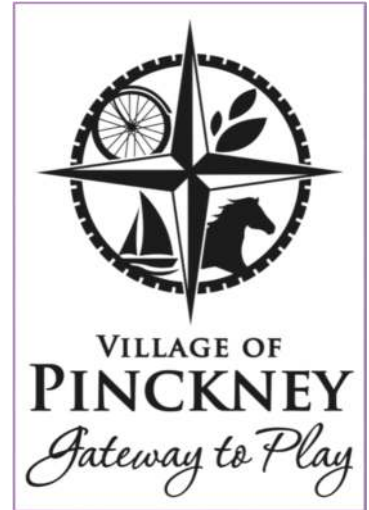


# Village of Pinckney

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### From the desk of Village President, Linda Lavey:

Every year Lake Superior State University publishes a list of words and phrases it wishes were banned for overuse and abuse. Last year's list included "quid pro quo," (seemed to fall on deaf ears, anyway), and "literally," (should probably be on there every year). If there's any justice next year's list will include "unprecedented," and "in these uncertain times." The real question with that last one is, what led us to believe we were living in certain times in the first place? Blinders? Didn't the various political squabbles, disasters, and shocking violence floating past us on the TV news daily chip away at our peace, our certainty? Now COVID-19. Instead of suffering small chips in our certainty, we must keep six feet from it. As I write this it is so far mostly an inconvenience and I hope it stays that way. We can so easily hate a virus but it is hard to win an argument with one. If in the end all that most of us will have had to sacrifice is the Final Four or a few parties, we can count ourselves lucky. Stay safe (a phrase that will never be on that list). Please, really do. Social distancing is to protect others, not your bad self.

What impact COVID-19 will have on the Village as an entity, I can only guess. I hope our restaurants and service businesses can weather this storm (get carry-out!). Our dedicated staff are keeping things running and safe. The office staff are working from home but leave a message and someone will get back with you. Your water bill might be a little late but your tax bill will probably be on time. Right now the Memorial Day Parade and Art in the Park are still on. This time will pass, we will get through, and hopefully end up wiser.

Contact me: [president@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:president@villageofpinckney.org) or leave a voicemail 734-476-6630.

### Zoning:

Once spring comes and the grass starts to grow, we do enforce our ordinances prohibiting tall grass and weeds. While tall grass may seem like it's simply an eyesore, it can also be a hiding place for undesirable critters like mice and bugs like mosquitoes to beat the summer heat. Chapter 94 of the Village Ordinances (Control of Tall Weeds, Grass and

## Upcoming Events

### May 25

Memorial Day Parade 1pm

### May 29

Art in the Park

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## Irrigation Meters

Control your water usage, by having a second meter installed for your outdoor watering needs. Irrigation Meter rates are based on water use alone, without the sewer portion, as the water is not being sent through the Village Sewer system.

Irrigation Meters can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works at 734-878-0666.

Brush) requires that property owners keep their lawns and property neat and trimmed throughout the growing season. Grass and weeds over 9" in height (both in front AND back yards) are in violation of the ordinance. Noncompliance may result in fines and the cost of the village mowing and trimming – both of which can be billed and eventually placed on the tax roll. For the health of our infrastructure, please DO NOT blow grass clippings into the street. The grass clippings can wash down to storm drains and clog them. This causes extra work for our already hard working DPW who would have to unclog the drains to prevent flooding.

If you are building a fence, deck, shed or adding an addition this summer, 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. Items such as re-roofing your home may be accomplished through a Land Use Permit Waiver. Having your driveway re-sealed also requires a Waiver and you need to use a vendor that has gone through the permitting process with the Village of Pinckney.

Call or visit the Zoning Administrator to find out what is needed for your projects.

### **The Village of Pinckney Fire Hydrant Flushing:**

The Pinckney Department of Public Works crew flushes hydrants throughout the Village of Pinckney in the spring. Regular flushing of hydrants serves two purposes:

- 1. To clean the mineral accumulations naturally deposited in waterlines**
- 2. To test the function and performance of the fire hydrants.**

The safety of the water we supply is not diminished by this process. If you experience cloudy or discolored water after these seasonal hydrant flushings, it is recommended that you run an outside water faucet or the cold-water taps within your home/business until clear.

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### **From Chief Newton:**

Spring is just about here, so let's prepare ourselves for potential weather threats...after all, this is Michigan!

1. Spring is when there is the highest potential for damaging tornadoes, among other threats.
  - Prepare a tornado plan with your family
2. Spring flooding can be a significant threat to lives, property
  - Flooding is not an event to be forgotten in the spring. During spring's warmup, rainfall and melting snow can very easily cause large amounts of runoff in a short period of time.
3. Gusty winds can trigger downed wires and other damage.
  - The strongest winds occur during March and April due to the development of big and powerful surface storms developing in the lee of the Rockies then moving east.
4. Snowstorms can still be a threat and cause disruptions to travel
  - In the early spring, snowstorms are still a potential extreme weather problem

### **PVB Back Flow Prevention Devices:**

The Village of Pinckney has adopted the Michigan Department of Public Health code R325.11401 to R325.11407 which requires that all PVB devices be tested on a routine basis. Experience shows that there is not a mechanical device, which can be depended upon unless it is routinely tested and maintained. Backflow prevention devices must be tested only by certified backflow prevention testers who are knowledgeable of the workings of the devices and fully realizes the hazards of cross connection with a potable water system. At minimum, the State requires that these devices be tested every 3 years and you are required to submit a copy of the test reports to the Village Offices. Visit the Village Website for a list of certified PBV Contractors.

### **Spring 2020 Treasurer:**

Your 2020 Village Property Tax bill will be mailed out on July 1st. If you don't receive your tax bill shortly thereafter, please let the treasurer know! Taxes are due September 14th, 2020, so plan accordingly.