

# District 3 News Letter

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**Hello District 3 Residents, ☺**

District 3 has always had the lowest voter turnout, I don't know why, because the vote affects us all. This District has a total of 5,566 registered voters, yet only 242 voted in August. Maybe it's because you're working, or out of town, but did you know that you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot, even though you may not be 60 years of age? You do have to meet specific guidelines, please call the City Clerk's office, if you have any questions. We have another election coming up on November 8, 2016, not just for the President, but Congressional, State and County elected officials and there will be one Renewal of a millage for the Zoo, and 2 new ones on the November Ballot 1. The Rapid Transit may also affect the registration of your vehicle, so please read up on that, it's the RTA. 2. The City of Pontiac is going to have one for a Youth Recreation Center, not to be confused with the Senior Center millage which passed in August. No matter how you vote, I really hope District 3 has a bigger turn out in November. Our voting totals impact how money for road improvements is allocated, and it's unfortunate, they are in the shape they are, for a City our size, we all complain, but so few come out to show a concern. Besides this is our Government we are talking about... If you want a change, this is where we have a say, so let's show the State and Federal Government, we do care!

**\*\*\*Have you see the blue and white signs in the yards throughout the City?** It's Council's way of saying, Thank You to those who are taking care and pride, in their own yards, which ultimately helps to beautify the neighborhoods. It is my pleasure to share with you, the resident of District 3, as I drive through our city this last few months, I can honestly say we have the cleanest looking district, there are a few spots of mild concerns when it comes to aesthetics, but no where as many as other Districts.

**\*\*\*Some tools to help, in our neighborhoods,** because without the neighbors help, we would never be as clean of a district as we are. District 3 Complaints can be called to 248-754-2831

ARTICLE IV. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

**114-70 Parking in residential front yard prohibited.**

**114-71 For sale or trade advertising signs prohibited; exceptions; penalty.**

(a) *For sale or for lease.* No person, corporation, partnership, or other legal business entity shall stand or park a motor vehicle on public or private property in the City of Pontiac for the purpose of advertising same "for sale" or "for trade".

**122-71 Dense noxious growth prohibited on the front lawns.**

(b) On private property no turf grass shall be permitted at a height greater than eight inches.

**\*\*\*Curfews for minors.**

A minor under 12 years of age shall not be in a public place, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., or a minor under 17 years of age shall not be in any public place, either on foot or using a means of conveyance, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or some adult above 21 years of age delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany the minor, or where the presence of the minor in the public place is required by some legitimate work, trade, profession, or other legitimate business directed by his or her parent or guardian.

**\*\*\*PAL League is registering for Fall Sports Programs beginning September 6, 2016**

The number to call is 248-858-0775 the teams will be for Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football and Soccer.

PAL is also looking for **Coaches and Volunteers**, The number to call is **248-321-8448**

**Some phone numbers you may find handy are:**

**Clerk's office** 248-758-3200

**Star EMS non emergency** (800) 973-9999

Emergency 911

**Fire Department non emergency** 248-673-0405

Emergency 911

**OC Sheriff Dispatch non emergency** 248-858-4950

Emergency 911

**Sanitation** 248-758-3700

**Building and Safety**, 248-758-2800

**Department of Public Works** 248-758-3600

**Sanitation** 248-758-3700

**Sheriff's Anonymous Tip Line** 1(888) TURN-1-IN 888-887-6146

There is no caller ID, you leave a message here and an alert is sent to the Command staff to let them know someone called in and left a message and they retrieve it.

In closing, I often hear some residents ask the Question, what does Council do? By The Home Rule Charter, which are now the guidelines for the City, "The Council shall act for the city only by ordinance or resolution." We currently have weekly, Thursday evening meetings, we all serve on varying subcommittees, usually 3 a month which is where we get updates from the participating department heads and when the occasion calls for it, we tweak ordinances.

In addition to the 7 meetings, I spend 25 hours a week in the District, working with residents to resolve issues of concerns, riding or walking through the district, recording matters I may need a to bring to the attention of our code enforcement officer, helping to ensure, we have a viable, aesthetic looking and most important, safe neighborhoods.

I love where I live and am honored to say, because of the caring and pride of the residents, although we still have some areas of concerns, as I ride the city on a daily basis, we have by far the cleanest District as a whole.

Have a Great Month,

Mary Pietila