

Village of Park Ridge

“A Good Place to Live”

Special Dates:

Sept. 10:
Fall Large Item
Pick-up Day

Nov. 1:
Deadline for moving
recreational
vehicles (see p. 2,
Reminders)

DOG LICENSING

If you have a dog
over 5 months old
that has not yet
been licensed in
2013, contact the
Village Clerk at
715-343-1590.
State law requires
licensing, and the
fine for not
licensing your dog
is \$169.00.

Fall ‘Large Item Pick-up Day’ September 10

This is the time for you to clean out the basement, garage, etc. and dispose of those **non-recyclable** items such as furniture, carpeting, mattresses, box springs, etc.

All items to be picked up must be placed at the end of the driveway or street-side by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

No appliances, building materials, electronics, tires or toxic materials (paint thinners, pesticides, fertilizers and insecticides) will be picked up.

There will be only one “run” by Veolia through the Village, so items put out later in the day will not be picked up. Don’t miss it-- this opportunity to

dispose of non-recyclable items which would normally require a special pick-up is offered only once/year!!

Please note that this is NOT the annual branch/brush pick-up that takes place each spring.

Composting & Mulching Recommended

The Portage County Solid Waste Department (PCSWD) discourages people from burning yard materials because it pollutes the air, causing potential health hazards for the elderly, very young, and people with asthma. Composting and mulching are healthful alternatives.

If You Burn Leaves...

BURNING IS ALLOWED:
TUES – FRI: 5-9 p.m.
SAT: Noon-9 p.m.

BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

Do not burn when winds are over 9 MPH. Do not burn on street surfaces.

Be respectful of your neighbors -- burn only **COMPLETELY DRY YARD MATERIALS.**
Piles larger than 4 feet by 4 feet by 2 feet are

prohibited. The fire load shall be controllable with the water, implements and personnel on hand. Persons utilizing and maintaining outdoor fires shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the fires.

*If composting and mulching are not options for you, you can take your yard materials (no fees) to the City Garage, 100 Sixth Avenue, which is open year-round (except for holidays) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The City will accept grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, and branches up to 4 inches in diameter with no set length. All yard materials must be removed from plastic bags. A container is available for disposing of plastic bags. **THE CITY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RECYCLABLES FROM VILLAGE RESIDENTS.***

Building Permits: Check to See if You Need One BEFORE You Start!

Contact Jim Zepp, Village Building Inspector, at 715-310-3157 after 4:00 p.m. or at jzepp@att.net for information regarding building permits.

Permits must be obtained before the construction begins and displayed during construction so they are visible from the street. Failure to obtain a permit may result in a doubling of the permit fee and fines of \$25-\$1,000 for each day before the permit is obtained.

****Always remember to adhere to setback requirements for all structures or additions****

Reminders

Missed Trash/Recycling Pick-up: If you have your trash/recycling street-side by 8 a.m. on collection day and your house is missed, call the Village Clerk—she will call Veolia to arrange for a special pick-up, usually the next business day.

House Numbers: Per Village Ordinance 11.14, house numbers not less than 3 inches high should be placed on the front of your home. The numbers must not be obstructed, so that responding units will be able to find your home in case of an emergency.

24/7 Pharmaceutical Drop-off Site: A purple box, which looks like a standard mailbox, is located outside the Stevens Point Police Dept. Dispatch Center, in the basement of the city building at 1515 Strongs Avenue. Residents should enter the secure area through the Stevens Point Police Dept.'s after-hours entryway (located on the street that goes 'under' the building). Leave the medications in their original container. Remove your personal information (name, address, phone, etc.) but **leave the name of the medication** on the container for easier identification. Both prescription and OTC medicines are accepted.

Snow Sticks & Mailboxes: While snow sticks help guide snowplows when the first snows fall, they should be placed one foot from the pavement. The snowplow company will not be held liable for any broken snow sticks. Notify the Clerk if your mailbox is damaged by a snowplow – ConsTrucks will reimburse for the cost of materials, up to \$75.

Snow Season: When three or more inches of snow are predicted, please do not park on the street. A sand/salt mix is available behind the Village Hall for residents' use.

Recreational Vehicles: Residents with recreational vehicles (including boats, canoes, boat and utility trailers, motor homes, campers, personal water vehicles and kayaks) are reminded that these vehicles are not to be stored on any street right-of-way, or within the front setback including the driveway, or in a side yard if the side yard borders a street, from November 1st through March 31st. [Ordinance 10.06, 'Junk, Certain Vehicles and Firewood'].

Handy Internet Sites

If you would like to know what **pesticides** are being applied to neighboring yards by commercial lawn and landscape firms, you can sign up for The Landscape Pesticide Advance Notice Registry. Registry members are notified before pesticides are applied:

<http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/landreg/index.jsp>

Portage County has instituted **CodeRED**, an ultra high speed telephone notification service for tornado warnings, utility outages, missing persons, fires or floods, bomb threats, chemical spills and other emergency incidents. To register:

<http://www.co.portage.wi.us/emergency/code-red.shtm>

Village residents are asked to visually inspect their trees this fall for **gypsy moth** egg masses. If you find gypsy moth egg masses on your property, please contact the Village Clerk. Links to web sites with information on identifying gypsy moths and their eggs may be found at:

www.gypsymoth.wi.gov

For agendas, minutes, ordinances, notices and other useful information for life in the **Village:**

www.park-ridge.us

Streets – What Do You Think?

