, though, so it lasts. Divided by all the sewer customers, then by 40 years, then by quarterly billing, it should be a tolerable payback amount for the investment. If all goes well the work should start this year, primarily on South Howell street near the creek, heading south to the wastewater treatment plant. This upgrade will make the system safer and more efficient to operate and maintain. We own it, we've got to keep it working. Odds are I won't live long enough to see the project all paid for, but just a couple years ago I would have said I wouldn't live long enough to see it done. I'll keep you updated on the progress.

As always, contact me with any questions or comments: [president@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:president@villageofpinckney.org), or 734-476-6630.

### Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014.  
[mlocalroads.com](http://mlocalroads.com)

### HELP A NEIGHBOR

With the onset of winter, we'd like to remind you that there are many people who are elderly or with disabilities in our community. These people may need assistance with meeting their obligation as property owners to remove snow from their sidewalks. We would like to encourage residents to be aware of neighbors who may need help with snow removal. Please reach out and provide a helping hand if you are able. You will benefit your neighbor, pedestrians who use the sidewalk, and yourself as you give service. If you'd like to adopt a neighbor, please contact Village Hall as we have a lot of residents that can use assistance.

We thank you in advance for your kindness and thoughtfulness.





## PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT: PROPERLY DISPOSE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS

### WHAT IS A PHARMACEUTICAL?

*A pharmaceutical drug, also called medicine, is any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease.*



### DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

**If you flush prescriptions down the toilet, they will likely end up in the groundwater or surface water.**

- ✓ Protect the groundwater and surface water bodies
- ✓ Protect your family and our community
- ✓ Prevent the illegal diversion of unused medications
- ✓ Prevent accidental drug interactions
- ✓ Keep prescription drugs out of the reach of children

### Ice Skating Rink

The Village of Pinckney ice rink is non-refrigerated and only open when weather permits. The use of the rink in the downtown square is free and to be used at your own risk. Safety gear is recommended. Please respect the signage. If the gate is closed, do NOT step out onto the rink. This is for the protection of the rink, ice, and you.

There is no hockey allowed on the rink. Please be courteous and share the ice.

The rink, the fencing and the lighting are all made possible through generous donations and we want to be able to use the rink for years to come.

Questions and inquiries should be directed to the Village Hall at 734-878-6206.



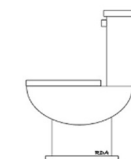
### DID YOU KNOW...

...there is a non-emergency number for Livingston County Central Dispatch?

It is **517-546-9111**.

This is a good number to have on hand. As always, in an emergency, use 9-1-1.

### IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



**PLEASE!!! DO NOT FLUSH RAGS, SANITARY PRODUCTS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT DOESN'T BELONG IN THE SEWER. FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE! THESE ITEMS DAMAGE OUR SYSTEM AND IT MAY END UP COSTING YOU MORE!**

### From the Zoning Department...

The Zoning Administrator will be available Monday – Thursday from 8 am until 4 pm.



### From the Chief's Desk

Chief Jeffrey Newton

#### BIG RED BARREL REMINDER:



**Educate. Collect. Dispose.**

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

##### *To dispose of pills, capsules, tablets, etc:*

- Bring pills in their original containers and a resealable plastic baggie to any Big Red Barrel location. (By law, all prescription medication needs to be in its original packaging at all times.)
- Dump the pills into the plastic baggie. Seal the baggie. Discard the empty pill bottle. \*Remember to remove your personal information before throwing the empty bottle away!\*
- Place the baggie, with the medication inside of it, into the barrel. (The barrel in Village Hall is in a secure location, so all you need to do is hand the medication over to a staff member)
- Congratulations! You've properly disposed of your medication!
- Please do not discard the bottle into the barrel.
- Absolutely NO sharps, liquids or containers under pressure.



The Village of Pinckney is happy to announce its participation in Simple Recycling beginning February 7, 2018.

Simple Recycling is a free curbside clothing & home goods recycling program. Simple Recycling will supply all the materials to promote and operate this program at ZERO cost to the Village and residents. Studies have shown that up to 85% of all clothing up in the landfill unless you have a curbside program.

Residents of the Village of Pinckney will receive postcard reminders along with the bags and tags needed to begin recycling clothing and usable home goods right at the curb. Then Simple Recycling will come with a box truck on the same day as regular recycling is picked up to collect this material.

More information on the program can be found at [www.SimpleRecycling.com](http://www.SimpleRecycling.com). Check it out to see what kind of products the old materials are made into!

Easy enough to remember: Simple Recycling pick up will be on the **SAME days** as the regular recycling.

### Garbage, Recycling, Bagged Yard Waste, Leaf Pick Up and Brush

Please see the insert for 2018 schedule. Please be aware that we do our best to stick to the schedule for leaf pick-up and brush chipping but sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate or emergencies come up.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in these situations.

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