

Village

OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

On behalf of the Village Board, we hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic. For the past several months I have been working with state officials, county officials, local mayors and village presidents to monitor the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on our state, local governments and businesses. Throughout all these discussion, it became very apparent that it would not be possible this summer for large groups of people to congregate safely, so the Village Board made the painstaking decision to cancel Ringwood's 2020 annual community picnic. As elected officials we have no greater responsibility than to protect the health and safety of all residents. Our annual community picnic has been a tradition since 1993. I am hopeful that our annual community picnic will be back bigger and better than ever in 2021.

In other Village news, I am happy to inform you that the Village Board approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Johnsburg to share a Community Service Officer (CSO) for zoning enforcement services in the Village of Ringwood. As a result, I would like to welcome Randy Schmitt as the new Village of Ringwood CSO. Randy will work part-time - approximately 4 hours a week in Ringwood and the remaining time in Johnsburg. Please see page 6 of this newsletter for additional information regarding Randy's background. Finally, I would like to thank Johnsburg Village President Ed Hettermann and the Johnsburg Village Board for making this IGA possible. Ringwood is grateful for your support and for being a great municipal neighbor and partner.

In closing, I would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, first responders, front line workers and all essential workers that go to work every day to save and protect lives and to keep our essential services running during this pandemic. There will never be enough words to thank you for all you have done and will continue to do to keep us safe. Please take care and I hope everyone will have a fun, safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Public Works Report



Culvert replacement - In April, the Village Board had to take emergency action to replace a failing culver on Barnard Mill Road just west of the intersection of Barnard Mill and School Road. The Village hired Upland Construction and Maintenance to perform this work. During construction, traffic had to be detoured through the Oakview Estates and Country Crossings subdivisions. Your village officials would like to thank all the residents in these two subdivisions for your understanding and patience during this detour.



Crack sealing - At the May Village Board meeting, the Village Board hired Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc. to crack seal the following roads in the Village: Patty Lane (South half), Tall Oaks Drive, Casandra Court, Mann Drive and Monroe Street.

Support Ringwood Businesses now and after the Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has been particularly hard on restaurants. Therefore, your village officials would appreciate it if you would support O'Leary's Pub & Grub, Rusty Malt and the Rusty Nail during and after this pandemic is over. Thank you!

Golf Cart/UTV Registration



If you have not had an opportunity to have your golf cart or UTV inspected, registered and to purchase a sticker, please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 to make an appointment.



Please note - last January the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the use of Non-Highway Vehicles (golf carts/UTV's) on roads located in the Village of Ringwood, except for Route 31, Barnard Mill, Pioneer and Ringwood Roads. This ordinance was developed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Illinois Rules of the Road and the Illinois Vehicle Code. The Illinois Vehicle Code has very specific requirements that golf carts and UTV's must be equipped with before they can be operated on a public road/street. In addition, the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance will require that your golf cart or UTV be inspected, registered and to purchase vehicle stickers by and from the village. A copy of the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance can be found on the Village website.

Village Hall Park



Sometime in early to mid-July, your Village officials will be converting one of the tennis courts in the Village Hall park into two pickle ball courts. We hope you will enjoy this improvement to our Village Hall park.



THANK YOU DOW!



Thank you to Dow for donating funds to the Village to plant prairie grass and trees on the two acres owned by the Village at the intersection of Barnard Mill Road and Route 31. The Village will make this improvements in fall 2020. These two acres are currently being farmed and are adjacent to the approximate 25 acres owned by Dow that the company planted with prairie grass and trees in 2019. Once planted, the two acres will require some annual maintenance for the first three years to get the prairie grass and trees established. Also, Dow is currently investing funds in the 25 acres that they improved in 2019. Once established, in addition to being good for the environment, this improvement will make a very attractive addition to one of the most heavily travelled main access points to Ringwood and our historic downtown. We want to thank Dow for this investment in Ringwood and for being a good corporate neighbor.

