



# *2025 STATE OF THE VILLAGE*

*Dennis Houghton*



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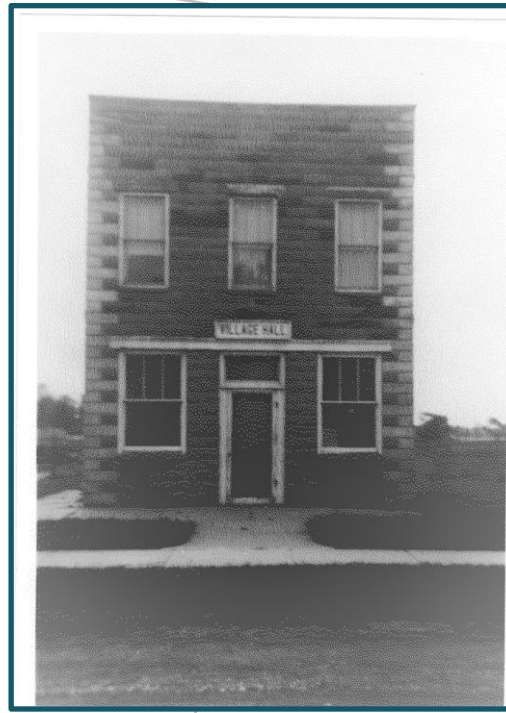
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# *HISTORY*

- ❑ The Village of Pingree Grove was Founded in 1907
- ❑ Named After the Pingree Family that First Settled the Area in 1838
- ❑ From 1907 to the Mid 2000's Pingree Grove's Population was Under 200
- ❑ As of the 2020 Census Village Population was 10,365
- ❑ In 2024, a Special Census was Conducted and Village Population Recorded at 11,948 and Continues to Grow



# *FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY*

- ❑ Village Received the IGFOA Financial Reporting Award for the last 17 Years and is Expected to Receive Again this Year
- ❑ Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Produced \$450,000 in FY2025 and is Projected to Produce \$600,000 for FY2026
- ❑ The FY2025 General Fund Included a \$277,000 Surplus with a General Fund Balance of Over \$8,000,000
- ❑ New Parks, Walking Trails, Significant Road Resurfacing Projects and Economic Development Projects are all Included in the FY2026 Budget





# *POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS*



Moved from the 4<sup>th</sup> Safest City in IL to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest!

Hired Five Officers  
FY 2025

Promoted One Officer  
to Sergeant

Provided a Seniors  
Presentation on Fraud to  
the Carillon Residents

Started the Biannual  
Coffee with a Cop  
Program

Two Sergeants Completed  
Advanced Supervisor Training  
at Northwestern University  
Center for Public Safety

All Sworn Personnel are  
100% Compliant with  
State Mandated Training

Flock Safety Automatic  
License Plate Reader Project  
was Approved

DACRA Electronic  
Ticketing/Adjudication  
Program Approved



# *STAFF CHANGES*

- ❑ New Assistant to the Village Manager/Development Services Director, Nick Partipilo (June 2024)
- ❑ Police Sergeant Charal Promoted (Sept 2024)
- ❑ Jason Robotham Promoted to Water and Streets Supervisor (May 2024)

# *STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES*

## Four Strategic Priorities

### 1. **Balanced Growth and Economic Development**

2. Financial Stewardship
3. Invest in Infrastructure
4. Organizational Excellence

#### **Where Are We?**

- Currently working on completing a TIF Eligibility Study
- Working to finalize a 15-acre commercial project on Route 47 with hopes of completion by fall 2026
- Continue to push IDOT and work with the RT47 Coalition created this year, to advocate for the expansion of RT 47
- Updated Village Building codes—has not been done since 2003
- Modifications made to Village and zoning codes, including a comprehensive sign code
- Implemented Village Code Enforcement Procedures and Processes
- Researching the implementation of a rental inspections program

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### **Where Are We?**

- Completed a review of the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund as part of the FY 26 budget process.
- Updated employee job descriptions and performed a salary and benefits review.
- Working on the compilation and update of Village fees and a revenue source review.



