Dear Neighbors:

In 2018, your Village officials plan to resurface Barnard Mill Road from the intersection of Ringwood Road east to Route 31. Ringwood Road will also be paved from the intersection of Route 120 to just east of South Solon Road. I’m happy to report that we were successful in obtaining a Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant for this project. This is a 80/20 grant. So the Village of Ringwood, Johnsburg, City of McHenry and McHenry Township will be responsible for 20% of the cost of this project. The 20% will be divided according to the percentage of Ringwood Road that is within each jurisdictions boundary. Bids for this project were opened in January. Curran Contracting Company was the low bidder in the amount of $1,610,135.29. Construction on this project is expected to begin the week of April 16th.

I would like to thank the Village of Johnsburg, City of McHenry and McHenry Township for partnering with Ringwood on this project. Through intergovernmental cooperation and our efforts to acquire grant funds for this project, we have realized important and substantial cost savings for our community.

*Since 2004, Ringwood has been successful in acquiring over $3.7 Million in STP funds to resurface Barnard Mill & Ringwood Roads.* As a small town with very limited resources, I cannot overstate the importance of this accomplishment. It has not only helped us maintain these two roads, but it has freed up other funds to maintain other roads in the Village and it has played an important role in the overall financial success of the Village.

Finally, I would like to thank Upland Construction & Maintenance, our Village snow plow contractor, and the McHenry Township Road District for the great job they did keeping our roads safe and clear of snow and ice this past winter.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Mack
Village President
2018 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days

Mark your calendar! On Thursday, Friday and Saturday - June 7th, 8th, and 9th, your Village officials will be advertising the 15th 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 purchase ads in the Northwest Herald, publish the information on the Village web site and place signs throughout the Village advertising the sales. If you plan to participate in the 2018 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.

2018 Public Works Report:

Crack Sealing - In addition to resurfacing Ringwood & Barnard Mill Roads in 2018, your Village Officials will crack seal and sealcoat the Village Hall parking lot. Also, this spring we will identify roads within the Village for possible crack sealing in 2018.

Decorative Street Signs - In keeping with our goal to improve our streetscape, your Village officials plan to install a “Welcoming sign” very similar to the sign pictured at the intersection of Route 31 & Barnard Mill Road. Also, we are pleased to inform you that we plan to install decorative street signs at the following intersections in the Village:

• N. Ridgeway & Barnard Mill Road
• S. Ridgeway & Barnard Mill Road
• Inmans Way & Barnard Mill Road

Getting to know Steve Boswell - Important Member of our Public Works Team

Pictured above is Steve Boswell. Steve is a valued member of our Village Public Works Department. He works full-time for the Village of Johnsburg Public Works Department and part-time for the Village of Ringwood Public Works Department. Steve does it all! Steve has a tremendous work ethic. No job is too small or large for Steve to tackle. Steve takes pride is his work and finds creative solutions to a wide range of issues. When Steve is involved in a project you can count on a job done right. Thank you Steve.
Welcome to the Village Board Missy Robel

Village President, Rick Mack appointed Missy Robel to the position of Village Trustee. This position was left vacant as a result of the sudden and untimely death of former Trustee Dan Bushroe.

Spouse: Bill Robel, pilot

Children: daughter, Jamie Snider; son and daughter-in-law Nick (Stacy) Snider; and granddaughter, Ava Snider.

Employment: I have been a nurse for 40 years, employed by Captain James A Lovell Federal Health Care providing health care to our veterans and active military (DOD).

Background: I was born and raised in Evansville, Indiana. Graduated 1979 from Evansville School of Nursing, I have one brother, Mike Gilkey, retired Fire Chief, Evansville, IN. I moved to Ringwood, IL in 1995 with my husband.

Interests include: Volunteering in the community to assist in the needs of our local veterans, gardening, animals (LOVE ALL ANIMALS), and trying new recipes. I am also the founder and owner of MISSY'S VETERANS OF VALOR, a non-for-profit organization to assist our local veterans in need.

Rusty Nail Saloon Invests in Ringwood

Thank you to Mike and Jen Siudak, owners of the Rusty Nail Saloon for purchasing and restoring this period style house located at the intersection of Ringwood and Monroe Street in downtown Ringwood. Your Village officials do all we can with our limited resources to improve our downtown. In the end, it will take private investments in our downtown to make this goal a reality.
Santa flew in to Ringwood on Saturday morning December 2, 2017 to visit with the little children and hear their Christmas wishes. Each child received an activity book or small stuffed animal from Santa. Village Clerk Roni Bushroe created a festive atmosphere with delicious baked goods and fabulous Christmas decorations. Many thanks go out to everyone that made this event so special. Santa promised to be back again next Christmas.
From the North Pole

den from Ringwood and the surrounding area. He welcomed over 55 anxious little ones with their Clerk Roni Bushroe created a festive atmosphere with delicious baked goods and fabulous Christmas come back again next Christmas.
Pearson Garage - Bench Restored

The picture above is of a small bench that many decades ago sat in front of the Pearson Garage. Pearson Garage was an active auto repair business in downtown Ringwood in the late 1940’s, located in the small garage located just west of the Post Office on Barnard Mill Road. The Jack Pearson Family recently donated this bench to the Village. The bench was in very bad condition, but Trustee Kevin Bauer put a plan together to have the bench restored. Thank you to Larry Schmitt, Steve Boswell, C&S Fabrication Welding and Jerry and Derick Graff for helping to restore this small piece of Ringwood’s history. This bench will be installed in front the Ringwood Post office for all to enjoy.

2018 Ringwood Community Picnic

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 26th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2018 Annual Town Picnic will be available in a future edition of the Village Voice.
Action taken by your Village Board at the November, December, January and February Village Board Meetings:

November 2017

- Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between McHenry County, various villages, cities and townships including the Village of Ringwood, for the provision of McRide Dial-A-Ride Transit Service in 2018.

All Trustees present at the November Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Hewes who was absent.

December 2017

- Approve Rohm & Haas, LLC, request for a variation from table two bulk chart height restriction of the Ringwood Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction and use of a production building with a total height of ninety-five feet, a variation of fifty-five feet height from the Zoning Ordinance height restriction of forty feet.
- Approve petition for a text amendment to section 406 of the Village of Ringwood Zoning Ordinance regarding Outdoor Storage.

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

January 2018

- Approve Village President Rick Mack’s appointment of Missy Robel to the Village Board as a Trustee.
- Approve Sexual Harassment Policy for the Village of Ringwood pursuant to new state law.

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

February 2018

- No action (new or old business) was considered at the February Board meeting. Possible Future Action by the Village Board
  - Consider Appropriations Ordinance
  - Consider hiring a contractor to crack seal the Village Hall Parking lot and various roads in the Village.
VILLAGE OFFICIALS

President
Richard Mack — 815-653-7131

Clerk
Roni Gaddis-Bushroe — 815-321-1899

Treasurer
Shelly Dercole — 815-653-5511

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Kevin Bauer — 815-353-9009
Tom Hewes — 847-875-5702
Jason Meyer — 815-482-3698
Gary Reinwall — 815-728-0223
Missy Robel — 815-347-8916
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.
Busy Three 4-H Club of Ringwood, the leader is Jennifer Wittum Cell 815-739-6566, Email steergirl17@hotmail.com, meeting held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Ringwood United Methodist Church basement.