

Winter 2020 Newsletter

Village of Park Ridge

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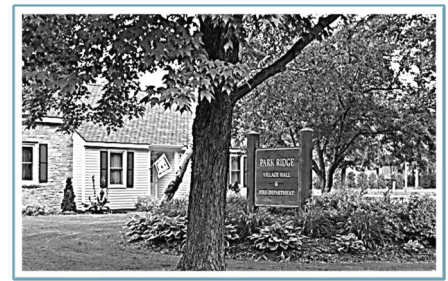
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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8 – Village Recall Election

December 14 - Santa's Visit

January 18 - Village Caucus

February 16 - Spring Primary

April 1 - Dog license late fees begin

April 6 - Spring Election

May 8 – Village Rummage Sale (tentative based on COVID restrictions)

VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE RECALL ELECTION

DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM. PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND BRING YOUR PHOTO ID. MAIL ABSENTEE VOTING STARTED NOVEMBER 17 AND EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING STARTS NOVEMBER 24, 2020.

2021 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2020 BUDGET	2020 ANTICIPATED ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	INCREASE/ DECREASE
REVENUES:				
General Property Taxes	184,440	184,440	186,776	2,326
Intergovernmental Revenues	29,420	44,572	41,128	11,708
Licenses	1,870	2,268	2,110	240
Public Charges for Services	110	60	50	-50
Cable Franchise Fees	8,200	8,200	8,000	-200
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,260	3,218	1,420	-1,840
TOTAL REVENUES	227,300	242,758	239,484	12,184
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	80,500	121,724	86,044	5,544
Public Safety	50,890	53,419	50,890	0
Public Works	92,335	103,608	101,500	9,165
Health & Human Services	1,100	1,023	1,050	-50
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,475	2,475	0	-2,475
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	227,300	282,249	239,484	12,184
General Fund Balance 1/1/2020	201,235			
Total Revenues	227,300	242,758	239,484	
Total Expenditures	227,300	282,249	239,484	
Anticipated GF Balance 1/1/2021			144,777	

General Fund Balance: Designated Reserves \$27,524; Undesignated Reserves \$118,205

PLEASE HELP PAY FOR THE NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS MOUNTED ON THE LIGHT POLES ON PARK RIDGE DRIVE. PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

JANUARY VILLAGE CAUCUS

Contact the Village Clerk at 715-343-1590 or email clerk@park-ridge.us if you are interested in receiving a copy of the caucus procedures. The caucus will be scheduled for January 18, 2021.

The incumbents for 2021 are currently:

President – Steven Bergin

Trustee – Gert Neuendorf

Trustee – Brian Kozlowski

The incumbents may change – after the Recall Election is certified

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SANTA'S VISIT 80 YEARS AND COUNTING 2020 VISIT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Park Ridge Santa visit this year must be different because of the Covid pandemic which is so prevalent in our State of Wisconsin and Portage County.

Santa will arrive at homes via fire truck, with lights and the siren sounding. However, children are asked to stay inside their homes, greeting Santa through the front door or through closed windows. There will be no interior visits by Santa. He will leave a package for each child on the porch which the children can retrieve as Santa goes on down his route.

If you wish Santa to come by your home on December 14th, please contact Chief Elf Gert Neuendorf by December 7th so she can make the necessary preparations. We realize that some of you are grandparents who have children visit you especially for Santa's visit and you may not wish to have them come this year. We understand your concern. We'll hope that Christmas 2021 brings us back to "normal" and Santa can visit them once again.

Chief Elf Gert Neuendorf – 715.344.7906

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Village Residents,

The Village of Park Ridge is still looking for a new maintenance person. The maintenance person is responsible for cleaning the Village Hall on a weekly basis, cutting the grass in summer and shoveling the entrance and exit to the Village Hall. Periodically, there are special projects that are requested of the maintenance person. Please contact the Village Clerk for more information or if you are interested in the position. This position would be great for a retired person or a student.

THE VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR POLL WORKERS, CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR, TABULATORS, GREETERS WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO THE VILLAGE FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS. DUE TO COVID, THE ELECTIONS WERE MORE CHALLENGING THIS YEAR.

