

# Village of Park Ridge

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

**Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office:** 516 Sunrise Avenue, 715-343-1590

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## April Election (April 7, 2015) – Polling Place: Village Hall

The April 7 election will be for nonpartisan offices: Village president, Village trustee (2), school board member (3), and Supreme Court justice. There will also be a statewide referendum question regarding the election of the Supreme Court chief justice. Please know you will NOT be asked for photo ID when voting.

The last day to request absentee ballots by mail is April 2. 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 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.

If you receive an absentee ballot by mail, **PLEASE** return it by Election Day so it can be counted Election Night. A special canvass meeting must be held the weekend after the election if any ballots are not returned by Election Day. This special canvass costs the Village money **and** requires that poll workers give up part of their weekends.

## 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 2015 dog licenses

### April 7

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

### May 9

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. 2014 licenses expired 12/31/14. Late fees will apply to all 2015 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2015. The fine for not licensing your dog is \$169.00.

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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...

It seems like a long time ago that I agreed to fill out the term of Mike Probst as Village President. In my mind, I thought that it would likely be a short-term job. Since I had not even finished my first term as trustee, there was quite a steep learning curve. I received a lot of advice and managed to survive. Much has happened in the Village since then.

We have used aggressive chip sealing and patching throughout the Village, and also did a complete street renewal of Sunset Boulevard north of Highway 66 to keep our streets in good shape. We improved our 8-inch sewers with a \$360,000 relining project which we financed and paid off. We completed a \$200,000 relining project for our 15-inch sewers in partnership with Stevens Point – our share was paid from Village reserves. Those reserves have been replenished despite many state-imposed, very lean budget years since. After the fire at Les' Upholstery, we improved our business district regulations to ensure that the area was rebuilt with improved water runoff, landscaping, green spaces, sidewalks and better traffic flow. Walgreens has been a welcome addition to our Village. And, of course, the almost \$5 million project on Odessa Court is fully-occupied, with 20 new homes. As the available building sites diminished in the Village, a few older homes have been replaced with newer houses. This renewal has also happened in our commercial district, with Crow Dental replacing two dilapidated office buildings. These are only a few of the many changes that have taken place in the 22 years since I took over this job. The credit is not mine. It is rightfully shared by the many Village residents who have stood up to serve the Village as trustees and have shared in the decision-making process. They deserve our thanks.

Some contributed a single term while others many more. One of them, Elmer, served forever. It was his sage counsel that I relied on when I was a rookie in this job and even more as we grew to be close friends over the years. His passing was a loss for the Village and all who knew him. I have grown to think of most of the Village residents as friends as we carried out the business of the Village on their behalf. While we dotted the "i's" and crossed the "t's" as is required in legal affairs, we/I tried to run the Village more like a family with 220 houses than as an adversarial form of government. Most of our ordinances have been enforced by a visit to talk things over rather than by official proceedings.

Let me give a special note of gratitude to Kathy Budelier. She is on the ballot for Village President in the April 7 election. Many of you know Kathy, and I trust that you will lend her your support. Her experience on the Board and her professional background will serve her well. I am sure she will do an excellent job. And I will hang around to answer any questions she might have in the transition and give her more advice than she probably will want.

So this is it. No more Village missives to write. From now on all my ramblings will be directed to my grandkids. And of course they won't read them, either. I want to thank all of you for your support over the past 22 years. It has been challenging. I have learned much more than the average junior high Social Studies teacher would ever need to know. And it has been FUN.

Tom Gloudemans  
(very proud to have been your)  
Park Ridge Village President

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## WANTED: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Village is seeking an individual to administer/enforce zoning ordinances. This is a compensated part-time position. Please contact the Village Clerk at 715-343-1590 if you are interested in learning more.

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## 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 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](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 2015. 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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**2014 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

**2014 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:**

Shirley Berger	Nancy LaMar
David Blado	Steve Menzel
Kathy Budelier	Christine Neidlein
Joan Dorschner	Eileen Rozumialski
Ruth Duda	Bette Vogel
Bill Dunham	Beverly West
Rita Kozlowski	Carol Weston

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

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

Tom Gloudemans and Jim LaMar (*ex officio*)

**2014 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	Scott Knutson	David Reynolds
Collin Olsen	Dalton Koback	Jeff Lochinger
Zach Smith	Jason Polum	Michael Weinke
Keith Plasky	Patrick Lukasz	Nathan Thompson

Matt Bentivegna

**DIGGERS HOTLINE LOCATING:** Mike Probst

**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!

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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

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.**

## Village of Park Ridge

Jeri McGinley, Clerk/Treasurer  
516 Sunrise Avenue  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

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### Board and Staff

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President: Tom Gloudemans  
Trustees: Jim LaMar  
Gordon Renfert  
Kathy Budelier  
Trish Baker  
Clerk/Treasurer: Jeri McGinley  
Fire Chief: Brian Lepper  
Building  
Inspector: Jim Zepp  
Zoning  
Administrator: -vacant-  
Maintenance: Bette Vogel  
Diggers Hotline: Mike Probst  
Crossing Guard: Lois Miller

**715-343-1590**



### The All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale Saturday, May 9 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.**

**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**).