Outdoor storage update

From time to time, your Village officials will be highlighting certain ordinances in our newsletters that we would like to bring to your attention. A complete copy of all Village ordinances can be found on the Village Website. In this newsletter, we would like to highlight the following ordinance:

Outdoor Storage - The outdoor storage of boats, all types of watercraft, campers, recreational vehicles, motor homes, trailers of all types, all terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles, unlicensed inoperable vehicles are prohibited in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District (10 acres or less) R-1, RR-2, R-3 and E-1 Residential Zoning Districts, B-1, B-2, B-3, O/R, I-1, and I-2 Business & Industrial Zoning Districts in the Village of Ringwood. In addition to a number of commercial properties in the Village this ordinance applies to the following residential subdivisions in the Village: Country Crossings, Glacial Trails, Oakview Estates, Pioneer Oaks, Whispering Meadows. All of downtown Ringwood and a number of individually zoned residential and commercial properties are also included under the outdoor storage requirements if your property falls under any of the the above zoning districts.

Important notification regarding the Outdoor Storage requirements - Residents with RV's, campers and snowmobile trailers will be allowed to store your RV, camper or snowmobile trailer in your driveway in the 48 hours immediately prior to and returning from a trip. The purpose of this requirement is to provide an opportunity for you to prepare (load and unload) your RV, camper or snowmobile trailer for your trip. To qualify for this exception, you must contact Village Clerk Sue Keener via email at sue.keener@ringwood-il.us and provide your name and address along with the days that your RV, camper or snowmobile trailer will be parked in your driveway. Sue will then provide Randy with this information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Ringwood District #34
Old Number: 5
Location:
5309 Barnard Mill Road
Built: 1862 Closed: 1962
Consolidated with: Johnsburg

*The Two-room Ringwood School.
McHenry County Historical Society.
Date of photograph is unknown.*



Thank you to Don & Glenna House for contributing the following Ringwood history to this newsletter. This Ringwood School was built in 1862 as a two story two-room schoolhouse. The younger children's classroom was on the lower floor, while the upper floor housed the older students. This Ringwood School served our community from 1862 to 1962. In 1932, it was designated a Superior school by the State of Illinois, an award infrequently given out.

We recently were given a chance to peek into the past of Ringwood's children through two issues of their school newspaper that they authored and published together about 77 years ago.

From a 1942 Ringwood School Newsletter:

Lost and Found

Lost a pencil, brown and white, return to Bob Sutton.

Lost, one dime, return to John Neal.

Lost, a red eraser, return to Delores Ketts.

Lost, a blue pen, if found return to Tommy Martin.

Lost a boy-friend, if found return to Muriel Butler.

Charles Carr Grade eight

Welcome Randy Schmitt New Village of Ringwood CSO



- Village of Fox Lake - Randy was CSO for 14 years (2001 to 2015)
- Randy started to work part-time in 2012 for the Village of Johnsburg
- In August, Randy will celebrate his 5th anniversary as the full-time CSO of the Village of Johnsburg

Important notice: Please do not call or contact Randy in any way at the Village of Johnsburg. If you would like to contact Randy, please send an email to Village Clerk Sue Keener at sue.keener@ringwood-il.us. Sue will ensure Randy receives your message.

Highlights of the March, April and May Village Board Meetings:

March 2020

- Approve updates to Village of Ringwood building code.
- Approve Governor Pritzker's Declaration of Emergency regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Approve intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Johnsburg and Ringwood to share a Community Service Officer.

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

April 2020

- Approve contract between the Village of Ringwood and HR Green for Building Inspection Services.
- Approve a pay increase for Village Clerk Sue Keener and Public Works staff member Steve Bosewell.
- Approve cancelling the Annual 2020 Village of Ringwood community picnic as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

All trustees present at the April Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Herdus who was absent.

May 2020

- Approve an ordinance making Appropriations for Corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 in the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve an intergovernmental agreement Boundary agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Spring Grove.
- Approve hiring Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc. to crack seal Patty Lane (South section), Tall Oaks Drive, Cassandra Court, Mann Drive and Monroe Street in the Village of Ringwood in 2020.

All trustees were present at the May Village Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Levy Ordinance.

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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 5:00 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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