

February 2017

Village

OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

I wanted to inform you that your Village officials late last year approved a new five year contract with Waste Management (WM) for refuse, recycling and yard waste services. The new contract went into effect on February 1, 2017. I am pleased to inform you that the new contract with WM has lower annual increases and improved options for recycling and yard waste services compared to our previous five year contract with WM. There are deadlines to sign up for recycling carts, so I strongly encourage you to review page 2 of this newsletter as well as go to the Village website at ringwood.il.us to review the contract and all the options available under the new contract.

In other Village news I am happy to report in January your Village officials hired Wonderwave Internet to host and redesign the Village website. The new website can be found at ringwood.il.us. Please keep in mind that we are still building up our new website so some information is incomplete and will be added or updated over the next few months. At this point you can find our new contract with WM, copies of Village Ordinances, upcoming events and newsletters going forward will be on the new website for your reference at any time.

Finally, I am happy to inform you that your Village officials approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with McHenry Township and the McHenry Township Fire Protection District (MTFPD) to have a Tornado Siren installed at Fire Station #5 in Ringwood. The cost of the tornado siren is \$22,245.36 and will be split three ways. Each unit of government will pay \$7,415.12 towards this improvement. On behalf of the Village Board I would like to thank Township Supervisor Craig Adams and MTFPD Board President Alan Miller and their respective boards for supporting this improvement. This improvement would not have been possible without the inter-governmental cooperation of all three units of government.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Village issue.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Waste Management - Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Services

REFUSE

- Refuse is collected in bags/containers with handles that are less than 32 gallons in size and 50 lbs. in weight.
- Residents have the option of a 96 gallon refuse cart for a monthly flat rate by calling Waste Management at (800) 964-8988.
- Refuse will not be collected in cardboard boxes.
- Bulk Item: one (1) bulk item per week will be collected, such as a table, chair, mattress, or other items too large to fit in the cart. Item must be able to be reasonably managed by one person.
- Home Construction Material: Requires site survey prior to service. Pickup must be prescheduled and prepaid. Material must be in bags or containers with handles not exceeding 32 gallons and 50 lbs., or in secured bundles less than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and 50 lbs.
- White Goods/Appliance: White Goods pickup is \$40.00 per appliance and must be prescheduled and prepaid by calling Waste Management at (800) 964-8988.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Heavy material such as concrete, rock, gravel, brick, dirt, sod, and manure is unacceptable. Please contact Waste Management at (800) 964-8988 for assistance.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE

- Please reference the Village of Ringwood website ringwood.il.us for details of Waste Management's At Your Door program.

RECYCLING

- Residents receive a 64-gallon recycle cart. Residents have a one time opportunity beginning April 3 through April 14, 2017 to request a 96-gallon recycle cart in exchange for the 64-gallon recycle cart at no charge by calling Waste Management at (800) 964-8988. Requests made after this time are subject to a \$30.00 cart exchange fee.
- Residents have the option to rent an additional 64 gallon recycle cart for \$3.00 per month.
- Cardboard boxes must be broken down and placed in the container or leaned against the cart.
- Please reference the Village of Ringwood website ringwood.il.us for details to learn what materials are acceptable for recycling.

YARD WASTE

- Residents have the option of a subscription yard waste service. The service includes collection of up to four (4) brown paper yard waste bags per week beginning the first full week of April through the last full week of November. The seasonal rate for this service is \$160.00.
- Christmas trees will be picked up the first two weeks of January. Trees must be free of decorations, not bagged and less than six feet in length.

2017 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days



Mark your calendar! On Thursday, Friday & Saturday June 8th, 9th, & 10th, your Village officials will be advertising the 14th 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 advertise the garage sale days by purchasing advertising space in the Northwest Herald, putting the information on the Village web site and providing signs throughout the Village advertising the sales. If you plan to participate in the 13th annual Ringwood Garage Sale Days, please contact Village Clerk Roni Gaddis-Bushroe at 815-321-1899 and let her know so we can make sure we have signs advertising the garage sale days properly located.



O'Leary's Pub & Grub Host Raffle To Benefit Veterans

On Sunday, January 15th, O'Leary's Pub & Grub in Ringwood held a meat raffle with the proceeds going to Missy's Veterans of Valor, to aid Veterans with medical expenses not covered by VA benefits. Four color guard soldiers from the Great Lakes Naval Base attended and opened the event on January 15th. The meat raffle raised over \$300. The next meat raffle for this cause will be at O'Leary's on March 26th at 2:00 pm. Anyone wishing to donate can do so to the McHenry VFW, Post 4600, and on the memo line write "Missy's VOV" or write Missy Veterans of Valor and send to Missy Robel, 6220 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, IL 60072. Missy is a resident of Ringwood and a nurse for the VA. Thank you so much for all you do for our Veterans Missy!

