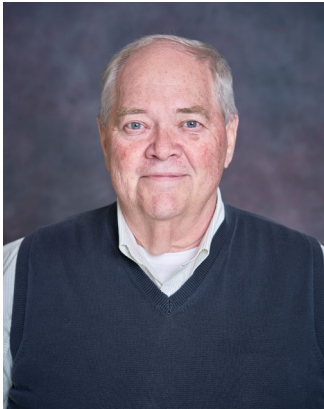


A message from Bill Alvey, Mayor, City of Pontiac



We are facing unprecedented times. Our city government is working behind the scenes to help and support the citizens and local business owners during these trying times. Please visit

www.Pontiac.org/COVID-19 for information on the following:

- facility closures and other important information
- school closures
- business resources
- information on COVID-19, including links to local, state, and federal sites
- an up-to-date restaurant guide of openings and contact information

We also send e-newsletters to our citizens and have recently launched an e-newsletter campaign for business, restaurant, and bar owners to help push relevant information as we receive it. If you would like to be added to either of these lists, please send an email to pontiac@pontiac.org and ask to be added.

It is times like these that make us realize what a truly great community we live in! I would first like to send a thank you to our first responders, health care professionals, and medical personnel who are working tirelessly to keep our community safe and healthy. Next, I would like to thank our retail stores and their employees who have worked to keep the shelves stocked with essentials that our community needs. To our restaurant owners and employees who are working through these extenuating circumstances, thank you. I want each and everyone of you who is still working to provide vital services to our citizens that all of your hard work has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. Thank you. And finally, I would like to thank our citizens for heeding the calls to stay home and socially distance to help mitigate the spread of this virus, especially when feeling sick. Keep checking on your neighbors. Keep supporting your local businesses, either by shopping there (physically if needed or able, or online), ordering take out or delivery, or buying a gift card to use at a later time.

The citizens of Pontiac have proved their resilience over adversity many times in the past and I believe that we will do that yet again. If there is anything we can do to assist you at this time, please call city hall at **815-844-3396** or email us at pontiac@pontiac.org and we will help find or direct you toward the information you are looking for. We are all in this together!

Pontiac Parks and Recreation

815-844-6818

The Rec Center is closed to the public at this time. Staff will still be answering phones between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. All parks remain open and the public is encouraged to use them while practicing social distancing but ALL playground equipment is closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.

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2020 CENSUS INFO

It is important that you complete this decade's census, as it allows communities like Pontiac to be accurately funded and represented.

RESPONSES ARE IMPORTANT

Your responses allow for the proper allocation of over \$675 Billion in Federal, State, and community funds, in a wide variety of sectors, including:

- First Responders
- Medicare Part B
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly
- Libraries + Community Centers
- Supplemental Nutrition Programs (SNAP)
- Senior Community Service Employment

Programs

RESPONDING IS EASY

You can respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail as soon as you receive it. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you. Large-print guides to the questionnaire are available upon request. From May - July 2020, census takers will visit households that have not yet responded. A census taker can assist if you need help completing your form.

RESPONDING IS SAFE

Your personal information is kept confidential by law. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies or used against you by any government agency or court in any way.

If you need local assistance contact: 815-844-3396 and we can make arrangements to assist.

my2020census.gov
844-330-2020

SEWER BILLS

Now is a great time to sign up for automatic payment for your sewer and garbage bill. The bills are always due on or after the 15th of each month. Please print the form on the City of Pontiac website and return to City Hall along with a voided check. If you have any questions please call **815-844-5740**.

pontiac.org/DocumentCenter/View/2413/Sewer-Bill-Document

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Spring Leaf Collection is set to begin March 30th and will continue through May 1st. Please rake leaves onto curblines or shoulders (not onto street). For more information, rules, and guidelines, visit Pontiac.org

CITY OF PONTIAC CITY HALL

Hours: Mon.-Fri.
8:00-5:00
115 W. Howard St.
Call: 815-844-3396
for assistance
www.pontiac.org

