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## Summer 2020 Newsletter

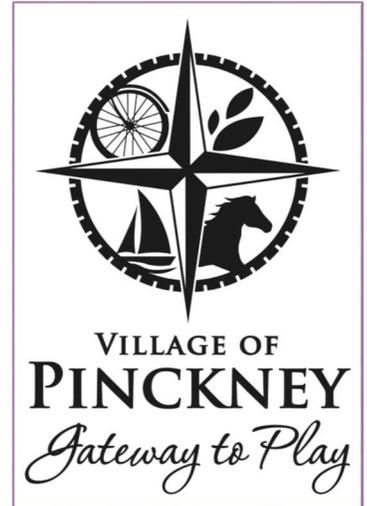
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# Village of Pinckney

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

I have only a few things to mention this summer. So much is going on even though almost everything is cancelled. It's exhausting to live in times that are unprecedented. Literally speaking every moment that arrives is unprecedented; we should make the most of all of them. So we quarantine and mask and social distance, WFH and Zoom; we cancel and postpone and exercise extraordinary patience. Like about the sewer project plodding down South Howell. It has an end date finally, but it's a ways off. It has problems with both dewatering and watering at the same time. Council just passed a cautious budget for 20-21, anticipating economic challenges that haven't even been scared up yet. The Village is not an island. We saw a demonstration and a march for Black Lives Matter, and we should all be proud. If the promises of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not true for all of us, they are not true for any of us. That's the only way it works. Another reminder that it's an election year, like a cherry on top. Vote!

### **Zoning:**

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.

Keeping the grass mowed not only makes the Village look tidy but it helps control small animals, bugs, and other pests. Please maintain your lawn (front, back and side yards). Properties with nuisance grass or weeds will be issued a warning. If no action is taken after a warning is issued, then a ticket will be written and the DPW will mow it and the owner will be invoiced. (Please note that residents will NOT receive more than one warning per year.) Any grass over 9" high is in violation of the ordinance. Also, please remember not to blow grass clippings into the street and to keep them away from the storm drains as this clogs the drains.

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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. Or the Village Clerk at 734-878-6206.

**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 realize 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.



**NOTICE:**

**Cleaning and Televising Sanitary Sewers**

As part of a study to assess the condition and operation of the Sanitary Sewer System for the Village of Pinckney, Plummer's Environmental Services, Inc. will be engaged in cleaning and video inspection of the sanitary sewers.

The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. The debris is removed from the manhole with a vacuum unit. If roots are found, they are cut out with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During cleaning of sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble or surge. In rare instances, the water can splash out of the bowl. We remind you that the water that could come from this type of incident is from the bowl itself. Therefore during cleaning, it would be beneficial to make sure to keep the lid of your toilet down to minimize any water from splashing out of your toilet.

The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's water and ventilation system.

If you have any questions, please call the Project Manager at:

Plummer's Environmental Services

Jeff Root (616) 877-3930

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**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 at 4pm, so plan accordingly.