



A word from Mayor Bill Alvey



With schools back in session, restrictions loosening, more businesses open, and more travel taking place, we need to remain extra vigilant about COVID-19 in our community. As we have seen in other states and even in other regions of Illinois, outbreaks are still happening. Additional mitigations were put in place by Illinois Department of Public Health in the Metro East region of the state. We cannot allow that to happen in our area, for the health of both our citizens as well as our businesses.

The governor recently made an emergency mask mandate ruling, which was upheld by JCAR (a 12 member bipartisan group of Illinois Legislators). This ruling gives health departments and law enforcement greater flexibility in how the mask mandate can be enforced. Please know that the Pontiac Police Department will be taking the lead in our town to ensure that all businesses, schools, and daycares are educated and aware of the ruling and are abiding by it. We do not perceive this as a punitive measure but rather as a way to keep all of our citizens healthy and our businesses open.

Remember, wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear your masks. We are still all in this together!

Lincoln, The Great Communicator



On Wednesday, September 2nd, from 7-9 PM, Looking for Lincoln, in partnership with The Eagle Performing Arts & Conference Center and Pontiac Tourism, will host a virtual program featuring Lincoln interpreter George Buss and Illinois folk musician and folklorist Chris Vallillo in their show, *Lincoln The Great Communicator*. The program combines live period music with conversation and narrative by President Lincoln (using Lincoln's own words) to explore Lincoln's use of communication as a personal and political tool. Be sure to find "Lincoln, The Great Communicator, Pontiac" on Facebook Events so you can tune in and enjoy the program with our 16th president!

NIXLE: Your Safety Resource

NIXLE is the Official Emergency Alert digital platform for the City of Pontiac. To sign up for text alerts just **text 61764 to 888777**. No app is necessary. You can also receive alerts for other areas or by email by visiting www.nixle.com and clicking on add contact paths. If you have a cell phone, you should have Nixle alerts. Thanks for your participation.

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“What a month. We’ve had ups and downs, twists and turns but one thing that has remained constant is our love for the outdoors! We will continue to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for our community through the month of September and beyond. Speaking of being outdoors, the Splash Pad was a great success this year. Although we didn’t get to open as early as we had hoped, we still were able to open. There were plenty of memories made this Summer at the Splash Pad and we will continue to make those same memories until September 7th, 2020 (Labor Day), as that will be the day we are closing the Splash Pad for the Summer. We hope to open on Memorial Day of next year! We also are hosting Pontiac Jr. High Baseball/Softball and Pontiac St. Mary’s Baseball/Softball again this year. Be sure to check out the Rec Plex and Dan Trost Field, at Jaycee Park, for some great entertainment from our local athletes! Lastly, for the adults who like to swim in our Natatorium Pool, if you have not yet heard, we have opened the pool up to anyone 18+ with expanded hours! Be sure to check out our website at pontiac.org/parksandrec or stop in at the Recreation Center for a full schedule of times and dates.

As always, we appreciate your support and we are happy to serve as your sense of “normalcy,” no matter what that looks like for you. As we move into September I’m sure there will be changes, good and/or bad; no matter what that will look like though, we’ll be ready to serve you! Take Care.”

Taylor Baxter // Director, Pontiac Parks and Recreation

CENSUS 2020
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Census takers are visiting homes that haven’t responded to ensure everyone is counted. If you respond online or by phone now, a census taker is less likely to visit your home. Your Privacy Matters. Your Response Is Required. Complete the Census today by going to 2020census.gov or by calling 884/330-2020. If you need assistance, please call 815/844-3396 or stop by City Hall, the Rec Center or Pontiac Public Library.

September Waste

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Waste pickup for the week of the 7th will be one day delayed

- Trash Only
- Trash + Recycling
- Holiday

SEPTEMBER FARMER’S MARKET SCHEDULE

Starting on September 12th, the Pontiac Farmer's Market will move to its fall hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday mornings. September is a month of transition in the garden as it not only will continue to feature summer produce but will have fall squash, pumpkins, etc., by the end of the month. As always, the market will showcase fresh produce, baked goods, plants and flowers, honey, arts and crafts, and collectibles. If anyone has any questions about the Farmer's Market, they can contact City Hall or Gene Burnett at (815) 844-7352.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- Sep 2 – “Lincoln The Great Communicator,” via Facebook Live, 7:00-9:00 PM
- Sep 5 – Downtown Farmer’s Market, 7:00–11:00 AM
- Sep 7 – Last Day of Splashpad operation for the summer season.
- Sep 8 – City of Pontiac Council Meeting @ Eagle PACC, 319 N. Plum St, 7:00 PM
- Sep 12, 19, 26 – Every Saturday, Downtown Farmer’s Market, 8:00-12:00
- Sep 14 – Library Board Meeting @ Pontiac Public Library, 5:30 PM
- Week of Sept 14 – New gymnastics courses start at Pontiac Parks and Rec
- Sep 19 – Third Saturday Market, 517 W. Howard St., 11:00–4:00
- Sep 19 – Jones, Strevell, Yost House Open Houses, 1:00–4:00 PM
- Sep 19 – Vermillion River Cleanup, Play Park
- Sep 19, 20 – GTOAA All Pontiac Car Show, Downtown Pontiac
- Sep 21 – City of Pontiac Council Meeting @ Eagle PACC, 319 N. Plum St, 7:00 PM
- Sep 26 – Jesse’s Ride for PTSD, @ 311 W. Grove St. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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