

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 2, 2019) – Polling Place: Village Hall

The April 2nd election will be for nonpartisan offices: Village president, 2 Village trustees, school board members, Justice of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judge, District 4. **Please remember to bring a photo ID to show.**

Absentee and Early in-person voting is scheduled for March 11 – March 28. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail, online or email is March 28th.

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!

Message from your Volunteer Fire Department - 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, installation there of or home fire escape plans.

Do you want the newsletter emailed? Call 715-343-1590



**PLEASE CALL 211 TO
REPORT ANY DAMAGE
YOU HAD FROM THE
FLOODING.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1

Late fees begin for 2019 dog licenses

April 2

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

May 11

All-Village Rummage Sale,
8 am – 2 pm

May

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

SPRING LARGE ITEM AND BRANCH PICKUP

Due to the flooding in the
Village, we will have a
**large item pick up on
Thursday, March 28, 2019.**

We will also schedule a
branch pickup after all the
snow is melted. The date
will be announced via
Community Alert.

Dear Village Residents,
(Written March 18, 2019)

As I write this letter, I reflect on the last four days and all the water and damage caused to our Village by a combination of melting snow, frozen ground and rain. I hope in some way, the actions I took as Village President and the brave, selfless work done by our firefighters mitigated some of the damages. I am incredibly thankful for the Village firefighters and thankful for a great friend of our Village, David Rowe. David, as he has done many times in the past, stepped up and assisted the Village with heavy equipment, donation of sand and a location for sandbag filing and offered his knowledge of infrastructure. Furthermore, I'm so thankful for the help from various Portage County and City of Stevens Point departments, the Dewey and Stockton Fire Departments, Pro Septic, and Rent-a-Flash. Each of these entities responded with speed and were willing to assist us in most requests.

My heart goes out to everyone who sustained damage during the flood period and I hope we are out of the woods, now that the ground seems to have thawed a little. As always, if there is anything the Village can do, please reach out to me or any other trustee and we will try to accommodate.

As I look to the future, these last four days have caused me to reassess plans that need to be discussed at the Board level. Hopefully we will be able to schedule a spring large item pickup for the Village focusing on residents who need to get rid of items from flood damage. This will be dependent on our waste collector's availability, and I'm sure they are quite busy. We also need to schedule a pickup of branches in order to clean up after all the limbs which fell during the freeze earlier this winter. Please sign up for our community alert (<https://portagecountycommunityalert.bbcportal.com>) in order to be quickly notified of these pickups (also see our website), if and when they become available.

Finally, we have a lot of infrastructure discussions and projects we will be tackling. The Board is always open to constructive suggestions on ways to enhance and upgrade the Village. For anyone who has the time and the drive to volunteer with the Village, we have openings on our Fire Department, positions on committees, and are looking to start new committees as needs arise. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to the Village in the past, those who are currently serving, and those who intend to serve in the future.

Randy Busch
Village President

Burning is allowed Tuesday thru Friday 4 pm – 9 pm and Saturday noon – 9 pm. Burning is not allowed on Sundays or 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 construction 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)

Bicycle Licenses

Contact the Village Clerk for bicycle licenses.
Bicycle license cost is \$3.00 (one-time charge).

Bicycles must follow traffic laws, too!

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Village Building Inspector – jzepp@park-ridge.us or 715-310-3157 (after 4 pm).

Here are some **general** guidelines:

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.

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 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.

REMINDERS

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.

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

Almost 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.

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. Call the Humane Society at 715-344-6012 to pick up stray cats and dogs.

Dog Licensing - If you have a dog over 5 months old, state law requires licensing. 2018 licenses expired 12/31/18. Late fees will apply to all 2019 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2016. The fine for not licensing your dog is \$169.00.



Row 1 (left to right):

Lieutenant Collin Olsen, Chief Brian Lepper, Chief Ron Slicer (retired), Captain John Kraft

Row 2 (left to right)

Jedediah Haehnlein, Jordan Auberg, Keith Plasky Jr., David Reynolds, Stacy Coulthurst, Anna Mancheski, Kimberly Eggers, Matt Bentivegna, Adam Mancheski, Chance Olson, Pete Jacoby

Not pictured: Raul Zaragoza-Nava, Tyler Schech, Grant Hebblewhite, Jason Seymor, Rich Marsolek

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our Fire Department always goes above and beyond providing dedicated service to our community!

The Village does not have a Street Dept., but we always can count on our Fire Department to help when we have bad storms, excess rain, snow and wind, or downed trees. We appreciate all their efforts on our behalf. If you see our volunteer fire fighters out and about, please take time to thank them for their services.

Thanks also to our Village President, Randy Busch, for all his time invested during this recent flood.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF

Clerk/Treasurer: kbemowski@park-ridge.us

Village President: rbusch@park-ridge.us

Village Trustees: bdunham@park-ridge.us
jsachs@park-ridge.us; cfournier@park-ridge.us;
sbergin@park-ridge.us

Village Fire Department: parkridgefd52@park-ridge.us

Village Building Inspector: jzepp@park-ridge.us

Village Zoning Administrator: jmanville@park-ridge.us

Village Maintenance: jkraft@park-ridge.us



RECYCLE/REUSE

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

715-343-6297

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 and click on 'County Departments', 'Solid Waste'.

Residential, Commercial and Construction/Demolition = \$62.00 per ton.

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.

HELP WANTED: POLL WORKERS, COMMITTEE MEMBER or BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS

Please serve your Village by volunteering your time to be a poll worker and/or become a committee member. Please contact the clerk at 715-343-1590 or kbemowski@park-ridge.us

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

2018 SANTA PROJECT: Gert Neuendorf, assorted elves and Fire Department personnel who assisted Santa And Mrs. Claus on their rounds. Gert does all the shopping, preparing goody bags and repairs/washes all the clothes for Santa.

ALL-VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE: Thank you to Charm Fournier and Joan Dorschner for all of their efforts to make the Rummage Sale the tradition it has become!

CROSSING GUARD: Lois Miller

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL DIGGERS HOTLINE LOCATING: John Kraft

2018 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:

Shirley Berger	Nancy LaMar
David Blado	Beverly West
Kathy Budelier	Christine Neidlein
Bette Vogel	Bill Dunham
Rita Kozlowski	Charm Fournier
Joan Dorschner	

ZONING COMMITTEE & ZONING BD OF APPEALS:

Steve Menzel, Chairperson	
Tom McCarten	
Bill Dunham	Judy Cable Anderson
Jim Sachs	Christine Neidlein

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

Board and Staff

President:	Randy Busch
Trustees:	Bill Dunham
	Charm Fournier
	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



The All Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale Saturday, May 11 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: The Community Thrift Store will pick up unsold items left at the curb.