



Getting Ready for Winter

Snow & Mailboxes- Properly secure your mailbox by making sure it's anchored well and that it's not on a rotted post. It is your responsibility to keep the area in front of your mailbox clear of snow, so the mail person can safely deliver your mail.

Snow & Fire Hydrants- Keep all fire hydrants clear from snow. In case of emergency, we want the fire department to be able to access the hydrants easily.

Snow & Right of Way- Shoveling or plowing snow from driveways into or across roads is illegal. It can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists. Pile the snow behind the curb or shoulder on your side of the road. Avoid creating site hazards.

Snow on Sidewalks - Per ordinance 92.62, no person owning or occupying any lot or premises abutting upon any street in the village shall permit sidewalks in front of the lot or premises to become obstructed by snow, ice, debris or dirt so as to inconvenience public traffic. The snow or ice may NOT remain on the sidewalks more than 24 hours after it has fallen or accumulated. If you don't shovel your sidewalks, the Village will do it for you AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER. For snow shoveling violations, we hand out red door hangers as warning, but after one warning, property owners will be fined and the snow and/or ice will be removed at the owner's expense. (NOTE: property owners will only be warned once per winter season) We do this ONLY because it is important to everyone's safety that the sidewalks are kept clear. We don't want anyone to slip and fall and we don't want kids to have to be in the street because there is so much snow and ice where they wait for the school bus. We also ask that you please be thoughtful and look out for our elderly and disabled neighbors. If you are able, please lend a helping hand of kindness.

During a large snowfall event, it may become necessary for the Village to declare a snow emergency. No vehicles may be parked on any street in order to allow for road crews to safely plow.



Light Up the Park is back for 2023

November 26th 5-7 pm

Light up the Park Pinckney is being sponsored this year by the Huron River Women in Business with support from M36 Rotary.

Santa will arrive to help Light Up the Park & free photos with Santa will be taken.

Local businesses can purchase a tree to decorate and place at the park during the event & all through December.

Bring the family & Join us for a magical time in downtown Pinckney!



Follow Light Up the Park
Pinckney on Facebook
or email
luthppinckney@gmail.com

The annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 has been completed by our auditors Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka. The audit report is being finalized and will be presented to the Village Council at the October 23rd Council meeting. There were no material discrepancies to report.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP



Christmas tree and brush pick-up will be on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. 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. These items can damage the chipper!



Village of Pinckney

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From President Linda Lavey:

Waiting. You know what I'm talking about: that thing you do most of the time. Waiting for someone to arrive, for someone to leave, for the alarm to ring, for the microwave to finish, for the tomatoes to ripen, for the baby to take a step, for the doctor's office to call, for the right decision to be reached, for the season to change. So many things are so close, but we are not there yet. We have to wait. In the Village this year we have a whole neighborhood waiting for construction to end, and another neighborhood waiting for construction to begin. (Both of these will be soon!) We are waiting for news on land sales, grants, interest rates, developments being planned, plans being developed, reviews from consultants, permissions from the County and the State, all for the little projects we have going in our little village. Always when the days get shorter as we slip out of summer I feel like we haven't got far enough, but we're not done yet. Just wait for it. I want to express sincere gratitude for everyone who has had to wait: for road work to get past their driveway, for their yard to get put back together, to make a left turn while the crews were working on Main Street, to make a right turn while the crews were working on Main Street, for a good parking spot to open by the bakery, to get anywhere while stuck behind someone doing the speed limit on S. Howell (just get used to it, it's permanent!) and has done so with the necessary grace, patience, and good will that we have come to expect from our friends and neighbors in this community. If we have to wait – and we do -- I'm glad to be waiting with you.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Are you interested in signing up for **Paperless utility billing**? Residents can receive their bills quarterly (January, April, July & October) by email. The Village also offers **budget billing** whereby you can pay the same amount each quarter, and as long as the bill is paid on time, there will be no penalty. Budget billing accounts are reconciled once a year and any shortfall will be billed or credit applied to your account at that time. For **electronic payments**, you can either view and pay your bill on line or you can set up to have funds automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. Both options can be found at <https://villageofpinckney.org/water-sewer/>. Any questions can be directed to the Village Clerk at clerk@villageofpinckney.org. Credit card payments can only be made online, but payment by check can still be placed in the drop box outside of Village Hall. Just a reminder, if you are moving in or out of the Village, please contact us in advance to make sure that the account is finalized and changes are made to update the account information.

ROAD PROJECTS UPDATE

The major street section of **E. Hamburg St.** received a face lift this August with a Mill & Fill type resurface. This was much-needed as it was at the end of its life expectancy. It is now a new roadway that will last for a long time to come. **Village Edge and Mower Rd** also got a resurface, this was done by a Cape Seal process that uses small stones and a liquid asphalt overlay that creates a new wear coarse that binds to the existing road. While this might not be the "smoothest" final product, it extends the life of the road by seven to ten years and is a very cost-effective way to improve our roads and get the most life out of them before total reconstruction has to happen.

