
Winter 2018 Newsletter

Village of Park Ridge

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HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

Village Hall 24 Crestwood Drive 715-343-1590

Village Clerk/Treasurer * Fire Department * Meeting Room

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www.park-ridge.us

SANTA'S VISIT SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

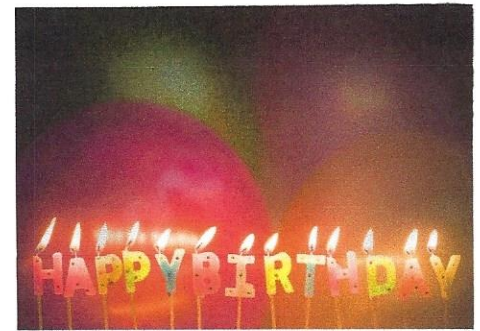
Since 1940, children in Park Ridge have visited with Santa every December. In the early years, Santa made the rounds in a horse-drawn sleigh. These days, Santa travels from house to house on one of the Village fire trucks. If you have children or grandchildren who would like a visit from Santa at your house, **contact Gert Neuendorf by Dec. 10 at 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 20th 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!

2019 VILLAGE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES:			
General Property Taxes	181,404	182,412	
Intergovernmental Revenues	27,382	27,714	
Licenses	2,410	1,510	
Public Charges for Services	0	100	
Cable Franchise Fees	8,000	8,700	
Interest on Investments	1,610	3,200	
TOTAL REVENUES	220,806	223,636	1.3%
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	72,118	72,113	
Public Safety	42,542	49,728	
Public Works	102,666	98,4150	
Health & Human Services	1,000	900	
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,480	2,485	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220,806	223,636	1.3%
General Fund Balance Jan. 1, 2019		178,472	
Total Revenues		223,636	
Total Expenditures		223,636	
General Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2019		178,472	

General Fund Balance: Designated Reserves \$29,812; Undesignated Reserves \$148,660.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 20 - Santa's Visit

January - Village Caucus (date TBA)

February 20 - Spring Primary

April 1 - Dog license late fees begin

April 2 - Spring Election

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<https://www.park-ridge.us/>

JANUARY VILLAGE CAUCUS

Please consider serving on the Village Board.

Contact the Village Clerk at 715-343-1590 or email villageofparkridge@gmail.com

if you are interested in receiving a copy of the caucus procedures. The caucus date will be posted on the website when it is determined.

The incumbents for 2019 are:

President – Randy Busch

Trustee – Jim Sachs

Trustee – Steve Bergin

FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD...

Dear Park Ridge Residents,

What's new?

- The Village will become part of the Portage County Alert system on 1/1/19, enabling more efficient, expeditious communications of concern to Village residents. See the enclosed flyer and sign up all those devices which are most convenient and relevant to all member of your household: land line, cell, text, email, etc.
- The new village website, www.park-ridge.us is up! It's more user friendly and timely for all residents as well as our Clerk. Refer to it for announcements, meeting agendas and minutes

The Year in Review:

Your officials, employees, volunteers and our Clerk/Treasurer handled four elections, property reassessments, prep for 2020 Census, higher yields on idle cash, insurance and grant recoveries and, of course, the myriad of routine budgeting, bill paying, agendas, meeting minutes, trash/snow removal...ad infinitum! Be mindful of all that's involved in running an efficient Village.

2019 issues coming up:

Issues ahead include our Volunteer Fire Department, Street Lights, Streets and Roads... and the list goes on. Be part of the solutions.

A Special Message to New/Recent VPR Residents:

There's a reason you chose to live and raise your family here, and we're glad you did! YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF THIS VILLAGE! Please get involved! Review newsletters and agendas. Attend a Board or Committee meeting or join one. Let your voice be heard, offer constructive advice, help in the Village Hall. There is a task for every talent.

Along with you, the Board looks forward to a productive and successful 2019 where our motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" still rings true.

A joyous Holiday, Christmas and New Year to All

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know??? That your fire department would much rather prevent a fire than put one out? As such we will do a fire safety home inspection if you request one. The holidays are a time of year for overloaded extension cords and power strips, candle burning, and other hazards. We have staff trained by the state and technical colleges to identify fire hazards. We're required to inspect our commercial properties twice per year, and that knowledge can transfer to your home. An average home inspection would take 30 minutes and you would be left with a written report of findings. We've done several in the village in the past few years. We can also assist you with other fire related tasks in your home such as installing smoke detectors or changing batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. If you would like to request a home fire safety inspection or other fire related service please leave a voice mail on the FD phone at (715) 344-2134 or call the seasoned Chief Brian Lepper directly at (715) 347-6152. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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**PIE SOCIAL – VILLAGE 80TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Many residents attended the pie social at Iverson Park on October 14, 2018. It was a festive occasion. We would like to thank the following residents for orchestrating this event:

Nancy Lamar, Jeannie & Laura Tachman, Gretchen & Gordon Renfert, Christine Neidlein, Siri & Lee Bendtsen, Ginny & Bill Little, Dave Gliniecki, Trish Baker and Dan Holloway.

COMMUNITY ALERT

As of January 1, 2019, the Village of Park Ridge will be a member of the Portage County Community Alert.

Please sign up at
<https://portagecountycommunityalert.bbcportal.com>

NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION

The Village of Park Ridge had 389 registered voters plus 14 election day registrations. Of the 350 residents that voted on 11/20/18, 45 votes were absentee or early voting. The Village had an 87% participation. We are always impressed by the number of PR residents who participate in the elections. Due to the large participation, it was a long day. Thanks to our poll workers, and our Chief Election Inspector, Kathy Budelier, we had a successful election. Please see our website for Park Ridge results.

2019 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION (licenses expire December 31st each year)

2019 LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 10, 2018

You may also download the 2019 Dog License Application from the Village website, 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/cat 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 \$15.00
 Male or Female Dog \$20.00

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:

Kathy Bemowski
Village of Park Ridge
24 Crestwood Dr.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

TAX LEVY/MILL RATES

TAXING AUTHORITY	2017 MILL RATE	2017 LEVY	2018 MILL RATE	2018 LEVY
LOCAL (PARK RIDGE)	3.809784	181,404.00	3.434536	182,412.00
VTAE (MID-STATE TECH COLLEGE)	1.016867	48,417.42	.933688	49,589.19
STEVENS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	8.534188	406,357.94	8.175423	434,205.72
STATE	0	0	0	0
COUNTY	5.888250	280,398.17	5.233527	277,958.35
TOTAL	19.249089	916,577.53	17.777174	944,165.26
LESS STATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT*	1.655394	78,822.09	1.468487	77,992.95
NET	17.593695	837,755.44	16.308687	866,172.31
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE:		47,517,404		53,111,100

*2018 First Dollar Credit is \$57.21 and Lottery Credit is \$138.94.

Mail your tax payments or pay in-person:
 Portage County Treasurer
 1516 Church Street
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
 Phone: (715) 346-1346
 You may also pay your taxes at the Portage County website.
<https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departments/treasurer-s-office-home-page>
 Credit Card payment fee is 2.39% or you may pay via electronic check for \$1.50.
Banks are not collecting taxes in 2018/2019.
The tax bills may be delayed this year due to the referendums.

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2019 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 2" 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. 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 Randy Busch
715-303-8455
Trustee Jim Sachs
715-341-0343
Trustee Bill Dunham
312-318-6762
Trustee Charm Fournier
715-344-2396
Trustee Dr. Steven Bergin
715-345-0799

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