

SPRING 2020

Village of Park Ridge

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Spring Election: April 7, 2020

Polling Place: Village Hall

7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Please remember to bring a photo ID 1

On April 7th, the State of Wisconsin will hold the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote. There will be a total of 6 ballots:

Two Presidential Preference Vote ballots (republican and democrat – pick one).
One ballot for 2 State Judicial Elections: Justice of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judge-District 4, and Portage County Supervisor-District 10.
One ballot for Stevens Point Area School District to elect 3 School Board Members.

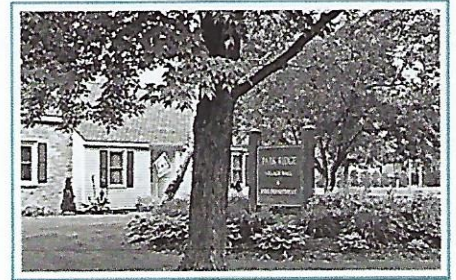
One ballot for Village of Park Ridge to elect 2 Village Trustees.

One ballot for 2 Referendum Questions. State Referendum – Additional rights of crime victims and County Referendum – Nonpartisan redistricting maps procedure.

Absentee and Early in-person voting is scheduled for March 16 – April 3. Anyone can request an absentee ballot or vote early (in-person). The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail, online or email is April 3rd. If you have access to a computer use <http://myvote.wi.gov/> to request an absentee ballot. PLEASE return your completed ballots by Election Day so they can be counted on Election Night. Any votes received after election day will not be counted.

The deadline to register to vote via mail or online is 20 days before an election. After that, you may register (in-person) at the Village Hall until the Friday before an election at 5:00 pm. You may also register to vote on election day. If registering to vote on Election Day, you must have lived in Park Ridge for at least 10 days. You will be required to show acceptable proof of residence and provide your WI driver's license number or last 4 digits of social security number. Please email the clerk for an appointment to register in person.
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PLEASE VISIT <http://myvote.wi.gov/> for voter information, register online, request absentee ballot, view ballots, etc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1

Late fees begin for 2020 dog licenses (see page 3)

April 7

Spring Election, 7 am – 8 pm

May 9

All-Village Rummage Sale,
8 am – 2 pm (see page 4)

May

Open Book Session & Board of Review (date will be announced in early May)



<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

Do you want the newsletter emailed? Call 715-343-1590

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Letter from Village President...

Dear Village Residents,

As we transition into Spring, the receding snowbanks and clear roads reveal the Winter aftermath. The greater than normal amount of sand required this year will be swept from the streets as soon as consistent warmer weather arrives. Surveying the Village streets reveals multiple areas where the road shoulder height exceeded the pavement height resulting in sod being peeled back during the plowing operations. This is more widespread than the Board can remember. While annoying this is, it is unavoidable if adequate snow clearance and enhanced travel safety are to be realized (residents can view my property at 617 Linwood). This attests to the need for the current comprehensive strategic plan for sequential Village road rehabilitation/reconstruction.

As a first step to the end, the Linwood Avenue Project (north section starting at Hillcrest) will occur this late spring/summer. More to come on actual dates. Going forward, the Village applied for and received an additional grant from LRIP to continue this street rehabilitation/reconstruction work. Unfortunately, the Hillcrest MLS Project was not selected to receive funding from the one-time \$75 million-dollar transportation fund the Wisconsin Legislature set aside for this calendar year. The competition was stiff and Portage County had only 4 recipients (3 townships and the county itself).

The longstanding issues surrounding the Village Fire Department are in the final stages of being resolved. These are primarily space and up-to-date equipment. Manpower is not an issue.

In closing, the Board urges all residents to attend the monthly meetings held every 3rd Monday. As issues come before the Board that require discussion and action, it is our hope residents will attend and participate during the open comment time allocated for each action item. Remember also that all Board Agenda, Meeting Packets and Minutes are posted on the website for you to review.

Steve Bergin
Village President

P.S. I almost forgot to mention that TDS (broadband service provider and competitor of Spectrum) will be back in the Village, when the climate permits to restore the sites where the underground cable was laid.

