



PINGREE GROVE
2024
STATE OF THE VILLAGE



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HISTORY

- 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 the Population of Pingree Grove Was Under 200
- As of the Last Census in 2020 the Village's Population was 10,365



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Village Has Received the IGFOA Financial Reporting Award for the Past 15 Years and Anticipates Being a Recipient this Year
- Passed A Non-home Rule Sales Tax Which Will Generate an Additional \$300k in New Revenue
- the General Fund Passed for FY25 With a \$329K Surplus
- New Personnel for Administration, Police and Public Works Included in the FY25 Budget



POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS

- ***Named 4th Safest Town in Illinois***
- Promoted Chris Harris to Chief of Police (Has 16 Years With PG)
- Promoted Jeff Pokorney to Deputy Chief of Police (Has 16 Years With PG)
- Hired 3 Officers This Fiscal Year
- Purchased 2 Marquee/Speed Trailer Signs
- Purchased 2 New Vehicles Updating Our Fleet
- Purchased 4 New Radios Updating All Radios for the PD
- Security Fence Was Installed Around the Building and Parking Lot Allowing for Added Security for the Updated Fleet.
- Officers Completed Training to Become AED and CPR Instructors
- Officers Completed Use of Force Instructor Training



STAFF CHANGES

- New Village Manager – Andy Ferrini (Sep 2023)
- New Chief of Police – Chris Harris (Promoted Nov 2023)
- New Deputy Chief of Police – Jeff Pokorney (Promoted Dec 2023)





STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

- Working on the Completion of the First Strategic Plan in Over 10 Years
- Plan Will List Major Village Goals and Projects for the Next 3 Years
- Facilitated a Strategic Planning Workshop With the Village Board in March 2024
- Partnered With NIU Business School Students, Who Are Compiling Goals and Projects Into a Formal Document
- Official Board Adoption of the Plan in Summer 2024

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



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- Water Treatment Plant 2 Has Been Completed and Running Through Start Up Now
- Well 3 Now Completed
- Waste Water Treatment Expansion Well Under Way
- Motor Fuel Tax Project Planned for 2 Neighborhoods & Highland Ave
- Phase 2 Engineering for the Damisch Roundabout Continues With Construction Contemplated for 2026
- Phase 1 Engineering Has Started on the Multi Use Path Expansion Which Should Help Us With the ITEP Grant for This Project

VILLAGE EVENTS



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Update Building Codes Adopted in 2003 (Summer 2024)
- Prioritize and Plan the Major Projects in the New Strategic Plan (Summer 2024)
- FY 25 Road Resurfacing Program (Summer 2024)
- Startup of WTP 2 (Summer 2024)
- Recruit and Train Staff Village Wide (2024-2025)
- Continue Efforts to Attract Businesses to Pingree Grove and Establish a Commercial Corridor on Route 47



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Board, the Staff, all the Commissions and Committees and the Residents for helping to make Pingree Grove a great place to grow!