

Municipality	2010 Population	2015	2016	2016 (50% Reduction)
		\$97.00	\$99.00	\$49.50
Algonquin	30,049	\$ 2,914,753	\$ 2,974,851	\$ 1,487,426
Barrington Hills	4,214	\$ 408,758	\$ 417,186	\$ 208,593
Bull Valley	1,122	\$ 108,834	\$ 111,078	\$ 55,539
Cary	18,269	\$ 1,772,093	\$ 1,808,631	\$ 904,316
Crystal Lake	40,739	\$ 3,951,683	\$ 4,033,161	\$ 2,016,581
Fox Lake	10,579	\$ 1,026,163	\$ 1,047,321	\$ 523,661
Fox River Grove	4,793	\$ 464,921	\$ 474,507	\$ 237,254
Greenwood	255	\$ 24,735	\$ 25,245	\$ 12,623
Harvard	9,435	\$ 915,195	\$ 934,065	\$ 467,033
Hebron	1,217	\$ 118,049	\$ 120,483	\$ 60,242
Holiday Hills	831	\$ 80,607	\$ 82,269	\$ 41,135
Huntley	24,292	\$ 2,356,324	\$ 2,404,908	\$ 1,202,454
Island Lake	8,080	\$ 783,760	\$ 799,920	\$ 399,960
Johnsburg	6,337	\$ 614,689	\$ 627,363	\$ 313,682
LITH	28,971	\$ 2,810,187	\$ 2,868,129	\$ 1,434,065
Lakemoor	6,015	\$ 583,455	\$ 595,485	\$ 297,743
Lakewood	3,854	\$ 373,838	\$ 381,546	\$ 190,773
Marengo	7,648	\$ 741,856	\$ 757,152	\$ 378,576
McCullom Lake	1,050	\$ 101,850	\$ 103,950	\$ 51,975
McHenry	26,994	\$ 2,618,418	\$ 2,672,406	\$ 1,336,203
Oakwood Hills	2,083	\$ 202,051	\$ 206,217	\$ 103,109
Prairie Grove	1,904	\$ 184,688	\$ 188,496	\$ 94,248
Port Barrington	1,517	\$ 147,149	\$ 150,183	\$ 75,092
Richmond	1,879	\$ 182,263	\$ 186,021	\$ 93,011
Ringwood	836	\$ 81,092	\$ 82,764	\$ 41,382
Spring Grove	5,772	\$ 559,884	\$ 571,428	\$ 285,714
Trout Valley	537	\$ 52,089	\$ 53,163	\$ 26,582
Union	580	\$ 56,260	\$ 57,420	\$ 28,710
Wonder Lake	4,026	\$ 390,522	\$ 398,574	\$ 199,287
Woodstock	24,771	\$ 2,402,787	\$ 2,452,329	\$ 1,226,165
		\$ 27,028,953	\$ 27,586,251	\$ 13,793,126

Not a MCCG Member

Action taken by your Village Board at the March and April Village Board Meetings:

March 2015

- Approve hiring Hiller Property Management LLC to mow and provide miscellaneous lawn maintenance and landscaping services to the Village of Ringwood for the Ringwood Commons Park and Village Hall and park property.
- Approve amendments to the McHenry County Storm Water Management Ordinance.
- Approve Claim of Lien for property located a 5024 Barnard Mill Road in the Village of Ringwood.

All Trustees present at the March Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Klimkowski and Pytel who were absent.

April 2015

- Approve an ordinance amending Section 306.3(4)E of the Village of Ringwood Zoning Ordinance to increase the shed size in the R-1 zoning district from 80 square feet to the maximum floor area thereof not to exceed 240 square feet.
- Approve an ordinance approving and incorporating the 2015 Village of Ringwood Downtown Plan into the Village of Ringwood's 2006 Comprehensive Plan.
- Approve an ordinance for Pin High Properties LLC and Shepherd Capital LLC's allowing a conditional use permit for a senior group home/shared housing establishment facility at 6809 Barnard Mill Road.