NEW HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR 2020

The Village of Park Ridge plans to replace our well-worn Holiday Decorations which we hang on Park Ridge Drive.

As a Village Resident would you be interested in contributing to the Holiday cheer in the Village? Donations to help purchase these new Holiday Decorations would be appreciated.

Send your donation to the Village Hall at 24 Crestwood Dr or use the secure drop box at the Village Hall's front door.

BUILDING PERMITS

Jim Zepp, Village Building Inspector –
jzepp@park-ridge.us or jzepp55@charter.net
715-310-3157

Here are some **general** guidelines:

No permit is required to replace or repair existing structures:

Repair a cracked concrete or asphalt slab in the same area as before.

Replacing old windows with new ones of the same size.

Replacing siding or roofing with no changes made to the structure or roofline.

Replacing patio screens with new screens.

Replacing an existing furnace, air conditioner or water heater with the same type without any electrical, plumbing or ventilation changes.

Repairing or replacing less than 40% of an existing fence's length.

Replacing doors with new ones of the same size.

****Permits must be obtained before work begins and displayed so they are visible from the street. Failure to obtain a permit may result in additional fees and fines.****

***ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ADHERE TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STRUCTURES OR ADDITIONS.**

Permit IS required to change or add structures:

Enlarging a concrete or asphalt slab.

Replacing windows with larger windows.

Changing a roofline when repairing a roof.

Changing a screened patio into one that is weatherproof, heated or has electrical outlets.

Replacing an existing furnace, air conditioner or water heater if: changing from gas to electric or vice versa; or changing the location of electrical, plumbing or ventilation to the new unit.

Installation of a new fence or repairing/replacing more than 40% of an existing fence's length.

Replacing doors with new, wider ones.

Building a new interior wall or moving a wall when doing siding.

Building any new structure (Ordinance 11.13)

Anytime electrical, plumbing, or HVAC systems are modified or added to.

REMINDERS

Obstruction of stop signs – Residents are reminded to clear brush and branches 150 feet from any stop sign.

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.

Door-to-Door Solicitors – Solicitors must obtain a permit from the Village Clerk before knocking on doors in the Village (residents soliciting for charitable purposes are exempt). The permit protects us from fraud. If a solicitor won't show you his/her permit, contact the Village Clerk or Sheriff's office. Get a license plate number if you can.

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. Call the Humane Society at 715-344-6012 to pick up stray cats and dogs.

Dog Licensing - If you have a dog over 5 months old, state law requires licensing. 2019 licenses expired 12/31/19. Late fees will apply to all 2020 applications received in the Clerk's office after March 31, 2020. The fine for not licensing your dog is \$169.00.



RECYCLE/REUSE

For all of your recycling and solid waste disposal questions, contact the
Portage County Solid Waste Department:
715-343-6297

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 before 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'. Residential, Commercial and Construction/Demolition = \$62.00 per ton.



The Annual Park Ridge Village Rummage Sale Saturday, May 9

The annual Village-wide rummage sale will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The suggested hours are 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This event has become a tradition in Park Ridge, attracting hundreds of deal-seekers to the Village. Traffic can get a bit congested at times, but it is a wonderful chance to get out and visit with your neighbors or find new homes for that 'stuff' you don't need anymore.

Even if you don't have anything to sell, we hope that you will have the time to walk around the Village and enjoy the day!

Note: The Community Thrift Store will pick up unsold items left at the curb late in the day.

The Village Wide Rummage Sale is NOT sponsored by the Village. The residents of the Village of Park Ridge sponsor the rummage sale.

**“THANK YOU” TO OUR
VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS**

SANTA PROJECT: Gert Neuendorf, Fire Department personnel who assisted Santa And Mrs. Claus on their rounds. Gert does all the shopping, preparing goody bags and repairs/washes all the clothes for Santa. And of course, we would like to thank the volunteer firefighters for their participation in the Santa Visits.

POLL WORKERS: Thanks to our many poll workers who provide for secure successful elections in the Village of Park Ridge.

ZONING COMMITTEE & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Thanks to all the members for their continued support of the Village.

**SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Village Board would like to thank the Comprehensive Planning Committee for their time and effort to apply for the Multimodal Local Supplemental Program Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Unfortunately, the Village of Park Ridge was not awarded the grant, but we appreciate all the work CPC members put into this grant application.

Currently, the Comprehensive Planning Committee has taken on a project to update the (2004) Comprehensive Plan. Per section 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Comprehensive Plan should be updated every 10 years. Stay tuned for future developments.

CPC Members

Lee Bendsten, Chairperson Thom Patton, Secretary
Gordon Renfert Heidi Chitwood
Dan Holloway Christine Neidlein

Non-Voting : Brian Kozlowski, Bill Dunham & Gert Neuendorf

HELP WANTED: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please serve your Village by volunteering your time to be a committee member on the following committees:

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| Comprehensive Planning Committee | Fire Auxiliary Committee |
| Disaster Planning Committee | Ordinance Committee |

Please contact the Village Clerk at 715-343-1590 or kbemowski@park-ridge.us to volunteer.

COMMUNITY ALERT – MY COMMUNICATION – MY CONNECT

To receive emergency notifications from the Village of Park Ridge please sign up for Community Alert at <https://portagecountycommunityalert.bbcportal.com> (or contact the Village Clerk for assistance).

- * Click Sign Me Up
- * Provide your contact information
- * Subscribe to receive your preferred types of messages
- * Download the “Blackboard MyConnect” App



CONGRATULATIONS TO ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN KRAFT

John Kraft was promoted from Fire Department Captain to Fire Department Assistant Chief at the Fire Department Annual Dinner on February 8, 2020. We are very proud of John and thank him for all he does for the Village of Park Ridge. John Kraft is also the maintenance person for the Village Hall and is responsible for marking all utility areas for each Digger Request the Village receives. **CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!!!**

Burning is allowed Tuesday through Friday 4 pm – 9 pm and Saturday noon – 9 pm. Burning is not allowed on Sundays or Mondays. Piles larger than 4'x4'x3' are prohibited. A charged hose must be on hand and the fire watched AT ALL TIMES. The fire shall be controllable with the water, implements, and people present. Persons lighting outdoor fires shall be responsible for any liability resulting from damage caused by the fires. Burning in strong winds (> 9 mph) is prohibited. Burning is not allowed on the pavement portion of Village streets. Burning anything other than yard materials is prohibited. **BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IF YOU CHOOSE TO BURN.**

Fire Pit/Campfire update: Only clean wood (i.e. sawn wood) may be burned. Yard waste and construction materials are not part of this section. Hours are noon to midnight. Fire pits (i.e. campfires) not more than thirty-six (36") in diameter, shall be located a minimum of twenty (20') feet from any structure and/or fifteen (15') feet from any lot line (i.e. distance from the edge of the fire pit to either lot line and/or structure).

Composting is the preferred method of disposing of yard materials. Smoke from burning leaves can affect young children and residents with asthma or other health issues and can prevent neighbors from enjoying outdoor activities. Residents may take grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and branches up to 4" in diameter to the City Garage at 100 Sixth Avenue, which is open Tuesday & Thursday afternoons and from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Don't Ignore Your Smoke Alarms! Change the batteries at least once a year – perhaps when you change your clocks each spring. Smoke alarms should be installed inside and outside each bedroom, on every level, and in the basement. Interconnected smoke alarms are best. When one alarm sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms each month. Consider using both ionization alarms (quicker to warn about flaming fires) and photoelectric alarms (quicker to warn about smoldering fires). Hearing-impaired people can use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Contact Fire Chief Brian Lepper at 715-347-6152 if you have any questions about smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, installation of them or home fire escape plans.

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and you

What is coronavirus disease 2019?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can I get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the world. Risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

The current list of global locations with cases of COVID-19 is available on CDC's web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

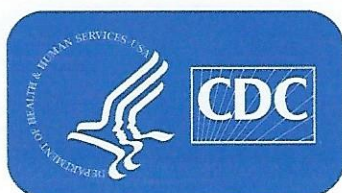
If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



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