

Village

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Dear Neighbors:

As a reminder, the Village Board voted to purchase playground equipment for the Village Hall park at the September Village Board meeting. See picture on page 2. To install the playground equipment, the Village Board chose the community build option. The community build option requires us to provide the labor and the company provides a person to supervise and direct the build. This option will save the Village thousands of dollars. **We will need at least 15 volunteers on Saturday, April 13th. To qualify to be a volunteer you need to be at least 18 years of age and able-bodied. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Village Clerk Roni Busbroe no later than Friday, March 29th at: 815-321-1899.** Please leave your name and number with Roni in the event that we have to cancel the community build option if we do not get enough volunteers. For those that volunteer, lunch will be provided from the Rusty Nail. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

In other Village news-

Please mark your calendar. On Sunday June 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. the Village will host a dedication ceremony for the recently established Trail Head on the McHenry County Prairie Trail in Ringwood. The Trail Head was made possible by a donation made to the Village by the Walkington family in loving memory of Paul and Althea Walkington. At the ceremony, your Village officials will recognize the Walkington family for this very thoughtful and generous donation. The ceremony will conclude with an unveiling of a plaque telling the story about the contributions made by Paul and Althea Walkington to Ringwood throughout their lifetimes. In addition, a second plaque will tell the story and mark the location of the former Ringwood Train Station. A continental breakfast will be served at the Rusty Nail following the dedication ceremony. Parking will be available at the Rusty Nail or at the Dow parking lot on Barnard Mill Road.

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





2019 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days



Mark your calendar! On Thursday, Friday and Saturday - June 13th, 14th, and 15th, your Village officials will be advertising the 16th 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 2019 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.

2019 Public Works Report:

Patching & Crack Sealing - Your Village officials will review and identify roads within the Village for possible crack sealing and patching in 2019 in April after the frost comes out of the ground.

2019 Ringwood Community Picnic



Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 25th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2019 Annual Town Picnic will be available in a future edition of the Village Voice.

Village Accepts Donation of Pond Property

The Village Board recently accepted a land donation of the pond in the northwest corner of Oakview Estates subdivision. Ringwood resident Denice Roberge purchased the property and then donated the property to the Village in loving memory of John Meling. This spring the Village will install a sign designating the pond as “Meling Pond” commemorating the donation. In addition to the sign, the Village plans to install a bench on the park property to the north of the pond, remove the fence around the pond and remove the buckthorns and other invasive plants from the property.

Since the Village owned a two acre park to the north of the pond, it made a lot of sense that we accepted this donation. The Village agreed to maintain the property in its natural state, except for minor development that may be required from time to time for recreational use that will not significantly impact the native ecosystem. On behalf of the entire Village, we would like to thank Denice Roberge for this generous, thoughtful and loving donation.



Waste Management - World Wide Changes To The Recycling Industry



Waste Management (WM) has informed the Village that the recycling world is undergoing big changes. China imported over 25% of the world's recyclables last year, including more than 50% of the paper and plastics recycled across the globe, banned 24 types of material from import - most notable mixed paper and mixed plastics, effective January 1, 2018. Then, on March 1, China implements new national standards, known as Operation Blue Sky, limiting the allowable level of contamination in any material imported into the country to 0.5%. This situation is not likely to improve as China appears to be on a path to eliminate imports of all post-consumer recyclable by 2021. What does all this mean? WM has made a formal request to the Village to modify our current agreement to reflect the extraordinary changes to operating expenses associated with the worldwide recycling industry. WM is requesting a \$1.81 per month increase per home. The Village has 3 years left on a 5 year contract with WM. The Village Board is not expected to approve this request. However, three years from now when our contract with WM expires, the Village will have to factor these significant changes to the recycling industry into a new contract for garbage disposal and recycling services.

Recycle Often. Recycle Right



As a result of the changes to the recycling industry the Village will partner with WM to educate the public to Recycle Often - Recycle Right. China's new import policies have had significant impacts on recycling programs across the United States. Going forward, the goal will be to keep recycling a viable and affordable option. We will all be required to reduce contamination in recyclable products. Please look for information on Recycle Often - Recycle Right in future newsletters and on the village website.

Dow - Property Improvements

As we informed you in the November Village Voice, Dow plans to make improvement to its vacant property located at the south east corner of the intersection of Barnard Mill and Route 31. The company will plant trees on the south east corner of this intersection and will plant prairie grass and flowers throughout the remaining 25 plus acres. Approximately 3 acres will remain in agricultural use. Work on this project will begin in spring. We thank Dow for continuing to collaborate with your Village officials to improve their property in and around our downtown.

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

November 2018

- Approve Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal year May, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019.
- Approve variance request for Jack Pease and Huntsman International for property located at 5411 Business Parkway, for a proposed side yard setback variance.
- Approve amending section 9-106 of the Village of Ringwood lighting Ordinance.
- Approve and Intergovernmental Agreement for the installation of a tornado warning siren.

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

December 2018

- Approve adopting the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code.
- Approve ordinance requiring underground power lines from the curb to a privately owned structure.
- Approve an ordinance requiring paved driveways
- Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the McHenry Township Road District and the Village of Ringwood to allow for various road maintenance services for Ringwood and Barnard Mill Roads in the Village of Ringwood.

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

January 2019

- No action (new or old business) was considered at the January Board meeting.

February 2019

- 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 various roads in the Village.
- Consider zoning variance for the Rusty Nail to open an Ice Cream and Coffee shop in the single family residents located at the intersection of Ringwood Road and Monroe Street.

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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

HR Green - Building Inspection & Zoning Enforcement.

Office Hours: Every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact: Tina Williams 815-759-8344

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.

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