N. Howell Street is slated to begin construction on October 5th. This is the stretch of road just north of M-36 and stops at Putnam. This project will consist of new sewer main and road reconstruction. The anticipated time frame for construction is six weeks. While access to this area during that time will be limited, all businesses affected by construction will remain open for the duration of the project, so put your walking shoes on and show your support to our local owners.

As always, we thank you for your patience and understanding!

Pinckney Police Department

Chief Garrison



BURNING

Per Village Ordinance 91.01, no burning in the Village is allowed except for some certain exceptions. A recreational fire is one of those exceptions. Keep in mind that a recreational fire has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter, two feet or less in height, is within a fireproof ring or pit and the fire is used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes. Do not burn brush, leaves, large branches, or trees.

Putnam Township and the Village of Pinckney currently have eight severe weather sirens within our boundaries. These sirens have been reclassified as "Severe Weather," not "Tornado Sirens" any longer. They are activated when we have weather that is severe in nature; including a tornado or sustained winds of 60 MPH or higher. The fire department can request to have them activated. Putnam Township tests the severe weather sirens on the first Saturday of the month at noon, April through October.

PTFD Chief Curt Ruf & Paramedic Ashley LaPres visited Village Council with Bravo 5 Ambulance July 24th



On Monday, July 17, 2023, in cooperation with Livingston County Emergency Medical Services, the Putnam Fire *Safety Net* ambulance went into service – Bravo 5. The *Safety Net* ambulance is a concept that isn't new to emergency services, but it is the first for any fire department in Livingston County. When Livingston County Emergency Medical Services is out of ambulances, the Putnam Fire *Safety Net* ambulance will be dispatched, with the ability to transport patients. On August 22nd, the department was able to transport a patient to UofM during an extremely busy period for the county and Livingston County EMS.

The Putnam Township Fire Department is an essential part of our community and is committed to protecting the lives and property of the residents who live here. Staff has been given additional training in transporting and working an ambulance.

Safety Reminder

If you see something that may be a problem, give us a call.

If there is an emergency situation, call 911 and have an officer dispatched to the area. Get a good description, license plate, vehicle info., etc. Police officers are equipped and ready to address any of these situations. In Livingston County, ALWAYS dial 9-1-1 for emergencies. For non-emergency 24/7 call [517-546-9111](tel:517-546-9111). Call that phone number if you need an officer but it is not an emergency or if you need to file a Police Report. NOTE: An Officer may not always be in the office to answer the phone, but dispatch can reach an officer by radio.

Watch out for phone/internet scammers—Don't be a victim. Village, State or Federal government agencies will never call and ask for gift cards or bank account info.

FALL LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP

First Pick-up October 3rd.

No brush pick-up Oct 1st thru Nov 13th

Last brush pick-up November 14th

Last leaf pick-up November 21st.

- **Leaves must be raked into a row on the edge of the street.** Allow a one-foot space between the curb and leaves to allow water run-off; **Do not block storm drains.** On streets with no curb, the leaves must be placed on the pavement edge, not the road shoulder. Rows should be no wider than four feet. **Leaves that are not on or behind the curb or beyond this area cannot be picked up as the equipment will not reach.** *EXCEPT:* Residents on Main Street (M-36), please keep your leaves behind the curb.
- **Leaves cannot be mixed with any other material such as trash, brush or rocks.**
- **Vehicles must not be parked along the curb or in the Village right-of-way in areas where leaves are to be picked up.**
- **Keep leaves 4 feet away from poles, mailboxes, street signs and fire hydrants**
- **Leaves can be hosed down to prevent blowing if needed.**
- **Brush and branches must be at the curb, cut ends facing the street. Limbs and branches can be no larger than 10 inches in diameter and no longer than 8 feet. No stumps.**

Help Support the Village of Pinckney Historical Cemetery & Honor Local Heroes



Gather about 11:45 am on December 16th at Pinckney Cemetery on W. Main Street, for a brief ceremony then help distribute the wreaths to veterans' graves at this location and at St. Mary Cemetery.

SPONSOR A WREATH

Your gift of \$17 honors a fallen hero by placing a wreath on his or her grave. Donations can be made directly to the Village of Pinckney or at:

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Use site code (In the search field)

Pinckney Historical Cemetery: MIVOPC (16207)

St. Mary's Cemetery: MIPSMC (24829)

Village Hall will be closed On Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving. The Police Department will be on duty and the DPW will be on call.

Fall Cemetery Clean-up

Join us from 9 am until noon Saturday, November 4th to help clean up leaves and debris in our beautiful historic cemetery which is located at 647 W. M-46, just west of downtown. Bring gloves if you wish, but equipment & supplies will be provided.

Did you know...

- * Finding a spider on Halloween is considered good luck
- * Pumpkin is a fruit, not a vegetable



Trick or Treat Hours in the Village

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 31st

Please turn on/off your porch light to signify the start and end of trick or treating.

Have a safe & fun Halloween

HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!!



Spooktacular is presented by the M36 Rotary. Questions can be directed to: m36rotary@gmail.com or on the Spooktacular FB page.



School is back in session. As always, use caution when approaching bus stops & always obey bus traffic laws. Let's keep our children safe!