

November 2016

Village

OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

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I am pleased to inform you that the McHenry Township Fire Protection District (MTFPD) will be hosting a dedication ceremony and open house on Saturday, December 3, 2016 for the recently completed MTFPD Station #5. A short dedication ceremony will begin at 10:00 am followed by an open house that will continue until 2:00 pm. The entire Ringwood community is invited to attend.

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MTFPD Station #5 would not have been possible without the MTFPD Board of Trustees, Fire Chief Tony Huemann as well as the Ringwood Village Board of Trustees. I worked very hard over the last decade plus to see this project come to fruition and it would not have been possible without the collective vision, commitment and cooperation of these Board members. As public officials we have no greater responsibility than to protect and improve the public safety. In addition, we have a responsibility to work collaboratively with other government entities whenever possible to make projects like this one as cost effective as possible. I'm happy to report that this project has been and will continue to be for generations to come a shining example of both. Because the future Ringwood

Public Works property is located adjacent to and directly west of the MTFPD Station #5 it will give the Village and MTFPD the opportunity to share driveway access, well, septic and more. Finally, the Village and MTFPD agreed to share in the cost of a tornado siren for Station #5. I hope to see you on December 3rd.

In other Village news, I am happy to report that Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Santa promised to be at the Village Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. 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 2017.

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 Bushroe, by calling 815-321-1899. In turn, the Village will notify ComEd of the outage and they will send a crew out to repair the light.

The Village of Ringwood 2017 Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule held at Ringwood Village Hall 6000 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, Il. at 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Ringwood will meet regularly in 2017 on the second
Tuesday of each month as follows:

Tuesday January 10	Tuesday July 11
Tuesday February 14	Tuesday August 8
Tuesday March 14	Tuesday September 12
Tuesday April 11	Tuesday October 10
Tuesday May 9	Tuesday November 14
Tuesday June 13	Tuesday December 12

2017 Downtown Ringwood Improvements

In 2017, your Village officials plan to install decorative street signs at various intersections in downtown. It was our intent to install the decorative signs in 2016, but the signs were delivered late so we decided to wait until spring 2017 to install the decorative street signs. In addition to the decorative street signs, your Village officials are currently making plans and getting estimates and donations to install two pergolas that would be constructed over two benches in downtown along Barnard Mill Road. These improvements are part of our ongoing streetscape improvement plan approved by the Village Board in 2015. We will have more details regarding the 2017 downtown improvements in the next edition of the Village Voice.

PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER (P.A.D.S.)

Very close to home we have been sheltering the homeless every Tuesday evening overnight for over the past 20 years. Countless volunteers generously share their time and talents by choosing to provide food, clothing, and shelter for many less fortunate individuals. It takes many tireless hands and generous hearts to keep our local homeless shelter viable. Duties include donating meals, laundering sheets and blankets, serving food, setting out the pads and linens, morning clean-up, providing conversation and overnight security. Quite a few of those volunteers are your neighbors right here in our Ringwood community. They do not generally publicize their involvement but quietly remain dedicated and committed to making a difference locally.

To shine a positive light from our community and therefore maybe dimming some of the negativity dominating national news, these are some of our Ringwood residents working behind the scenes for the good of others.

Sue Keener food prep, serving & cleanup
Roni Bushroe breakfast
Georgia Bauer breakfast & laundry
Dan Brenner security
Steve Boswell morning cleanup
Kevin Bauer morning cleanup
Kerrilyn Connor & Neighbors laundry
Janet Halligan breakfast
Bonnie Huff Family setup pads

Barb Mack dinner
Phyllis Marciniak laundry
Gary Reinwall morning cleanup
Ringwood Methodist Church members lunch
Larry Schmitt overnight security
Gene Vitale overnight security
Dave Walsh morning cleanup
Jim Walsh overnight security
Dave Wilcox morning cleanup

If you know of anyone else with an unselfish spirit interested in assisting the PADS effort, please contact Lynn Bauer, 815-728-0150.

