

Village of Park Ridge

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

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

Village Clerk Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Village Clerk Contact Info: kbemowski@park-ridge.us

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A LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Dear Park Ridge Residents:

Of the villages in the State of Wisconsin, we are one of the smallest. Nonetheless, we have to meet the State's statutory compliance requirements as they apply to all villages. The office of Village Clerk is critical in fulfilling this as well as other responsibilities. The Village Clerk is the face and voice of the village.

Historically Park Ridge has had the good fortune over the years to have this office occupied by very dedicated and highly competent individuals. More recently, however, we experienced a transition period during which the business of the Village at times was not completed.

Over the past two years, the office of Village Clerk has once again become a high functioning entity. For those new residents and stationary residents that are unaware, Kathy Bemowski has assumed the role of Park Ridge Village Clerk. She came to us with impressive credentials including a background in accounting. She is dedicated and motivated to be the best at what she does! She brought back organization to the Village. She is available at the Village Hall Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. While we encourage residents to be active and engaged in the business of the Village, we would ask you to be respectful of her time. Also, when registering a complaint, please be civil.

In closing, the Village needs to acknowledge our immediate past president, Randy Busch, for his years of dedicated service to the Village. We wish him well in his new endeavor!

Until next time and on behalf of the Village Board – regards,
Steve Bergin
Village President



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19

Large item pick-up (see p. 2)

November 1

Deadline for moving recreational vehicles

**THE LINWOOD AVE
PROJECT –
REPAVING IS
POSTPONED UNTIL
SPRING OF 2020.**

THE VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please contribute to your community by joining one of the many Village committees:

Comprehensive Planning
Committee
Zoning Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals
Ordinance Committee
Disaster Committee
Fire Department Auxiliary

Please contact the Village Clerk or any Village Board Member. Please see the Village website or the back page for contact information. Thank you to all the current Committee members.

REMINDER

Fall is the time for raking leaves and yard clean-up. While Village Ordinances allow for the burning of leaves & other yard waste, we do not encourage it. Please see below for burning regulations and composting information on burning and disposing of yard materials. **The City yard waste site is located at Bukolt Park. Please visit the website for a list of hours. <https://stevenspoint.com/368/Drop-Off>**

Fall Leaf Composting & Mulching Recommended

Fall is almost here and we'll soon be raking leaves! The Portage County Solid Waste Department discourages people from burning leaves because it pollutes the air, causing potential health hazards for the elderly, very young, and people with asthma. Composting and mulching are healthy alternatives. If you decide to burn leaves, the leaves MUST BE COMPLETELY DRY.

Park Ridge Burning Regulations:

AUTHORITY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT: Per Village Ordinance, the Fire Chief, Fire Inspector, any appointed Fire Officer, or Law Enforcement Officer may order and/or cause to be extinguished any fire that may, in their singular opinion, be threatening the safety of persons or property in the Village. Non-compliance with regulations or orders of Fire Department Official may result in a citation.

BURNING HOURS: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SIZE OF PILES: Piles larger than 4'x4'x3' is prohibited.

FIRE LOCATION: No burning shall take place in any street right-of-way. Approved burning shall take place 30' or more from any structure, flammable liquid, or other material which constitutes a potential fire hazard.

WIND REGULATIONS: No burning shall take place when the wind velocity exceeds 9 M.P.H. as indicated by a credible source or during periods when either the Village Fire Chief or the Department of Natural Resources has issued a burning ban.

FIRE PREVENTION: ALL fires must be attended at all times, by a responsible person equipped with either an operable garden hose or fire extinguisher. ALL FIRES MUST BE extinguished before such a person leaves the site. Fully extinguished means no heat can be felt emitting from the remains of the fire.

Fire Pit / Camp Fire Regulations

MATERIALS FOR BURNING: Only clean wood (i.e. sawn wood) may be burned. Yard waste and construction materials are not part of this section.

BURNING HOURS: NOON to MIDNIGHT

SIZE & LOCATION: 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).

