

November 2011

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Dear Neighbors:

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At the November Village Board meeting, the Village Board reviewed the possible implementation of a municipal aggregation program that would benefit the Ringwood residents and small businesses. Municipal aggregation has been authorized through the Illinois Power Agency Act (Public Act 096-0176) and allows municipalities, and counties to take advantage of the deregulated electricity market. By aggregating the demand for electricity utilized by the community's residents and small businesses, the Village is able to achieve lower rates for electric supply costs and all participants benefit. In order to move forward with a municipal aggregation program, the Village must request a referendum question be placed on the March 20, 2012 ballot that authorizes the Village to move forward. As a result, the Village Board is expected to approve an Ordinance providing that this question whether the Village should have the authority under the Public Act to arrange for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial customers who have not opted out of such program be placed on the March 20, 2012 ballot. To date, twenty-one (21) communities have successfully passed the required referendum, while the same referendum question has failed in three (3) communities.

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It is important to note that no matter which electric supplier would be selected, if the Village moved forward with a municipal aggregation program, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) will remain solely responsible for the distribution of all electricity to our residents. Any loss of power, downed wires, or other distribution issues will continue to be serviced by ComEd. In addition, if the residents support moving forward with a municipal aggregation program, the City's residents would continue to receive one bill from ComEd that would include the electric supply charge from the new supplier. Your Village Officials have discussed partnering with the McHenry County Council of Governments, McHenry County or other communities to increase the number customers and the amount of bulk purchased electricity to reduce the overall rates for all participants. Prior to the March 20, 2012 referendum, your Village Officials will provide you with additional information and pro's and con's regarding this important opportunity for lower electricity rates.

In other Village news, I am happy to report that *Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday November 26, 2011. Santa will be at the Village Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.* If you provide a camera, we will take your family's picture with Santa. Refreshments will be served.

On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to wish you and your entire family a very happy holiday season and an especially happy, healthy 2012.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Public Works Report:

Parking Ordinance Reminder – At all times of the year, parking is prohibited on all Village of Ringwood roads, except Barnard Mill Road near the post office (2 hour limit). After a snow of two inches or more, parking is not permitted in the spaces along Barnard Mill Road near the post office until after the road has been plowed shoulder to shoulder. This parking prohibition is in effect 24 hours a day. If a 2-inch or greater snowfall occurs and your vehicle is parked along the road, you must move it or have it moved immediately so plows can get through. By doing so, you will avoid being ticketed and towed. In that scenario, an individual would not only have to pay the ticket, but the towing charge as well. Your compliance with our Parking Ordinance is appreciated.



Mailbox Post – With winter on its way, this would be a good time for residents to check their mailbox and post to be sure that they are sturdy and can handle the snow roll off from the plow. If repair or replacement is needed, please take the time now to do it. If your mailbox or post falls down during the winter months, the only thing that can be done at the time is a temporary fix and mail delivery may be disrupted.

Blitzed Mailboxes – If your roadside mailbox becomes a casualty during the Village’s war with the wintertime elements, the Village will repair or replace it if it was damaged from direct contact with a Village contracted-and-operated snow plow. However, if the damage is caused by a windrow (wall of flying snow) hurled by a passing plow, the Village will not repair or replace it. Sturdiness should be a consideration when you purchase and install your mailbox in a legal manner. It should be able withstand a force, weight, and sweep of snow flung by a passing plow. Replacement of mailboxes damaged as a result of being struck by a Village contracted snow plow will be a standard unit set on a wolmanized 4x4 wooden post. Please bear in mind, however, that sometimes downed mailboxes cannot be reinstalled immediately. In that case you will be required to pick up your mail at the post office.

Salt Caution – It’s important to be aware that the effectiveness of road salt diminishes as the temperature drops. The lower the temperature, the less effective the salt will be. Road salt effectiveness is also reduced during freezing rain, because it’s washed off the pavement by the traffic as the rain continues falling and freezing on impact. In any weather, when salt is spread, drive as if there was no salt at all. Reduce your speed and allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Also, begin stopping well in advance of any stop sign or traffic signal.

