

Pontiac News

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No Garbage Pick Up July 4 - One day late July 5, 6, 7

Sewer Rate Increase

This month began the City's twenty-five percent (25%) sewer rate increase. As stated in previous newsletters, this increase is necessary to help fund the future Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and repairs. While this increase may be considered somewhat substantial, it is scheduled to be the last increase until the treatment plant upgrade project is near completion. Currently, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the treatment plant upgrade design to ensure the new facility will meet their current and future requirements. Once the I.E.P.A. completes their review and approves the design, the City will then execute the next step of securing low-interest loan funds based on availability from the Agency. If you have any questions regarding the increase or the treatment plant upgrade project, please feel free to call the wastewater treatment plant at (815) 844-5574.

Mosquito Season is Here!

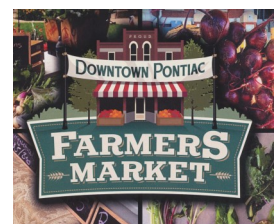


Mosquito season is upon us and the City of Pontiac is encouraging residents to do their part to help protect themselves against mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that is present for more than five days. To reduce mosquitoes around your home, eliminate all standing water and debris where water can collect.

Here are a few helpful hints homeowners can do to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- Repair holes in doors and window screens to prevent them from entering the house.
- Cover trash cans to keep out rainwater.
- Dispose of discarded tires, cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other similar unused water-holding containers that have accumulated on your property. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by vegetation.
- At least once per week, empty standing water from containers on your property, such as tire swings or bird baths.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors. Drainage holes drilled in the sides of containers allow sufficient water to collect where mosquitoes may breed.
- Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Flooded roof gutters are easily overlooked but can produce hundreds of mosquitoes each season.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. A wading pool becomes a mosquito producer if it is not used on a regular basis.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in bird baths. Change water in bird baths and wading pools on a weekly basis.
- Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. A swimming pool that is left untended by a family that goes on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Be aware that mosquitoes may breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers.
- Fill in low areas on your property to eliminate standing water. Ponds or streams where fish are present or the water is disturbed by current or wave action do not produce many mosquitoes.
- Get rid of trash that can hold water: tires, buckets, drums, bottles.

Pontiac Farmer's Market in Full Swing - The Pontiac Farmer's Market, sponsored by P.R.O.U.D. , is in full swing in downtown Pontiac on the northwest corner of the historic courthouse square. The market is open every Saturday from 7 - 11 AM. Each week customers will find seasonal fruits and vegetables, plants, herbs, farm-fresh eggs, preserves, honey, arts and crafts, and antiques. Sweet corn, everyone's favorite, will be available by the middle of the month. Farmer's Market Vendor Applications are available at Pontiac City Hall or Streator Onized Credit Union, 610 S. Newport Rd. Questions about the Farmer's Market may be addressed to Gene Burnett at (815) 844-7352.



Pontiac Parks & Recreation Presents:

PARTY IN THE PARK

July 21, 2018

Riverside Park - 400 W. Water St.

4 - 7 pm - Kids games, bounce house, rock climbing wall, face painting, balloon animals.

4 - 7 pm - DJ provides music

5- 7 pm **FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC** - Hot dogs, sweet corn, Dilly Bars, water - while supplies last.

6 pm - Duck Race at the Vermilion River

7 -8 pm - Magician - Live on Stage.

Plus

Boys & Girls Club,
Country Financial
O.S.F.
Chamber of Commerce
Pontiac Community Heart & Soul
Red Fez Concessions
And Daily Queen

Independence Day Celebration



Family Fun Day & Fireworks!

Pontiac Elks Club - 459 Elks Club Rd.

July 3, 2018 - 4 PM to 10 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Municipal Band - FREE CONCERTS Fridays at 7 PM

The Pontiac Municipal Band's series of FREE concerts at the Humiston-Riverside Band Shell will continue through July 20th. The 7:00 PM concerts are presented at Humiston-Riverside Park, located at 400 West Water Street. Parking is available on nearby streets and at the free parking lots located near the corner of Mill and Water Streets. Patrons are reminded to bring their own lawn chair or blanket to sit upon - no seating is provided.

Summer Theater in the Park

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

July 11-15, 2018 7:30 PM Tickets available at the door.

Chautauqua Park Pavilion

100 East Park Street, Pontiac, IL 61764

Classes & Programs at Pontiac Parks & Recreation

900 N. Elm Street - (815) 844-6818 - www.pontiac.org

Current and Upcoming Programs:

- Body toning for seniors
- Pickleball
- Water Aerobics
- Bounce & Burn
- Swiss Ball body toning
- Tone It Up
- Cardio Blast
- Co-ed Sand Volleyball
- Outdoor Pee Wee Sluggers

LES MILLS FITNESS THEATER

BodyPump	CXWORX	BodyCombat
SH'BAM	BodyBalance	Born to Move (kids)

Daily—Times Vary - Check out the schedule and pricing on the web: Pontiac.org

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

June 29, July 6, 13, & 20 - Free Municipal Band Concert - Band Shell - Riverside Park - 7 PM
 July 2 - City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - City Council Chambers - 115 West Howard
 July 3 - Family Fun Day & Fireworks - Elks Club - 4 PM to 10 PM - 459 Elks Club Road
 July 4 - Independence Day - City Hall Closed
 July 11 - 15 Summer Theater in the Park - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* - 7 PM - Chautauqua Park - 110 Park Street - Tickets at the door
 July 14 - Historic Yost & Jones Open Houses - 2 PM to 4 PM : Theme: Music & Antique Instruments
 July 16 - City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - City Council Chambers - 115 West Howard
 July 20-21 - Christmas In July - Retail Shopping Event - Downtown Pontiac
 July 21 - Party in the Park - Riverside Park - Starts at 4 PM

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