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## Summer 2021 Newsletter

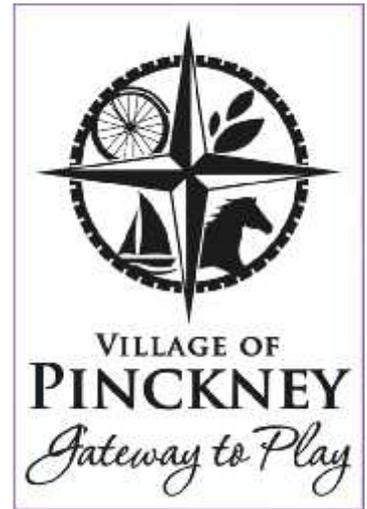
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# Village of Pinckney

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### **Village President, Rebecca Foster:**

Summer is here and we are slowly moving out of pandemic mode and into almost-regular summer living. Although 2021 brought another cancellation of the Memorial Day parade and Art in the Park, we will see the return of the popular Hootin' In The Park music events in July and August, and the much-anticipated Food Truck Fridays. The Pinckney Community Garden is up and running at the corner of Main and Marion Streets – feel free to wander through, maybe have your local takeout at one of our picnic tables. Funding from the DDA, and a second-place \$15,000 award from the Consumer's Energy "Put Your Town on the Map" competition have helped this garden blossom! In other news, adult-use marijuana facilities are working their way through the application process and local licenses will be approved by the village by early fall. Most of all, enjoy our small village and surrounding outdoor recreation this summer. We really live in a beautiful community.

### **Zoning Administrator, Julie Durkin:**

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

**GLEANER'S FOOD CART:**

Tis the season for the Gleaner's fresh food cart on the porch of village hall at 220 S Howell St. Fresh fruits and vegetables are delivered Tuesdays and Thursdays, and are often supplemented by generous gardeners in the community. If you or someone you know is food-insecure, this is great place to get fresh, nutritious offerings every week. Stop on by!

## SUMMER 2021 TAXES: Important Information About Your Village Taxes!

The Village has entered into an agreement with Putnam Township to collect Village taxes. PAYMENTS will go to PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ONLY, NOT the Village Offices.

Your tax bill will look essentially the same – but will list both Village taxes and any assessments, and Township taxes. You can pay with one check, or pay online! Your 2021 Village Property Tax bill will be mailed out on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and are due September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4pm, so plan accordingly.

**MAILING ADDRESS: Putnam Township HALL: 3280 W M-36,  
Pinckney MI 48169  
Phone: 734-878-3131**

Check out the village website for links to pay your taxes, or head directly to the Putnam Township website - all your payment options can be found at [https://putnamtwp.us/dept\\_treasurer.htm](https://putnamtwp.us/dept_treasurer.htm)



### UTILITY BILLING:

In order to keep accounts up-to-date, please let the Village Clerk know if you are moving. A Final Read needs to be conducted and the **Final Utility Bill** will be forwarded to the new address of that resident. This also informs the Clerk when the new occupants are moving in and will become responsible for paying the utility bills.