

Village of Park Ridge

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

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

villageofparkridge@gmail.com

www.park-ridge.us

SANTA'S VISIT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 21

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. 11 at pkrdgsanta2015@gmail.com or 715-344-7906** – be sure to provide your name, address, phone number and the first names/ages of the children Santa will visit (we recommend Santa visit children elementary school age or younger). On December 21st 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!

2016 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2015 BUDGET	2016 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES:			
General Property Taxes	179,520	179,804	1.0%
Intergovernmental Revenues	25,703	25,848	
Licenses	1,300	1,300	
Public Charges for Services	75	60	
Cable Franchise Fees	6,500	8,000	
Interest on Investments	250	275	
TOTAL REVENUES	213,348	215,287	1.0%
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	67,600	70,464	
Public Safety	40,921	41,859	
Public Works	101,346	99,479	
Health & Human Services	1,000	1,000	
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,480	2,485	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	213,348	215,287	1.0%
General Fund Balance Jan. 1		185,290	
Total Revenues		215,287	
Total Expenditures		215,287	
General Fund Balance Dec. 31		185,290	

General Fund Balance: Designated Reserves \$57,032; Undesignated Reserves \$128,258.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 21

Santa's Visit

January 4

Holiday Tree Re-Use (see p. 2)

January

Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 16

Spring Primary

April 1

Dog license late fees begin

April 5

Spring Election

PHOTO ID IN EFFECT FOR 2016 ELECTIONS

Effective with the February primary, voters will be asked to show photo ID before being given a ballot. For acceptable forms of photo ID, please visit <http://bringit.wi.gov/> or call the Village Clerk (715-343-1590).

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT...

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is less than a week away as I sit down to write this. Maybe it's the unseasonably warm weather we've had, or the fact that we've had only a dusting of snow. Speaking of snow, we have a new company plowing the Village this year. With the retirement of Dave Ladick (ConsTrucks), we've contracted with T&C Services to plow the village. They've been doing our street sweeping for years so they know our roads well.

We've had several staff changes in the last few months. Bette Vogel, our Village Hall custodian, retired at the end of September. Many thanks, Bette, for your dedicated service to the Village. Enjoy your retirement! Our new custodian is John Kraft, a long-time Village firefighter. Welcome, John!

Welcome also to our new Zoning Administrator, JD Manville. A Village resident, JD has stepped up to work with the Building Inspector to enforce zoning and building codes in the Village, thus helping to keep Park Ridge "A Good Place to Live!"

In response to concerns of residents, we have formed a committee to research vicious dog ordinances and see how a similar ordinance could be incorporated into our ordinances. As always, we encourage residents to remember the Board is here to serve you and we're only a phone call away!

One of the biggest challenges we currently face is finding a new Clerk/Treasurer. After 10 years in that position, Jeri McGinley, our gem of a clerk, has given us some mighty big shoes to fill. For the first time in our history, we have had to look outside the Village for someone to fill this crucial position. Undoubtedly things will look a bit different, so please bear with us as we navigate our way through this transition.

Another challenge facing us is the age and condition of our fire trucks. We have 3 vehicles serving the Village, and their combined age is around 100 years. As we assess this critical safety need, we find ourselves in the position of needing to replace at least one vehicle (possibly two) in the near future. In considering our options - from contracting fire protection services from nearby providers to rebuilding the Village Hall/fire station to accommodate available used vehicles to having a vehicle custom-built to fit our current station - we are always keeping in mind the long-term consequences and how to make the best use of available resources. To prepare for an upcoming purchase, we have formed a committee to research our options for borrowing the necessary funds. We hope to be able to present our findings to and gather some feedback from residents at a public information session in January.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish you all the happiest of holidays. Whatever you celebrate, in whatever way, may you find peace and joy at this very special time of year. Remember that what makes our village special is not just that we're folks who live next to each other, but that we are Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Wishing you all peace, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

--Kathy Budelier, Village President
For the Village Board

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. 4. For fire safety, please do not take your tree(s) to the Village Hall before Sun., Jan. 3. The Bill Cook Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America, in coordination with the WDNR, will use the trees for their annual stream improvement project. In 2016, they plan on targeting the Emmonds Creek area in southeast Portage County.

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.

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2016 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

You may also download the 2016 Dog License Application from the Village web site, 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 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 \$ 8.00
 Male or Female Dog \$18.00

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

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

TAXING AUTHORITY	2014 MILL RATE	2014 LEVY	2015 MILL RATE	2015 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.819214	178,520.00	3.798799	179,804.00
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	0.887079	41,464.37	0.856419	40,535.87
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.630865	403,429.05	8.601348	407,117.30
STATE	0.159554	8,441.84	0.174188	8,244.61
COUNTY	5.039892	254,028.63	5.214210	246,797.94
TOTAL	18.952387	885,883.89	18.644964	882,499.72
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.329624	62,150.07	1.522083	72,042.93
NET	17.622764	823,733.82	17.122881	810,456.79
% CHANGE (NET MILL RATE): -2.8%				
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:		46,742,600		47,331,800

*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, 2016.

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**2016 Trash/Recycling
Calendar Enclosed**

**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. T&C Services will reimburse the cost of materials ONLY. Maximum \$75.

Happy Holidays!

from

- President Kathy Budelier
715-341-4714
- Trustee Jim LaMar
715-341-6972
- Trustee Gordon Renfert
715-341-8756
- Trustee Trish Baker
715-342-6986
- Trustee Bob Gifford
715-344-2939

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