



# The Three Lakes District News Letter City of Pontiac, District 3 Council ProTem, Mary Pietila

2017

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### Special points of interest:

District Wide Meetings on a regular basis for District 3, have dissolved over the years. When the EM was first appointed he left a feeling, residents thoughts didn't care and participation dwindled. But times have changed, the City is growing and programs are coming back!

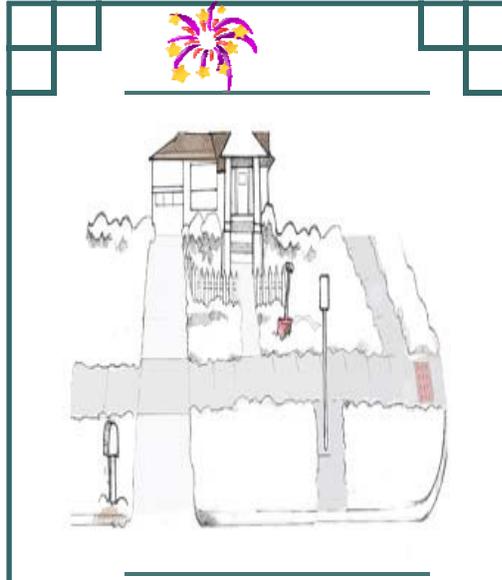
For the last 3 years we have been using the one on one approach, as my office phone has been forwarded to my cell since 2010, and then there is always Face Book. A group of use came together when there is a concern in a specific area. It has been working fine, until now.

In the upcoming 2017 Community Policing will be returning, as the Council has allocated additional monies to the OSCD budget for this purpose.

With that in mind. We will need resident participation. This is a program, we would like to see roll out in February.

If you are interested, please contact me at either 248-758-3019 or MPietila@pontiac.mi.us

Meetings will be on determined by those participating. Preferably, one a monthly basis. The body of those interested will be the ones to select a Chairperson, a Vice Chair and a Recording Secretary.



Residents and/or property owners are responsible for removing snow/ice from adjacent sidewalks, crosswalk ramps and bus stops within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. **Fines for failing to clear sidewalks are \$100 for a first violation, \$300 for a second violation and \$500 for each subsequent violation (Section 102-222 Pontiac City Code).**

Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold. Remember, moving snow/ice from private property onto a public street, sidewalk or bridge not only poses a significant safety hazard, it's against the law.

The City is still under a contract with TDE to do the snow removal of local streets This is the last year, be assured Mr. King the DPW Director is looking forward to contracting with another company, just as anxiously as we are.

**A reminder.** The Contract calls for TDE to plow the residential streets with two swipes only. Plowing will begin with the Trash route schedule, once the snowfall stops, not by the day of the week. Snow needs to be at a 6 inch depth in one fall, from start to finish, 3 inches one day, and 3 the next does not qualify. This contract is Signed by the Former Emergency Manager Lou Schimel, for a 3 year time, and prior to Mr. Sabota leaving he extended it for another year. This is the LAST WINTER season with TDE.

In November of 2016, there was an outstanding number of voters in District 3 and although voting is a privilege many of us take part in, this has always been the lowest number of voters City wide.... But let me say Thank You to all who came out to vote... we had an unbelievable increase of voters, by 79%

**1. Have you noticed there are two new businesses, just North of Montcalm? The Maximum Tax Service opened an office at 807 Baldwin the last week of December (in the same Plaza as Big Daddy's and Premier Insurance. Their phone number is, (248) 550-0051.**

**2. There has been talk of a new Family Dollar for years, so was no surprise in June when the new one was beginning to be built. It's completed and will be opened to the public for business, On Thursday January 5, 2017 with a Grand Opening on Saturday January 14th. This is a 900 sq. ft. building, with a safe well designed new parking lot, and exits on both Montcalm and Baldwin.**

**Since November of 2013 there has been talk about a Transfer Station being developed in Pontiac at what was once the old Fiero site. After much expense and bureaucratic red tape, opening day about here. After talking with the Architect for some time, the last week of December, the Certificate of Operations is anticipated to be granted within 90 days. Not only will ELS be paying property taxes, there will also be a revenue based upon weight, and free recycling for Pontiac residents... although Advance is now offering that service to the residents, on trash day...this service was put into the package in November 2013, before this current administration took office and it's perfect for those who live in an apartment complex which uses dumpsters, and not recycling bins, but would like to be eco friendly with recycling.**

**Phone Numbers you may find helpful**

**Department of Public Works for**

**\*Streets and Sidewalks**

**\*Downed Trees in the Streets**

**\*Snow concerns after a 6 " snow fall.**

**DPW (248)-758-3609**

**Building and Safety**

**(248)-758-2800**

**Sanitation (Trash Pickup)**

**(248)-758-3700**

**City Clerks office**

**(248)-758-3200**

**Executive Offices**

**(248) 758-3133**

**Police, Fire or EMS**

**911**

**Non Emergency Police**

**(248) 858-4951**

Recently there has been some road repairs on the intersection at Terry and Dresden, similarly caused by the heaving which occurs during the frost season, when it was raining so hard this summer. For the last few years, the DPW department and I have been watching similar defaults along Terry between Parkdale and S. Merimac as well as the Dresden. During the summer of 2017, both streets will corrected. Some have expressed a concern, of speeding on Dresden, to this I suggest, if that occurs we notify dispatch. I have already discussed this matter with the Lt. and he will assign a traffic car to the area to address it, if that occurs, but this is an ongoing 20 year issue, that the Engineer feels needs to be addressed, now that there is money in the budget.

The weather is still somewhat nice! Please rake the leaves from the drainage grates if you haven't done so already. This will allow the water to go down the drain and not puddle or pool causing floods and backups because the water cannot access the drain.

City services still aren't what they use to be, and the Transition Advisory Board still has some input on the final say. One hold up is the Phoenix Plaza, which was addressed at their December 15th, They have brought it to the State Treasurer for his approval. To remove it from the Condemned list, which will enable the City to Market it, either for sale, or to seek a promoter and place it back in use. The other matter is the Retirees Health Care. What does this mean to us? Its one step closer to being out from under the Governor's control. The other matter is the Retirees Health Care. Which at this time is in court.

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A good number of residents have been inquiring as to when the Transfer Station on the old Fiero property will be open. I have spoken to the Architect this past week, They are anticipating within the next 90 days MDEQ will be issuing the Certificate of Operation.

I am happy to report Rizzo has already began hiring employees from the City of Pontiac and they have.

Family Dollar on Baldwin at Montcalm will be open for business on January 5, 2017. A Grand Opening is planned for January 14, 2017.

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The Transition Advisory Board met December 15th, The have been asked to remove the Condemnation on the Phoenix Plaza, which will enable the City to Market in, either for sale, or to seek a promoter and place it back in use. They have brought it to the State Treasurer for his approval.

What does this mean to us? Its one step closer to being out from under the Governor's control. Although we still have to maintain a tightly controlled budget .