

# 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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## April Election (April 3, 2017) – Polling Place: Village Hall

The April 3rd election will be for nonpartisan offices: Village trustee (2), school board member (3), and County Executive, County Supervisor, District 10, Court of Appeals Judge, District 4, and Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1 and Branch 3. There is also a State Referendum for Elimination of State Treasurer. Please know you WILL be asked for photo ID when voting.

The last day to request absentee ballots by mail is March 29<sup>th</sup>. In-person absentee voting ends on March 29.

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 2018 dog licenses

### April 3

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

### May 12

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. 2017 licenses expired 12/31/17. Late fees will apply to all 2018 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2018. The fine for not licensing your dog can be between \$169.00-\$263.50

**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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Dear Village Residents,

Welcome to Spring! Soon the tulips and other spring flowers will be up and our beautiful gardens will start new life all over again. I am sure we all have similar feelings about springtime – that we can all hardly wait for the warmer and longer days.

A couple of areas of interest this newsletter:

One) our advisory referendum was a success. We had over 200 residents express their opinion on how to proceed with our fire protection. Now the Board must perform its due diligence in learning the financial impacts of whatever path the Board chooses. We have developed a long range plan for road improvements, and now it's time to do the same thing for future fire protection expenses.

Two) it is election time. We have had three people step up as candidates for two open Board seats. We have five trustees and just under 500 residents, which means that we have about a 1:100 ratio for Trustees to residents. The Trustees are your representation in our Village government. The three candidates are your neighbors and friends. They are:

Randy Busch  
Christine Neidlein  
Steve Menzel

If you see any of them please thank them for stepping up to run for public office. And be sure to vote on April 3rd!

Three) Many, many thanks to Gordon Renfert who has served our Village as a Board member, a committee member, and a firefighter. He has served as a Village Trustee for thirteen years. He is now stepping down and leaving large shoes for someone new. It is with deepest gratitude we say goodbye to Gordon for his work on the Board and to the Village. If you see him walking around the Village please be sure to thank him and wish him well.

Lastly) Our annual rummage sale is set for the Saturday before Mother's Day. It is a wonderful

opportunity to visit with your neighbors and reconnect with old friends. Hope to see you out and about on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Spring to all!

Sincerely,  
Trish Baker  
Village President

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**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)

**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.

## 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.

- 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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**2017 SANTA PROJECT:** Gert Neuendorf, assorted elves and Fire Department personnel who assisted Santa and Mrs. Claus on their rounds.

**CROSSING GUARD:** Lois Miller

**MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL:** John Kraft

**2017 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:**

Shirley Berger      Nancy LaMar  
David Blado        Beverly West  
Kathy Budelier    Christine Neidlein  
Bette Vogel        Bill Dunham  
Rita Kozlowski    Eileen Rozumialski

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

Steve Menzel, Chairperson  
Tom McCarten  
Bill Dunham    J.D. Manville  
Jim Sachs      Christine Neidlein  
and Randy Busch

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

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

**2018 PARK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

CHIEF:            Brian Lepper

FIREFIGHTERS:

John Kraft            Pete Jacoby            Chance Olsen  
David Reynolds      Jordan Auberg        David Reynolds  
Collin Olsen        Raul Zaragoza-Nava  
Allan Higgins        Lucas Mathias        Keith Plasky  
Matt Bentivegna    Nathan Thompson  
Stacey Coulthurst   Anna Mancheski  
Graeme Harrison   Kayla Higgins        Tyler Schech  
Malayna Polum      Kimberly Eggers      Jordon Auberg

**DIGGERS HOTLINE LOCATING:** John Kraft

**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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## Village of Park Ridge

Kathy Bemowski, Clerk/Treasurer  
24 Crestwood Dr.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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### Board and Staff

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President: Patricia Baker  
Trustees: Randy Busch  
Gordon Renfert  
Steve Bergin  
Jim Sachs  
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Bemowski  
Fire Chief: Brian Lepper  
Building  
Inspector: Jim Zepp  
Zoning  
Administrator: J.D. Manville  
Maintenance: John Kraft  
Diggers Hotline: John Kraft  
Crossing Guard: Lois Miller

**715-343-1590**



### The All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale Saturday, May 12 Suggested hours are 8 am – 2 pm

This event is a tradition in Park Ridge, attracting hundreds of deal-seekers to the Village. Traffic can get a bit congested at times, but it is a wonderful chance to get out and visit with your neighbors or find new homes for that 'stuff' you don't need anymore.

**Note: There will NOT be a special pick-up by St. Vincent de Paul this year.**