

Dear Neighbors:

On Sunday, August 28th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon at the Village Hall. Back by popular demand will be the "Moon Walk," a 70 foot Obstacle Course for kids, music and much more. Also, new to this year's picnic will be a car show. If you have an antique automobile that you would like to bring to the picnic to share with the community you can park it along the tree line east of the basketball court. I am happy to report that Dow will again provide the food for the picnic which will include the following: Italian beef, turkey, hot dogs, pasta salad, coleslaw and cookies. The 2016 picnic will be catered by Ringwood's own Rusty Nail Bar & Grill. The food will be served from 12:30 P.M. till 2:00 P.M., and the raffle drawing will begin at 2:30 P.M.

The Village will also provide sweet corn and ice cream. In addition, we are sponsoring a **food drive to benefit the FISH food pantry of McHenry**. We are asking that each person bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Monetary donations for the FISH food pantry will also be accepted. Anyone interested in helping with the picnic set-up should be at the Village Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Since we have a limited amount of parking spaces at the Village Hall, we would like to keep the parking lot at the Hall available for the elderly and handicapped. Therefore, we are asking that if you live in a subdivision close to the Village Hall (within safe walking distance) please consider walking or riding your bike.

Our annual town picnic is a great opportunity to relax with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy some great food and have an old-fashioned good time. I look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Mack
Village President

Ringwood Businesses win “BEST OF THE FOX”

192,000 votes were cast and Ringwood businesses won ‘BEST OF THE FOX’ in 6 categories! By population we did great. People had to come from other communities to patronize our businesses and then vote that they like us the best. We would like to recognize and congratulate the following Ringwood business who captured the ‘BEST OF THE FOX:’

- Alden’s Kennels - Best Pet Kennel
- Alden's Kennels - Best Pet Trainer
- Rusty Nail - Best Fish Fry
- Rusty Nail - Best Bartender
- Shepard Premium Senior Living - Best Senior Facility/Memory Care
- Simply Perfect Makeup Artist - Best Comedic/Skin Care

Open-Burning Reminder

The McHenry County Health Department wants to remind residents of open-burning restrictions. The county public health ordinance permits residents to burn landscaping waste on weekends in April, May, October and November. The burning area must be at least 100 feet from a house, business, school or church and at least 50 feet from a barn, shed, detached garage or other accessory structures.

Only landscaping waste generated on-site - grass, leaves, limbs and shrubbery cuttings - can be burned. The McHenry County Health Department open-burning ordinance is more restrictive than the Village ordinance and therefore Ringwood residents are required to follow the McHenry County Health Departments open-burning restrictions. For addition information residents can Visit www.mcdh.info or call 815-334-4585.

Ringwood Resident Missy Robel Recognized for Work with Veterans

On May 12, 2016 Ringwood resident Missy Robel received the **Nursing Excellence Award 2016** from the Captain James A Lovell Federal Health Care Center (VA/DOD). Below is an excerpt from the note she received from Senior Leadership at Great Lakes:

“Dear Missy, Congratulations on winning the Nursing Excellence Award. Your win was no surprise to us, we hear about the wonderful things that you do every day. We are proud to have you as part our our Directorate and appreciate all you do. “

Missy’s reply:

“I was honored and humbled to receive this award, but the true award belongs to the heroes I take care of every day.”

See information below for Missy’s Veterans of Valor Picnic.

Missy invites the public to attend the ‘Veterans of Valor’ Picnic

When: August 27, 2016 10:00 AM - 6:00PM

Where: Stades Farm Market 3709 Miller Road McHenry, IL

Come to welcome home and honor WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans from their honor flight trip arriving back from Washington D.C. with the Warrior Watch Riders’ escort arriving at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Missy's Veterans of Valor picnic along with the VNC welcome home celebration of our veterans from Washington DC. Come and enjoy the day with food provided by Mandinos Chicago Grill from Twin Lakes, WI. Drinks, live music, Mainstay Therapeutic, horses, vintage cars, and much more. The honor flight veterans are expected to arrive at approximately 2 pm and be escorted by the Warrior Watch Riders.....a site to see.....and you might want to look up to the sky for a special surprise! The Lovell Color Guard will present colors. This will be a day to remember. ...so bring some lawn chairs and get comfy (although there will be seating available). Hope to see you there! Donations will be graciously accepted for our veterans in need. Event is open to the public!

Action taken by the Village Board at the May, June & July Village Board Meetings:

May 2016

- Approve an Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 ending April 30, 2017 for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve hiring Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc. to crack seal all the roads in the Oakview Estates subdivision and Monroe street.

All Trustees voted unanimously to approve the above action.

June 2016

- Approve Prevailing Wage ordinance.
- Approve amendments to the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

All trustees voted unanimously to approve the above action.

July 2016

- Approve snow plow contract between the Village of Ringwood and Upland Construction & Maintenance for the 2016/2017 winter season.

All Trustees present at the July meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Bushroe who was absent.

Possible future action by Village Board:

- Consider request from Lucky-E-Kennel for a Conditional Use Permit.
- Consider purchasing Ringwood's first Public Works truck.
- Consider hiring a contractor to landscape around the new monument sign across from the new fire station.
- Consider hiring a contractor to install lighting to illuminate the two Village monument signs on Ringwood Road.
- Consider Levy Ordinance.
- Consider new five year waste hauler contract.
- Consider hiring a contractor to replace the roof on the Village Hall.