

Village of Park Ridge

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

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

Clerk/Treasurer's Hours: Mon & Wed 9-1 pm; Tues & Thurs 1-5 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16

Open Book Session 3:30-5:30 pm

Board of Review 5:30-7:30 pm

Letter from the President...

Hello Neighbors,

It looks like spring may actually be here to stay for a while, and it's nice to see folks venturing out into our lovely community. It's a good time to re-connect with neighbors we've been greeting with a wave for the last few months as we dash indoors from the cold. It's also a good time to remind each other to drive carefully in the Village, as our streets fill up with walkers, dogs, bicyclists and playing kids – just one of the things that make Park Ridge "A Good Place to Live!"

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge two people who have supported the Village in very important ways. Jim Lamar has stepped off of the Board after serving as trustee for 16 years. Jim has given excellent counsel and quietly stepped in whenever he saw a need he could address. Jeri McGinley has moved on after serving the Village as Clerk/Treasurer for the last 10 years. Thank you, Jim and Jeri, for your dedicated service. We're glad you're staying in the Village and wish you well in all your new endeavors!

Thanks to all who came to the Public Hearing in March and the special Board meeting in April to learn about our Fire Department plans. Your input was important and greatly appreciated. As a result, we've narrowed our focus to 2 options – either replacing Engine 1 and converting our old Engine 1 to a Hose Wagon (using our current building), or building a new station and then replacing some of our equipment by taking advantage of the used fire truck market. We are gathering more information on each of these options and hope to be able to move ahead on upgrading our Fire Department equipment in the near future. Please feel free to call with questions or comments – it's not too late to let us know what you think. Remember, your board is here to serve you and we're only a phone call away!

DOG LICENSING

If you have a dog over 5 months old, state law requires licensing. 2015 licenses expired 12/31/15. Late fees will apply to all 2016 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2016. The fine for not licensing your dog is \$169.00.

April 1

Late fees began for 2016 dog licenses

Let the Village Clerk know if you would like this newsletter emailed to you. Help us save on printing and postage costs!

Letter from the President continued...

Finally, I'd like you to join me in welcoming our new Clerk/Treasurer, Lynnette Woyak, to the Village. Lynnette lives in Stevens Point, but works out of the new Clerk's office in the Village Hall. She'll have regular office hours and will be a wonderful addition and asset to Park Ridge. Please feel free to stop in during office hours and say "hi".

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

Kathy Budelier, Village President

Mark your calendars! On May 14 the Fire Department is hosting it's first-ever fundraiser. We are doing a 5K run/walk starting and ending at the fire department. The 5K starts at 10 am and costs \$22.09. Registration and other details can be found on the FD Facebook page: "Park Ridge Fire Department (Wisconsin)". We need the "Wisconsin", because there is a Park Ridge in Illinois also. You will also find other FD related information of the Facebook page; visit often!

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Since 1948 the Village of Park Ridge has had a fire department. As you know, both from the letter all residents received and the local stories published in the newspapers, a lot is going on with the Fire Department. I have learned some residents do not understand how your fire department operates. Below are some facts I would like to share.

Your fire department staff are 'volunteers'; like roughly 80% of all fire departments across the country. While there is a very small point system that pays an annual stipend, the Village is not the primary employer of our firefighters. The fire department does not employ any full time staff.

This means the fire department is not regularly staffed. We all carry pagers that alert us to both emergency and non-emergency calls and we respond accordingly. All emergency calls need to go through 911. If you have a need that is not an emergency, but is urgent in nature a call needs to be made to the Portage County Communications Center, at (715) 346-1400. A professional communications technician will field your call, listen to your concerns, and page us if needed. If you are not sure if you should call or not, please make the call and let us, or the communications technician, help you.

The Village of Park Ridge Fire Department has a non-emergency phone number of (715) 344-2134. The chances of a firefighter answering the phone are slim, but there is a voice message system. Please understand it could be a day or more before we

Tame the Flame 5k

When: Saturday, May 14th at 10 a.m.

Where: Start at Park Ridge Fire Department

Cost: \$22.09

Register at:

[eventbrite.com/e/tame-the-flame-park-ridge-fire-department-5k-fun-run-and-walk-tickets-22425861355](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tame-the-flame-park-ridge-fire-department-5k-fun-run-and-walk-tickets-22425861355)

For more information email Chris at chrisvillarreal13@yahoo.com

get to your message. Residents can also call me directly at (715) 347-6152. The names and phone numbers of our two Captains can also be found on the Village's web page, using the fire department link.

I hope this clears up a bit of how we operate. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

~Chief Lepper

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Village Building Inspector - jzepp55@charter.net 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.

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.

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 2016 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.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES...

Unofficial copies of ordinances can be found on the Village website, www.park-ridge.us. Official copies can be obtained from the Village Clerk.

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| 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 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

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'.

NO Spring Brush & Branch Pick-up

There will not be a spring brush & branch pick-up in 2016. 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.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!! TO:

2015 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: John Kraft

2015 ELECTION OFFICIALS & TABULATORS:

Shirley Berger	Rita Kozlowski
David Blado	Jeri McGinley
Ruth Duda	Christine Neidlein
Bill Dunham	Beverly West

2015 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	David Reynolds	Collin Olsen
Jeff Lochinger	Jason Polum	Nathan Thompson
Keith Plasky, Jr	Jordan Auberg	Matt Bentivegna
Kenny Musial	Anna Mancheski	Breanna Glodowski

ZONING COMMITTEE & ZONING BD OF APPEALS

Ken Vogel, Chairperson	Tom McCarten
George Berger	Steve Menzel
Christine Neidlein	
Kathy Budelier and Jim LaMar (<i>ex officio</i>)	

Alternates:

Judy Anderson & Tom Gloudemans

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!

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.**

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Board and Staff

President: Kathy Budelier
Trustees: Randy Busch
Gordon Renfert
Trish Baker
Robert Gifford
Clerk/Treasurer: Lynnette Woyak
Fire Chief: Brian Lepper
Building
Inspector: Jim Zepp
Zoning
Administrator: J.D. Manville
Maintenance: John Kraft
Diggers Hotline: Mike Probst
Crossing Guard: Lois Miller

715-343-1590



*****OFFICE HOURS*****

The Clerk/Treasurer has the following office hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please feel free to stop by, I'd love to meet you!
Lynnette Woyak

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**).