

Village of Park Ridge

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

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

villageofparkridge@gmail.com

www.park-ridge.us



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 18 - Santa's Visit

January 11 - Holiday Tree Re-Use (see p. 2)

January - Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 20 - Spring Primary Vote on Fire Protection Advisory Referendum

April 1 - Dog license late fees begin

April 3 - Spring Election

SANTA'S VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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 18th 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!

2018 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2017 BUDGET	2018 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES:			
General Property Taxes	180,747	181,404	1.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	26,474	27,382	
Licenses	2,380	2,410	
Public Charges for Services	0	0	
Cable Franchise Fees	8,000	8,000	
Interest on Investments	1,380	1,610	
TOTAL REVENUES	218,981	220,806	1.01%

EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	72,031	72,118	
Public Safety	38,547	42,537	
Public Works	126,990	102,666	
Health & Human Services	1,000	1,000	
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,480	2,485	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	241,048	220,806	-92%

Note: \$21,147 Storm Expenses (included in 2017 Expenditures)

General Fund Balance Jan. 1	167,546
Total Revenues	220,806
Total Expenditures	220,806
General Fund Balance Dec. 31	167,546

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

NEW PARK RIDGE RESIDENTS – PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE

YOU MAY REGISTER AT

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/register tovote> OR complete WI form EL-131

ELECTION REMINDER:

For acceptable forms of photo ID, please visit <http://bringit.wi.gov/> OR call the Village Clerk at

703-343-1590.

YOU MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE

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FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT...

Dear Park Ridge Residents,

On November 8th I attended the United Way's "Life Report" presentation. Every five years the United Way puts together the "Life Report" to identify community strengths, challenges, and priorities. This year's keynote speaker was Tom Mosgaller who identified factors for a healthy community: Among them were awareness, relationships, safety, and economic stability. He emphasized the importance of being connected to your neighbors.

I agree with Tom. Knowing our neighbors is vital to having a healthy community. He challenged everyone to imagine a tic tac toe game around your house with your home being the center of the nine squares. Then see if you can name everyone in the eight squares around you. If you give this a try and find that you can name all eight of your neighbors call me at 715-342-6986 because I have a holiday treat for you! In the colder months it's easy to disconnect from our neighbors. I challenge each of you this holiday season take time to visit with your neighbors and maybe trade a plate of Christmas cookies.

Speaking of the holidays, once again Santa will be making visits to all the homes with young children the evening of December 18th. Santa's favorite elf, Gert Neuendorf, will be coordinating visits. Be sure to call her to get your children's names on the list.

Lastly, here's some important Village business – at the November 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees we voted to adopt a five-year road improvement plan. We also voted to do a traffic count, get a professional pavement rating and apply for a Road Improvement grant to help offset the cost of repaving. We then applied for that grant and on Monday, November 27th, we learned that we were awarded \$11,000 to offset those reconstruction costs. We can apply for this same grant again in 2019.

Our comprehensive planning committee recommended that Linwood Avenue be the first street to be repaved. Linwood has more cracks in the pavement than any other street in the Village. Fieldcrest and Hillcrest are next in line. We anticipate repaving, replacing the street lights, and putting in drainage swales. It is anticipated that the repaving will increase taxes approximately \$30 to \$40 on a \$100,000 home.

We also recognized that the Village is out of compliance with our assessments. The State requires we reassess every home every ten years. In 2018 B.A. Pauls will again make their way to every house in the Village.

Our 2018 budget was passed unanimously, with only about a \$700 increase in Village administration. Our total budget is \$220,806 with \$181,404 coming from property taxes. Our mill rate remains at 3.80, as it was last year. Once again, we have managed to provide services and quality of life at minimal taxation.

This holiday season I challenge you to meet your new neighbors, stay connected with your old neighbors, and treasure this wonderful little burg of Park Ridge that we all call home. I wish you and your family the very best this holiday season.

Trish Baker, President, Village of Park Ridge

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Building Inspector –

jzepp55@charter.net

715-310-3157 (after 4 pm).

Holiday Trees

The Izaak Walton League is unable to take resident's used Christmas trees in January 2018. Please check the Village website after

December 18th for instructions how to dispose of your used Christmas tree, or call Kathy at the Village Hall at 715-343-1590. The

Village website is <http://park-ridge.us> or check our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofParkRidge>

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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2018 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

You may also download the 2018 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:

Kathy Bemowski
Village of Park Ridge
24 Crestwood Dr.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

TAXING AUTHORITY	2016 MILL RATE	2016 LEVY	2017 MILL RATE	2017 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.801173	180,661.00	3.809784	181,404.00
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	0.906844	43,100.20	1.016867	48,417.42
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.52948	405,218.71	8.534188	406,357.94
STATE	0.178573	8,487.17	0	0
COUNTY	5.372326	255,334.29	5.88825	280,398.17
TOTAL	18.788396	892,801.37	19.249089	916,577.53
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.498406	71,215.77	1.655394	78,822.09
NET	17.290336	821,585.60	17.593695	837,755.44
% CHANGE (NET MILL RATE): 0.3%				
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:		47,527,700		47,517,404

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

**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, 2018.

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**2018 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. Sand/salt mixes 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 Trish Baker
715-342-6986
Trustee Jim Sachs
715-341-6972
Trustee Gordon Renfert
715-341-8756
Trustee Randy Busch
715-544-0815
Trustee Dr. Steven Bergin
715-345-0799

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