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Community Newsletter

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Project Alistor: Flock Camera Trial

The Village of Pentwater, in conjunction with the Oceana County Sheriff's Department, is participating in a 90-day free trial for Flock Camera License Plate Readers.

These cameras are going up in 9 strategic places around the Village as a way to help the Pentwater Police Department prevent and solve crimes. Just like any community, Pentwater is not immune to crime and Flock Cameras are an important law enforcement tool used throughout the country.

What are Flock Cameras?

Flock Cameras are license plate readers that photograph license plates that provide law enforcement agencies the opportunity to search for vehicles connected in crimes and send alerts to agencies with an active search connected to a vehicle.

What is the Benefit?

These license plate readers allow agencies to be alerted if there a vehicle reported as stolen, mentioned in an Amber Alert, or listed in a crime that has been captured going past the camera. This helps to catch suspects as well as prevent further crimes from occurring.

Do they include facial recognition?

No. The cameras installed in the Village of Pentwater are only equipped to read license plates and identify the make, model, and color of vehicles.

What is the cost?

The current installations are being provided by Flock

as a free trial for 90 days. After the completion of the trial period, Village Council will review the efficacy of it and decide whether to purchase any of the cameras.

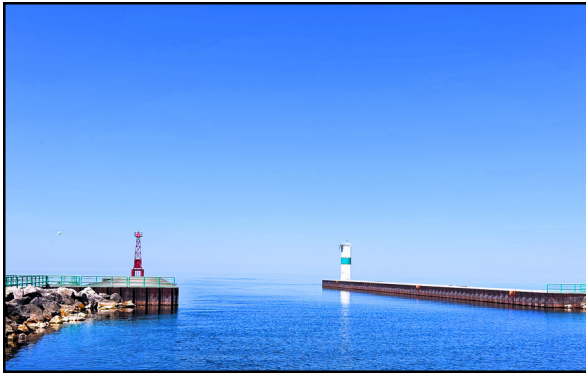


Parking in the Village

Please park with all 4 tires on the grass in areas throughout town that do not have curbs.

Parking this way may feel unnatural, however, it is important to ensure that emergency vehicles have the ability to traverse the streets without obstacle.

Temporary signs will be put up each weekend and the Pentwater PD will be placing warning notices on any vehicle not in compliance.



Dredging Update

Pentwater Harbor is open and welcoming boaters this summer!

While a 2025 dredge will not take place as we had hoped due to permitting challenges, we are fortunate to see a rise in water levels to long term lake averages, and urge all boaters, transient and the like to exercise attentiveness to the post May 15 2025 USACE channel sounding data.

Thanks to our very generous donors, the Protect Pentwater Harbor Fund at the Community Foundation for Oceana County (CFOC) has grown and is well-positioned to support preventative solutions —especially in areas where USACE funds are restricted or unavailable. Whether through sand fencing, sediment monitoring, or other engineered strategies, the goal remains the same: to prevent channel closure and ensure uninterrupted harbor access. and pursue alternative protective measures, as we have done successfully in the past.

Looking ahead to Summer 2026, Pentwater received some promising news thanks to Congressman John Moolenaar, that the FY25 Work Plan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) includes \$2.2 million in federal funding for operations, maintenance, and dredging. The Village is working with the USACE to determine the full scope and timing of this work.

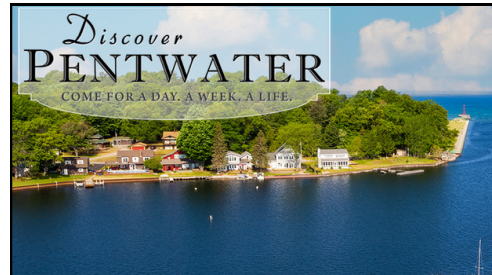
Please enjoy the Pentwater Harbor this summer and look out for more updates on long-term solutions.



Code Enforcement

The Village recently hired a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. This position will focus on ordinance code violations throughout the Village of Pentwater with a goal of working with community members educating them about the ordinances and helping them reach compliance.

The code enforcement officer is working on several different ordinance code violations throughout town and is sending warning letters to property owners in violation. Please note that a warning letter is NOT a ticket, and the enforcement officer is willing to work with everyone prior to issuing any tickets prescribed in the code of ordinances.



Strategic Plan - Community Forum

Please join us on **Monday, June 30th at 6pm at Park Place** for a Community Forum!

The most important aspect of the Strategic Planning process is to hear from the community about what they see are the Village's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We are excited to learn from this input and create a plan that will help move the community towards fulfilling its needs and accomplishing its goals.

Strategic Plan: Our guidebook for accomplishing short term and medium range goals.