



Failure to receive your Utility Bill does NOT relieve the obligation to pay. These bills are sent every quarter. If you are having difficulty with receiving your utility bill via the United States Postal Service, we have an option to email the bill to you. We also have an automatic payment program. Forms are available online on the Village Website. Please contact the Clerk for more information at clerk@villageofpinckney.org.

The Village of Pinckney Hall Offices will be **CLOSED** for the following dates, due to HOLIDAYS:

- **December 26th-January 1st 2022**
- Will return to regular business hours Monday January 2nd.

The Pinckney Police Department is a 24/7-hour operation and an officer is always on duty.

The front lobby will be locked during this time. **Police Dept. direct line: 734-878-3700.**

NOTE: **An officer may not be in the office as they may be on a call or out patrolling the Village.

If an officer is needed for a report or is urgent, call Livingston County Central Dispatch at 517-546-9111.

FIND UPCOMING EVENTS @ www.villageofpinckney.org



Ice Skating Rink Look for information later on the ice rink. Most likely moving back to the town square this year. **ABOUT:** The Village of Pinckney ice rink is non-refrigerated and only open when weather permits. The use of the rink is free and to be used at your own risk. Safety gear is recommended. Please respect the signage – if caution tape is up and/or the gate is closed, or states closed, do NOT step out onto the rink. This is for the protection of the rink, ice, and you. There is no hockey allowed on the rink. Please be courteous and share the ice. Questions and inquiries should be directed to the Village Hall at 734-878-6206.



Pinckney Events/DDA Coordinator Needed. The DDA is looking for an out-going, energetic person to fill this position. The duties include coordinating DDA/Village sponsored events working with Village departments and outside organizations, soliciting vendors for the Farmer's Market, answering questions and attending Market functions, solicit participation of local business in community events, and coordination of DDA programs and activities. The starting rate is a minimum of \$15-18 per hour, depending on qualifications of the candidate. The hours will be 20-25 hours per month but vary depending on the season/activities. For more information, contact Village Hall at 734-878-6206 or fill out an Application for Employment and return it to the Clerk's Office. <https://villageofpinckney.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Pinckney-Employment-App.pdf>



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas tree pick-up will be on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023. The Department of Public Works will come around and chip these items. PLEASE make sure that all ornaments and lights are removed from the trees because these items can damage the chipper!



St Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday March 18th 2023



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Village of Pinckney

WINTER 2022



FROM THE PRESIDENT, Linda Lavey:

There's an old joke about a pollster asking whether everything that's wrong with society today could be blamed on ignorance and apathy. The respondent predictably replies, "I don't know, and I don't care!"

Today we have unique opportunities for the right people out there to step up and prove that ignorance and apathy have not taken over here. The Village currently has two open positions on the Planning Commission, and one open seat on the Council. What, you may ask, are the qualifications? 1. You have to live here 2. You have to give a damn. It helps if you ask questions, and really want the answers. It helps if you are willing to look for the answers. You wouldn't be alone. Those intrepid souls already on the Planning Commission and the Council are the same as you, people who live here, care, and want to help.

Planning Commission (PC) meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Questions that come before them include interpretations or changes in zoning, building site plans for new constructions or major remodels, and future plans for the Village. You do not have to have construction or building experience. The Village will sponsor you for an online course from the MSU extension, "Citizen Planner," that supplies more than enough information for the questions that come to this commission. The PC makes recommendations to the Council on development, zoning, and master plans. It also serves as the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which is charged with promoting the Village businesses by supporting events and promotions. It gets you \$75 per month.

Village Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7:00 pm. Most of the topics on the agenda are what you'd call the "regular" business like paying the bills and ensuring that operations are running smoothly. The department heads for the DPW and the Police Department, as well as PC and Zoning report to the Council on their activities, needs, and possible future problems. The Council has a number of committees that meet when needed to address specific projects or issues, such as plans for street improvements, sidewalk repairs, maintenance of the water and sewer systems, and annual budget. Council members are paid \$150 per month.

With all the services it supplies, the Village is comparable to a (very) small city. If everybody is doing their job right, nobody notices. That's the best part. If you think you are qualified, you could make a real difference serving your community. Give it a try.

Application forms can be found here: [Application-for-Appointment-1.pdf \(villageofpinckney.org\)](#), on the website follow the link on the page advertising for Planning Commission spots, or get a paper copy at Village Hall.

From the Chief's Desk:

Chief Jeffrey Garrison



Steps to Crime Prevention:

- Is your address clearly visible from the street, day or night?
- Remove potential Hiding Places:
 - Remove overgrown trees & shrubs
- Lighting
 - Consider putting timers on your interior lights
 - Leave an exterior light on at night and while away
- Get rid of "Hidden Keys"
 - Better to give them to a trusted neighbor
- Doors & Windows Locked
 - Remember to keep your house & car locked at all times
- Alarms
 - Keep alarm signs clearly visible

If you observe suspicious activity, report it immediately to 911. An officer will be dispatched to the location. Take down as much detailed information as you can. Be the best witness possible – Don't take action on your own.