Village Purchased First Village Vehicle



The Village Board approve purchase of Ringwood's first Public Works Vehicle. When your Village officials approved Video Gaming at the Rusty Nail and O'Leary's Pub & Grub the Village Board soon followed that action by passing a resolution dedicating revenue generated from Video Gaming for public works projects. For the past 20 plus years your Village officials and many others have used there personal vehicles to perform Village Public Works projects. Thank you to all those individuals that used your personal vehicles for the Village Benefit all these years. We never could have made it to this point without you.

2017 Downtown Ringwood Improvements



In 2017, your Village officials plan to install decorative street signs at various intersections in downtown. As you know, 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 plan to construct two pergolas that will be constructed over two benches (See photo for example of pergolas) that will be constructed in downtown along Barnard Mill Road. One pergola and bench will be located directly across the street from the Ringwood Commons and the other pergola and bench will be located across the street from the post office at the corner of Dow's parking lot. These improvements are part of our ongoing streetscape improvement plan approved by the Village Board in 2015. Both of these improvements are expected to be completed prior to the Memorial Day weekend. In addition, these improvements would not be possible with the generous donations from Dow and Baxter & Woodman.



Fire Station Dedication

Village, McHenry Township Fire Protection District (MTFPD) official and numerous Village residents celebrated the official opening of Station #5 at a dedication ceremony held on December 3, 2016. Village and MTFPD officials worked on this project for over a decade. Pictured are Village and MTFPD officials preparing to uncouple a fire hose. It's a tradition to uncouple a fire hose to officially dedicate and open a new fire station.

Ringwood Resident Recipient of the Johnsborg Old Timers Scholarship

Congratulations to Ringwood Resident Kaeden Quinn for being the recipient of the Johnsborg Old Timers Scholarship. His parents are David and Tammy Quinn. Kaeden is currently attending MCC, and plans to transfer to Baker College and major in restaurant management. The scholarship is worth \$4,000.

2017 Ringwood Community Picnic



Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 27th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2017 Annual Town Picnic will be available in a future edition of the Village Voice.

2017 - 2018 Ringwood Primary Center Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Information

The Pre-Kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment process will begin with Orientation Night on March 21, 2017 at Ringwood School Primary Center at 6:00 pm. Topics that will be covered are:

- **Program Explanation** - The pre-kindergarten programs will be introduced and explained to parents. This will include information regarding full day kindergarten option.
- **Enrollment Process Explained** - After the Orientation Night, an online pre-application and other enrollment documents will need to be filled out. Staff will explain this process and will make parents aware of the steps they need to take.
- **Students Screening** - All students new or pre-kindergarten program must be screened to determine eligibility. For placement purposes, we also encourage that all potential kindergarteners that were not in our pre-kindergarten program also get screened. Screenings will be held shortly after the school years ends.
- **Guided Tours of the Building** - Staff will take parents on a tour of the building.
- **Time for Questions** - Staff will remain to answer questions that parents might have about the programs, enrollment process or any other topics.

This is not a registration night. You will not need to bring any verification or birth certificates to this event. This is an informational night only. Packets of information will be distributed during our Orientation Night. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Ringwood School office at 815-728-0459.

Action taken by your Village Board at the November, December, January and February Village Board Meetings:

November 2016

- Pass Tax Levy Ordinance raising the Village Levy by \$2.7% for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017.
- Approve ordinance granting a conditional use permit for Lucky E. Kennels.
- Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McHenry, various municipalities including the Village of Ringwood for the General Public Dial-ARide Transit Service in 2017.

All Trustees who were present at the November meeting voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Hewes and Kepes who voted against the increase in the Levy and Trustee Bushroe who was absent.

December 2016

- Approve hiring Folliard Carpentry, Inc. and Upland Construction and Maintenance to construct to small arbors/pergolas in downtown Ringwood.

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

January 2017

- Approve hiring Wonderwave Internet to design and host the Village of Ringwood website.

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

February 2017

- Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry Township, the McHenry Township Fire Protection District and the Village of Ringwood to purchase and install a tornado siren at fire station #5 in the Village of Ringwood.

All Trustees present at the February Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Bauer & Reinwall who were absent.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Appropriations Ordinance
- Consider 2017 road maintenance program.

Public Works Report

In 2017, your Village officials are considering paving the north half of Patty Lane, Christina Court and Tall Oaks Drive in the Country Crossing subdivision. We are currently in the process of getting cost estimates and preparing to go out to bid for this project. If funding is available, we plan to repave these roads sometime this summer. In addition, in April we will review our roads to identify if any of our roads will need to be cracked sealed in 2017.

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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](tel: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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