

Village of Park Ridge

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17

Large item pick-up (see p. 2)

November 1

Deadline for moving recreational vehicles (see p. 2)

Looking for volunteer opportunities or part-time work, but don't want to leave the Village? We need you! Check the "Help Wanted" section on p. 3.

Fall is the time for raking leaves and yard clean-up before the snow flies. Please see p. 2 for information on burning and disposing of yard materials.

School started September 1. 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!

JUNE 27TH PARK RIDGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE FUN FOR ALL AGES!

VILLAGE THANKS TOM GLOUDEMANS FOR HIS SERVICE

The weather was perfect for outdoor activities on June 27, and scores turned out for an old-fashioned ice cream social on the Village Hall lawn hosted by the Village and our volunteer fire department. Volunteers served up ice cream, beverages and cookies, and firefighters provided attendees with a close-up view of the fire department and firefighting equipment. The day's activities provided the ideal setting for thanking one of Park Ridge's longest-serving elected officials and volunteers.

Village President Kathy Budelier presented an engraved clock to Tom Gloudemans in appreciation for his 20+ years of service on the Village Board (as trustee and president) and his many years of service as a volunteer firefighter. Gloudemans noted, "I will have fond memories of my times working for the Village in the fire department and on the Board. The Village has come a long way and I deserve only a small part of the credit, since there was always a team of people which I had the privilege to lead. And I am sure that the Village is in good hands as Kathy is at the helm with an excellent team to carry on the traditions. People invest their time and talents to make things work in the Village, and this tradition is why Park Ridge is such a nice place to live."

Tom is still taking an active interest in the Village, but now he has more time to enjoy his retirement and grandchildren. In thanking Gloudemans on June 27, Budelier summed up the feelings of everyone present by saying, "We all wish Tom the very best."

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 healthful alternatives.

If you decide to burn leaves, the leaves MUST BE COMPLETELY DRY. A smoking fire means wet leaves and branches, and the smoke can be a nuisance and/or health hazard for your next door neighbor.

Be respectful of your neighbors – burn only COMPLETELY DRY YARD MATERIALS.

BURNING IS ALLOWED:

TUES – FRI: 5-9 p.m. SAT: Noon-9 p.m.

BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

Do not burn when winds are over 9 MPH. Do not burn on street surfaces.

Piles larger than 4 feet by 4 feet by 2 feet are prohibited. The fire load shall be controllable with the water, implements and personnel on hand. Persons utilizing and maintaining outdoor fires shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the fires. Keep a charged hose on hand at all times while the fire is burning.

If composting and mulching are not options for you, **you can take your yard materials (no fees) to the City Garage**, 100 Sixth Avenue, which is open year-round (except for holidays) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The City will accept grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, and branches up to 4 inches in diameter with no set length. All yard materials must be removed from plastic bags. A container is available for disposing of plastic bags. **THE CITY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RECYCLABLES FROM VILLAGE RESIDENTS.**

FALL 'LARGE ITEM PICK-UP' DAY SEPTEMBER 17

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. 17.** **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!!

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Building Inspector –

jzepp55@charter.net

715-310-3157 (after 4 pm)

REMINDERS

Recreational Vehicles:

Residents with recreational vehicles (including boats, canoes, boat and utility trailers, motor homes, campers, personal water vehicles and kayaks) are reminded that these vehicles are not to be stored on any street right-of-way, or within the front setback including the driveway, or in a side yard if the side yard borders a street, from November 1 through March 31. [Ordinance 10.06, 'Junk, Certain Vehicles and Firewood'].

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 been numerous complaints 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.

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

HELP WANTED

The Village's annual budget is approximately **\$210,000** – which is pretty amazing considering these dollars pay for the Village's day-to-day operations, staff, elections, crossing guard, building inspections, insurance, assessment services, Village Hall maintenance, fire department, trash/recycling collection, snowplowing, street repair, street lights, and much more!

- **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS:** *Our volunteer fire department helps us keep our costs down while providing trained firefighters to protect our homes and lives. We are in need of more residents who are interested in joining our department:*
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. Contact Chief Lepper at parkridgestation52@gmail.com or 715-347-6152.
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** *Our zoning ordinances protect the appearance of our village and the values of our homes. Our part-time zoning administrator helps ensure that ordinances are properly followed and works with the Zoning Committee when special situations arise:*
The Village is seeking an individual to administer/enforce zoning ordinances. This is a compensated part-time position. No experience necessary. Please contact Kathy Budelier, Village President, at 715-341-4714 if you are interested in learning more.
- **VILLAGE HALL CUSTODIAN:** *Our Village Hall is the home of our fire department and where board meetings, committee meetings and elections are held. As the "face" of our Village, the building and grounds require regular cleaning and maintenance:*
The Village is seeking an individual to clean and care for the Village Hall and grounds. This is a compensated part-time position. Please contact Kathy Budelier, Village President, at 715-341-4714 if you are interested in learning more.

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 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'.

E-cycling: Wisconsin banned the landfilling/incineration of computers, laptops, printers, TVs, fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, phones with video displays, etc. For more information:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle>.

CFLs – Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs contain small amounts of mercury that require special handling. You may bring CFLs to the MRF for recycling.

SEWERS

The City of Stevens Point maintains our sewer mains. If you experience a sewer back-up, it is not the liability of the Village or the City. Call 715-345-5260 at the first sign of trouble. If the problem is in your sewer lateral, you may have to hire a private contractor to clean it out. If the problem is in the sewer main, the City will remedy the situation as soon as possible. We encourage you to find out how much insurance coverage you have, if any, for sewer back-ups (sometimes referred to as "back-up of sewer and drains" coverage).

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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 one foot from the pavement. The Village and snowplow operator will not be held liable for any broken snow sticks.

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

Sidewalks – If you have a sidewalk on your property, Village ordinances **require snow and ice removal within 24 hours** after the snow stops falling. Please think of the pedestrians, bicyclists and disabled persons who rely on our sidewalks year-round – don't allow ice to build up or snow to become packed on the sidewalk surface.