All Trustees were present at the April Village Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Klimkowski who voted to abstain on the senior group home/ shared housing facility and President Mack who voted against the facility. President Mack supported the concept but felt there was nothing particularly unique about this property and therefore this type of conditional use could set a precedent that could be to easily replicated in other residential areas in the Village.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Appropriations Ordinance
- Consider License Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Chicago Meat and Sausage, Inc. and Oleg Kabachenko

2015 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days



Mark your calendar! On Thursday, Friday & Saturday June 11th, 12th, & 13th, your Village officials will be advertising the 12th 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 12th 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.



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**NIGEAC ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM SELECTS NEW SUPPLIER
FOR THE NEXT PROGRAM BEGINNING THIS SUMMER**

McHenry County, IL (April, 2015 – Officials of the Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Aggregation Consortium (NIGEAC), are pleased to report that they have completed negotiations and selected Constellation New Energy (“Constellation”) as the group’s electric supplier for the next term. NIGEAC communities include Algonquin, Genoa, Huntley, Lakewood, Ringwood and Woodstock. Constellation will begin supplying the group with electricity flowing in July 2015 (August billing). Residents and small businesses in the current program have collectively saved approximately \$8 million in the first 2 ½ years of the program.

The NIGEAC recently completed an exhaustive bidding process and chose Constellation to serve the Program at a fixed rate of 6.89 cents/kWh for a 2-year term. Constellation will replace the program’s current supplier, Direct Energy. Chalen Daigle, Official Coordinator for the group said, “We are pleased to have negotiated a rate that’s lower than the current rate.” Daigle added, “Our offer with Constellation also includes an option to be supplied by 100% renewable energy resources.”

Current participants and newly eligible residents and small businesses should expect to see Opt-Out letters from Constellation on or around April 25. The letters will arrive in clearly marked envelopes mentioning the Aggregation Program on the outside and will include the respective community logo. Newly eligible customers are those who receive their generation supply from ComEd, or in other words, those who have not chosen a supplier on their own. Be on the lookout for your letter and please read it carefully, it will explain the rate and terms and conditions. If you wish to remain in the program or be added to it, simply do nothing. If you do not want to participate, follow the instructions for opting-out within the 21-day period.

A similar letter will be sent to residents in the six communities who are not eligible for automatic aggregation. These residents will be allowed to receive the same low rate, terms and conditions but will need to contact Constellation to enroll. Once again, all of this will be explained in the letters expected to arrive on or around April 25.

The NIGEAC and individual community leaders stress that residents need to wait for those letters to arrive. Do not contact Constellation as they will not be ready to accept enrollments until after the letters are mailed. Likewise, please do not contact your community officials as they are not staffed to handle large volumes of calls. The letters you receive from Constellation will provide all the information you need to make an informed decision and will include a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Under Illinois law, communities are able to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electricity on behalf of their citizens. The governmental aggregator chooses an alternate supplier for all of the members in its group. Customers may opt out of the aggregation program and shop for a supplier or accept the standard rate offered by ComEd. ComEd will continue to deliver the electricity, read meters, send monthly billing statements and maintain service for residents and small businesses.



McHenry Township Fire Protection District

Update - MTFPD to perform training exercises and then burn down abandoned farm houses.

As you know, on May 2, 2015 the McHenry Township Fire Protection District (MTFPD) performed training exercises and then burned down the abandoned farm house located on the east side of Ringwood Road (next to Modine). On May 29, 2015, the MTFPD plans to perform training exercises and burn down the other abandoned farm house located on the west side of Ringwood Road near the intersection of Ringwood Road and McCullom Lake Road. This farm house's location will be the future site of a new McHenry Township Fire station and Ringwood's future Public Works site.

