Village of Pigeon News

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Village Officials

Michael LePage, President (2024) Marc Hill, Trustee (2024) Michael Wehner, Trustee (2024) Kent Tibbits, Trustee (2024) Shelly Gunden, Trustee (2022) Kent Shetler, Trustee (2022) Matthew Esch, Trustee (2022)

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

Christmas & New Year's Eve, 11am Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Water and Sewer Rates

As of April 1, 2020 \$15.78 per 1,000 gal. Water \$23.64 Water Ready-to-Serve Fee \$8.22 per 1,000 gal. Sewer \$12.33 Sewer Ready-to-Serve Fee

Trash/Brush Collection

Every Wednesday unless a holiday falls on Mon., Tues. or Wed. then pickup will be on Thursday that week. Rate: \$16.39 per month. Large items please call Emterra at 1-877-609-6753

Utility Bill Due Dates

Utility Bills issued <u>December 1, 2020</u>, are due <u>December 20, 2020</u>. Late charges will be applied to any bill not paid by the due date.

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

If you are interested in Direct Payment of your Village Utility Bill, please contact the village hall for details.

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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

Dear Residents,

The calendar is starting to say winter is just about here.

With the election over, we thank Rob Chandonnet for his years of service on the Village Council, as he did not seek reelection. Longtime resident Kent Tibbits will replace Rob as a Trustee on the Council.

Our DPW Staff is busy getting ready for the winter season of snow plowing and salting Village Streets and parking lots. We ask from now until spring to keep vehicles off the streets overnight, to help with snow and ice removal.

We are saddened at the recent passing of retired DPW Worker, Mike Graf. Mike worked for the Village of Pigeon for 37 years retiring in 2016.

COMING SOON is a Village skating rink that will be erected on the Pigeon Recreation Basketball and Tennis Court area. Open skating and Hockey will be scheduled and listed on the Village Website and Facebook page. With Covid-19 all around us the Village Council wanted to create a safe outdoor activity for both kids and adults. The skating rink is being financed by the Pigeon Community Fund and Apple Blossom Wind Energy. The skating rink will be scheduled and maintained by volunteer Village residents.

Also, a big thanks to the Winsor Township Fire Department which has offered to keep the rink full of water. Night time lighting will be available for night skating.

Best wishes for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, from your Village Council and Staff. Sincerely, Mike LePage Village President.

Leaf Pickup

The last scheduled pickup will be Friday, December 4, 2020. Please place the leaves between the curb and sidewalk not in the street.

Police Parking Reminder

No parking on village streets between 2am and 6am. Violators will be ticketed.

Snow Removal

To make the job of snow removal, go as smoothly as possible, please do not put your trash in the street and if possible, please wait to set your trash out until after the plows have passed. If you have a portable basketball hoop out by the street, please move it back so the plows do not hit them.

Yard Debris/Brush

Please do not place tree branches, leaves and other yard debris out in the street. It creates a hazard for other residents; and can make it difficult to clear snow. If you have branches, leaves or yard debris please take them to the DPW Garage at 70 N. Main St.

Utility Bill Payment Update

As we navigate the COVID-19 virus and this unprecedented turn of events, the health and safety of our residents and our employees is of the utmost importance. We are closely following the recommendations of government and health officials.

The Village of Pigeon Hall is currently open to person to person by way of a service window. This is for the health and safety of the employees and residents. The hours of the window is Monday-Friday 9am to 11:00am and 1pm to 3pm. We still encourage you to use other means of communication such as calls or emails to limit interaction. A Mask is required at all times.

When taking Utility Bill payments to Thumb Bank & Trust please use the **Bank Drop Box** located off N. Main St. or the **Drive-up Window.** If you have other communications for the village or Winsor Twp please use the drop box to the right of the village hall door or the mail.

If you would like to make a Utility Bill <u>CREDIT CARD PAYMENT</u> please call and we will take your payment information over the phone, we will not be taking credit card payments in person. Please <u>call 989-453-2733</u> to make a payment. If we don't answer we are helping others residents, please leave a message and we will return your call.

If you would like to pay your Utility Bill Online please go to the village website at www.pigeonmichigan.com in the header on the top of the Home Page click on "Pay your Bill" and follow the on screen prompts.

Food Pantry

In an effort to be sure all of our residents are safe and taken care of during this time of uncertainty, we ask that you please keep an eye on your neighbor especially the elderly. The Village Council has made emergency funding available to keep the Pigeon Food Pantry, stocked and available to our residents in need. The Winsor Twp Fire Department, Village employees and other volunteers will be available for delivery within the Pigeon Community. If you have questions please contact the Village Office. Food Pantry contacts are: Norma King 453-3026, Jane Walker 553-5154, Lori Trost 551-1145, Sue Kohl 453-3556, Ellen Stewart 453-2317, Jane Pobanz 453-3506, Dedrie Wichert 989-963-9063.

Zoning Permits

Zoning Permits need to be obtained any time you add a deck, fence, shed ect... to your property. They are issued by the Zoning Administrator at a \$40.00 per inspection fee. If a permit is not obtained, a penalty of \$40.00 per permit will be assessed. If you have questions or unsure if you need a permit please call Zoning Administrator, Chief Eric Wissner at 989-453-3001