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### **Where Are We?**

- We continue to invest in an annual road resurfacing program and are planning to complete the largest program yet this year at an estimated cost of \$1.3MM
- Awaiting the status of our grant application for a multi-use path along IL Route 72
- The Village is planning the construction of a pocket park in NH 33 and working with DR Horton on the planning of a park near the Fire Station. The Village will also plan for future additional park amenities throughout the community.

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- A vendor has been selected for the Municipal Adjudication and E-Ticketing program. The start-up of this program is planned for later this calendar year.
- A Vendor was selected for License Plate Reader Cameras. Program implementation is being worked on, and permitting with IDOT is in process.
- Village staff is continually working on training to ensure professional growth. Joining IMLRMA this year has increased the amount of training resources available to the Village

# *INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES*





# PINGREE GROVE



Wastewater Treatment Expansion is About Halfway Completed with Substantial Construction Completion Planned for Fall 2026



Motor Fuel Tax Project Planned for Four Neighborhoods, Parking Lots, Pollinator Garden Paving, and Sidewalk Additions



Phase 2 Engineering for the Reinking and Damisch Roundabout Continues with Construction Contemplated for 2026



Plans for a New Park in Neighborhood 33 Along with Additional Park Improvements Throughout the Community

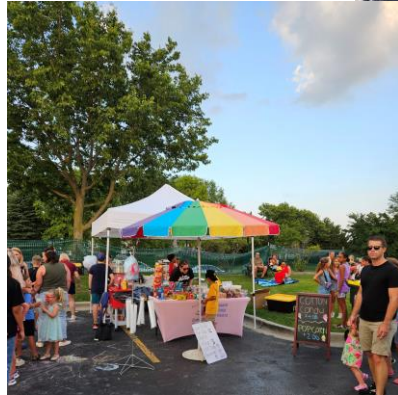


Engineer Designs Are Underway for a Second Water Tower



Water Treatment Plant 2 is Complete, and the Plant is Running as Planned.

# VILLAGE EVENTS



Community Events Committee's

**Save the Dates!**



**Nov '24**



**11/27 Wed @ 8:30am -11am**  
CPKC Rail Holiday Train  
Heritage Holiday Lane Celebration

**12/7 Sat @ 5pm - 7pm**

Holiday Electric Parade  
Official Holiday Tree Lighting & Santa

**Dec '24**



**Jan '25**



**1/8 Wed @ 10:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
Versiti Mobile Blood Drive  
Village Municipal Center Parking Lot

**4/19 - Sat @ 9am-Noon**  
Earth Day Clean-Up

**Apr '25**



**May '25**



**5/3 Sat @ Noon-3pm**  
Touch-A-Truck

**6/12 - 6/14 Thur-Sat @ 8am-6pm**

Community-Wide Garage Sale  
(Registration & permit will be required to participate.)

**Jun '25**



**Jul '25**



**7/11 - 7/12 Fri-Sat**  
Independence Day Celebration  
& Parade

[events@pingreegrove.org](mailto:events@pingreegrove.org) | (847)464-5533



# *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*



Proposed 15-Acre Development at the Corner of RT 47 and RT 72 Including a 65,000 sq ft Jewel Osco and Six Out Lots for Additional Stores and Restaurants



TIF District Study is Being Completed for the Heritage District in Hopes to Provide Funding for Beautification of the Area as Well as Attracting Small Businesses



The Village Maintains Relationships and Ongoing Discussions with Local Landowners and Potential Developers for Future Prospective Development Opportunities







## *THANK YOU*

Thank you to the Board, Staff, Commissions,  
Committees, and of Course, the Residents, that  
Help Make Pingree Grove a Great Place to Grow!