

The Three Lakes District News Letter
City of Pontiac, District 3
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Special points of interest:

District Wide Meetings will begin, once again on March 14th. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Union Hall located at 581 W. Kennett Rd, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. I encourage you to attend the monthly meetings, to share information or concerns. If you would like, you may also inquire at to having a guest speaker. Community Policing Deputies Dep M. Fransico. Deputy Garrett is the other Community Policing Deputy.

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

City Council has heard what the residents are asking for with the DPW department, in regards to bringing services back in house....There is no guarantee that will happen, but we have passed a resolution, for a feasibility study to begin and see if it will be a savings.

MR. KING IS ALSO HIRING FOR 3 POSITIONS IN DPW

1. **Superintendent of Field Operations.** This position will fill all voids in field vacancies as a direct result of being short staffed, due to absence of existing personnel. Plan work activities for DPW personnel and contractors. Provide daily reports of work performed to ensure the quality of work provided by the contractors. Field investigations will be made, complaints will be checked and recommendations of corrective actions will be provided to management.

2. **Foreman of Grounds.** This person will be working with one who is currently doing the work of what 12 did prior to the EM downsizing the department. The current person oversees (5) contracts along with performing all field labor work needed in the field. Temporary seasonal help is utilized as needed, but the bulk of the labor work does fall on the foremen of grounds. The current foreman is unable to supervise subordinates when he is out in the field himself.

3. **Maintenance Worker.** Works under general supervision as a part of a maintenance crew in a variety of utility/road construction and maintenance projects including storm sewer repair and man-hole repair, road sign repair or installation, road grading ditch and snow removal activities. This position is a working member of the maintenance crew performing heavy, light and labor equipment operational duties as need to complete various maintenance projects. Responds to unscheduled call-ins and works outside normal working hours.

A change to the ordinance which addresses **ILLEGAL DUMPING** is no longer a civil infraction, it is now a misdemeanor! Punishable with imprisonment not exceeding one year, a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or both.

Maintenance of properties or in cases where maintenance is lacking, and notices which have been issued by the Code enforcement officers, are disregarded, the complaint will be turned over to the hearing officer for abatement purposes. If He or she feel the property is eligible for an abatement fee being levied on the property taxes, and the city will be able to recoup the additional expenses when that property is sold, if the bill isn't paid. Three bids are requested from companies who have expressed an interest, once the job is posted, one will be selected and assigned to the property for that lot to be cleaned that property, bringing it up to code. This is a practice Pontiac Building and Safety use to take advantage of, but Wade Trim was reluctant to, until there was a consistent instance on W. Rutgers and an certain Councilperson, refused to accept the answer, " There is nothing we can do" . I don't recognize we can't or nothing we can, this is a concern of resident safety, health and neighborhood hazards. I am happy to say a home of concern in District 3 was the first of several to be abated in February, the first month of action.

Parking on the Front Yard is now addressed with a Zoning ordinance, which requires a notice be sent to the individual of the vehicle, not necessarily the home owner, the 1st will be a written warning, the 2nd offense is a ticket for \$100.00, the 3rd is a ticket for \$200.00 and the 3rd is a ticket for \$500.00. this can be a matter that will cost 900.00 in one week if you park, your vehicle and move it, once you receive notice and park it back on the front lawn. It will not matter if it is someone else driving the vehicle, the registered owner, named on that plate is the one who gets the ticket. Pictures of the vehicle on the property is acceptable as proof of the violation This is a matter that has been addressed under the Municipal code of ordinances in the past, but because of the ignoring of the ordinance, it is now being handled with the code enforcement which has more of an impact to the violator.

The City of Pontiac does have a Curfews for minors. It states that A minor under 12 years of age shall not be in a public place, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., nor a minor under 17 years of age shall not be in any public place, either on foot or using a means of other conveyance, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or some adult above 21 years of age delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor, or where the presence of the minor in the public place is required by some legitimate work, trade, profession, or other legitimate business directed by his or her parent or guardian.

Often times we have a hard time instilling these rules of safety on our kids when they want to argue, they are old enough.... Yet if anything should happen to them or something they witnessed, because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time, how would you feel, knowing that child disregarded measures that were put in place, to protect your child? Someone once told me, "the only reason a kid is out after dark, is either to cause trouble or be apart of it." I have to agree.

