

Village

OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that Trustee Dan Bushroe passed away suddenly in July after a short illness. During his time on the Village Board Dan worked on numerous Public Works projects throughout the Village. Dan was someone you could always count on to help set up for the annual picnic, put up and take down signs for the annual Garage Sale Days and to help prepare the Village Hall for Santa's annual visit each year. Dan was always willing to help out his fellow board members responding to downed trees after a storm. Dan was a voice of reason and common sense on the Village Board. He will always be remembered and missed by his fellow board members for years to come.

In August, the community lost a long time resident who called Ringwood home since the 1940's. Althea Walkington was involved in all facets of Ringwood's society throughout her life. She was involved in the church, the school and community. Althea was involved on every committee, event and project that happened in Ringwood between 1940 and 2008. Most notable to the Village, Althea was one of the original members of the Citizens for Ringwood origination, which successfully incorporated the Village of Ringwood in 1994. Althea worked tirelessly knocking on doors and passing petitions promoting Ringwood's incorporation. I can honestly say that Ringwood's incorporation in 1994 never would have been successful without dedicated community minded people like Althea.

In other Village news, I am happy to report that Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 2, 2017. 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 2018.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Public Works Report:

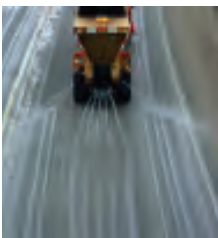


Parking Ordinance Reminder – At all times of the year, parking is prohibited on all Village of Ringwood roads, except Barnard Mill Road near the post office (2 hour limit). After a snow of two inches or more, parking is not permitted in the spaces along Barnard Mill Road near the post office until after 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.



ComEd - 2018 Construction Work - ComEd plans to replace its underground infrastructure on North Ridgeway and portions of Barnard Mill Road in 2018. ComEd will restore/landscape all areas disturbed as a result of this project.

2017 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-Up:

Fun was had by all at the 2017 Ringwood Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 27th. Good food, good music, appearances by our local fire department and children's activities provided an afternoon of enjoyment for kids and adults alike. The search and security canine demonstration was particularly fascinating.



A very special thank you to the following local businesses for generously supporting the 2017 Ringwood Community Picnic: Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Huntsman, Sue Keener - Ringwood Postmaster, Dow Chemical, Trotter & Associates, Baxter & Woodman. In addition, thank you to the McHenry Township and Wonder Lake Fire Protection Districts for attending our annual picnic and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated nonperishable food items to the FISH Food Pantry of McHenry.

2017 Tractor Trek Rolled through Ringwood on July 15th

On Saturday July 15th, approximately 70 antique tractor enthusiasts participated in the McHenry County Farm Bureau and the McHenry County Antique Farm Equipment Association annual “Tractor Trek”.



Proceeds raised for this event were donated to the Agricultural awareness in McHenry County. The Ag in the Classroom program features Ag Expo, Summer Ag Institutes, inclass presentations, agricultural materials for classrooms, Teacher in Services and scholarships.



On December 9th the Knights of Columbus Sponsors Blood Drive

A Knights of Columbus blood drive will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm at St. John's Parish Center in Johnsburg. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important event and for giving back to others.

State Cuts Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF)

As you know, in July the State Legislature passed its first state budget in 2 years. In doing so, the state cut the LGDF by 10% and by another 5% in 2021. The LGDF was established in 1969 when the State of Illinois imposed an income tax and agreed at that time to share the income tax with local governments.

As you will see on the [chart on the following page](#), Ringwood and local governments throughout McHenry County lost significant funding. What does this cut mean to Ringwood? The LGDF is an important source of revenue to the Village. Small communities like Ringwood will be particularly hard hit by this cut. The cumulative effects of this cut will make it substantially more difficult to maintain Ringwood's infrastructure in the future. While Springfield tries to solve its budget problems by shifting the burden to local government entities, it only stands to reason that our schools and local governments will have to rely more on property taxes. When Ringwood invests in our community it has a direct impact on our community. When you send your hard earned money to Springfield can the same be said? Your Village officials are doing everything we can to prepare for the reality of being a local government in the State of Illinois.

The Village of Ringwood 2018 Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule held at Ringwood Village Hall 6000 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, Illinois at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday January 16
Tuesday February 20
Tuesday March 20
Tuesday April 17
Tuesday May 15
Tuesday June 19

Tuesday July 17
Tuesday August 21
Tuesday September 18
Tuesday October 16
Tuesday November 20
Tuesday December 18



