



The Pontiac City Council recognizes that the City is in need of a major street improvement program. Currently, the City receives \$500,000 (up from \$300,000) in State of Illinois Motor Fuel Tax Fund per year. It costs approximately \$150,000 per city block for road resurfacing. The City of Pontiac currently has 66 miles of streets to maintain. In order to fund these necessary improvements, the Council is presenting a referendum to authorize a 1% sales tax increase. The following are facts concerning the increase:

- It is estimated that over 75 % of the tax would be paid by non-Pontiac residents.
- The tax does not apply to groceries, prescriptions or titled vehicles.
- The tax would generate nearly \$1.4 million annually.
- The tax increase vote on April 6, 2021 would allow the City to significantly increase the street improvements budget annually.

Protect Yourself from Scammers

ComEd

"We see an unsettling number of scams involving imposters who take advantage of unsuspecting ComEd customers," said Nichole Owens, ComEd vice president of customer channels. "To help protect families and businesses from fraudulent activity that could affect their electric service, finances and personal property, it's important to help customers know what to look out for."

Here are some tips to help identify scams

1. ComEd will never come to a customer's home or business to:
 - Demand a payment.
 - Ask for immediate payment with a prepaid cash card.
 - Ask for their ComEd account number or other personal information.
2. ComEd will never call a customer to:
 - Ask for their account number.
 - Ask for personal information such as their Social Security number or bank information.
 - Ask them to make a direct payment with a prepaid cash card.
3. To identify an actual ComEd employee, remember:
 - All ComEd field employees wear a uniform, including shirt and safety vest, with the ComEd logo.
 - ComEd employees visibly display a company ID badge with the ComEd logo and employee's name.

A ComEd worker who is unable to access equipment, such as the meter or pedestal transformer, may knock on a customer's door. Any customer who is unsure whether a visitor or caller is a ComEd employee or believes he or she has been a target or victim of a scam should call 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) immediately. To learn more, visit [ComEd.com/ScamAlert](https://www.comed.com/ScamAlert).

Unemployment Insurance Identity Fraud Continues to be a Problem

The Pontiac Police Department continues to receive reports of Illinois unemployment insurance identity fraud. The Illinois Department of Employment Security has created a reporting tool on their website where fraud can be reported.

How can I spot unemployment insurance identity theft?

- You receive a debit card or an unemployment insurance letter (UI Finding) and have not filed a claim for benefits.
- You are notified by your employer that a claim for benefits has been filed when you have not been separated from employment.
- You attempt to file a claim online and one already exists.
- You receive IRS correspondence regarding unreported UI benefits.

You receive notice of a state or federal tax offset.

This is the website to report fraud https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting_Unemployment_Insurance_Fraud.aspx, scan the code,

or call (800) 244-5631. (Website is the best method right now).

It is not required to report to Pontiac PD. We will direct you to the IDES website.

Typically, there is nothing that you have done that made you susceptible to the fraud, but it is important to report it.



The Easter Bunny will be in Downtown Pontiac on Friday, March 12 for photos from 5:30-7:00 and Saturday, March 13 from 10:30-12:00. Find him on Block 59 (the block south of the historic courthouse).

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 **Trash & Recycling Pick up**

 **Trash Only Pick up**

 **Holiday**

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

March 1: City of Pontiac Council Meeting | 7:00PM | Eagle

March 12-13: March Mellow Days | Downtown Retailers

March 12-13: Pictures with the Easter Bunny | Block 59

March 13: Downtown Business Scavenger Hunt

March 15: City of Pontiac Council Meeting | 7:00PM | Eagle

April 5: City of Pontiac Council Meeting | 7:00PM | Eagle

April 19: City of Pontiac Council Meeting | 7:00PM | Eagle

April 22: Shop Late til 8 | Downtown Retailers

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CITY HALL

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