TextMyGov Announcement

The Village of Pocahontas is thrilled to introduce TextMyGov, a convenient and smart text messaging service! This service will enable residents to effortlessly receive important notifications and easily find specific information by texting the village.
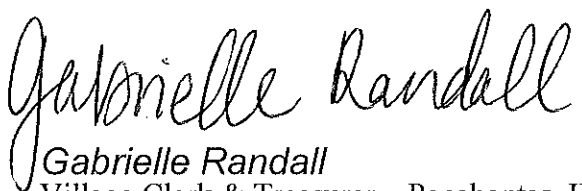
The village will officially launch the new text messaging system to the public on **January 12th, 2026.** Residents may receive a text message from **91896** from the village initiating the service. Residents have the option to opt-out at any time by texting **STOP**.

If you don't receive the initial message, you can choose to opt-in by texting the keyword **"POCAHONTASIL"** to the number **91896**. After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to reply **"YES"** to confirm opt-in. Residents may receive notifications for **events, trash services, boil orders, service disruptions, road closures, changes to office hours,** etc.

Also starting soon, residents will be able to receive on-demand information 24/7 by texting 1-2 keywords to the village's TextMyGov number, **618-669-0055.** You'll be able to get quick information about **water issues, trash pickup, loose animals, road closures, meetings, utility bill payments, and other village information**.

The village's use of this technology is an example of our efforts to enhance resident services by implementing 21st-century solutions. We're excited about this new way of communicating with residents and look forward to sharing important village notifications. Other governmental entities across the country are utilizing this system with great success. Stay informed, stay ahead.

Sincerely,

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