



Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Program Overview: "Be Alarmed!" is effective Sep 1st, and is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education and install smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities while recording data for reporting purposes. Smoke alarms can only be distributed to home-owners per the program's guidelines. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided to fire departments at **no cost** as a result of funding from both the IFSA and OSFM with additional assistance from Kidde and Menards.

Purpose & Objectives: The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of house fires and how to prevent them, as well as to ensure working smoke alarms are properly installed in homes. By providing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

The program seeks to:

1. Educate Illinois residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods.
2. Reduce the number of fire-related injuries in Illinois.
3. Reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Illinois.
4. Identify the reason for non-working smoke alarms in Illinois homes.

Please contact Lt. Michael Jahn at the Pontiac Fire Dept via email at Michael.Jahn@pontiac.org or call (815)842-3225 if you are interested in learning more about this program.

October Waste

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 Trash Only
 Trash + Recycling
 Holiday

Leaf Pickup

Fall leaf collection will begin October 12 and continue through Thanksgiving. Please keep these helpful tips in mind to aid our crews in collection:

- *Place piles at the curb line and not in the street as this can cause street flooding.
- *Keep sticks, brush, and garden waste piled separately.
- *Please do not place piles near obstacles such as utility poles, sign poles, etc.
- *Finally, if able, please do not park vehicles near or around leaf piles.

Crews will run continuous routes therefore individual calls for collection may not be answered right away.

2020 Fall Fest – Drive Thru – by Pontiac Parks and Recreation!

Join us for our third annual Family Fall Fest at Chautauqua Park on Sat, Oct 24 from 4:00-7:00 PM! Although this year will look different due to COVID-19, we are excited to bring Fall Fest to the community in a safe and fun way by hosting it as a DRIVE THRU event. All participants will remain in their vehicles throughout the park! We will have a pumpkin patch, trunk-or-treat, music, and a haunted trail! Children are strongly encouraged to wear their costumes as they ride through the park. Trick-or-treat bags, candy, and pumpkins will be given out while supplies last. Admission is \$5.00 per vehicle.

If interested in being a ghost, ghoul, or goblin in our haunted trail, or if you want to provide a vehicle for our trunk-or-treat, please message us on Facebook or send an email to: shannon.harback@pontiac.org



We are excited to transition into the Fall season here at the Parks and Recreation Department! As the leaves turn colors, we look forward to cooler weather and more foot traffic through our Community Recreation Center. We continue to work hard to keep things clean and sanitized inside the Rec Center to ensure safety of all patrons. At the Rec Center, indoor programs are in full force such as fitness classes including Water Aerobics, Silver Sneakers Classic, and many more! Our Youth Gymnastics program for children ages walking-10 years old is also off to a great start. As always, the Rec Center continues to be open for adult swim, pickleball, and open gym as well.

One of our favorite things about the Fall season is our Family Fall Fest event held at Chautauqua Park! This event will take place in a drive-thru fashion on Saturday October 24th from 4:00-7:00 PM. Be on the lookout for more details to come!

More information on all programs and Rec Center pass information can be found on our website www.pontiac.org/parksandrec, on our Facebook and Instagram pages @PontiacParksandRec, or by calling us at 815-844-6818. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to bringing you safe park and recreation experiences!

— Shannon Harback // Recreation Supervisor, Pontiac Parks and Rec —



Octoberfest Fall Farmer's Market

The Pontiac Farmer's Market, sponsored by P.R.O.U.D., will salute all things fall during its final month of the season in October. On October 10th the Market will celebrate Chocolate Fall Fantasy. On the 24th will be Customer Appreciation Day with special promotions for all our faithful customers. Also, that day will be the Annual Food Drive for the local pantries conducted by the area's Cub and Boy Scouts. This year because of Covid regulations it will be a drop-off. Look for the Scouts' pole tent on the square. The Market will conclude its season with a Halloween celebration on the 31st. If anyone has any questions about the Farmer's Market, they should contact Gene Burnett at (815) 844-7352.

Fall Recreational Fire Tips

As shoulder season approaches, many will find a way to gather around a campfire or a backyard fire pit. To go about this safely, here is some clarification of our ordinances, so that everyone may experience safe, fun fires:

Recreational fires must no more than 3' wide and 2' tall. Large bonfires should be kept away from structures; remain conscious of wind direction at all times and have materials ready to extinguish flames. Permits are required for larger ceremonies or events that have: 1) a large bonfire, 2) an open flame device, many candles, torches, 3) a larger fire than what is permitted, or 4) for natural disaster cleanup purposes. You are not allowed to burn garbage, leaves/grass, landscape waste, construction materials, trade waste, or dead animals. Complaints may be filed for various reasons. Be considerate and safe with your burning practices. Details can be found at: Pontiac.org/692/Community-Risk-Reduction

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Every Saturday, Downtown Farmer's Market, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Oct 5 - City of Pontiac Council Meeting @ Eagle PACC, 319 N. Plum St, 7:00 PM
- Oct 9, 10 – Chocolate Fall Fantasy, Downtown Retail Event
- Oct 12 - Library Board Meeting @ Pontiac Public Library, 5:30 PM
- Oct 16, 17, 18 - Reflections on the Riverbank Cemetery Walk. Details at vermillionplayers.com
- Oct 17 - Third Saturday Market, 517 W. Howard St., 11:00—4:00
- Oct 17 - Jones, Strevell, Yost House Open Houses, 2:00—4:00 PM
- Oct 19 - City of Pontiac Council Meeting @ Eagle PACC, 319 N. Plum St, 7:00 PM
- Oct 24 – Drive-Through Fall Fest @ Chautauqua Park, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- Oct 31 – Halloween, Trick-or-Treat details found @ Pontiac.org/halloweenpendingdetails

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Phone Hours: 8-5, M-F

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