Winter 2014 Newsletter

Village of Park Ridge

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

Village Clerk/Treasurer's Office: 516 Sunrise Avenue, 715-343-1590

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11/04/14 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS – PARK RIDGE

304 OF 386 REGISTERED VOTERS (22 ABSENTEE BALLOTS)

| COVALTOON | Burke/Lehman (D) | 166 | Walker/Kleefisch (R) | 134 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---|--------|
| GOV/LT GOV | Fehr/ (Peoples) | 1 | Burke/Brost (Libertarian) | 1 |
| ATTORNEY | Happ (D) | 158 | Schimel (R) | 135 |
| GENERAL | Nelson (Libertarian) | 5 | | |
| SECRETARY | LaFollette (D) | 176 | Bradley (R) | 111 |
| OF STATE | Broitzman (Constitution) | 3 | | |
| | Sartori (D) | 146 | Adamczyk (R) | 122 |
| STATE TREASURER | Zuelke (Constitution) | 3 | Hardy (WI Green) | 8 |
| | Shidell (Libertarian) | 7 | | |
| REP. IN CONGRESS | Kind (D) | 176 | Kurtz (R) | 119 |
| REP. TO ASSEMBLY | Shankland (D) | 216 | Write-in: Tom Gloudemans Write-in: Joshua Zdroik | 1 1 |
| SHERIFF | Lukas (D) | 245 | Write-in: Kevin Sorenson Write-in: Noah Zdroik | 3 1 |
| CORONER | Rifleman (R) | 245 | | |
| CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT | Baker (D) | 226 | Write-in: David Wrone | 1 |
| | TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM | | YES: 193 NO: 72 | |
| | MINIMUM WAGE REFERENDUM | | YES: 183 NO: 106 | |
| | BADGERCARE REFERENDUM | | YES: 219 NO: 72 | |
| | MOVE TO AMEND REFERENDUM | | YES: 226 NO: 45 | |



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15

Resident feedback deadline on stump removal (see p. 2)

December 22

Santa's Visit (see p. 2)

January 5

Holiday Tree Re-Use (see p. 2)

January

Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 17

Spring Primary (if needed)

April 1

Dog license late fees begin

April 7

Spring Election

Happy Holidays!

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President Tom Gloudemans 715-341-4450 Trustee Jim LaMar

715-341-6972 Trustee Gordon Renfert 715-341-8756

Trustee Kathy Budelier 715-341-4714

Trustee Trish Baker 715-342-6986

SANTA'S VISIT DECEMBER 22ND

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. 15** at 715-344-7906 – be sure to tell Gert your name, address, phone number and the first names/ages of the children at your house. On December 22nd 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!

VILLAGE BOARD SEEKS INPUT FROM PROPERTY OWNERS BY DECEMBER 15

Residents have asked for clarification on a new ordinance that addresses removing the stumps of uprooted trees and trees cut down by owners. Specifically, 1) can stumps be cut down to ground level and left, or must the stumps be ground out and the holes filled in with soil?; and, 2) should this affect all stumps, or only those in front yards and/or visible from the road? Should the Village only regulate stumps uprooted by a storm or wind? The Board will make a decision on the ordinance definitions and requirements regarding stumps at its Dec. 15 meeting. For more information and to provide your input, please contact any Village Board member (contact information on page 1) before the vote on Dec. 15.

2015 VILLAGE BUDGET

| GENERAL FUND | 2014 BUDGET | 2015 BUDGET | % CHANGE |
|--|---|---|----------------|
| REVENUES: | | | |
| General Property Taxes | 175,748 | 179,520 | 2.1% |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 25,105 | 25,703 | |
| Licenses | 1,300 | 1,300 | |
| Public Charges for Services | 75 | 75 | |
| Cable Franchise Fees | 6,500 | 6,500 | |
| Interest on Investments | 250 | 250 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 208,978 | 213,348 | 2.1% |
| EXPENDITURES: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health & Human Services Culture, Recreation & Education TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 68,387 31,510 105,591 1,000 2,490 208,978 | 67,600 40,921 101,346 1,000 2,480 213,348 | 2.1% |
| General Fund Balance Jan. 1 Total Revenues Total Expenditures General Fund Balance Dec. 31 General Fund Balance: Designated Re | serves \$53,532; Ur | 142,090 213,348 213,348 142,090 adesignated Res | erves \$88,558 |

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BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Building Inspector – jzepp55@charter.net 715-310-3157 (after 4 pm).

REMINDERS

Holiday Tree Re-Use -

Drop off your tree(s) behind the Village Hall before 8 a.m. on Mon., Jan. 5. For fire safety, please do not take your tree(s) to the Village Hall before Sun., Jan. 4. The trees will be used for stream improvement projects.

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 report stray cats and dogs.

2015 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

You may also download the 2015 Dog License Application from the Village web site, www.park-ridge.us.

| | | MALE | | FEMALE | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------|-----------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|
| DOG | NAME OF DOG | NEUTERED | NOT NEUTERED | SPAYED | NOT SPAYED | COLOR | BREED |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |

If you own any dog 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 Male or Female Dog | \$ 8.00 \$18.00 |
|-------|--|--------------------|
| OWNE | R'S NAME: | |
| STREE | T ADDRESS: | |
| PHONE | NUMBER: | |

Mail this completed form, payment, and a current rabies vaccination certificate for each dog (contact your veterinarian for replacement certificates) to:

Jeri McGinley Village of Park Ridge 516 Sunrise Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

| TAXING AUTHORITY | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| TAXING AUTHORITY | MILL RATE | LEVY | MILL RATE | LEVY |
| LOCAL (PARK RIDGE) | 3.802218 | 175,748.00 | 3.819214 | 178,520.00 |
| VTAE (MID-STATE | 1.625081 | 75,115.30 | 0.887079 | 41,464.37 |
| TECH COLLEGE) | 1.023061 | | | |
| STEVENS POINT | 8.353726 | 386,130.08 | 8.630865 | 403,429.05 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT | 6.555720 | | | |
| STATE | 0.159554 | 7,374.98 | 0.159554 | 8,441.84 |
| COUNTY | 5.039892 | 232,956.43 | 5.039892 | 254,028.63 |
| TOTAL | 18.980471 | 877,324.79 | 18.952387 | 885,883.89 |
| LESS STATE SCHOOL | 1.362288 | 62.069.21 | 1.329624 | 62,150.07 |
| TAX CREDIT* | 1.502200 | 62,968.31 | 1.529024 | 62,150.07 |
| NET | 17.618183 | 814,356.48 | 17.622764 | 823,733.82 |
| % CHANGE (NET MILL RATE): 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE: | | 46,222,500 | | 46,742,600 |

^{*}First Dollar and Lottery Credits may also reduce your tax bill.

Mail your tax payments to (or pay in-person):

Portage County Treasurer 1516 Church Street Stevens Point, WI 54481

Escrow Accounts/ Property Tax Payments

Property owners are responsible for escrow account payments. All personal property taxes, special charges or delinquent sewer/water bills and all real estate tax bills of \$99 or less per tax bill must be paid in full by January 31, 2015.

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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 3" 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. A sand/salt mix is available behind the Village Hall—bring a container. Free to residents.
- 5. Snowplow damage to mailboxes: save your receipts. ConsTrucks will reimburse the cost of materials ONLY. Maximum \$75.

WANTED: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Village is seeking a person to administer/enforce zoning ordinances. This is a compensated part-time position. Please contact Tom Gloudemans, Village President, at 715-341-4450 if you are interested in learning more.

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