Street Lights – Your Village officials would appreciate it if you would report street light outages to Village Clerk Roni Gaddis-Bushroe, by calling 815-653-5511. In turn, the Village will notify ComEd of the outage and they will send a crew out to repair the light.

Action taken by your Village Board at the August, September & October Village Board Meetings:

August 2011

- Approved hiring DTE Trucking & Excavation for snow removal and ice control on Village of Ringwood roads and streets for 2011/2012 winter season.

All Trustees present at the August Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action.

September 2011

- No new or old business agenda items were voted on at the September Village Board meeting.

October 2011

No new or old business agenda items were voted on at the October Village Board meeting.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Levy Ordinance
- Consider Five Year Refuse and Recycling Contract. Previous agreement with Waste Management has expired.
- Consider an Ordinance providing for the submission to electors of the Village of Ringwood question whether the Village should have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial customers who have not opted out of such program.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER

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9 to Noon



RINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL

6000 BARNARD MILL RD.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING

For Three, Four, and Five-Year-Olds

Johnsburg School District 12 will hold registration for all children who are three, four or five years of age, and who have not yet entered kindergarten. It will take place at Ringwood School Primary Center on Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 9th, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

This registration applies to all preschool children ages three through five, even if the child has registered and been screened in previous years. This process allows parents and staff to document each child's growth development.

School officials are hopeful that all parents of children who are three, four and five years of age will register during these days. Under this new format, parents will complete their children's developmental history and diagnostic screenings will be scheduled for all children. Also, an accurate registration is necessary to plan an educationally sound kindergarten.

Appointments for the diagnostic screening of speech and language skills, cognitive skills and motor skills, as well as, the hearing and vision screening (set for June) will be made at this time.

An official Birth Certificate from the county is necessary for the registration of a child entering kindergarten in the fall. Parents should bring the certificate to the registration.

Proof of residency also must be provided. Forms of proof include tax bills or utility bills.

We ask that children not attend the registration. Prospective kindergartners must be five years of age by September 1st in order to begin school.

If you have any questions, please call Ringwood School Primary Center at 815-728-0459.

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2011 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-Up:

A good time was had by all at the 2011 Ringwood Community Picnic which was held on Sunday August 28th. The "Moon Walk," "70 foot Obstacle Course," "Music by Mobile Mix DJ Entertainment" and the McHenry Township Fire Protection District provided an afternoon of enjoyment for kids and adults alike.

Thanks again to the following local businesses for generously supporting the 2011 Ringwood Community Picnic: Bjorkman's Ace Hardware, Baxter & Woodman., Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Huntsman, Sue Keener - Ringwood Post Master, Modine, Gary & Sandy Reinwall, Rohm & Haas, Rusty Nail Bar & Grill, O'Leary's Pub & Grub, HR Green Company, Stade Dairy Farms and Waste Management. In addition, thank you to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District for attending our annual picnic and thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items to the FISH Food Pantry of McHenry.

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The Village of Ringwood
2012 Village Board Meeting Schedule
held at Ringwood Village Hall
6000 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, Illinois
at 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Ringwood will meet regularly in 2012 on the third Thursday of each month as follows:

Thursday January 19
Thursday February 16
Thursday March 15
Thursday April 19
Thursday May 17
Thursday June 21
Thursday July 19
Thursday August 16
Thursday September 20
Thursday October 18
Thursday November 15
Thursday December 20

Thank you to Rohm & Haas for donating the landscaping (Labor & Material) around the Village entrance sign located at the intersection of Ringwood & Pioneer Road.



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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

CLERK

The first Saturday of every month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or by appointment.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or by appointment. To request permits or inspections contact Mr. Rich Boettcher during Building Inspector Village Hall Hours at 815-653-5513 or Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 815-353-9039.

Village Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission meets on as needed basis.
Village Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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