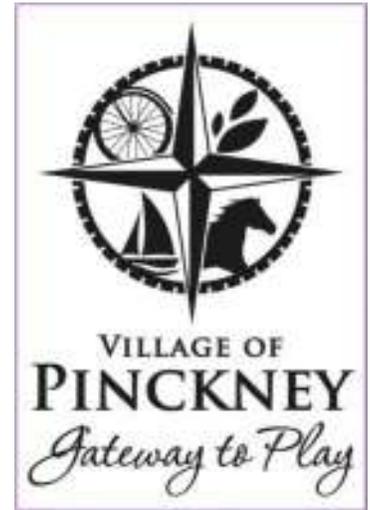

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Village of Pinckney

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From the desk of Village President, Rebecca Foster:

As I am writing this, it feels like spring! And with spring comes thoughts of gardening. The village is happy to announce a community garden plan for the “DDA lot” (vacant lot at Marion and Main Streets), to be implemented in a few months. Thank you DDA for funding the project, and a shout out to the community garden crew on Facebook for pushing the idea forward with their great ideas, experience and support. Look for more news on this soon.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, we should be further along with the massive and much-delayed sewer project and with any luck at all (in short supply, to be sure) it will be wrapped up this summer. Another large project – adult use marijuana establishments – has also moved right along, with the mandated application window opening April 1st. It’s been a long and complicated process, and I want to say thanks to our cannabis committee and Planning Commission for really making huge progress in a short amount of time.

With COVID vaccines getting ramped up, I am hopeful for more in-person...well, everything. Meanwhile, let’s all do our best to support our local businesses as best we can. The mask thing is getting a bit old, but public health is important for everyone – so keep up the good work.

DPW & 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, ticks, and mosquitoes to beat the summer heat. Chapter 94 of the Village Ordinances (Control of Tall Weeds, Grass and

Upcoming Events

**Memorial Day Parade-
To Be Determined**

Art in the Park-CANCELLED

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 Village Hall at 734-878-6206

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 DPW (734-878-0666) 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.

DPW's curbside wood chipping schedule starts in the Spring. This includes chipping trees, shrubs, and branches on the **2nd and 4th week, *TUESDAYS, during the scheduled season. A schedule is available on the VOP website. Please face the largest end of the branches towards the roadside. If the pile is in disarray it may not get picked up. DPW usually starts on the south side of town and works their way north throughout the town. This takes more than one day to complete. Root balls are NOT accepted. Please do NOT put wood out before the weekend of the upcoming scheduled date.

The new Pump Station is almost complete. Please be careful of what's let into the sewer system as this will cause issues and more money to fix the problems at the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). There is a potential of being FINED.***

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 devices, 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 2021 TAXES:

Your 2021 Village Property Tax bill will be mailed out on July 1st. Taxes are due

September 13th, 2021. **All**

Taxes will be handled by **Putnam Township**. Do **NOT** drop payments off at the Village Offices. Mail or drop off at the Putnam Township Hall. 734-878-3131

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
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“Pinckney Community Garden concept drawing, credit: Vonn Weisenberger”

