

Village of Pigeon News

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Village Officials

Michael LePage, President (2020) Dale Collison, Trustee (2018) Michael Wehner, Trustee (2020) Robert Chandonnet, Trustee (2020) Kent Shetler, Trustee (2018) Matthew Esch, Trustee (2018) Marc Hill, Trustee (2020)

Village Hours

Hall: 9am – 4pm DPW: 7 am –3:30pm Monday through Friday unless otherwise posted.

Village Council Meetings

Third Monday of every month at 7pm at the village hall.

Holiday Closings

Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

Water and Sewer Rates

As of April 1, 2018 \$14.98 per 1,000 gal. Water \$22.47 Water Ready-to-Serve Fee \$7.66 per 1,000 gal. Sewer \$11.49 Sewer Ready-to-Serve Fee

Trash Collection

Every Wednesday unless a holiday falls on Mon., Tues. or Wed. then pickup will be on Thursday that week. Rate: \$14.47 per month. Large items please call Emterra at 1-877-609-6753

Utility Bill Due Dates

Utility Bills issued <u>April 1, 2018</u> are due <u>April 20, 2018</u>. Late charges will be applied to any bill not paid by the due date.

Internet Bill Pay

Go to the village website and on the left hand side of the Home Page click on "Pay Utility Bill Online".

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If you are doing any work in your yard and need utilities located please call 1-800-482-7171 or 811

Run Water Credits

The village used the April 2017 readings as a base line. If a resident used less in 2018 than in 2017 then the bill stayed the same. If a resident used more in 2018 they received a credit for either 1,000, 2,000 or the 2,500 gallon maximum.

SAW Grant

The village has received a \$320,000 grant from the state to clean and video all the Sanitary Sewer Mains in the village. Over the next couple of months contractor's working for the village be here to complete the cleaning and videoing. Spicer Group has been hired by the village to facilitate the grant. You will see Spicer in town periodically throughout the summer. Please review the green paper enclosed for more information.

2018 Brush Pick-up

The 2018 brush pick-up will begin with an early season pick-up Thursday, April 12, 2018. After that, it will be the last Thursday of the month April through October.

Yard Debris

Please do not place grass clippings and tree branches out in the street unless it is Brush Pick-up Day (last Thursday of the month). It creates a hazard for other residents; and can cause problems with our storm sewers. If you have branches or grass clippings that need to be taken care of before Brush Pick-up Day, please take them to the DPW Garage at 70 N. Main St..

Pigeon VFW Hall Rentals

Please call the Village Hall at 989-453-2733

2018 Pigeon Summerfest Will be July 19-22, 2018.

Dear Residents,

Spring has been making short appearances and hopefully it will be here to stay very soon.

Thanks to all residents for running your water at a pencil lead stream during the deep frost stretch. If you have a question on your bill contact the Village Hall. Most residents were very comparable to last year's usages.

The Village Council has again budgeted to do an increased amount of sidewalk repair. We will be focusing on the very bad sections of sidewalk and try to repair as much as possible. Work could begin as early as April to get as much done as possible.

No major street projects are planned for 2018 but some street paving will be completed.

Village council is researching the cost to pick up yard refuse along with your trash pickup each week. This would include grass clippings, leaves, sticks, and other yard related refuse. We will keep residents posted as to any additional cost per month. Estimates are in the area of \$1.50 to \$3.00 per month. Have a great spring!

Mike LePage, Village President



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TO RESIDENTS/BUSINESSES

SANITARY SEWER CLEANING NOTICE

The Village of Pigeon and our qualified contractor, Michigan Pipe Inspection, Inc. / Tri-County Vac Service, L.L.C. are scheduled to clean sanitary sewer mains in your community beginning <u>April, 2018 through the end of June, 2018.</u>

The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. The debris is removed from the manhole with a vacuum unit. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During cleaning of sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl or floor drains, can bubble or surge or, in rare instances, splash out of the bowl or drain. We remind you that the water that could come from this type of incident is from the bowl or drain itself. Therefore, during the scheduled cleaning period, it would be beneficial to make sure to keep the lid of your toilet bowl down to minimize the water splashing from your toilet, and cover the floor drains in your basement.

The Village is NOT responsible for any damages or cleaning inside residencies that may result from blocked vents and or the cleaning process.

The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's waste and ventilation system. To minimize water splashing out of your toilet bowl, keep the lid down.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Village of Pigeon at 989-453-2733

Thank you for your cooperation during this process