Ringwood Downtown Plan Update



Your Village Officials are pleased to inform you that on April 23rd the Plan Commission and Village Board unanimously approved the 2015 Village of Ringwood Downtown Plan and voted to incorporate the plan into the Village of Ringwood's 2006 Comprehensive Plan. As you know, the Ringwood Village Board and Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals had Committee of the Whole meetings throughout the months of January and February to discuss and develop Ringwood's first downtown plan. In addition, on March 31st your Village Officials hosted an open house to receive feedback on our downtown plan from Ringwood Residents. The overall goal of this plan is to create a short and long term plan that will provide direction for future development and improvements in downtown Ringwood and the surrounding area. Below you will find goals of this plan:

- Create a unified vision for the downtown and associated opportunities and improvements such as gateways, streetscape, landscape, rehabilitations, new buildings, etc.
- Provide strategic recommendations and standards for the preservation, development, and redevelopment of compatible uses which complement the existing character.
- Identify key opportunities for future business, residential and civic/public uses.
- Develop a pedestrian friendly environment that will address existing needs, enhance linkages to/from the downtown (i.e. Prairie Path Bike Trail to Glacial Park and surrounding region).
- Accommodate future improvements and focus on a pedestrian friendly downtown area.
- Provide a well-defined implementation strategy.
- Identify funding sources and phasing methods.

These project goals can and will be accomplished while remaining mindful of the unique existing characteristics of Ringwood. Without a plan for our downtown, others will define what Ringwood will be in the years to come.

Long time Ringwood resident Doris (Low) Cristy Celebrates her 90th Birthday



The family of long time Ringwood resident Doris (Low) Cristy would like to invite friends and family to an Open House to celebrate Doris's 90th Birthday. The Open House will be held on Saturday May 16, 2015 at the McHenry Township Building, 3703 N. Richmond Road (Route 31) from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. No presents please.

2015 Ringwood Community Picnic



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Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 23rd, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2015 Annual Town Picnic will be available in a future edition of the Village Voice.

Thank you!

Thank you Lorraine Otis

A special thank you to Ringwood resident Lorraine Otis. In March, Lorraine cleaned up the garbage along a number of Village streets within the Village. As a result, we would like to thank and recognize Lorraine Otis for taking pride in our community and making the time and effort to improve Ringwood.

Thank You Trustee Brian Pytel

At the April 23rd Village Board meeting Village President Rick Mack on behalf of the Village Board and entire community presented Trustee Brian Pytel with a plaque thanking him for his 4 years of commitment and exemplary service to the community.

Welcome Back Trustee Kevin Bauer

At the April 7th Consolidated Election Trustee Kevin Bauer was re-elected to the position as Village Trustee. Kevin previously served as Village of Ringwood Trustee from April 1995 to 2013. Welcome back to the Village Board Trustee Bauer.

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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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Dear Neighbors:

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In Governor Rauner's February 18th Budget Address to the Illinois General Assembly the Governor proposed to cut the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) by 50%. LGDF is a state fund into which a portion of state income tax revenue is deposited annually. Cities, village and counties currently receive 8% of total state tax revenue through this fund. A 50% reduction in LGDF would cost the Village of Ringwood \$41,382 annually. McHenry County municipalities and county would see a nearly \$14 million dollar loss in LGDF revenue (See attached loss of revenue chart on page 2).

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Since 1969, Illinois municipalities have partnered with the state to fund core municipal services such as police, public works, parks and infrastructure projects. A steep reduction in the LGDF will hit these very core services the hardest. In addition to funding core everyday services to Illinois citizens, LGDF distribution plays a role in keeping the local tax burden low. Without LGDF, communities across Illinois would need to explore increases to local taxes. This includes property taxes. Small non-home rule communities like Ringwood with limited revenue options would be hit particularly hard.

Finally, I know that we will all have to make sacrifices to fix Illinois' budget mess. To that end, I am working with McHenry County Council of Governments, the Illinois Municipal League, our Legislatures and the Governors office to minimize the cut to the LGDF and to determine a solution that would help both the state of Illinois, yet not severely impact local governments like Ringwood.

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

