

Village of Park Ridge

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A LETTER FROM YOUR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE THANKS KATHY BUDELIER FOR HER SERVICE

It has been a very full August for your Board of Trustees and it looks like it will only continue. This year we are looking for a new Village Trustee, a new Village President, we are making decisions on our Fire Department, and getting ready to undertake the biggest road project we've done in a while.

First, our President, Kathy Budelier, has resigned for personal health reasons. She is fine, but as a board we need to find a trustee willing to serve until at least the April 2017 election. Once a person steps forward that is interested in becoming a trustee we will have to make a decision on who will be President until April. If you have an interest in serving your neighbors in our Village government please contact Lynnette, our Village Clerk/Treasurer or any of the Trustees.

We continue to receive opinions and information about our volunteer Fire Department. We are currently awaiting the final proposal from Lampert-Lee, who is providing us pricing information on constructing a new building for our Fire Department. We will also be seeking information on the purchase of a new fire truck and a rebuild of one of our current trucks in the near future. We expect to have much of that information at the September 19th Village Board meeting. Please come to the meeting and learn more about this project. Many residents have expressed an interest in holding a referendum regarding the proposed fire department expenses. If you have an opinion on this topic please call one of the Village trustees and speak with them.

Lastly, the Village's largest annual expense is our roads. To combat the standing water and alleviate many of the puddles in the Village we are undertaking a swaling project on 26 properties. In early September Stuczynski Trucking and Excavation will be removing approximately 6-10 inches of grass and top soil in the Village right-of-way on each of those properties. Grass seed and cover will be applied after the top soil is removed. If affected property owners want information on how to turn those new swales into rain gardens, materials are available at the Village Hall.

We always welcome your comments and thoughts on any Village project or property. Please do not hesitate to call any Village Trustee or stop by and meet our new Clerk/Treasurer – Lynnette Woyak in the Village Hall.

Yours Truly,
Your Village Trustees

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22

Large item pick-up (see p. 2)

November 1

Deadline for moving recreational vehicles (see p. 2)

The Village needs you!!

The Village is in need of a President or a Trustee. Send an email to villageofparkridge.com or call 715-343-1590 Represent your Village and neighbors. Be the change you want to see in your Village!

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!

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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 22

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.

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A LETTER FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Fall Safety Reminders:

Heating season is crawling up on us fast, here are a few reminders:

Chimneys: Cleaning and inspecting the integrity of any wood burning chimney is crucial to prevent fires from starting in your chimney.

Furnaces: Like chimneys, an annual cleaning and inspection of your furnace is one way to help provide peace of mind that your furnace is ready for winter.

Alarms: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms are life savers. They won't prevent an issue, but will alert you to the presence of danger. Unless you own a newer unit that offers extended battery life (up to 10 years), batteries should be changed twice per year. The suggested time to do so is in conjunction with daylight savings time. Monthly testing of these devices is also advised. Generally 10 years is the normal life cycle, however some vary, so it is important to follow the manufacturer's suggestion.

Working Hard For You

We continue to work with village leadership for the replacement of Engine 2, which has raised the question of a larger building. The fire department was pleased by those who attended the hearing on the department. We've been doing some fund-raising which has allowed us to purchase the first-ever defibrillator owned by the village and thermal imaging camera. We also have 6 wonderful firefighters currently taking their Firefighter 1 class. In over 20 years of firefighting I have never seen a department the size of ours enter 6 people into an initial class. This is great for all of you.

Chief Lepper

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.