



# Village of Pinckney

## Summer 2024



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### From President Lavey:

I wish I had a nickel – and you had one, too (always willing to share) – for everything we’ve gone through in the past couple of years that has been *unprecedented*. So many things! Unprecedented! Are they really unprecedented, or do we need to study history more closely? **Things involving humans almost certainly have happened before somewhere, sometime. The planetary things are a lot scarier, and may actually be truly new. Be safe! And work on your carbon footprint.** Still, we could use a break. Everything you’ll find in this newsletter is utterly preceded: the water the Village delivers is safe and good, **you can get a free gun lock at Village Hall**, Food Truck Friday and Hootin’ in the Park are happening, we need good candidates for Village Council, and oh yeah, tax bills are out (so very preceded). Finally, it’s an election year. Again. If your neighbor puts out a sign for the guy you don’t like, so what? He’s still your neighbor. Every rain that falls on his house falls on yours. **We’ve all chosen to be in the Village of Pinckney Party, and we are in it together.** Have a great summer. Questions? Comments? [llavey@villageofpinckney.org](mailto:llavey@villageofpinckney.org)



### New Water & Sewer Rates

In September 2022, the WoodHill Group Accounting firm conducted a comprehensive review of the village’s water and sewer rate structure to ensure that there are sufficient funds for the proper operation of the water and sewer systems in a financially stable condition as well as provide the funds necessary for a capital improvement program that will require significant investments in both the water and sewer systems over the next few years.



#### Three Cost Components are used for the rate structure

- Capacity: The fixed costs to operate the system
  - \* operations & maintenance, administration, contractors, fixed overhead
  - \* Costs are allocated across all users based on their proportion of the total system
- Commodity: Variable charge based on individual usage X a usage rate
- Debt Service: A specific fixed charged based on the customer’s proportion of outstanding debt obligations, including principal and interest.

Based on the forecast of annual costs and charges, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> the water & sewer rates will be as follows:

Fiscal Year 2024-25	Water	Sewer
Annual Capacity Cost per MEU	\$143.81	\$200.99
Debt Service per MEU	-	\$158.71
Commodity Charge per Unit (Metered)	\$4.73	\$6.97
Commodity Charge - Flat Rate Sewer Single Family	-	\$139.40
Commodity Charge - Flat Rate Sewer Multi- Family (formerly SEWER10)	-	\$348.50

\* A "Meter Equivalent Unit" (MEU) of 1 is assumed for all residential users with a meter size up to 1".

### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Beginning the first part of August, S. Howell St. from M-36 south to Village limits will have temporary lane closures for a duration of three to five days. This project will consist of a cape seal being performed on the road surface that will strengthen and extend the life of the road by approximately seven to ten years. A cape seal is a form of re-surface in which a tacking substance is sprayed on the road, followed by a ¼ inch chip stone layer, then by an asphalt slurry with a fine stone overlay. Signs will be placed in open visible areas on both ends of S. Howell St. approximately one week before project is to begin, so plan accordingly and be prepared for travel delays during this time.

### New Staff at Village Hall

The Village is pleased to welcome some new faces at Village Hall. Treasurer/Accountant **Pam Stewart** started in March and has handily weathered her first budget season with the us. She has ample municipal office experience, having worked previously at the City of Brighton and Green Oak Township. She has been pinch hitting on some clerk duties and assorted other needs around the office while we searched for a new clerk. Thanks, Pam, and welcome.

Speaking of new clerks, ours is long-time resident **Andrea McCall**. Andrea served the Village a few years ago on the Planning Commission, before launching her municipal career. She has worked previously at Unadilla where she served as Deputy Clerk and Green Oak, where she served as Elections Coordinator. She won't have to run elections here, but we have plenty of other stuff for her to do. Andrea just started in June so give her a minute to find her feet. She is already a part of the community, that should help.

