

Village of Park Ridge

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

Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office: 24 Crestwood Drive, 715-343-1590

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www.park-ridge.us

SANTA'S VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Since 1940, children in Park Ridge have visited with Santa every December. In the early years, Santa made the rounds in a horse-drawn sleigh. These days, Santa travels from house to house on one of the Village fire trucks. If you have children or grandchildren who would like a visit from Santa at your house, **contact Gert Neuendorf by Dec. 10 at 715-344-7906** – be sure to provide your name, address, phone number and the first names/ages of the children Santa will visit (we recommend Santa visit children elementary school age or younger). On December 19th make sure your house number is visible and turn on your outside lights by 5:00 p.m. so Santa can find your house.

Special thanks to the volunteers who make this event possible!

2017 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2016 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES:			
General Property Taxes	179,804	180,661	1.0%
Intergovernmental Revenues	25,848	26,100	
Licenses	1,300	1,220	
Public Charges for Services	60	0	
Cable Franchise Fees	8,000	8,000	
Interest on Investments	275	370	
TOTAL REVENUES	215,287	216,351	1.0%
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	70,464	71,898	
Public Safety	41,859	41,807	
Public Works	99,479	99,171	
Health & Human Services	1,000	1,000	
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,475	2,475	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	215,287	216,351	1.0%
General Fund Balance Jan. 1		186,871	
Total Revenues		216,351	
Total Expenditures		216,351	
General Fund Balance Dec. 31		186,871	

General Fund Balance: Designated Reserves \$46,878; Undesignated Reserves \$139,993.



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 19

Santa's Visit

January 11

Holiday Tree Re-Use (see p. 2)

January

Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 21

Spring Primary

April 1

Dog license late fees begin

April 4

Spring Election

**FIRE DEPT. LOOKING FOR A FEW
GOOD MEN OR WOMEN—**If
interested in serving on our
volunteer Fire Department, please
call Chief Lepper for further
details at (715) 347-6152.

ELECTION REMINDER:

For acceptable forms of
photo ID, please visit
<http://bringit.wi.gov/> or call
the Village Clerk (715-343-
1590).

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT...

Dear Park Ridge Residents,

Because our Village President Kathy Budelier was unable to continue in her job owing to health reasons, I was appointed by our Village Board to serve as President for the duration of her term which ends in April 2017. I hope I can succeed in carrying on the work she was doing for you and meet everyone's expectations.

Two major projects for the Village that were begun with Kathy in the President's job were the swale project to eliminate standing water on the streets, and the effort to upgrade the volunteer Fire Department's ability to do their job.

I think the swale work was accomplished in a way that satisfied almost everyone who had to put up with the digging and scraping. Now that they're planted with grass the swales look presentable and are doing the thing they were designed to do, keeping standing water off the streets. Thanks to the contractors who did the work. Big thanks also to Village Trustee Gordon Renfert for serving as a liaison with the contractors, and residents, during the swaling work.

As you will recall, in our effort to improve the Fire Department, we held a public meeting to present four different options for fire protection for Park Ridge. After listening to all the input, the Village Board is focusing on "Option 4" which was to construct a new fire dept. building that will accommodate the larger trucks now being built for fire departments over the past 15 years or so. We have been getting estimates (but not formal bids) for a building, from a number of area builders and contractors. These have had a wide range of costs to the Village.

Village President Budelier had met with Paul Adamski, President of the Pineries Bank, about a loan to the Village for \$400,000 to include both the cost of a new fire hall as well as replacements of the oldest and least serviceable trucks. Replacements would be found in the used equipment market, and refitted to our Village's needs under the guidance of former Chief Slicer. This is becoming a critical need, as current Chief Lepper has reported to me a couple of recent breakdown situations with one of the trucks.

Mr. Adamski is maintaining his exceptional interest rate terms of 2.25% locked in for seven years, and is able to offer a 20-year repayment term on such a loan. Monthly payments would be at approx. \$2025 per month or annually, \$25,000 per year on such a loan for the building and truck replacements. This is the amount that needs to be considered in doing our annual budgets.

A number of residents have also requested that Park Ridge re-visit the idea of having the City of Stevens Point Fire Department provide our fire protection coverage. At our November Board meeting we decided to have a small working group again meet with Mayor Wiza to discover what the annual costs of such a commitment, over a comparable period (comparable to having the new building and refitted used trucks). I have set a meeting with the Mayor in early December and plan to have the facts and figures to compare at the December Board meeting. We did receive one letter from the Mayor prior to the big public meeting stating that we could expect an annual cost of \$75,000 if Stevens Point provides the service. But we want to make sure we are making comparisons over the long term, so for example, comparing annual costs over 20 years of having our own fire hall and equipment versus 20 years of having Point provide fire protection. One more Fire Department related activity will be the annual Santa visit that the firefighters do. This year's visits will be on December 19th, Monday evening.

Happy Holidays, everyone!
Bob Gifford, for the Village Board

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Building Inspector –

jzepp55@charter.net

715-310-3157 (after 4 pm).

