

# Winter 2019 Newsletter

# Village of Park Ridge

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## SANTA'S VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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. 6 at 715-344-7906 or [gneuendorf@park-ridge.us](mailto:gneuendorf@park-ridge.us)**. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 2020 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2019 BUDGET	2019 ANTICIPATED ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET	INCREASE/DECREASE
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
General Property Taxes	182,412	182,423	184,450	2,038
Intergovernmental Revenues	27,714	27,791	28,919	1,205
Licenses	1,510	1,907	1,870	360
Public Charges for Services	100	75	100	0
Cable Franchise Fees	8,700	8,534	8,700	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,200	13,477	3,260	60
Resolutions		41,900		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>223,637</b>	<b>276,031</b>	<b>227,299</b>	<b>3,663</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
General Government	72,115	76,263	80,500	8,387
Public Safety	49,728	58,918	50,890	1,162
Public Works	98,410	107,676	92,334	(6,076)
Health & Human Services	900	1,070	1,100	200
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,485	2,485	2,475	(10)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>223,637</b>	<b>246,412</b>	<b>227,299</b>	<b>3,663</b>
General Fund Balance	206,369		196,636	
Total Revenues	223,637	234,210	227,299	
Total Expenditures	223,637	246,486	227,299	
Anticipated GF Balance 12/31/2019		196,636		
Anticipated GF Balance 1/1/2020			226,255	

General Fund Balance: Designated Reserves \$32,128; Undesignated Reserves \$164,508

## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 16 - Santa's Visit

January - Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 18 - Spring Primary

April 1 - Dog license late fees begin

April 7 - Spring Election

May 9 - Village Rummage Sale

## PLEASE HELP THE VILLAGE

We need to hire another Chief Election Inspector for 2020, so we can split the responsibility between 2 Chiefs (8-hour shifts).

**PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE CLERK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

## JANUARY VILLAGE CAUCUS

**Please consider serving on the Village Board.**

Contact the Village Clerk at 715-343-1590 or email [kbemowski@park-ridge.us](mailto:kbemowski@park-ridge.us) if you are interested in receiving a copy of the caucus procedures. The caucus date will be posted on the website when it is determined.

**The incumbents for 2020 are:**

**Trustee – Bill Dunham**

**Trustee – Charm Fournier**

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**Dear Park Ridge Residents,**

The Holidays are rapidly approaching and a new year is in sight! This past year will undoubtedly be remembered as “The Year of the Great Flood”. The Village survived the ordeal due to the heroic actions of our immediate Past President and our ever-present volunteer Park Ridge Fire Department. The leadership displayed by our Fire Chief, Brian Lepper, and his staff needs to be recognized formally. Their actions are in keeping with their response to other recent weather-related natural disasters within the Village. The cost incurred by the Village was not insignificant and could have easily depleted our reserve funds. However, through the efforts of our Fire Chief and Village Clerk this cost was mitigated in its entirety with the reimbursement received from the State’s Emergency Disaster Fund. A BIG THANK YOU to both for their commitment to the Village. The Village should take note of the recent Wisconsin Legislative Commendation presented to our Chief in recognition of this dedication to providing quality emergency services for our Village.

Looking ahead, the 2020 Census will soon be started. We urge every resident to complete their packet when received as the data collected impacts the distribution of Federal Tax Dollars and our State’s representation in Congress. By complying with this request for information, it will decrease the work our Clerk will be tasked with!

The Board of Trustees wishes you and your families a safe and happy holiday season!!!

Steve Bergin, Village President

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**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

For the Winter we would like to focus on some reminders. In the Summer/Fall 2019 Newsletter, our Village Burning Regulations were shared. The fire department responded to an above average number of burning complaints this fall. Burning outside of permitted hours, and even one case of suspected “non-allowed” materials, were the issues. These regulations are written, and enforced with the safety of everyone in mind.

Also, in the Summer/Fall 2019 Newsletter was the announcement of our partnership with the American Red Cross for the free installation of smoke detectors and a home safety check. To date we have had a few detector installs completed in the Village. To request a smoke alarm or alarms, you may contact Lt. Olsen at 715-570-9504 or [olsencollin@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.getasmokealarm.org).

Finally, the holiday season is upon us. Be mindful of over-loaded extension cords, keeping live trees watered, candles, clean chimneys, vents cleared of snow, portable heaters, and all the other hazards that come with the season. As always, please feel very free to contact your fire department with questions. Contact Chief Lepper at (715) 347-6152, or office voice mail at (715) 344-2134, or email at [parkridgefd52@park-ridge.us](mailto:parkridgefd52@park-ridge.us). Happy Holidays!

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**THE VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE BOARD  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO  
DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO THE VILLAGE**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

Lee Bendtsen, Chairperson  
Thom Patton, Recording Secretary  
Dan Holloway  
Gordon Renfert  
Christine Neidlein

**ZONING COMMITTEE**

Steve Menzel, Chairperson  
Judy Cable Anderson  
Christine Neidlein  
Tom McCarten

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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



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**THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE  
CLOSED THE WEEK OF  
THANKSGIVING AND THE WEEK  
OF CHRISTMAS**

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**SNOW STICKS**

**You can put out snow sticks but  
please be conscious of the  
Village’s right of way.  
Snowplowing in the Village is  
challenging due to the condition  
of our roads and the limited  
space to pile the snow.**

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**Are you interested in joining the Village of Park Ridge Volunteer  
Fire Department? Please contact Chief Lepper at (715) 344-2134**

## 2020 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> each year)

2020 LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2019

*You may also download the 2020 Dog License Application from the Village website, [www.park-ridge.us](http://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/cat 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                   \$15.00  
 Male or Female Dog   \$25.00  
 Late Fee (after 3/31/20)   \$ 5.00

**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	2019 MILL RATE	2019 LEVY	2020 MILL RATE	2020 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.434536	182,412.00	3.4672432	184,440.00
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	0.933688	49,589.19	0.9897079	52,647.51
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.175423	434,205.72	9.1323245	485,794.00
STATE	0	0	0	0
COUNTY	5.233527	277,958.35	5.4586251	290,371.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.777174</b>	<b>944,165.26</b>	<b>19.047901</b>	<b>1,013,253.07</b>
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.468487	77,992.95	1.4852138	79,005.95
<b>NET</b>	<b>16.308687</b>	<b>866,172.31</b>	<b>17.562687</b>	<b>934,247.12</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:</b>		<b>53,111,100</b>		<b>53,195,000</b>

\*2020 First Dollar Credit is \$61.38 and the Lottery Credit is \$170.32

**Mail your tax payments or pay in-person:**  
 Portage County Treasurer  
 1516 Church Street  
 Stevens Point, WI 54481  
 Phone: (715) 346-1346

You may also pay your taxes at the Portage County website.  
<https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departments/treasurer-s-office-home-page>  
 Credit Card payment fee is 2.39% or you may pay via electronic check for \$1.50.  
**Pineries Bank will accept tax payment in 2020!**

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Kathy Bemowski  
Clerk/Treasurer  
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## 2020 Trash/Recycling Calendar Enclosed Newsletter & Calendar on Website, too

### 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 2" 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 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 Dr. Steven Bergin  
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Trustee Gert Neuendorf  
715-344-7906  
Trustee Bill Dunham  
312-318-6762  
Trustee Charm Fournier  
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