### PROPERTY TAXES

Your 2024 Village Property Tax bill will be mailed out on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't receive your tax bill shortly thereafter, please contact **PUTNAM TOWNSHIP** at 734-878-3131. Taxes are due without penalty by September 15<sup>th</sup>. ALL payments will go through Putnam Township.

**Please Do NOT drop off Tax payments to the Village**

## We have an opening on Village Council.

Live in the village and want to make a positive difference? Join us! Appointment in July, but you'll have to run in November. (see below). Come to the Village Hall to pick up an Application for Appointment or visit:

<https://villageofpinckney.org/get-involved/>

### Running for Village office in November?

The filing deadline is Tuesday, July 23 at 4pm. Paperwork is available online at <https://milivcounty.gov/elections/running-for-office/>, Physical packets are available at Village Hall. Turn your completed candidate paperwork in to the Putnam Township Clerk.



Non-partisan Village offices to be elected:

- Village President – 2-year term
- 3 Village Council – 4-year term
- 1 Village Council – 2-year term

### Free Gun Locks Still Available

In order to help protect families, in particular those with children, from tragedies of gun violence and unintentional firearms injuries, Michigan law requires secure storage of firearms. PA 17 of 2023 requires individuals to keep unattended weapons unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is reasonably known that a minor is likely to be present on the premises. Pinckney PD has gun locks available at no cost to residents. Stop by during regular business hours.

Summer Happenings  
Downtown



**Take Note:** This year, Main Street (M-36) will be closed noon to 8 pm on Food Truck Fridays so people can easily cross the street to businesses on the north side. A detour route will be posted.

- June 21, 2024
- July 19, 2024
- August 16, 2024

Check out the **Food Truck Friday in Pinckney** Facebook Page for a full line up of the trucks & activities that will be there. Hope to see you there!!!



Weekly trash pick-up is provided on Wednesdays by Granger Services. There is an eight-bag limit per service day, with a 30 lb weight limit per bag **not larger** than a 30-gallon bag. If you are using the 96-gallon cart service, you're allowed an additional three (3) bags on the outside of the cart. Any bags in addition to the three (3) extra bags **will not be collected** unless the resident has scheduled and prepaid with Granger at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of service.

One residential bulk item per household per week will be collected at no charge. Freon should NOT be left in any appliance & refrigerators/freezers must have the doors removed for safety. A \$50 fee will be charged to your account if freon is left in an appliance placed out for disposal. Call Granger to make arrangements for any bulk item: 1-888-947-2643.

## Driveways

New or resurfacing a driveway: Chapter 92 of the Village Code requires that any work to construct a driveway that will be accomplished within the right-of-way of any road under the jurisdiction of the Village of Pinckney requires a permit. A plot plan shall be attached to the application. All driveways must be constructed in accordance with the Village Technical Standards. All pre-existing driveways that are to be resurfaced or paved shall comply with this section. Right-of-way applications can be found: <https://villageofpinckney.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ROW-Permit-Application.pdf>

Sealcoat: The use of sealers on asphalt driveways is a common practice. However, scientific studies on the use of driveway sealers have demonstrated a relationship between the use of coal tar-based sealers and certain health and environmental concerns, including increased cancer risk to humans and impaired water quality in streams. As a result, the Village requires that any company using sealcoat material must register their business and affirm they will not apply any products that contain coal tar, derivatives or mixture, etc. A list of approved companies is available on our website: <https://villageofpinckney.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-List-of-Approved-Sealers.pdf>

A waiver of land use permit is required to be obtained (no fee) so that we can ensure proper application. Applications can also be found on the website: <https://villageofpinckney.org/zoning-planning/>

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 and two feet or less in height and 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.

### Burn Ordinance

As a reminder, homeowners are responsible for maintenance of grass, trees and shrubs, not only on your property, but also within the road right-of-way. That includes the trimming of branches that may grow or hang over the sidewalk or roadway. Grass must be kept under nine (9) inches.



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JULY 11TH

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