

# Volunteer Opportunity:



This newsletter is too late for SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

It was Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you in the fall! We'll use this space to highlight things you shouldn't miss in this newsletter: get your leaves and brush out. Take our sidewalk survey. Mark your calendars for fun events coming up...and construction projects coming up. Be safe and well! See you soon.



## Leaf Spring Clean-Up on April 18th and 19th

Our annual spring clean-up will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> this year. DPW will be coming around to pick up leaves left over from the fall on those days. Brush pick-up will be held on the regularly scheduled Tuesdays (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>.



When placing brush at the curbside for pick up, please place the cut ends neatly towards the road and do not tangle the branches. If the pile is in disarray, it may not get picked up. Do NOT bag!

Please make sure the leaves are next to the road and are free of debris. Place leaves in a separate pile AWAY from the brush, as branches and other debris can damage the leaf-vacuum machine. The leaf machine will only extend out 3 feet, so make sure the leaves are raked far enough to the curb during pickup. All uncollected leaves and plant material needs to be put in brown paper bags to be picked up on Granger's yard waste days (every other Wednesday according to the Refuse schedule).

\*\*\*DPW's curbside wood chipping schedule starts in the Spring. This includes chipping trees, shrubs, and branches on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week, \*TUESDAYS\***, during the scheduled season. A schedule is available on the VOP website. 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 and plant materials are NOT accepted.** Please do NOT put wood out before the weekend of the upcoming scheduled date.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **Memorial Day MAY 29<sup>th</sup> with Parade @ 1pm**
- **Art in the Park: June 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Hootin' in the Park: Thursday Evenings, July & August (6-8 PM)**
- **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS: June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> from noon till 8pm**



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# Village of Pinckney

## SPRING 2023

## *PRESIDENT: Linda Lavey:*

Public finance is hard. It's not just the math, and it's not just me. I hear the talking heads on the news spouting about the economy and the national budget: it should be run like a household, don't spend more than you earn! It should be run like a business, let the market drive the prices and make more money! Wrong, and wrong. There is no analogy in households or businesses for public money collecting and spending. It is not legal or ethical to make a profit. Taxpayer money needs to be collected and spent with great care. Services no household or business could buy alone need to be financed and operated. Why am I talking about this? You may have noticed already that your utilities bill has taken a bit of a jump. There is a correction being put into place that will allow us to maintain the water and sewer systems, that we all own together, responsibly into the future. The bill now collects debt service on repairs done, and depreciation to plan for future maintenance. This bump now will allow future bumps to be more tolerable. Council worked hard to keep it reasonable and realistic. We have to pay it, too. See more about the rate study and the recommendations on the website at <https://villageofpinckney.org/water-and-sewer-rate-study/> Questions or comments, contact me at [llavey@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:llavey@villageofpinckney.org) or 734-878-6206.

## Things that happen every spring:

- The Pinckney Department of Public Works crew flushes hydrants throughout the Village of Pinckney in the spring. If your water becomes discolored, let the cold tap run a few minutes.
- PVB Backflow devices must be checked. If you have one, watch for the letter detailing the requirements.
- Summer tax bills will be coming. Remember, we pay through Putnam Township now, only one tax bill.
- Consider installing an irrigation meter if you water your lawn or garden a lot to save on your sewer bill. Contact Village Hall for more information.
- Trash pickup questions? Contact Granger at 517-372-2800 or 1-888-947-2643 or visit [grangerwasteservices.com](http://grangerwasteservices.com).

Other questions contact our DPW Office at 878-9368 or Village Hall at 878-6206.

**Village Hall will be closed on \*Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day**



(Please note that the Pinckney Police will still be on duty and DPW will be on call.)

## Downtown News:

**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** are coming this spring/summer. Four spaces for charging will be provided at the northwest corner of the DDA parking lot directly behind the Community Garden.

New **gateway signs** are being installed at the entrances to our DDA (downtown district). The first will be installed in front of Pinckney-Chrysler replacing the existing "Welcome to Pinckney" sign. The next one will be installed at the western border of the Village when The Means Project is complete.

