

Village of Park Ridge

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

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Late fees begin for 2014 dog licenses

May 10

All-Village Rummage Sale

May

Open Book Session & Board of Review (date will be announced in early May)

August 12

Partisan Primary Election

April Election (April 1, 2014) – Polling Place: Village Hall

The April 1 election will be for nonpartisan offices: Village trustee (2), school board member (4), county executive, county board supervisor and court of appeals judge. Please know that you will NOT be asked for photo ID when voting.

The last day to request absentee ballots by mail is March 27. In-person absentee voting ends on March 28.

If registering to vote on Election Day, you must have lived in Park Ridge for at least 28 days. You will be required to show an acceptable proof of residence and provide your WI driver's license number if you have one.

Finally, a request from the Clerk: If you receive an absentee ballot by mail, **PLEASE** return it by Election Day! A special canvass meeting must be held the weekend after the election if any ballots are not returned by Election Day. This became necessary when a law was passed in 2012 allowing absentee ballots to be counted as long as they are postmarked by Election Day. This special canvass costs the Village money and requires that pollworkers give up part of their weekend.

NO Spring Brush & Branch Pick-up

There will not be a spring brush & branch pick-up in 2014. Park Ridge has an agreement with Stevens Point for year-round yard materials disposal at the City Garage. While there is no charge to residents when they use this service, Park Ridge does pay an annual fee to the City. More information on the City drop-off site is on page 5.

Let the Village Clerk know if you would like this newsletter emailed to you. Help us save on printing and postage costs!

DOG LICENSING

If you have a dog over 5 months old, state law requires licensing.

2013 licenses expired 12/31/13. Late fees will apply to all 2014 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2014.

The fine for not licensing your dog is \$169.00.

What Happens When You Call 911?

A look inside the Portage County Communication Center

(information provided by Michele Dorshorst, Communication Technician, Portage County Communication Center)

Besides answering 911 calls for help, the Portage County Communication Center, commonly referred to as the Dispatch Center, is responsible for: activating the County's weather alert sirens; utilizing the CodeRED system for emergency notifications; and, providing call taking, dispatching and paging for the Sheriff's office, two full-time police departments, 3 ambulance services, 16 fire departments, 13 emergency medical responder groups, and over a dozen community and state agencies. The Dispatch Center fields approximately 113,624 calls annually with over 28,332 being calls for service.

What happens when the 911 line rings?

Knowing what to expect can help make the 911 call go smoothly and get emergency help where and when it's needed. When you call 911 for an emergency:

- **Stay calm.**
- **Know the location of the emergency and the number you are calling from.** Enhanced technology allows the address from land-line phones to be displayed almost immediately and from most cell phones within a few minutes, but the Communication Technician is still required to confirm the information. Before your call is answered and during the call you will hear a clicking noise– DO NOT HANG UP.
- **Wait for the dispatcher to ask questions.** If you are in danger of assault, the dispatcher will still need you to answer quietly, mostly "yes" and "no" questions. If you are calling about a medical emergency, the Communication Technicians will use Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols to ask specific questions about the emergency. The dispatchers are also trained to offer life-saving aid instructions such as CPR and AED use, Heimlich maneuver, bleeding control and even childbirth. Remember that while one dispatcher is talking to you, another is paging the emergency units to respond and they will be en route to you very quickly.
- **If you reach a busy signal or recording, listen to what it says.** If the recording says your call cannot be completed, hang up and try again. If you get a busy signal, TRY AGAIN.
- **Keep your eyes open.** You may be asked to describe victims, suspects, vehicles, license plates or other parts of the scene.
- **Do not hang up until directed to do so.**



CodeRED

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>

When should you call 911?

Anytime you witness or are involved in an event that presents an immediate or current threat to life or property. Examples may include:

- Reckless driving
- Vehicle crashes especially with injuries/ road blockage
- Fires
- Medical emergencies
- Physical fights in progress, including domestic violence
- A burglary or robbery in progress
- Prowlers

Do not call 911 if an incident has already occurred and there is no danger of physical harm to anyone. These calls should be directed to the non-emergency line of 715-346-1400 (or 715-346-1500 if in Stevens Point).

If in doubt, call 911.

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Village Building Inspector - jzepp55@charter.net or 715-310-3157 (after 4 pm).

