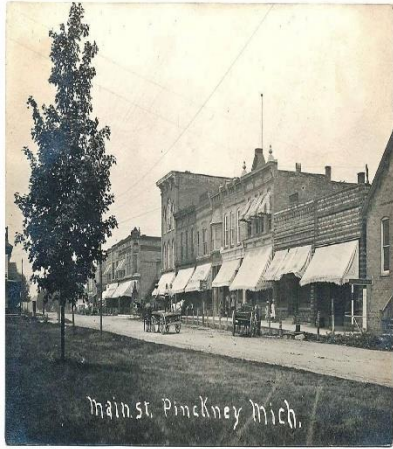




VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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“Yesterday says, “Forget me,
but learn from me.” Today says,
“Embrace me, yet utilize me.”
Tomorrow says, “Anticipate
me, then prepare for me.”

— Matshona Dhlwayo



If you would like to be added to the email list for project updates, newsletters, etc., please send a quick email to dda@villageofpinckney.org

New Temporary Sign Ordinance

For some time now, the Planning Commission has been working on changes to the Village Sign Ordinance. Under the previous ordinance, temporary signs were prohibited in all districts. This was not something that was actively enforced for various reasons including COVID19, but more importantly, there was an understanding that there is a need for controlled temporary signage and an appropriate ordinance to regulate them. Unfortunately, in many instances, these temporary signs became numerous and a bit out of control.

Under the new ordinance as adopted by Village Council, the following temporary signs are allowed:

- In the CBD, one (1) portable sidewalk sign per ground floor commercial use is allowed, a maximum of four (4) feet high and six (6) square feet per side (12 square feet max for double sided).
- In the Commercial/Office/Research-Technology districts, four (4) signs are allowed per parcel, a maximum of four (4) feet high and six (6) square feet per side (12 square feet max for double sided) – the typical yard sign.
- In all districts, temporary signs:
 - * Shall be on private property only with property owner permission
 - * Shall be non-illuminated
 - * Shall be made of water-resistant materials
 - * Shall not be located in a public right-of-way and located and designed to avoid interference with or distraction to vehicular and pedestrian traffic
 - * **Streamers, flags, etc. or strictly prohibited (This does include the feather flags often seen as “Open”, “Now Hiring”, etc.)**
 - * All temporary signs shall be removed when weather conditions create potentially hazardous conditions.

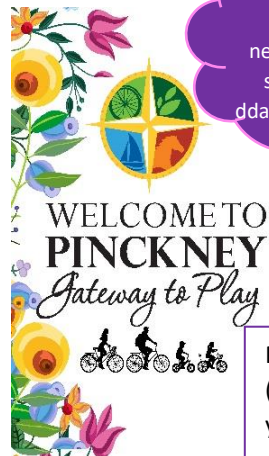
Thank you to everyone who has brought their signage into compliance thus far. Please contact the Zoning Department at Village Hall with any questions.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

May 27th	Memorial Day Parade
June 1st	Art in the Park
June 2nd	Art in the Park
June 21st	Food Truck Friday
July 19th	Food Truck Friday
August 16th	Food Truck Friday
Thursdays in July/August Hootin' In the Park (Concerts)	

Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) helps to connect businesses to new resources, meet new partners and access the additional capital they need from the start. If your business needs support to reach its full potential, the MEDC is available to help. Visit michiganbusiness.org/small-business to find customized business assistance.

Please let the DDA Board know what they can do for you. They meet the **first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.** (with the exception of holidays). Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and become involved in the process. If you are interested in serving on this board or a sub-committee, an application can be found on the Village website www.villageofpinckney.org.



Downtown Pinckney Happenings

Mark your calendar & be a part of the action



JUNE 1-2, 2024
10 TO 5
ART IN THE PARK
DOWNTOWN PINCKNEY



Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 27, 2024
Assembly Location:
Lakeland Trail Depot Lot
(Pearl St & Hamburg St.)
Starting AT 11:00 a.m.
Step off at 1:00 p.m.



Businesses can take advantage of the increased foot traffic during downtown events by hosting their own pop-up events or sidewalk sales. Consider setting up an attractive display outside your storefront, featuring event-specific promotions and discounts. These events create a buzz and encourage event attendees to explore your business further.

Barber Lonnie Huhman celebrates 62 years in business

Born in 1938 in Nebraska, Lon Huhman would call Pinckney, Michigan home when his family moved here when he was a youngster. After a stint in college at Olivet where he played football, a friend suggested barber college. He liked it so much it became his profession for decades. It was that feeling of hometown that led him to purchase a shop and home in Pinckney from Clare Swarhout and open a barbershop in 1962 to serve the town he grew up in and loved. He worked his shop with the theory that a small business succeeds when it has a quality product, good service, conversation and prices. He has the ability to talk with anyone and bring a laugh and smile to most faces. From cutting a kid's first haircut with an easy hand to giving a local athlete at Pinckney High School a cut that was game ready, Lon Huhman is a great barber and example of a small business owner in Pinckney. He worked at his shop on Main Street at Dexter Pinckney Road until 2002. He has since gone on to work with his son, Dan Huhman, in Dan's shop in downtown Pinckney where Lon has continued his trade and life's work of being committed and dedicated to being a successful small business owner and great barber.

Congratulations Lonnie!



Downtown Ramp/Sidewalk/Railing Improvements

In February of this year, the DDA Board authorized the expenditure for replacement of sidewalks on the northwest corner of N. Howell Street & E. Main, including the damaged sections of ramp, sidewalk, railing, retaining wall, and meet current ADA accessibility requirements. The Village Engineer and staff have been working with the contractor to finalize the project. A construction schedule should be available in the very near future. Every effort will be made to not disrupt the businesses in the area. Although the ramp at the corner will be temporarily closed, the ramp to the east will remain open.

Watch for additional information.

Two Members added to DDA Board/Planning Commission

As you may be aware, the Planning Commission in the Village acts as the Downtown Development Authority Board which requires members to be electors of the Village. At their April 22nd meeting, the Village Council adopted an ordinance amendment providing for the addition of two non-voting, ad hoc members of the Planning Commission/DDA. The amendment will become effective on May 19th after which President Lavey will nominate two members of the general public for Council confirmation. The purpose of this amendment is to allow two non-residents (business/property owners) to sit on the DDA without changing the current structure. If anyone is interested in serving on the DDA Board and Planning Commission, application for appointment can be found at <https://villageofpinckney.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Application-for-Appointment.pdf>.

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