Dear Neighbors:

On Sunday, August 27th, 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, DJ Entertainment and much more. I am happy to report that Dow will again provide the meat (Pig Roast, hamburgers and hot dogs) and side dishes and the 2017 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 27th.

Finally, thank you so much for all the positive unsolicited comments regarding our new decorative street signs, pergolas and benches. I greatly appreciate it. As funding opportunities become available, your Village officials will continue to find ways to improve our downtown.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Mack
Village President
Public Works Report

At the June Village Board meeting, the Village Board hired Peter Baker and Sons to resurface the north half of Patty Lane, Christina Court and Tall Oaks Drive in the Country Crossings subdivision. This project is expected to begin in early to mid-July.

2017 Tractor Trek Rolls through Ringwood on July 15th

On Saturday July 15th, over 80 antique tractor enthusiasts are expected to participated in the McHenry County Farm Bureau and the McHenry County Antique Farm Equipment Association annual “Tractor Trek”. The Tractor Trek will begin at 8:00 am at the Bauer Family Farm located just east of the Village Hall. The Track Trek will then travel east down Barnard Mill Road to the MCCD Prairie Path. It will then go north down the Prairie Path past the Rusty Nail Bar and Grill. If you would like to see the Tractor Trek you can stop for breakfast or just a fresh cup of coffee at the Rusty Nail and watch all the tractors go by on the back patio. Residents can also park at the Village Hall (In designated spaces only) and walk over to the Bauer Family farm prior to 8:00 am and see the tractors up close.

Participants will have the opportunity to share the day with other antique tractor enthusiasts as they travel through Northeastern McHenry County. Proceeds raised for this event are donated to the Agricultural awareness in McHenry County. The Ag in the Classroom program features Ag Expo, Summer Ag Institutes, in-class presentations, agricultural materials for classrooms, Teacher in Services and scholarships.

Thank you former Trustee Kelley Kepes

On April 30th former Trustee Kelley Kepes officially ended her 22 years of public service on the Ringwood Village Board. Kelley was first elected to the Ringwood Village Board in 1995 as Ringwood’s first Village Clerk. In 1997 Kelley ran and was elected to her first term as a Village Trustee. Prior to being elected to the Village Board, Kelley and her husband Bob played an important role in Ringwood’s successful effort to incorporate the community in 1994. As a trustee, Kelley served as the Chairwoman of the Finance Committee, represented the Village on the Electric Aggregation Committee and played an important role in the establishment of the the policies and procedures that guided our community over the last 22 years.

Kelley, On behalf of a grateful community, we thank you so much for your significant and meaningful contribution to the Village of Ringwood. Because of you, our community is a better place to live and raise a family.
Vacant Village Trustee Position

In the 2017 April Consolidated election there was three four year terms for Village Trustee positions on the ballot and one two year Trustee position. Since no one filed to run in the April 2017 Consolidated election for the two year Trustee position it left a vacancy on the Village Board. As a result, at the July 18th Village Board meeting Village President Rick Mack plans to appoint Ringwood resident Jay Walkington to fill out the remaining 22 months on the two year Trustee position.

Jay Walkington is a native son, having been born and raised in Ringwood. Jay was raised in the ranch house his father, Paul Walkington, built across from the Methodist Church and two houses east of the two room elementary school on Barnard Mill Road. Paul built this home after returning from World War II, and Jay’s mother, Althea, still resides in there. It was at the two room elementary school that Jay received his early education. Upon graduation from McHenry High School in 1960, Jay continued his education at Cornell College, where he met his wife Janice, and from there went on to graduate school at Southern Methodist University. Jay is a United Methodist clergymen and during his 40 years of active ministry served churches in Addison, Schaumburg, Arlington Heights and Lake Bluff.

Upon retirement in 2007, Jay and Jan moved back to Ringwood where they built a home in Oak View Estates. The Walkingtons have been married 51 years and have two daughters and five grandchildren. At this time the grandchildren occupy center stage in their live, but Jay and Jan also find time for travel, reading, as well as enjoy the company of their family, friends and church activities.

Electric Aggregation Program Suspended

If you were part of the Village’s Electric Aggregation program you will be receiving notice from ComEd that effective in July electric supply will be changed back to ComED. This program is being suspend because the consortium (NIGEAC) that the Village has been part of went out to bid this spring and was unable to get prices that were less than ComED supply rates. We will continue to watch the electricity markets and restart this program if and when conditions are more favorable. For now, all participants are going back to ComEd's supply service and will pay their regulated rates. There is nothing you need to do at this time in order to revert back to ComEd. Customers are free to choose a supplier other than Constellation (incumbent supplier prohibited from serving a former customer for 6 months) and offers can be found on the plug in Illinois website.

Since the Electric Aggregation was started in 2012 it is estimated that residents have saved a little over $400.00 over the life of the program.
Come See Beyond the Fences…

Huntsman would like to cordially invite you to an Employee & Community Appreciation Open House
Wednesday, August 2nd 2017
3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
(At the intersection of Ringwood and Barnard Mill Roads)
Guided Tours of our 60,000 sq. ft. Manufacturing Facility
(Tours begin at 3:00 – Each child under 12 yrs. Must be accompanied by an adult)
Come see our products & how they are used
BBQ Buffet style dinner starting at 4:00 p.m.
(assorted non-alcoholic drinks)
Entertainment for children

*BRING THIS CARD – THIS CARD IS YOUR ADMISSION

(If there are any questions please call: 815-653-1512)

5015 Barnard Mill Road
P.O. Box 220
Ringwood, IL 60072-0220
Action taken by your Village Board at the March, April and May Village Board Meetings:

March 2017

• Approve hiring Hiller Property Maintenance to mow and provide landscaping services for the Village Hall, Ringwood Commons Park and various right-of-ways in the Village of Ringwood for the 2017/18 growing season.

All Trustees were present at the March meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

April 2017

• Approve an ordinance making Appropriations for Corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018 in the Village of Ringwood.

All trustees were present at the April meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

May 2017

• Approve hiring Peter Baker and Sons in the amount of $105,857.55 (low bidder) to resurface/pave Christina Court, the north half of Patty Lane and Tall Oaks Drive in the County Crossing Subdivision.
• Approve a hiring Franzen Painting (low bidder) to stain and paint the new pergolas, Gazebo in the Ringwood Commons and to touch up the signs at the Village Hall and Ringwood Commons Park as well as to stain the dormers on the Village Hall.

All Trustees were present at the May meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

• Consider amendments to the Village Fence Ordinance.
• Consider hiring a contractor to crack seal roads identified by the Public Works Department.
• Consider hiring a contractor to trim trees and remove dead trees on Village right-of-ways.
• Consider Levy Ordinance.
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 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 Tuesday of the month, except August when it will be on the 4th Tuesday.