SATURDAY

DECEMBER

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9 am to 11:30 am

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

Municipality	2010 Population	FY 2015	FY 2017	FY 2018	10% Decrease	15% Decrease in 2021
		\$97.00	\$95.22	\$99.50		
Algonquin	30,048	\$ 2,914,462	\$ 2,860,980	\$ 2,989,577	\$ 2,690,619	\$ 2,541,140
Barrington Hills	4,209	\$ 408,273	\$ 400,781	\$ 418,796	\$ 376,916	\$ 355,976
Bull Valley	1,077	\$ 104,469	\$ 102,552	\$ 107,162	\$ 96,445	\$ 91,087
Cary	18,271	\$ 1,772,287	\$ 1,739,765	\$ 1,817,965	\$ 1,636,168	\$ 1,545,270
Crystal Lake	40,743	\$ 3,952,071	\$ 3,879,548	\$ 4,053,929	\$ 3,648,536	\$ 3,445,839
Fox Lake	10,579	\$ 1,026,163	\$ 1,007,332	\$ 1,052,611	\$ 947,349	\$ 894,719
Fox River Grove	4,854	\$ 470,838	\$ 462,198	\$ 482,973	\$ 434,676	\$ 410,527
Greenwood	255	\$ 24,735	\$ 24,281	\$ 25,373	\$ 22,835	\$ 21,567
Harvard	9,447	\$ 916,359	\$ 899,543	\$ 939,977	\$ 845,979	\$ 798,980
Hebron	1,216	\$ 117,952	\$ 115,788	\$ 120,992	\$ 108,893	\$ 102,843
Holiday Hills	610	\$ 59,170	\$ 58,084	\$ 60,695	\$ 54,626	\$ 51,591
Huntley	24,291	\$ 2,356,227	\$ 2,312,989	\$ 2,416,955	\$ 2,175,259	\$ 2,054,411
Ieland Lake	8,080	\$ 783,760	\$ 769,378	\$ 803,960	\$ 723,564	\$ 683,366
Johnsburg	6,337	\$ 614,689	\$ 603,409	\$ 630,532	\$ 567,478	\$ 535,952
Lake in the Hills	28,965	\$ 2,809,605	\$ 2,758,047	\$ 2,882,018	\$ 2,593,816	\$ 2,449,715
Lakemoor	6,017	\$ 583,649	\$ 572,939	\$ 598,692	\$ 538,822	\$ 508,888
Lakewood	3,811	\$ 369,667	\$ 362,883	\$ 379,195	\$ 341,275	\$ 322,315
Marengo	7,648	\$ 741,856	\$ 728,243	\$ 760,976	\$ 684,878	\$ 646,830
McCullom Lake	1,049	\$ 101,753	\$ 99,886	\$ 104,376	\$ 93,938	\$ 88,719
McHenry	26,992	\$ 2,618,224	\$ 2,570,178	\$ 2,685,704	\$ 2,417,134	\$ 2,282,848
Oakwood Hills	2,083	\$ 202,051	\$ 198,343	\$ 207,259	\$ 186,533	\$ 176,170
Prairie Grove	1,904	\$ 184,688	\$ 181,299	\$ 189,448	\$ 170,503	\$ 161,031
Port Barrington	1,517	\$ 147,149	\$ 144,449	\$ 150,942	\$ 135,847	\$ 128,300
Richmond	1,874	\$ 181,778	\$ 178,442	\$ 186,463	\$ 167,817	\$ 158,494
Ringwood	836	\$ 81,092	\$ 79,604	\$ 83,182	\$ 74,864	\$ 70,705
Spring Grove	5,778	\$ 560,466	\$ 550,181	\$ 574,911	\$ 517,420	\$ 488,674
Trout Valley	537	\$ 52,089	\$ 51,133	\$ 53,432	\$ 48,088	\$ 45,417
Union	580	\$ 56,260	\$ 55,228	\$ 57,710	\$ 51,939	\$ 49,054
Wonder Lake	4,026	\$ 390,522	\$ 21,016	\$ 400,587	\$ 360,528	\$ 340,499
Woodstock	24,770	\$ 2,402,690	\$ 2,358,599	\$ 2,464,615	\$ 2,218,154	\$ 2,094,923
		\$ 27,004,994	\$ 27,561,798	\$ 27,700,999	\$ 24,930,899	\$ 23,545,849

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

July 2017

- Approve Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Jay Walkington to the Village Trustee position, which was left vacant by the fact that no candidate filed to run for the position in the 2017 Consolidated election.
- Approve amendments to the Village fence ordinance.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

August 2017

- Approve hiring Upland Construction & Maintenance for snow removal and ice control services in the Village of Ringwood for the 2017/18 winter season.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

September 2017

- Approve updates to the Village of Ringwood ordinance pertaining to impact fees.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

October 2017

- Approve Proclamation for World Polio Day 2017
- Approve Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Ringwood resident Karen Morgan to the Village of Ringwood Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Approve Village of Ringwood Board of Trustees 2018 regular meeting schedule.

The Village of Board unanimously approved the above action except Trustees Bauer and Walkington who were absent.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Tax Levy ordinance.
- Consider Rohm & Haas/Dow's zoning variance request.
- Consider amendment to Village of Ringwood Zoning ordinance pertaining to outdoor storage.
- Consider an appointment to the vacant Village Trustee position, which was left vacant by the passing of former Trustee Dan Bushroe.

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Jay Walkington — 815-728-1784

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.

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