

March 2020

Village

OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

At the January Village Board meeting, the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the use of Non-Highway Vehicles (golf carts/UTV's) on roads located in the Village of Ringwood, except for Route 31, Barnard Mill, Pioneer and Ringwood Roads. This ordinance was developed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Illinois Rules of the Road and the Illinois Vehicle Code. The Illinois Vehicle Code has very specific requirements that golf carts and UTV's must be equipped with before they can be operated on a public road/street. In addition, the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance will require that your golf cart or UTV be inspected, registered and to purchase vehicle stickers by and from the village. A copy of the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance can be found on the Village website. If you do not have access to the internet, a hard copy of the ordinance can be obtained by calling Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680.

To have your golf cart or UTV inspected, registered and to purchase stickers, you can bring them to the Village Hall on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If you are unable to bring your vehicle to the Village Hall on May 2nd, then you can call Village Clerk Sue Keener after May 2nd, to make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected, registered and to purchase a sticker. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Non-Highway Vehicle Ordinance, you can direct them to Village Clerk Sue Keener.

Finally, I would like to thank Upland Construction & Maintenance, our Village snow plow contractor, and the McHenry Township Road District for the great job they did keeping our roads safe and clear of snow and ice this past winter.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



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GARAGE SALE

DAYS



2020 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days
Mark your calendar!

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday - June 11th, 12th, and 13th, your Village officials will be advertising the 16th annual Ringwood Garage Sale Days. Anyone interested in having a garage sale this year should consider having their sale during the above three days in June. Your Village officials will purchase ads in the Northwest Herald, publish the information on the Village website and place signs throughout the Village advertising the sales. If you plan to participate in the 2020 Ringwood Garage Sale Days, please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 to ensure we have signs advertising the garage sale locations.

2020 Public Works Report:



Patching & Crack Sealing - Your Village officials will review and identify roads within the Village for possible crack sealing and patching in 2020 in April after the frost comes out of the ground.

2020 Ringwood Community Picnic



Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 23th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2020 Annual Town Picnic will be available in a future edition of the Village Voice.

Pickle Ball Court



At the request of a number of residents, the Village is looking into converting one of the tennis courts at the Village Hall park into a pickle ball court. We are currently getting cost estimates for this project. If funding is available for this project, we hope to make this improvement in 2020. We will keep you posted.

Santa's Visit from the North Pole



Santa flew in to Ringwood on Saturday morning November 30, 2019 to visit with the little children from Ringwood and the surrounding area. He welcomed over 60 anxious little ones with their Christmas wishes. Village Clerk Sue Keener and former Village Clerk Roni Bushroe created a festive atmosphere with delicious baked goods and fabulous Christmas decorations. Many thanks go out to everyone that made this event so special. Santa promised to be back again next Christmas.





2020 United States Census

Every 10 years, a census is taken of all persons living in the United States. It is important that every Illinois resident be counted, so our state population accurately reflects our needs.

Why should it matter to you? Many residents think the census data is only used to determine legislative seats in Illinois has in Washington or Springfield. This is only a part of what is determined by the census results.

Census participation and results also determine the amount of federal money Illinois receives each year to support:

- Infrastructure needs, such as road construction and repair;
- School and school district in your community;
- Hospitals and emergency healthcare centers for the insured and uninsured;
- Social services programs that provide assistance for seniors citizens, veterans and low-income families; and
- Large companies' and local business enterprises' decisions to potentially build or expand their corporate offices or factories, bringing employment opportunities to communities.

What's At Stake?

The George Washington Institute for Public Policy report "Counting for Dollars 2020" estimate that the undercounted of Illinoisans in the 2010 Census resulted in a loss of \$952 per person of federal funding. In 2015 alone, Illinois lost \$122 million for every 1 percent of the population not counted in 2010 Census.

Census Day is April 1, 2020 - The most important thing you can do is respond to the census questionnaire when you receive it. There will be multiple ways to respond:

- Online - For the first time, this census questionnaire can be completed online using you personal computer.
- Phone - The U.S. Census Bureau will have a phone system set up so you can call and complete the census questionnaire at your convenience.
- Mail - If you do not choose to complete the questionnaire online or utilize the phone system, you can still submit you questionnaire via U.S. mail.

Confidentiality: Your census questionnaire answers are kept confidential by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information is not shared with other federal or state government agencies.

Highlights of the October, November, December, January and February Village Board Meetings:

October 2019

- Approve Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal year May, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.
- Approve a resolution appointing Jim Kelly from the Law firm of Matuszewich & Kelly as the official Village Attorney for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve Village Board 2020 regular meeting dates.

All Trustees present at the October Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Robel who was absent.

November 2019

- Approve upholding Village of Ringwood Fence Ordinance.

All Trustees present at the November Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Robel who was absent.

December 2019

- No action (new or old business) was considered at the December Village Board meeting.

January 2020

- Approve Village of Ringwood Non-Highway Vehicles (Golf Cart/UTV) Ordinance.
- Approve amendments to the Village of Ringwood Building Code.

All Trustees present at the December Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Reinwall, Robel and Walkington who were absent.

February 2020

- Approve resolution supporting Complete Streets Policy for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve amendments to the Village of Ringwood Building Code.
- Approve a resolution in support of McHenry County Conservation Districts funding request for to the IDNR for a grant to repair a drainage problem along the Prairie Trail between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Roads.
- Accept Annual Financial report/audit for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve a Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and CC & CO.

All Trustees present at the November Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Reinwall who was absent.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Appropriations Ordinance.
- Consider hiring a contractor to crack seal various roads in the Village.
- Consider an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Johnsbury to share a Zoning Enforcement Officer.

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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

HR Green - Building Inspection & Zoning Enforcement.

Office Hours: Every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact: Tina Williams 815-759-8344

Village Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission meets on as needed basis.

Village Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Busy Three 4-H Club of Ringwood, the leader is Jennifer Wittum Cell 815-739-6566, Email steergirl17@hotmail.com, meeting held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Ringwood United Methodist Church basement.

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