Here are some **general** guidelines:

No permit is required to replace or repair existing structures:

Repouring a cracked concrete or asphalt slab on the same area as before

Replacing old windows with new ones of the same size.

Replacing siding or roofing with no changes made to the structure or roof line.

Replacing patio screens with new screens.

Replacing an existing furnace, air conditioner or hot water heater with the same type without any electrical, plumbing or ventilation changes.

Repair of an existing outside well (repairs to wells inside basements no longer permitted by WDNR).

Repairing or replacing less than 40% of an existing fence's length.

Replacing doors with new ones of the same size.

****Permits must be obtained before work begins and displayed so they are visible from the street. Failure to obtain a permit may result in additional fees and fines.****

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ADHERE TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STRUCTURES OR ADDITIONS.

Permit IS required to change or add structures:

Enlarging a concrete or asphalt slab.

Replacing windows with larger windows.

Changing a roof line when repairing a roof.

Changing a screened patio into one that is weather proof, heated or has electrical outlets.

Replacing an existing furnace, air conditioner or hot water heater if: changing from gas to electric or vice versa; or changing the location of electrical, plumbing or ventilation to the new unit.

Installation of a new well (WDNR permit also required).

Installation of a new fence or repairing/replacing more than 40% of an existing fence's length.

Replacing doors with new ones that are wider.

Building a new interior wall or moving a wall when doing siding.

Building any new structure (Ordinance 11.13)

Anytime electrical, plumbing, or HVAC systems are modified or added to.

REMINDERS

Bicycle Licenses – Contact the Village Clerk for bicycle licenses.

No Spring Pick-up of Large Items – There will be a fall pick-up of large items.

Displaying House Numbers – Per Village Ordinance 11.14, house numbers not less than three inches high should be placed on the front of your home – so responding units will be able to find your home in the event of a 911 emergency.

Leash Law Applies to Cats, Too – Per Village and County ordinances, dogs and cats must be on a leash anytime they are off the owner's property. There have already been complaints in 2014 of cats roaming the Village, stalking birds at feeders, causing issues with indoor pets observing them, etc. Keep your cats at home. Call the Humane Society at 715-344-6012 to pick up stray cats and dogs.

Door-to-Door Solicitors – Solicitors must obtain a permit from the County Clerk before knocking on doors in the Village (residents soliciting for charitable purposes are exempt). The permit protects us from fraud. If a solicitor won't show you his/her permit, contact the Village Clerk or Sheriff's office. Get a license plate number if you can.

Lyme Disease Season is Here! Don't forget to protect your pets and family members from Lyme Disease. For more information on Lyme Disease and its prevention: www.lymediseaseassociation.org.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES...

Over the winter, there were conversations at Village Board meetings regarding the appearance of the Village. The trustees addressed the issue of distressed properties, reviewed resident input on the condition of streets, and followed up with residents about dead or diseased trees in need of removal. As always, the Zoning Administrator contacted residents who may not have realized that their practices were in violation of Village ordinances. It was suggested by a resident that we include information in this newsletter on some of those ordinances that address Village appearance and livability. Unofficial copies of ordinances can be found on the Village website, www.park-ridge.us. Official copies can be obtained from the Village Clerk.

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| Chapter 17 | Chapter 17 includes all of the zoning ordinances. Please contact the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector if you have any questions about accessory buildings, setbacks, landscaping or home improvement projects. |
| Ordinance 11.08 | Prohibits placing recycling in plastic bags. Use of open containers required. (Please don't let your trash/recycling containers 'linger' by the street!) |
| Ordinance 10.08 | Recently revised – prohibits shrubs, etc. from obstructing intersection visibility, allows trustees to enter a property for the purpose of marking a tree, regulates trees deemed to be 'public nuisances'. |
| Ordinance 10.06 | Prohibits storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles in the open; prohibits the storage of junk outdoors; regulates storage of firewood and recreational vehicles. |
| Ordinance 10.05 | Prohibits fireworks, noisy animals, and junk stored outdoors; requires sidewalk snow and ice removal. |
| Ordinance 10.03 | Prohibits pets running at large; requires picking up pet feces not in the owner's yard; prohibits noxious weeds, and weeds/grass over 12" in height in certain circumstances |

The above is not meant to be a complete listing; if there is something you'd like to see commented on in an upcoming newsletter, please let any trustee or the Village Clerk know.