Meg Eler
Rita Kozlowski
Bill Dunham
Bette Vogel
Nancy LaMar
Trish Baker
David Blado
Gert Neuendorf
Christine Neidlein
Charm Fournier
Shirley Berger
Sue Bergin
Kathryn Blakeman
Angus Blakeman
Rachel Ley



**THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE
CLOSED 11/26/20 -11/29/20,
12/24/20 - 12/27/20 and
12/31/20 – 1/3/21 FOR THE
HOLIDAYS (THANKSGIVING,
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS)**

DOGS & CATS

Please clean up after your dogs.
Do not leave dog droppings in
your neighbor's yard.

Please do not allow your cats to
room the Village. The leash law
applies to cats, too.

2021 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

2021 LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2020

You may also download the 2021 Dog License Application from the Village website, 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 3/31/21) \$ 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:

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

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

TAXING AUTHORITY	2020 MILL RATE	2020 LEVY	2021 MILL RATE	2021 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.4672432	184,440	3.4700088	186,776
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	0.9897079	52,648	1.0197853	54,891
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	9.1323245	485,794	8.8313145	475,353
SCHOOL REFERENDUM	.0931513	49,551	.09571347	51,519
COUNTY	5.4586251	290,371	5.6011556	301,487
COUNTY REFERENDUM	.0157016	8,352	.02413547	12,991
TOTAL	19.156754	1,071,156	19.042113	1,083,017
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.4852138	79,006	1.5266697	82,174
NET	17.671539	992,150	17.515443	1,000,843
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:		53,195,000		53,825,800

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 also accept tax payments.

*2020 First Dollar Credit is \$58.10 and the Lottery Credit is \$142.38

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VILLAGE RESIDENTS:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU HAVE YOUR WELL WATER TESTED. HIGH LEVELS OF NITRATE IN DRINKING WATER CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH, ESPECIALLY FOR INFANTS AND PREGNANT WOMEN.

PLEASE VISIT: UWSP WATER TESTING

PHONE: 715.346.3209

EMAIL: weal@uwsp.edu

Nitrate and Drinking Water from Private Wells

What is nitrate?

Nitrate is a compound that is formed naturally when nitrogen combines with oxygen or ozone. Nitrogen is essential for all living things, but high levels of nitrate in drinking water can be dangerous to health, especially for infants and pregnant women. Nitrates are also made in large amounts by plants and animals, and are released in smoke and industrial or automotive exhaust. For more information about nitrate illness and treatment, please visit CDC-ATSDR's [nitrates and nitrites](#) page.

Where and how does nitrate get into drinking water?

Nitrate can occur naturally in surface and groundwater at a level that does not generally cause health problems. High levels of nitrate in well water often result from improper well construction, well location, overuse of chemical fertilizers, or improper disposal of human and animal waste. Sources of nitrate that can enter your well include fertilizers, septic systems, animal feedlots, industrial waste, and food processing waste. Wells may be more vulnerable to such contamination after flooding, particularly if the wells are shallow, have been dug or bored, or have been submerged by floodwater for long periods of time.

How can I find out whether there is nitrate in my drinking water?

If you suspect a problem and your drinking water comes from a private well, you may contact your [state certification officer](#)^{External} for a list of laboratories in your area that will perform tests on drinking water for a fee.

How do I remove nitrate from my drinking water?

Nitrate may be successfully removed from water using treatment processes such as ion exchange, distillation, and reverse osmosis. Contact your local health department for recommended procedures. Heating or boiling your water will not remove nitrate. Because some of the water will evaporate during the boiling process, the nitrate levels of water can actually increase slightly in concentration if the water is boiled. Mechanical filters or chemical disinfection, such as chlorination, DO NOT remove nitrate from water.

Remember to have your [well water tested regularly](#), at least once a year, after installing a treatment system to make sure the problem is controlled.

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

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**2021 Trash/Recycling Calendar Enclosed
Newsletter & Calendar on Website**

**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
920-400-9246

Trustee Gert Neuendorf
715-344-7906

Trustee Bill Dunham
312-318-6762

Trustee Charm Fournier
715-344-2396

Trustee Brian Kozlowski
715-344-5616

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