

# Village of Park Ridge

**Village Hall** (Fire Dept. & Meeting Room): 24 Crestwood Drive

**Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office:** 24 Crestwood Dr., 715-343-1590

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[www.park-ridge.us](http://www.park-ridge.us)

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## April Election (April 4, 2017) – Polling Place: Village Hall

The April 4<sup>th</sup> election will be for nonpartisan offices: Village president, Village trustee (2), school board member (4), and State Superintendent, Court of Appeals Judge, District 4, and Supreme Court justice. Please know you WILL be asked for photo ID when voting.

The last day to request absentee ballots by mail is March 30<sup>th</sup>. In-person absentee voting ends on April 3.

If registering to vote on Election Day, you must have lived in Park Ridge for at least 10 days. You will be required to show an acceptable proof of residence and provide your WI driver's license number if you have one.

If you receive an absentee ballot by mail, **PLEASE** return it by Election Day so it can be counted Election Night. Any votes received after election day will NOT be counted.

## Don't Ignore Your Smoke Alarms!

Change the batteries at least once/year – perhaps when you change your clocks each spring. Smoke alarms should be installed inside and outside each bedroom, on every level, and in the basement. Interconnected smoke alarms are best: when one alarm sounds, they **all** sound. **Test smoke alarms each month.** Consider using both ionization alarms (quicker to warn about flaming fires) and photoelectric alarms (quicker to warn about smoldering fires). People who are hearing-impaired can use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Contact Fire Chief Brian Lepper at 715-347-6152 if you have any questions about smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, or home fire escape plans.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 1

Late fees begin for 2017 dog licenses

### April 4

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

### May 13

All-Village Rummage Sale  
(see p. 6 – NO St. Vincent de Paul pick-up)

### May

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

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## DOG LICENSING

If you have a dog over 5 months old, state law requires licensing. 2016 licenses expired 12/31/16. Late fees will apply to all 2017 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2017. The fine for not licensing your dog can be between \$169.00-\$263.50

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

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## **Letter from the President ~**

Dear Village Residents,

My term as your interim Village President (appointed by the Board of Trustees) will come to an end in April, because I did not make the cut of candidates nominated at the January Village Caucus. I have appreciated serving in this capacity since September.

During this time in the office, two major issues have kept my attention and yours. First has been the upcoming decision whether to upgrade the Village volunteer fire department or to turn over all fire protection service to the City of Stevens Point. Second have been the problems with the streets as a result of a stream of winter storms that offered wet slushy snow followed by deep freezes followed by rain on snow events and more snowstorms also followed by more deep freezes, and so on.

Our snowplow provider, T & C Services LLC, has struggled with equipment breakdowns at critical moments, along with trying to balance "yard protection" with the demand for wider-plowed streets. We did not even have a provider for this service until late summer / early autumn, owing to the lack of providers bidding on doing our work for us. Ted stepped in and got the contract with a reasonable bid for his work.

In the next few months, you should expect to get a direct mail piece from the Village asking for your input, your guidance, on what to do regarding our fire protection service. This will provide a better way to

make your opinion known than simply marking "Yes" or "no" on a simply-worded referendum on a ballot. Please give this a lot of thought before mailing back your replies.

Also of note is that the Village has formed a comprehensive long-range planning committee to deal with all the future concerns and issues that may arise dealing with our fire protection, streets, sewer system, zoning and other matters of concern to the village.

Thanks for allowing me to serve in this position,

Yours truly,

Bob Gifford

**Burning** is allowed Tuesday thru Friday 4 pm – 9 pm and Saturday noon – 9 pm. Burning is not allowed on Mondays. Piles larger than 4'x4'x3' 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...**

**Fire Pit/Campfire update:** Only clean wood (i.e. sawn wood) may be burned. Yard waste and constructions materials are not part of this section. Hours are noon to midnight. Fire pits (i.e. camp fires) not more than thirty-six (36") in diameter, shall be located a minimum of twenty (20') feet from any structure and/or fifteen (15') feet from any lot line (i.e. distance from edge of fire pit to either lot line and/or structure)

## BUILDING PERMITS

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

Here are some **general** guidelines:

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### **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.

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## 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 2017 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](http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org).

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## KEEPING UP APPEARANCES...

Unofficial copies of ordinances can be found on the Village website, [www.park-ridge.us](http://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.

### **WANTED: VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Chief Lepper would welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Park Ridge Fire Department. Residents are especially encouraged – contact Chief Lepper at [parkridgestation52@gmail.com](mailto:parkridgestation52@gmail.com) or 715-347-6152.

**RECYCLE**



**REUSE**

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

**715-343-6297**

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### **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](http://www.co.portage.wi.us) and click on 'County Departments', 'Solid Waste'.

### **NO Spring Brush & Branch Pick-up**

There will not be a spring brush & branch pick-up in 2017. 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.

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## SPECIAL THANK YOU!! TO:

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**2016 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:** John Kraft

**2016 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:**

Shirley Berger	Nancy LaMar
David Blado	Steve Menzel
Kathy Budelier	Christine Neidlein
Joan Dorschner	Eileen Rozumialski
Judy Cable Anderson	Bette Vogel
Bill Dunham	Beverly West
Rita Kozlowski	Carol Colby

**2016 REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Dan McFarlane  
Christine Neidlein

**PARK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

CHIEF: Brian Lepper

FIREFIGHTERS:

Ron Slicer	John Kraft	Chris Villarreal
Pete Jacoby	Jordan Auberg	David Reynolds
Collin Olsen	Anna Mancheski	Raul Zaragoza-Nava
Allan Higgins	Lucas Mathias	Harrison Graeme
Keith Plasky	Matt Bentivegna	Nathan Thompson

**DIGGERS HOTLINE LOCATING:** Mike Probst

**ALL-VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE:**

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

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**ZONING COMMITTEE & ZONING BD OF APPEALS:**

Ken Vogel, Chairperson	Tom McCarten
George Berger	Steve Menzel
	Christine Neidlein
Tom Gloudemans and Jim LaMar ( <i>ex officio</i> )	

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Randy, Busch, Chairperson	Dan Holloway
Steve Bergin	Brian Kozlowski
Kathy Budelier	

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**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

All yard material must be removed from plastic bags. There is no fee for Park Ridge residents.

**Village of Park Ridge**

Lynnette Woyak, Clerk/Treasurer  
24 Crestwood Dr.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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**Board and Staff**



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**The All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale**  
**Saturday, May 13**  
**Suggested hours are 8 am – 2 pm**