WIND REGULATIONS: No burning shall take place when the wind velocity exceeds 9 M.P.H. as indicated by a credible source or during periods when either the Village Fire Chief or the Department of Natural Resources has issued a burning ban.

FIRE PREVENTION: All firepits (i.e. campfires) shall be encircled with non-flammable material (i.e. bricks, stone, metal, etc.). All fires must be attended at all times, by a responsible person equipped with either an operable garden hose or fire extinguisher. All fires must be extinguished by MIDNIGHT or when left unattended. This means no heat can be felt emitting from the fire area.

'LARGE ITEM PICK-UP' SEPTEMBER 19

This is the time for you to clean out the basement and garage, and dispose of those **non-recyclable** items such as furniture, carpeting, mattresses, box springs, etc. **All items to be picked up must be placed at the end of the driveway or street-side by 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19th.** No appliances, building/demolition materials, electronics, tires or toxic materials (paint thinners, pesticides, fertilizers, insecticides, etc.) will be picked up. There will be only one "run" by Harter's through the Village, so items put out later in the day will not be picked up. Don't miss it – this opportunity to dispose of non-recyclable items which would normally require a special pick-up is offered only once/year!!
Harters: 715-253-2619

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! 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 before 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'.

SAVE A TREE/SAVE A STAMP – Please contact the clerk to receive the newsletter by email

2020 ELECTIONS

The year 2020 will be a big year for elections. Our long-time Chief Election Inspector, Kathy Budelier is leaving the Village. We would like to thank Kathy for all the years she ran the Village Elections. Kathy put in some long days to make sure the Village Elections ran smoothly. As a result of Kathy moving from the Village, we need to find a replacement(s). The position will be divided into 2 eight-hour sessions: 6:00 am – 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 10:00 or closing. The hourly rate will be \$13.50. Please contact the Village Clerk for more information, if you are interested in the Chief Election Inspector position. The Village is also looking for more poll workers.

From your Fire Chief –Effective July 1, 2019, the Village of Park Ridge Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross and will install a limited number of smoke alarms for those who cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or for those who are physically unable to install a smoke alarm. This will be done at no cost to the residents of Park Ridge. The American Red Cross does require a waiver to be signed by the resident. We currently have a small inventory and can begin to install these in your home at any time. These detectors have a 10-year battery that never needs replacing, making them advantageous to those who find changing batteries every 6 months a challenge. Park Ridge Fire Lieutenant Collin Olsen is managing this program for the Park Ridge FD. To request a smoke alarm or alarms, you may contact Lt. Olsen at (715) 570-9504 or olsencollin@gmail.com. Lt. Olsen can also answer any questions you may have about the program. You may also make a request through the American Red Cross at www.getasmokealarm.org.

In the event of a fire in your home, a working smoke detector is the number one life-saver to alert you in time to escape. Did you also know that smoke detectors expire? 10-years is the maximum life expectancy of a smoke detector.

Your fire department is always striving to improve our services. Always feel free to contact us regarding any fire safety question you may have, about smoke detectors or anything else we may be able to help you with.

If you are interested in joining the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Chief Brian Lepper at parkridgefd52@park-ridge.us

School started September 3rd – The Village crossing guard is on duty 30 minutes before and after school at the Sunset/66 intersection. Please slow down when you see the yellow school crossing signs and watch for children. Stevens Point Elementary Schools will begin the day at 8:45 am and end at 3:35 pm for the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you to our Crossing Guard, LoisJean Miller for watching over our children.

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**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ALERT at
<https://portagecountycommunityalert.bbcportal.com> OR
email the Village Clerk.**

Community Alert is a means for the Village Board or Clerk to contact the Village residents regarding announcements, emergencies, etc.

**The next Village newsletter will be out after Thanksgiving.
Here are some 'snow' reminders:**

Snow Sticks – While snow sticks can help guide snowplows when the first snows fall, they should be placed at a minimum of one foot from the pavement. The Village and snowplow operator will not be held liable for any broken snow sticks.

Parking – When two or more inches of snow is predicted, please do not park on the street.

Driveways – Please do not push snow from your driveway into the street.

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