Local PADS site: Christ the King Catholic Church 5006 E. Wonder Lake Road, Wonder Lake

2015 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-Up:

Fun was had by all at the 2016 Ringwood Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 28rd. Good food, good music, appearances by our local fire department and children's activities provided an afternoon of enjoyment for kids and adults alike.



A very special thank you to the following local businesses for generously supporting the 2016 Ringwood Community Picnic: McHenry Ace Hardware, Jim Condon, Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Huntsman, Sue Keener - Ringwood Post Master, Dow Chemical, HR Green Company, Rusty Nail Bar & Grill, O'Leary's Pub & Grub, Stade Dairy Farms, Trotter & Associates, Inc., Waste Management, Pitel Septic, Tonyan Brothers, Baxter & Woodman and Deans Food of Huntley who donated the iced tea and chip/vegetable dips. Finally, thank you to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District for attending our annual picnic and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items to the FISH Food Pantry of McHenry.

Village Hall Roof Replaced

Your Village Officials hired AMB Roofing and Sheetmetal of Johnsbury (Low Bidder) in the amount of \$42,675.00 to replace the roof on the Village Hall. The old asphalt shingled roof was installed in 1999. The roof was supposed to last for 30 plus years. Unfortunately the roof failed way before its time. As a result, after a lot of consideration your Village officials decided it would be worth the investment to replace the old asphalt shingle roof with a metal roof. In addition, the metal roof is a good fit for the barn style roof and should last significantly longer than any asphalt shingled roof currently on the market.

NIGEAC Electrical Aggregation User:

As you may know, the Village of Ringwood entered into an electrical aggregation purchasing co-op (NIGEAC) in July 2012 as a way to save residents money on their electric bill. The very first month of the program, residents saw an average savings of \$37.97 per month per household - a savings of almost 43% over Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd) rate.

At the end of that contract, NIGEAC sought new competitive bids for power. In July of 2015, NIGEAC entered into a two-year contract with Constellation Energy Services, Inc (CES) and secured a low rate of 6.89 cents per kilowatt-hour for residential customers. As a condition of accepting this contract, NIGEAC required that CES include a no termination- fee exit option for residents who elected to return to ComEd service at any time during the term of the agreement.

The fixed rate NIGEAC has negotiated for its residents has saved them almost \$500 per household on average over the course of the program. However, because of changes in the power market, ComEd's rate has been fluctuating and may be lower than NIGEAC's 6.89 cents/kWh.

Because of this change in pricing, the village of Ringwood would like to remind residents that you may exit the NIGEAC program at any time without penalty by calling Constellation at 1-844-257-8244. Please have your ComEd bill available when calling, as you will need to provide your account number.



SATURDAY

DECEMBER

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9 am to 11:30 am

**RINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL
6000 BARNARD MILL RD.**

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

August 2016

- Approve hiring K&M Electric Services Inc. of Burlington Wisconsin (Only bidder to submit a bid) to install lighting to illuminate two Village monument signs located on Ringwood Road.
- Approve the purchase of a truck for the use of the Village Public Works Department and Building Inspector.
- Approve hiring AMB Roofing & Sheetmetal of Johnsburg (Low bidder) to replace the roof on the Village Hall.

At the August Village Board meeting the Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Hewes and Kepes who were absent.

September 2016

- Approve amendment to the Declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions to the Pioneer Oaks of Ringwood subdivision regarding outbuildings.
- Approve hiring Hiller property maintenance to landscape around the Village monument sign located on Ringwood Road across from the new fire station.

At the September Village Board meeting the Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Bauer and Reinwall who were absent.

October 2016

- Approve a new five year contract with Waste Management for solid waste, recycling and landscape waste removal.
- Approve hiring Anchor Building Solutions, Inc. and Battaglia Inc. (Low bidders) to insulate and build out the north side of the interior space of the Public Works building.
- Approve 2017 Village Board regular meeting schedule.

At the Village Board October Village Board meeting the Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Tax Levy
- Consider hiring a contractor to install 2017 downtown streetscape improvements.

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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 Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p. m. or by appointment. To request permits or inspections contact Mr. Randy Funk during Building Inspector Village Hall Hours at 815-653-5513 or Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 815-353-1722.

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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