I am seeing more and more complaints regarding neighborhood concerns. Instead of being frustrated lets do something. I have said for years the Building and Safety Department works on a reactive basis, you know where the neighborhood is and we all have access to internet service, even if its on your phone. This first page is the home page on the City website, click on that horizontal red bar and you get the second page. Enter the address into the top search bar, on the second field, use the drop down to select the option that applies, which opens a page asking for the details and address of your complaint. There is a field for pictures to be attached, you can remain anonymous or enter an email address to be alerted of updates. Its one way to clean up our City, but it requires some community input from all of us. If you don't have the internet access, call the Community Development Department at 248-758-2824 and leave a message if someone does not answer the phone, you will need the house number and street name if you do call, as they work by

Some phone numbers you may find handy are:

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| Clerk's office | 248-758-3200 |
| Captain Miller | 248-409-7100 |
| Star EMS | Emergency 911 |
| Fire Department | non emergency 248-673-0405 Emergency 911 |
| OC Sheriff Dispatch | non emergency 248-858-4950 Emergency 911 |
| Sanitation | 248-758-3700 |
| Building and Safety, | 248-758-2800 X 0 |
| Department of Public Works | 248-758-3600 |
| Sanitation | 248-758-3700 |
| Deputy Mayor | 248-758-3322 |
| Pontiac Public School District | 248-451-6800 |
| Pontiac Public Library | 248-758-3942 |
| Oakland County Animal Control | 248-39-4102 |
| Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds | 248-858-0581 |
| Oakland County Equalization | 248-858-0741 |
| Oakland County Water Resource | 248- 858-0958 |

1 Pub Works, Waterford Twp., MI 4832

Sheriffs Tip Line 1(888) TURN-1-IN 888-887-6146 There is no caller ID, you leave a message here and an alert is sent to the Command staff to let them know someone called in and left a message and they retrieve it. Use the Turn-1-IN tip line for reporting and drug concerns as well.

The Sheriff PAL (Pontiac Athletic League) is looking for Volunteer Mentors Immediately!1 ho

The program will run between March and December 2017

Its for youth from the age of 8-18 years

The Volunteers must commit to one hour per week, or two hours bi-weekly.

Curriculum and Training is provided.

Benefits of the Program

Make an immediate impact on the mentees, become an asset in someone else's life,

Share your life experiences with others, help foster positive youth development,

an opportunity to invest in someone else who seeks what you can offer,

learn about yourself and contribute to the future.

To apply to the PAL mentor program, please contact Sgt. Robert Ford, Sheriff PAL Program. 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 38 East. Pontiac~ MI 48341: Tal. (248-858-0775: Email: fordr@oakgov.com; or download an application online at sheriffpal.com.

In closing, this is an election year for the City of Pontiac, all 8 seats, the 7 Council and the Mayor. The primary on August 8th and the General in November. I am very much interested in one more term, our city is starting to grow again, and it's been interesting to be a part of it, even while we weren't being compensated as much as a penny. For the last 8 years, I have spent an average of 30 if not 40 hours a week on Council matters, working hard to clean up some of the blight, and address violations to the ordinances, and at the same time, working on subcommittees to change the ordinances to be more adaptable to the needs of the City, without being a hardship on the property owners, working on becoming less of a rental population and more encouraging to home ownerships. Attending conferences on both the County and State levels that offered us training to be a better community, implementing the Best Practices for growth and will be attending another on March 21st and 22nd for Housing Redevelopment and Filling in the Gaps with Affordable Housing.

You will be seeing requests from some you may know, and some you may not know, vying for a seat on Council, perhaps even the Mayor. I have heard, some say, we have been here too long, it's time we move over, and let the Gen X and Y's take the helms. Yet what is the motive for these "new faces" where have they been the last 8 years, while your current and the previous Council, worked at a compensation significantly less than previous other Councils.....There are four of us who actually worked for no compensation for a period of time, but we hung in there and are still working on the growth of our City. Have these individuals wanting our seats, been volunteering in our neighborhoods? We know they haven't been at the Council meetings, and is it in the best interest of the City to have 7 new faces, without any having any significant time of involvement with our city government and where we are now? I was fortunate, I spent 16 years working with the CDC while John Bueno was our Councilman of 20 years. But no one has reached out or attended our meetings when we had them....