Please welcome our **new businesses** in town. **Bark Art Creations** was opened at 125 N. Pearl in October of last year by Leah Barkhoff. She provides artisans and craftsmen a place to sell their hand-crafted items as well as her own unique creations. She also hosts classes on different art forms. Check out her FB page or website: [barkartcreations.com](http://barkartcreations.com). You may have noticed the "Hot Coffee....Cool Stones" sign on Main Street. **Earth's Energy** opened in January of this year. They offer specialty coffee and other beverages and sell crystals, stones and unique gifts. Stop by for a hot cup of coffee!!!



# Pinckney Police Department



## Camera System Update

With the help of Putnam Township and the Pinckney DDA, we have installed a new camera system around the park. This system has already proven its worth by helping to identify an illegal driver, two suspects in an identity theft case, and gathering evidence in an accident investigation.

## Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Parade  
Art in the Park  
Food Truck Fridays

Watch for more information on these events. We know it causes a traffic problem when we shut down streets and make detours but bear with us. We just want everyone to be safe while enjoying our great town.

## Department Contact

All emergencies call 911.

Monday through Thursday you can call the department before 3:00pm at 734-878-3700.

Friday through Sunday and after 3:00 on the weekdays, you should call Livingston County Central Dispatch at 517-546-9111.

Use this number any time you need an officer in a non-emergency situation. Even if we are not in the office, the dispatch center can reach us by radio.



The Livingston County Register of Deeds Office has signed up with a service called *Property Fraud Alert*. This free service is designed to alert you if a document is recorded in Livingston County under your name, so you have time to take action if fraudulent activity has taken place. If you have aging parents that you worry about, the Property Fraud Alert is a fantastic resource to help keep them safe from scams and fraud. The website asks you to select a county, then enter your name and a phone number or email. Sign up at their website [www.propertyfraudalert.com](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com). You can find this link on the Village website, as well.

You already know that residents of a small town can have all the same problems as in any big city or suburb. We need you here and safe! Call, text, or chat with the national helpline for yourself or to help someone else in crisis, or with any mental health issues. Free and confidential.

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LIFELINE

YOU ARE  
**NOT**  
ALONE.

## Village Edge Cape Seal

Notice to all residents in the Village Edge Subdivision. Village Council has approved the addition of Cricket Crossing, Bluebird Lane, and Cattail Lane, along with the remainder of Coyote Court, Turtle Trace and Town Trail to be Cape Sealed starting the first part of JUNE. Cape sealing involves laying stone chips followed by a sealant that will help preserve the road surface. This process will take about 7-10 days to complete. With this addition, all streets in Village Edge will now be getting a new road surface. During this project, all vehicles and/or personal property **MUST** be off the road surface to allow crews to complete their jobs in a timely manner and get streets back open to traffic without unnecessary interruption. Village staff and construction crews appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding while we perform this project and improve our roadways. Stay tuned for official start date, to be determined by contractor

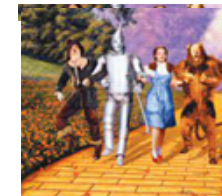
Help us to improve our ways to get around.

Take our SIDEWALK SURVEY!

(it's really short, and we want to hear from you)

Find the link on the website or go here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8QTM8LN>



Watch this space...about this space!



Reminder that N. Howell Road construction will happen this summer, and all street and parking lot access will be limited and or not available during this period **in the construction zones**. This project has a projected duration of about six weeks. Village staff and construction crews appreciate your patience, cooperation and understanding while we improve our infrastructure and road conditions better to serve our community. Businesses in this area will remain open during this project and will be no more than a summer's stroll away from the nearest available parking spot. Again, we thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

**\*\*Please note that each Village resident/homeowner is individually responsible for tree and/or shrub trimming or removal.\*\***

**\*\*Please don't blow grass clippings into the street. Keep BRUSH and LEAVES on your own property and not the Village's property. BRUSH needs to be piled neatly, with the cut ends towards the street. Leaves need to be placed in a neat narrow pile in the street, NOT in the ditch. \*\***