

# PINES

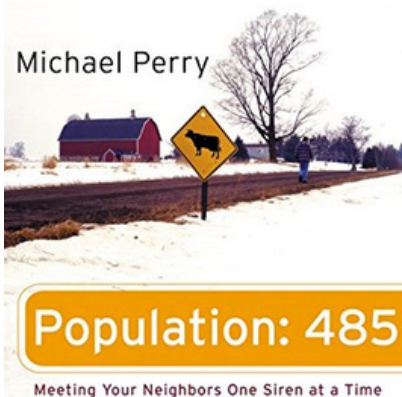
## Pine Island Notification and Engagement System

### First and foremost...

Welcome and a big thank you to those who signed up for the Pine Island Notification and Engagement System (PINES)! This newsletter is a new endeavor and may undergo changes as we find the best way to bring important updates to the community. Expect to see information from various city departments covering tips, reminders, project updates, events, city council updates, and much much more.

### One Town One Title 2024

The Van Horn Public Library is happy to bring Pine Island 2024's One Town One Title selection Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time by Michael Perry. Copies of the book are available at the Library, City Hall, and the License Bureau, while supplies last. There are plenty of programs around the book, and you can see them on the [LIBRARY WEBSITE](#)



### City Council Meeting 1.16.2024

The Pine Island City Council held its first meeting on Tuesday January 16 2024. The council adopted the 2024 Fee Schedule which sets utility rates, rental fees, permit fees, license fees, and aquatic center fees for the year. The City Council approved the appointment of members to all the city boards, commissions, and committees. The city has five community board and commissions, and nine council committees. The City Council also approved resolution 24-04 supporting an inclusive and welcoming community, you can read the full text of that resolution [HERE](#)

### A Drop of Information



Automatic Payments. The most common question we received about utility payments. There are two ways to sign up for automatic payments:

1. You can sign up through our [CITY WEBSITE](#) to pay with a credit or debit card, but it will cost a 3.5% or \$2 service fee. If you use a checking or savings account, it will cost a \$1.10 service fee.
2. You can sign up directly with City Hall by completing [THIS FORM](#) to pay via a checking or savings account and not be charged any 3rd party service fees.

DO NOT SIGN UP FOR BOTH OR TWO PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

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### Events this Month:

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February 9th @ 7am-9am  
Pine Island Kwik Trip*

*Enhancing Your Online Presence  
Webinar for Businesses  
February 13th @ 2pm-3pm  
Hosted by the Pine Island EDA  
Register [HERE](#)*

*Pine Island City Council Meeting  
February 20th @ 7pm  
City Hall or [Online](#)*

*Pine Island Park Board Meeting  
February 13th @ 6pm  
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The 2024 utility rates reflect the annual 2% increase for inflation. The base rates are charged each month as the fee for having a water and sewer connection and will always be the same amount. Usage rates are based on every 1,000 gallons that run through your water meter.

Base Charges:

- Water: \$3.47
- Sewer: \$22.71
- Storm Water: \$1.00
- Auto Meter Surcharge: \$1.00 residential/\$2.00 Commercial
- State Surcharge: \$0.81

Usage Charges:

- Water: \$5:00 per 1,000 Gallons
- Sewer \$5.46 per 1,000 Gallons

### Animal Licensing Ordinance

A friendly reminder that City Code Sec 10.04 requires all cats and dogs within city limits must be registered. To register your pet simply provide city hall with a copy of the pet's rabies immunization record in person, by mail, or by email (info@ci.pineisland.mn.us)

Pine Island City Code section 10.04 also prohibits cats and dogs from running at large. Cats and Dogs must be kept on a leash, in a motor vehicle, or in an enclosure when off of the owner's property. If you would like to read the full language of the city code it can be found [HERE](#)

### REMINDER

Please do not flush any sort of wipes or dump cooking oils or grease down the drain. These are all very hard on the city sewer system!



**COFFEE WITH A DEPUTY**  
**Pine Island Kwik Trip**  
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True Public safety requires it....  
 Collaboration between Law Enforcement and the Community

A community that is engaged and working together can be a powerful force. -Idowu Kovenikan

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