



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2AM on March 8, 2014. Turn clocks forward one hour.

Volunteer Opportunities & Events

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN THE VILLAGE



St Patrick's Day festivities are planned for Saturday, March 14th. Volunteers for the St Patrick's Day planning committee are being sought. Please contact Village Hall if interested. The 5K is sponsored by Light of the World School and is run in cooperation with the Village's St. Patrick's Day activities.

SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP



We don't have a date scheduled as of yet, but watch for the announcement on the Village Website as well as our Facebook page. We normally try to do the clean up the Saturday before Easter, however, Easter is coming early this year on April 5th. We will plan according to the weather.

FARMER'S MARKET

We would LOVE to bring back our Farmer's Market in June BUT we need team members and leaders for the season. If you are interested in volunteering for the Farmer's Market organization committee please contact Village Hall.



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2015 Trash Schedule Insert

Village Hall will be closed:

- Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day
- Monday, February 16 for President's Day

(Please note that the Pinckney Police will still be on duty and DPW will be on call.)

Ice Rink

Ice Rink in Putnam Township Square – This year, we have new white fencing that will help with the aesthetics of the ice rink as well as being a safety feature. Thank you to all of our donors! Hours for the ice rink are Sunday through Thursday 8am – 9pm and Friday & Saturday 8am – 10pm. No hockey may be played on the rink. SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK. Occasionally, the rink may be closed due to poor conditions and it will be posted on an 'as needed' basis at the rink.



New fencing!

In this newsletter: 2015 Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste & Leaf & Brush Schedule.

Please note: Christmas Tree Pick Up will be Tuesday, January 13th (Please make sure all decorations are removed from the tree)

Spring Clean Up Leaf Pick Up will be Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th

Please note that October 13th is the **last date for brush** and December 1 & 2 are the **last days for leaf pick up** in 2015. DPW tries very hard to adhere to the leaf and brush schedule but occasionally bad weather or other projects take priority. Please be patient, we will get to the leaves and brush as soon as possible. As always, our schedule can be found at the Village website along with recycling guidelines and other helpful information.

Rental Registration Reminder! All rental properties in the Village must be registered.

This form is for the Village's information only.

It can be found on the Village Website, under the Clerk's Office tab.

There's No Business Like Snow Business

Our Department of Public Works (DPW) works diligently at snow removal operations. The Village's snow removal operation includes salting streets and plowing over 11 miles of Village owned and maintained streets and designated sidewalks.

Help Our Crews

You can help DPW clear our roadways as quickly as possible by keeping vehicles off the street during snow removal operations. The Village's number one concern is the safety of those using our streets.

In a snow emergency, it is illegal (by Village Ordinance) to park on streets until plowing has been completed. If you park in the street you may be ticketed and towed. In snow emergencies, the Village will notify WHMI (93.5).

A complete plow-cycle can take several hours depending on weather and traffic. Thank You for Your Patience!

Arterial roads D-19 (Pearl St.), M-36 (Main St), and Dexter-Pinckney are plowed and salted by Livingston County Road Commission.

Keep Plowed Snow out of Shoveled Driveways.

Residents can help keep their driveway clear by shoveling snow to the right side of their driveway (as viewed from the home looking at the street).

Don't Forget the Fire Hydrants near Your Property.

In case of an emergency, seconds count! Please take a few extra minutes to clear the snow from the fire hydrants on or near your property. Coordinate the responsibility with your family members or others in the neighborhood. It's important for our fire fighters to have clear access in case of an emergency.

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

Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall.

Last year, there were several instances where owners did NOT clear the sidewalks and it made for very dangerous conditions, especially at bus stops.

Failure to shovel your sidewalk will result in the Village having the snow removed **AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.**



DPW's new backhoe

Projects in the Village

We are proud of our Village and work hard to maintain and improve what we have. This spring, we will have two construction projects in the Village - Marion Street re-paving (from Main St to Portage St) and our new DDA Parking lot paving that is located on the NE corner of Marion and Livingston. We anticipate construction to begin in May.

Visit our website at www.villageofpinckney.org for announcements, publications, permit forms, information on boards and departments, and more!

Also check out www.downtownpinckney.org for monthly calendars.

FROM DUSTIN WISE, ZONING

AS WE START TO THINK ABOUT SPRING AND SUMMER...

Need more room for storage? Let's build a shed! Want more privacy or a place to let your dog run? How about a new fence? Looking to cool off in those steamy days of summer? How about a dip in a new above-ground pool? Thinking of redoing, adding on, or building a deck? Decided that you can no longer stand that old leaky roof? Can't put up with any more drafts through your window? Please keep in mind that all of these items require a Land Use Permit from the Village and, in some cases, the Livingston County Building Department. While some Land Use Permits may have a minimal cost, others may be accomplished through a Land Use Waiver. Come visit or call to find out what you need!

FROM LINDA LAVEY, PRESIDENT

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." -- John F. Kennedy

The holidays and year's end have me feeling appreciative for all I have and all we have. How easy it is to toss off a random "thank you" in an email or the end of a conversation. How do we really let those who do so much for us know of our gratitude? I don't have much space in this newsletter (read it all! Lots of important news!), but it never would be enough to express the full extent of the thanks owed anyway. I always, always want to celebrate the tireless efforts of our Village staff (and I thank God for them): Amy Salowitz, Michelle Brunner, Kim Lim, Dustin Wise, Dave Marshall and his crew, Chief Newton and his officers. All they do for us, we don't even know.

Here too is an end-of-year shout-out for those responsible for events this fall: **Spooktacular:** Michelle Brunner, Lori Smith, Ann Jarema, Rob MacDonald, Diane Solecki, Karen Olsen, Patsy Dible, Heather Menosky; **Light Up the Park:** Sarah Hurtubise, Patsy Dible, Diane Kay, Rick Beaudin; **Wreaths across America:** Amy Salowitz and Linda Van Blaircum; **Ice rink fencing:** Patsy Dible. Chuck Thibodeau, Don McCall, Mike Gergel, Kurt Mohrmann, and all their energetic Scouts for sundry projects and assistance. Another mention of Kurt for his years of service on the Council. Miss you, man. If you notice Patsy Dible popping up on the list a lot, well, you should. She does all that and more. I recently mused if I had five Patsys then I could really get things done, (with the caveat that they'd have to agree!).

Thanks also to you. Whether you've always been here or you recently chose Pinckney as the best place for you to be, this is our home and you help make it what it is. Questions or comments, contact me at president@villageofpinckney.org.