RECYCLE



REUSE

For all of your recycling and solid waste disposal questions, contact the Portage County Solid Waste Department:

715-343-6297

Portage County Transfer Facility & Recycling Site

Located at 650 Moore Road, east of I-39 off of County Hwy B in Plover. Turn north onto Apache Drive. Stop at the scale speaker and the attendant will direct you from there. When done, weigh out and go to the scale office in the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) to make payment. Open Mon-Fri 7:30 am – 3:30 pm and Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am. Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to closing. Fees vary and some restrictions apply, so call 715-343-6297 for more information or go to www.co.portage.wi.us and click on 'County Departments', 'Solid Waste'.

DID YOU KNOW?

E-cycling – As of 9/1/10, Wisconsin banned the landfilling and incineration of computers, laptops, printers, TVs, fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, phones with video displays, etc. For more information, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle>.

CFLs – Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs contain small amounts of mercury that require special handling. You may bring CFLs to the MRF, Frank's Hardware or Menards for recycling.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!! TO:

2013 SANTA PROJECT: Gert Neuendorf, assorted elves and Fire Department personnel who assisted Santa and Mrs. Claus on their rounds.

CROSSING GUARD: Lois Miller, with thanks to David Blado for filling in as needed.

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL: Bette Vogel

DIGGERS HOTLINE LOCATING: Mike Probst

2013 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:

Shirley Berger	Nancy LaMar
David Blado	Christine Neidlein
Kathy Budelier	Eileen Rozumalski
Ruth Duda	Carolyn Swenson
Bill Dunham	Bette Vogel
Rita Kozlowski	Beverly West

ZONING COMMITTEE & ZONING BD OF APPEALS:

Ken Vogel, Chairperson	Tom McCarten
George Berger	Steve Menzel
	Christine Neidlein

Tom Gloudemans and Jim LaMar (*ex officio*)

2013 REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Dan McFarlane
Christine Neidlein

PARK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

CHIEF: Ron Slicer

CAPTAIN: John Kraft

LIEUTENANT: Jay Schoenfeld

FIREFIGHTERS:

Collin Olsen	Scott Knudson	Jordan Kern
Joe Totman	Jeff Lochinger	Alyssa Rogers
Chris Villarreal	Brian Lepper	Ariel Anderson
Tom Fritz	David Reynolds	Zach Smith
Pete Jacoby	Jon Shamrowicz	Patrick Lukas
		Max Lundgren

ALL-VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE:

Thank you to Charm Fournier, Trish Baker and Tina Smith for all of their efforts to make the Rummage Sale the tradition it has become!

DISPOSING OF YARD MATERIALS (GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, BRANCHES)

Composting is the preferred method of disposing of yard materials. Smoke from burning leaves can affect young children and residents with asthma or other health issues, and can prevent neighbors from enjoying outdoor activities.

Residents may take grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and branches up to 4" in diameter to the City Garage at 100 Sixth Avenue, which is open year-round.

Tuesday and Thursday – 1 pm – 7 pm

Saturday – 9 am – 4 pm

There is no fee for Park Ridge residents.

Burning is allowed Tuesday thru Friday 5 pm – 9 pm and Saturday noon – 9 pm. Burning is not allowed on Sunday or Monday. Piles larger than 4'x4'x2' are prohibited. A charged hose must be on hand and the fire watched AT ALL TIMES. The fire shall be totally controllable with the water, implements and people present. Persons lighting outdoor fires shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the fires. Burning in strong winds (> 9 mph) is prohibited. Burning is not allowed on the pavement portion of Village streets. Burning anything other than yard materials is prohibited. **BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IF YOU CHOOSE TO BURN.**

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**The All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 10
Suggested hours are 8 am – 2 pm**

St. Vincent de Paul will pick up items not sold during the All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale. **Pick-ups will begin at 2 pm on Saturday, May 10.** Items should be in cardboard boxes (including clothing) and placed street-side. Keep clothing separate from housewares. Items not accepted: microwaves, TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, soiled or ripped furniture, carpet, waterbeds, plumbing fixtures, non-working or gas appliances, tires, batteries and doors. **ONLY ONE SWEEP THROUGH THE VILLAGE WILL BE MADE.**

FREE 24/7 Pharmaceutical Disposal Site – Medications can contaminate ground and surface waters if not disposed of properly. Drop them in the purple box at the County Courthouse. Leave the medications in their original container, but black out your personal information (***leave the name of the medication visible***).