



# The Villager

Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney

220. S. Howell Street, Pinckney, MI 48169

## Welcome!

**Congratulations** to Linda Lavey, Jessica Aseltine, William Burwell, and Rob MacDonald! Linda Lavey was elected to be Pinckney's new Village President. Jessica Aseltine and William Burwell are our newest Village Trustees. Rob MacDonald will begin his seventh year as a Trustee. We are glad to have everyone aboard!

As Linda Lavey moves into the role of President, that leaves her trustee position open. An appointment will be made to fulfill her Trustee term set to expire in November 2014. Applications for consideration of this appointment can be found on the Village website. Council will make an appointment at its December 10th meeting.

According to Village Charter, all newly elected officials take their offices on November 20th.

Watch for more in-depth introduction to our newest village officers on the village website this new year.

A fond farewell goes to our outgoing President, Rebecca Foster. Thank you for a job well done.

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### Friendly Reminder from the Zoning Department

For Village residents living in developments with Homeowners Associations: You can simplify the approval process for land use permits (pools, fences, additions, etc.) by first obtaining a signed letter of approval from your association board members.

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

- ◆ *Village of Pinckney Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM*
- ◆ *The Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd in observance of Thanksgiving. The offices will also be closed Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st for the Christmas/New Year Holiday.*
- ◆ *Check the Village website frequently for updates on activities, recycling schedules, tax information and more.*

[www.villageofpinckney.org](http://www.villageofpinckney.org)

### Library Update

The library will be closing its Mower Road location on November 12th in anticipation of moving to its new location in downtown Pinckney.

A flag raising is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at 10 a.m and the 'soft opening' at the new library at 125 Putnam is planned for December 10th.

There will be a library amnesty in effect now through January 5th, meaning fines will be waived for any material returned late during this time.

An open house is scheduled for Monday, January 21st from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For questions or more information regarding the library's closure and moving, please go to [www.pinckneylibrary.org](http://www.pinckneylibrary.org) or call (734) 878-3888.

### DDA New Image

Pinckney has had a successful launch of it's new image as the 'Gateway to Play'! Our new village logo is a compass symbol that highlights a few of our wonderful activities here in the Pinckney area; horseback riding, boating, biking and our beautiful trails. New logo banners are now up in the downtown area. Thank you to our sponsors for supporting the banner program. Please support these local businesses and thank the families that personally donated.

*Merchandise bearing the new logo is available for purchase at the Village Hall. There are t-shirts, aluminum water bottles, and window clings. Get your gear now and show your support!*

### From our Department of Public Works:

**Brush** - Please place brush and branches at the curb, cut ends facing the street. Trees and branches can be no larger than 10" in diameter and no longer than 8 feet. No stumps. Please make sure brush and branches are not tangled.

**Sidewalks** - Make sure all rocks, dirt and debris are removed from the sidewalks. It is also important to edge along the sidewalks. This can be done easily with a shovel. It helps keep the sidewalks clear and helps lengthen the life of the sidewalk by preventing chips and cracking.

**Snow and right of way** - Homeowners should be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from driveways into or across roads is illegal, because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists. Instead, pile the snow behind the curb or shoulder on your side of the road. Avoid creating site hazards.

**Christmas Trees** - Christmas tree pickup will be Tuesday, January 8th, 2013. Please make sure ALL ornaments and tinsel are OFF the tree.

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



Southern facing view of the new library

### REFUSE & RECYCLING

The Village’s rubbish company, Mid-Michigan Rubbish, has been bought out by Granger Container. **The only change that you, as a homeowner, should see is that the trucks are different;** they are brown. The day of the week (Wednesday) and the pick up schedule is exactly the same. There will still be two trucks per week; one for regular refuse and one for the special pick up (recycling, yard waste, etc.).

Also to be noted, Granger said that they lay trash cans on their sides and place them on the grass on windy days so that they are less likely to roll into the roadway.

As always, contact Granger at 517-372-2800 ([www.grangernet.com](http://www.grangernet.com)), or the Village Offices with questions or concerns.



### Big Red Barrel

The Big Red Barrel is an important tool in our community, giving residents a place to safely dispose of old/unused prescription and over the counter medications. When using the barrel, please use the following guidelines:

- Liquids should be capped tightly in their container and bagged in a ziplock bag.
- All non liquids should be in unmarked sealed containers such as a ziplock bag or in plastic pill bottles with personal information removed.
- Items NOT to drop into the barrel are: sharps (needles), ointments or creams, pressurized devices such as inhalers, unsealed liquids, glass containers, drug paraphernalia, trash or non-medication items.



### Police Department Union

Effective October 8, 2012, the Village’s two full-time non-

management Police Officers have signed a Union agreement with the Village of Pinckney. The officers joined the Michigan Association of Police. Main concerns for union members were wages and job security.

The current contract is in effect until December 31, 2015

It will take a few months to see what impact the agreement has on the current, 2012-13, General Fund budget.

If you have any questions about the union or the agreement, please contact the Village Clerk during regular business hours.

### New Emergency Call Box

The police department now has an emergency call box located at the front of the Village Hall, at the left side of the front door.

The call box is for emergency and non-emergency use.

It can be used to contact police, fire or EMS personnel.

All you need to do is simply press the button. Once the button is pushed, the call box automatically connects you to Central Dispatch.



The Pinckney Police Department is also on Facebook.

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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.

## Light Up the Park



The annual Light Up the Park event will be held this year on

Saturday, December 8th from 11A—3PM. Santa will arrive at 11 AM via Putnam Township Fire Truck . He and Christmas Carol will greet families in the Gingerbread House gazebo. Free photos will be taken courtesy of [Sarah Jane Photography](#) and can be printed off of facebook. Other events include:

- Live Nativity Scene presented by Community Congregational Church
- A bake sale and craft show in the Putnam Township Senior Center
- Free Christmas Crafts and a Secret Santa Shop at Grandma Barker's shop
- Beautiful Crèche display at Community Congregational Church.

***New this year—A canned food drive supporting local holiday baskets. Don't forget to bring a can or two to share the holiday spirit.***