The Village of Pinckney Police Department patrols inside the Village Limits. The surrounding areas are patrolled by Livingston Co Sheriff (contracted coverage for Putnam Township), MSP, Hamburg Township PD, and Unadilla Township PD. Residents outside of the Village Limits, need to contact Livingston County Central Dispatch to report incidents and/or contact an Officer on duty.

DID YOU KNOW...

The non-emergency number for Livingston County Central Dispatch is **517-546-9111**. (This is a good number to have).

In an emergency, use 9-1-1.

Livingston County Health Department

For more information on Radon in Livingston County, contact Livingston County Health Department at 517.552.6810

**JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH!! Test your home for free.
KITS have been ordered and will be Available at the Village Hall Offices.**

Did you know Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer death in the U.S.? Radon gas occurs naturally in the soil and enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls. The only way to know if you have a radon problem is to test for it.

When Seconds Count...



After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.



Winter Maintenance - Mailboxes

Please check your mailbox posts to ensure that they are solid and sturdy in the ground. This will ensure that when heavy snow is plowed off the road, your mailbox will not be pushed over.

Snow Emergency Parking Rules –

In the event of a large snowfall (four inches or more), the Village of Pinckney will declare a snow emergency. No vehicles will be allowed to park on the street in order to allow DPW to safely plow the streets. Snow emergencies are declared on the Pinckney PD Facebook, on WHMI, and the Livingston Daily. **If a large snowfall is forecast, please do not park on the street.**

The Village has an ordinance about snow, ice and debris that states that Residential Property Occupants have 24 hours for weather events resulting in less than 4" of accumulation or 48 hours in the event of over 4" of accumulation, to remove snow, ice and debris. **If you don't shovel your sidewalks, You WILL be fined and the snow removed at the EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.** Also, prudent effort to control ice by complete removal or by applying sufficient deicing material. For exact specifications please visit the Village website and search Ordinances for the following:

- § 92.62 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, DEBRIS OR DIRT.
- § 92.63 BUSINESS DISTRICT SNOW, ICE, DEBRIS, DIRT AND ENCROACHMENT REMOVAL



Village utilities recently underwent a rate study.

Rate studies are performed by a third-party contractor, in this case an accounting firm the Village has worked with before. These are required as part of responsible management of water and waste water systems. The systems need to pay for themselves, but no more. Not surprisingly, it was determined that the Village should be charging more for these services to cover replacement and maintenance costs. Council chose to keep the increases at the lowest possible rate recommended by the study. For the added household in the Village, this will mean an average monthly cost of about \$22.00. Our billing is done quarterly, so you will probably notice the bump. By collecting this modest increase starting in January 2023, we hope to prevent any need for the massive rate hikes other municipalities are facing, as has been in the news lately. For more information, check the website for a copy of the rate study.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!

Anyone who will be heading out of town for an extended period of time should contact the Village Clerk. We can have refuse services stopped while you're away and gather information about who's watching over your home.

IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



**PLEASE!!! DO NOT FLUSH RAGS,
SANITARY PRODUCTS OR ANYTHING ELSE
THAT DOESN'T BELONG IN THE SEWER.
FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE!
THESE ITEMS DAMAGE OUR SYSTEM
AND IT MAY END UP COSTING YOU
MORE!**

From the Zoning Department...

The purpose of a Land Use Permit is to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance is being met. The Zoning Ordinance determines if a project fits within a certain area and sets forth the standards by which it is done. Zoning laws are there in order to ensure the "health, safety and general welfare of the public." What an individual or a company chooses to do with a certain piece of land should in no way negatively impact the surrounding properties, individuals or property values. The purpose of a building permit has more to do with making sure that a structure is constructed to the standards for safety and use.

Land Use Permits are required for most construction projects. This would include new or changes to a building, adding a garage, shed or other out-building, adding or changing a fence, swimming pool, etc. Generally, permits would also be required from the Livingston County Building Department (www.livgov.com/building) as well. This includes interior projects such as remodels that would not require a Land Use Permit (Waiver only) or change in the site.

Other projects such as driveway sealing, re-roofing, re-siding, gutters or window replacements which does not change the use of the property would not require a Land Use Permit but rather a Permit Waiver (No fee).

More information is available on the Zoning Department page: www.villageofpinckney.org/zoning. Zoning Administrator Julie Durkin has office hours in the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is available anytime by email at zoning@villageofpinckney.org.

Garbage, Recycling, Bagged Yard Waste, Leaf Pick Up and Brush

Please see the insert for 2023 schedule. Please be aware that we do our best to stick to the schedule for leaf pick up and brush chipping but sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate or emergencies come up. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in these situations.
Our complete schedule can be found online at the Village website under the 'Garbage & Recycling' tab.