From time to time during the 20 years I have been Village President, the Village has discussed the condition of our streets. Over the past few months, questions have been directed to the Board on this issue so it merits a response in this newsletter. There are those who see our streets as bumpy but adequate and believe the dips slow down traffic and are not a problem if one adheres to the speed limit. Others think the condition of our streets is an embarrassment and attention needs to be given to it. Let me briefly go over what our options are. **All figures are “ballpark” numbers.** If there is a consensus to move forward, more detailed figures will be calculated and the discussion will be continued in other forums.

Option #1 is to continue past practice. The Village spends about \$28,000 each summer for general patching of potholes and puts down a layer of oil-based emulsion covered by fine stones in a process called chip sealing. Occasionally we have done larger areas like the one on Sunset in the business district, but those are unusual and will last for many years.

Option #2 would be to identify the worst of the dips in our streets and either cut and patch or feather in a layer of asphalt, taking a section of the Village each year until all of the MAJOR dips are repaired. For reference, we received an estimate of \$4,500 for the three worst dips on Sunset between Hillcrest and Park Ridge Drive (Highway 66). A total cost for this option is unavailable because we do not have current pricing or the total number of dips in the Village. The work could be spread out over several years and SOME of the cost could possibly be absorbed into the annual budget.

Option #3 would be a rebuild of our streets. We would pulverize the existing street surface and excavate to a depth of 6-10 inches. A base material would be put in place, covered by a finer material which would be leveled and compressed. Lastly, a 3-inch layer of new asphalt would be applied. The streets would essentially be “as good as new.” This process would raise the street level several inches to prevent standing water, which is the worst enemy of streets. Necessary street edging would require that driveways be brought to the new street level. This project would be costly: ballpark estimates set the amount at \$95,000 for each north-south street. We would likely need to rebuild Ridgewood and Hillcrest due to their heavy use. If these two east-west streets plus all 5 north-south streets were rebuilt, it would cost approximately \$665,000. For the remaining east-west streets, we could consider simply grinding and repaving them or continuing with chip sealing - an estimate for repairing these streets would be \$150,000-\$200,000.

For informational purposes, a quick review of the tax consequences should be presented. If the entire project, \$865,000, were financed at 3.5% interest over 20 years the interest would total about \$350,000 and the annual cost to a Village property owner would be approximately \$135 for each \$100,000 of assessed value for 20 years. If fewer streets were rebuilt, the cost would go down.

Paying for work on our streets has been made more difficult by the levy limits imposed on municipalities by our state government. With few exceptions, municipalities were held to **3%** levy increases from 2005-2010 and **0%** levy increases since 2011. In order to exceed our levy limit, the Village Board would have to get permission from residents via a referendum. Fixed costs have gone up for the Village (ex. heat, electricity, insurance, garbage pickup, street repair, plowing) by more than 3%/year, so over the past 8 years our budget has gotten harder to balance and some services have suffered cutbacks.

As we evaluate the costs associated with street repair, keep in mind that the Village has a \$210,000 total annual budget and levies approximately \$175,000 of that amount as property taxes.

Which option do you favor? Simply check one of the boxes and sign below – return to the Clerk’s office (516 Sunrise Avenue) **by October 1**. You may attach comments if you wish. Call any Village Board member with questions. If there is a consensus to take a particular action, more detailed numbers would be presented at a Village meeting before any further action is taken.

--Tom Gloude-mans, Village President
for the Village Board

Option #1: Current practice of patching and chip sealing - \$28,000/year - currently budgeted for each year.

Option #2: Cut and patch or feather in dips (likely requiring a referendum).

Option #3: Rebuild streets:

- Rebuild one north-south street each year - \$95,000 – referendum required
- Rebuild all north-south streets - \$665,000 – referendum required
- Renew all Village streets - \$865,000 – referendum required

Property Owner’s name and street address (required)

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Portage County Transfer Facility & Recycling Site

PCSWD Transfer Facility and Recycling Site is located at 650 Moore Road, east of I-39 off of County Hwy B in the Village of Plover. Turn north onto Apache Drive. Stop at the scale speaker. The attendant will direct you from there. When done, weigh out and go to

the scale office in the Material Recovery Facility to make payments and pick up PCSWD brochures. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. & Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to closing.

Fees vary and some restrictions apply, so call the Transfer Facility (715-343-6297) for more information or go to www.co.portage.wi.us and click on 'County Departments', 'Solid Waste'.

Going Paperless?

Please let the Village Clerk know if you would like to download the Village newsletters from the Village web site (www.park-ridge.us) instead of receiving a paper copy—at your request, a postcard could be mailed to you (or an email sent) to let you know when a new newsletter is released.