REMINDERS**Holiday Tree Re-Use –**

Drop off your tree(s) behind the Village Hall before 8 a.m. on Mon., Jan. 11. For fire safety, please do not take your tree(s) to the Village Hall before Tues., Jan. 10th. The Bill Cook Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America, in coordination with the WDNR and the SPASH Advanced Biology students, will use the trees for their annual stream improvement project. In 2017, they plan on targeting the Little Plover River.

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. Keep your cats at home. Call the Humane Society at 715-344-6012 to report stray cats and dogs.

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2017 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

You may also download the 2017 Dog License Application from the Village web site, www.park-ridge.us.

DOG	NAME OF DOG	MALE		FEMALE		COLOR	BREED
		NEUTERED	NOT NEUTERED	SPAYED	NOT SPAYED		
1							
2							
3							

If you own any dog five (5) months of age or older, state law requires that you vaccinate your pet against rabies and obtain a dog license from your municipality. Make your check payable to 'VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE'. Please include a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate with your application. ***It will be returned to you along with your new license. NO LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS PROVIDED.***

FEES: Neutered Male or Spayed Female Dog \$ 8.00
 Male or Female Dog \$18.00

OWNER'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Mail this completed form, payment, and a current rabies vaccination certificate for each dog (contact your veterinarian for replacement certificates) to:
Lynnette Woyak
Village of Park Ridge
24 Crestwood Dr.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

TAXING AUTHORITY	2015 MILL RATE	2015 LEVY	2016 MILL RATE	2016 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.798799	179,804.00	3.801173	180,661.00
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	0.856419	40,535.87	0.906844	43100.20
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.601348	407,117.30	8.52948	405,218.71
STATE	0.174188	8,244.61	0.178573	8,487.17
COUNTY	5.214210	246,797.94	5.372326	255,334.29
TOTAL	18.644964	882,499.72	18.788396	892,801.37
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.522083	72,042.93	1.498406	71,215.77
NET	17.122881	810,456.79	17.290336	821,585.60
% CHANGE (NET MILL RATE): 1.0%				
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:		47,331,800		47,527,700

Mail your tax payments to (or pay in-person):
 Portage County Treasurer
 1516 Church Street
 Stevens Point, WI 54481

Escrow Accounts/ Property Tax Payments

Property owners are responsible for escrow account payments. All personal property taxes, special charges or delinquent sewer/water bills and all real estate tax bills of \$99 or less per tax bill must be paid in full by January 31, 2017.

*First Dollar and Lottery Credits may also reduce your tax bill.

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Village of Park Ridge Fire Department

Fire Department Auxiliary

Your Village of Park Ridge Fire Department would like to start a Fire Department Auxiliary. This is your chance to give back to your community without the all of the training and dangers that come with being a firefighter. Many details need to be worked out as far as structure, but perhaps the charter group will help work through these details. Here are some ideas that the auxiliary could either support or take control of:

- Community knowledge of Fire Department activities, needs, and accomplishments
- Fund Raising
- Recruitment
- Refreshments at larger incidents
- Special Events support

If you would like further details, or have an interest, please call Chief Lepper at (715) 347-6152.

FD Help Wanted

Our roster is 6 firefighters short of being full (Village ordinance caps it at 22). We would really like to see some village residents join our ranks. Please call Chief Lepper if you are interested in further details at (715) 347-6152



October 21, 2016 PRFD staff photo

Front row, left to right: Raul Zaragoza-Nava, Captain Ronald Slicer, Chief Brian Lepper, Captain John Kraft, Anna Mancheski

Back row, left to right: Pete Jacoby, Jordan Auberg, Matt Bentivegna, Collin Olsen, Nate Thompson, David Reynolds, Graeme Harrison, Keith Plasky Jr., Allan Higgins, Lucas Mathias, Chris Villarreal.

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

**2017 Trash/Recycling
Calendar Enclosed**

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS
VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

Pursuant to Village Ordinance 8.05, Snow and Ice Removal, all sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours after snow ceases to fall. If this is not done, the Village shall remove the snow and/or sand any ice present and the cost shall be billed to the property owner. If not paid within thirty (30) days, said delinquent charge shall be included in the current or next tax roll as a special charge for current services, as provided for in Wisconsin State Statutes § 66.0907(5).

WINTER-TIME REMINDERS

1. Snow sticks are the owner's responsibility and should be placed no closer than 1' to the pavement's edge.
2. Please do not park on the street when 3" or more of snow is expected.
3. Please trim branches that may sag under the weight of snow and obstruct stop signs or pose a hazard to school buses or snowplows.
4. A sand/salt mix is available behind the Village Hall—bring a container. Free to residents.
5. Snowplow damage to mailboxes : save your receipts. T&C Services will reimburse the cost of materials ONLY. Maximum \$75.

Happy Holidays!

from

President Robert Gifford
715-344-2939
Trustee Trish Baker
715-342-6986
Trustee Gordon Renfert
715-341-8756
Trustee Randy Busch
715-544-0815
Trustee Dr. Steven Bergin
715-345-0799

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