



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2AM on Sunday, November 1, 2015.  
Turn clocks back one hour.

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**Light Up the Park**

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Santa is coming to Pinckney! Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies as we await the arrival of our favorite Jolly old Elf who will flip the switch at 5pm to Light Up the Park!

\* If the weather permits, we will have the ice skating rink open in the park too!

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### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

There will be 2 fall cemetery clean-up dates:

**Saturday, November 7th from 9am - 12pm** will be picking up branches and removing old/faded decorations.

**Saturday, November 14th from 9am - 12pm** will be leaf raking.

It's a great opportunity to earn community service hours as well as get some exercise out in the fresh air! Bring gloves.

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# Village of Pinckney

FALL & WINTER 2015



## FROM THE PRESIDENT, LINDA LAVEY:

### Buried Treasures

As I was trying to jell the few things I want to relate through this forum I heard a news report about the discovery of the bones of a woolly mammoth in a field near Chelsea. Practically next door! It sparks the imagination to think of these paleo-pachyderms roaming paleo-Pinckney, which they certainly did. There have got to be some tusks around here somewhere! While I wouldn't recommend you start digging in your back yard (please call Miss Dig first!), the news story serves to remind us we don't even know what all is here; we don't realize all that we have.

Coincidentally the day after this news broke was the Pinckney Homecoming, with all the Pirates decked out in their red-and-black and waving from the backs of pickups cruising down Main. While the mammoth is a curiosity of the past, these are curiosities of the future, and will roam a world I can only guess at. What will they eventually leave behind? Treasures yet unimagined! Their potential is just starting to surface. Some will stay, some will leave, but their passage through here will not be forgotten.

I find it really hard to warm to winter: dark, cold, the snow comes along and everything is...buried. [Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find valuable information on how we can all get through our annual mini-Ice Age as painlessly as possible.] A few treasures can still be found -- patriotism and remembrance for Wreaths across America, the trees on the Square twinkling with lights for the holidays (courtesy Putnam Township Board, thanks!), maybe a glimpse in passing of the actors at the Dio blocking their next show, a program or free movie showing at the library, some kids trying out the ice rink, and of course making plans for spring. As usual: slow down, keep your footing, and please look out for the pets, the snow plows, and the neighbors; they're all just trying to get through it, too.

Questions, comments, complaints, or you found a tusk, contact me through Village Hall or at [president@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:president@villageofpinckney.org).

### Opportunity for Public Comment

Did you know that every public meeting has a designated time for Public Comment? The State of Michigan General Law Village Act allows for citizen participation. Some details you might want to know:

- It will be requested that you provide your name and address for the official meeting minutes.
- You should address comments to the Chair of the meeting while maintaining a courteous tone.
- No person shall have the right to speak more than once on any particular subject until all other persons wishing to speak have been heard.
- There is a time limit per individual. The clerk will maintain the official time.
- Finally, this is not a dialogue. Do not expect that the board will enter into conversation with you or offer feedback to your comments. They are only to respectfully listen and take notes. If they choose to take action on your comments it will be addressed in an agenda item later at that meeting or at a meeting held on a later date. (This last part is often very confusing. Speakers are confused, and disheartened, by the lack of response or interaction. The board is not ignoring your comments, they are simply noting your concerns or praise for future action where needed. This time is not established for conversation.)

## ADOPT A HYDRANT

There are about 130 fire hydrants located in the Village of Pinckney. By adopting a hydrant and keeping it clear of snow in the winter, you will save firefighters precious seconds needed to save a victim's life or fight a spreading fire. Help yourself and your neighbors by locating and 'adopting' your nearest hydrants and maintaining open access.

## When Seconds Count...



**Which would you rather have to protect your home?**

**After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.**



## Downtown Development Authority



Our new parking lot is complete! The new lot is located on the NE corner of Marion St and Livingston St. This lot added 35 parking spaces for downtown.



## Meet our new Zoning Administrator!

We are extremely pleased to introduce you to Diane Kay-Hougaboom, our newest village staff member. Diane is a local attorney and has served on the board of the Downtown Development Authority. Some may recognize her as the host of Movies in the Park for the past two years. She began as ZA in August and has contributed to the Marion Street/Parking lot, Pinckney Chrysler and Wellbridge projects, as well as consulting and permitting for residents and businesses planning improvement projects, and working with the Planning Commission. Welcome, Diane!  
[Diane will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8am – 4pm]



### Snow on Sidewalks –

Per ordinance 92.62, snow or ice may NOT remain on the sidewalks more than 24 hours after it has fallen or accumulated. If you don't shovel your sidewalks, you may be fined and the snow removed at the EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.

### Snow Emergency Parking Rules –

In the event of large snowfall, the Village of Pinckney may declare a snow emergency. No vehicles will be allowed to park on the street in order to allow DPW to safely plow the streets.

## From the accountant, Kim Lim:

### EMV Credit Cards

Have you recently received a new credit or debit card? If not, you probably will soon. Financial institutions are issuing new cards with computer chips embedded in them (EMV technology, which stands for Europay, MasterCard, and Visa) in an effort to provide greater protection against fraud. With the old technology the information contained on the magnetic stripe



(basically the card number) is retained by the merchant, doesn't change, and is easily duplicated. With EMV technology, the card chip creates a unique transaction code that cannot be used again. So if a hacker stole the chip information from one specific point of sale, typical card duplication would never work. Experts hope this will significantly reduce credit card fraud in the US, which has doubled in the past 7 years as criminals have turned their attention to the US as other countries have already transitioned to chip cards.

Do you have to receive your new EMV card by October 1, 2015? No, that is the date upon which the liability for fraudulent transactions can shift. Prior to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> consumer losses from fraud were the responsibility of the payment processor or issuing bank. After Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> if a consumer uses a chip enabled card at a merchant that has not upgraded its system to accept chip technology and fraud occurs as a result of that transaction, then the consumer's loss will be the responsibility of the merchant. If you haven't received an EMV chip card, your magnetic stripe card will still work at a chip enabled terminal...you just will not have the extra level of chip security.

What does this mean for merchants? They will need to upgrade their point-of-sale terminal(s) to be EMV compliant. Unfortunately, there is a cost associated with the upgrade; however, that cost could pale in comparison to the potential costs in the event of a large data breach. Many large retailers have upgraded their POS terminals, but smaller businesses are slower to upgrade. Even retailers using mobile payment devices such as Square will have to purchase new equipment to read the chips on EMV cards.

For more information, Google: EMV credit card / EMV compliance / EMV anything!



### Vendor Permits

By ordinance, anyone wishing to go door-to-door in the village limits (this includes ice cream trucks that don't actually approach your property) is required to have a vendor permit. Applicants complete the permit application and a background check is completed. This process is to ensure the safety of our village residents. For example, this summer many village residents experienced hail damage. The village received over 70 permit applications and requests for background checks. More than 1/3 of the applicants failed the background check and therefore did not receive permits. If anyone approaches you on your property please ask to see their permit. If they don't have one, please direct them to the Village Police department to apply. You may also call 734-878-3700 or the non-emergency dispatch number 517-546-9111 to have an officer come to speak with them and direct them to the permit process or out of the village.

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

Please see the insert for 2016 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.**