



Pontiac News

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Pontiac's High Speed Amtrak Depot Now Open

After months of construction, the new Amtrak station in Pontiac is now open. There is ample free parking, a clean and comfortable waiting area, with clean restrooms. Check out Amtrak's seasonal special here:

<https://www.amtrak.com/deals>

Pontiac Welcomes New Businesses

In the last few months, Pontiac has seen the opening of several new business ventures. We extend our best wishes for success to:

PK Uncorked Wine Shop
Hampton Inn Hotel
Nerdy Techz Computer Service

Historic Yost and Jones Houses Open August 19

The Catherine Yost House and the Jones House will both be open for visitors on August 19th from 1 PM to 4 PM. The theme for the displays in both houses is "Herbs."

The Jones house is the oldest brick house in Pontiac, and was built in the late 1850s. The Yost house was completed in 1898 and was built in the Queen Anne style. Both homes are wonderful places to visit.

Jones House - 314 E. Madison Street
Yost House - 298 W. Water Street



School Starts August 17th Watch For Children in Crosswalks and Around School Grounds



The Pontiac Police Department would like to remind everyone that as schools begin there will be increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic near each of Pontiac's schools. Here are some tips that will make your travel safer.

- Wait for the Walk signal before crossing.
 - Only cross streets at an Intersection.
- Wait to be directed by crossing guards before entering intersections.
 - Observe speed limits in School Zones
- Be Aware of School Buses and Be Careful near School Loading Zones

Protect our kids - Drive safely

Jolly Corks Wine Festival August 5th - 3 PM to 10 PM

The Pontiac Elks Lodge invites everyone age 21 or over to join them at the first outdoor Jolly Corks Wine Festival on August 5th from 3 PM to 10 PM at the Elks Club Lodge. Tickets for this charitable event are available online at www.jollycorkswine.com, or can be purchased in person at the Elks Lodge, 459 Elks Club Road, Charmed Boutique, 101 West Madison Street in downtown Pontiac, and at Divine Styles Salon, located at 411 North Division Street.

The Jolly Corks Festival will feature wines from wineries in both Illinois and Indiana. There will also be a small selection of Illinois' craft beers. Featured food includes a shrimp and crawfish boil with advance ticket purchase. Additionally, there will be three types of grilled sandwiches available, including a vegetarian option, for onsite purchase. There will be live entertainment from 4 PM till 10 PM.

Fall Tree Planting

The Street Department is taking requests for tree planting as part of our fall planting season. Residents wishing to have a tree planted in the right of way may contact the street department and request to be placed on the planting list. In September, those on the list will receive a form with available trees to choose from. Planting will take place in October.

The city will try to accommodate resident's requests for placement and type of tree, but ultimately the department will determine the type of tree planted and location in the right of way. Sometimes underground utilities prevent the planting of a tree in the right of way. In this case the resident will be notified. Requests are taken on a first come, first served basis with the total number of trees planted being determined by availability and budget. To be placed on the list, please email Chris Brock at chris.brock@pontiac.org or call 815-844-5025.

New Classes & Programs at Pontiac Parks & Recreation

For more information, visit our webpage - www.pontiac.org

EXERCISE CLASSES

Water Aerobics	August 1 - September 7	T / TH 5:30 AM
Total Body Fitness	August 2 - September 8	W / F 5:30 AM
Bounce and Burn	September 9 - October 14	Saturdays 8:00 AM
Tone It Up	September 11 - October 18	M / W 9:00 AM
Swiss Ball Toning	September 11 - October 16	Mondays 5:30 AM
Body Toning for Seniors	September 12 - October 17	Tuesdays 8:00 AM
Breakthrough Toning	September 12 - October 19	T / TH 5:00 PM
Cardio Blast	September 12 - October 19	T / TH 9:00 AM
Jump Fitness	September 13 - October 18	Wednesdays 5:30 PM

PROGRAMS

Party in the Park	July 29	Saturday, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Riverside Park
Dance & Cheer Camp	July 31 - August 9	M / T / W 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Youth Soccer	September 9 - October 14	Saturdays 10:00 AM



Vermillion Players Summer Theater in the Park *Ordinary Days*

August 10 Thru August 13 - 7:30 PM - Chautauqua Park Pavilion

Individual Tickets
Children (12 & Under) \$6
Adults \$10
Seniors (62+) \$8

Individual tickets are available for purchase at the door the night of a performance.
Doors open one hour before show.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Farmer's Market - Saturday Mornings - Downtown on the square at 7 AM
 July 29 - Party in the Park - Humiston-Riverside Park - 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 August 5 - Jolly Corks Wine Festival - Pontiac Elks Club - 3 PM to 10 PM
 August 10 - 13 - Vermillion Players in the Park - *Ordinary Days* - 7:30 PM Curtain
 August 19 - Yost & Jones Historic Homes Open - Theme: Herbs - 1 PM to 4 PM
 August 19 - Last Cruise Night of the Year - Downtown Pontiac - 5:00 PM
 August 31 - September 4 - Threshermen's Reunion - Threshermens Park, Route 23 North
 September 3 - Threshermen's Parade - Downtown Pontiac - 1:15 PM
 September 16 - Antique Military Vehicles on Display Downtown
 September 17 - GTOAA Annual All Pontiac Car Show - Downtown Pontiac

UPCOMING EAGLE THEATER EVENTS

October 22-22, & 27-29 - Dinner Theater - Southern Fried Murder - Tickets on Sale Sept. 11
 November 30 - December 3 & December 7 - 10 - Dinner Theater - The Best Christmas Ever

CURRENT ELECTRIC RATES

Residents of Pontiac may have received sales calls from residential retail electric suppliers recently. It is important that before signing any agreements or contracts, the consumer fully understand the costs involved.

Current ComEd Summer Electric Rate

**Fixed Price
6.892 cents per kWh**

This price is in effect
from June 2017
thru September 2017.

www.pluginillinois.org

Sign Up For Text or Email Alerts

- Snow Routes
- Street Closures
- Emergencies
- Severe Weather

It is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Go to www.pontiac.org
2. Click "NOTIFY ME" on front page (left side column).
3. Register and select your alerts.

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