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Community Newsletter

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DWSRF 2025 Project

In July 2024, the Village Council approved the plans for a three part project including a new Village well, a distribution pipe, and lead services lines. To help everyone better understand the project, I wanted to provide a few short FAQs:

Is the water quality bad?

No! The water quality from the new well does not actually require any treatment. The quality makeup is, however, different. This is to be expected as it is coming from a different aquifer than our current wells and every aquifer can produce different quality water.

Will homeowners on Chester St. be required to tap into the new line?

Part of the goal with the new distribution pipe was to add new users to system, but council has not yet passed anything requiring homeowners on Chester St. to tap into the new line. Please be patient with us as work through these details.

Will we be able to access our homes in the work areas?

Absolutely! Access will remain available to homeowners, however, there may at times be short delays for the crew to move equipment to make it safe for you to pass. Hallack is going to do their best, but we ask that residents also do their best to be reasonable and limit traffic where they can.

Will construction be ongoing throughout the summer?

Hallack is working hard to avoid construction during the height of the season. However, all construction is

weather permitting and it may not be possible to completely avoid the busy time as it would cost the Village significantly more money and interruptions to work in adverse conditions.

I received a letter about possible lead in my water, what do I do?

The state required us to send this letter to homeowners as a warning that it is possible they have lead pipes, it is not a letter of identification. Phase 3 of this project will focus on the identification and replacement of lead pipes throughout the Village. Please stay tuned for more information.

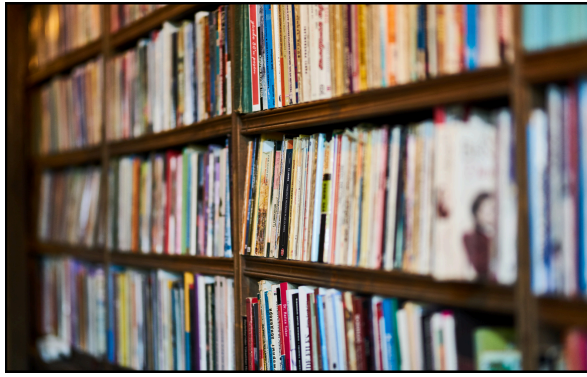
How can I learn what is happening with the project?

We will be sending weekly updates to everyone who has signed up to receive email alerts. You can sign up for these alerts on our website. I will also be more regularly updating our Village of Pentwater Facebook Page with updates.



I hope you found these answers helpful. I understand that some are frustrated with this project and I apologize for that. While there is nothing we can do to change the past, I hope we can all look forward together and focus on the many benefits of this project such as the availability of fresh water to residents on Chest St who no longer want to depend on their own well, the additional water supply we will be gaining, and the lead service lines that will be replaced. Stay tuned for more information and project updates in the coming months!

Rachel Witherspoon



Pentwater Township Library

The Pentwater Township Library is celebrating 170 years this month! In honor of this milestone, they are hosting a celebration at the library on Friday, February 14th from 1:30-4:30pm. The celebration will include displays about the library's history, thoughtful discussions, and opportunities to connect with community members.

In recognition of this achievement, I thought it might be a good idea to share a reminder of some of the services the library provides:

- Chair yoga
- Children's matinee movies
- STEAM after school program
- Alternate Realities Club (Teen Program)
- Adult Programs
 - Jigsaw puzzle contests
 - Cyber security awareness
 - Book Club
 - Needle Felting Class
 - Embroidery Class

Thank you to the Pentwater Township Library for the 170 years of dedicated service to the Pentwater community and ongoing diverse programming!



Frontier

You may have noticed crews working throughout the Village with large spools of cables. These crews are working with Frontier and installing fiber optic cable.

To install fiber optic cable in Pentwater, Frontier is using micro-trenching and directional boring. This means that instead of installing cables overhead or digging long trenches in the ground, Frontier is digging small trenches and then utilizing directional boring technology to install the cable throughout the community. Current plans have installations completed prior to the busy season and hopefully, residents will have access to the services soon.



Strategic Plan

A main priority for council over the upcoming months will be the completion of a strategic plan. The ultimate goal of this strategic plan will be to provide a clear vision of what direction residents wish to see Pentwater move towards in the next 5-10 years and the establishment of a mission statement.

An important distinction needs to be made between the strategic plan and master plan. The master plan focuses on future development and a strategic plan focuses on priorities, goals, and actions to achieve within a specific timeframe. We look forward to the community participating in this plan and helping shape this vision!