

# Village OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

With a very heavy heart I regret to inform you about the passing of former Village Trustee Tom Hewes. Tom passed away in January, after a courageous and hard fought battle against cancer. Tom served on the Village Board for 9 years. During his time on the Village Board, you could always count on Tom to be thinking of ways to improve Ringwood. No idea was too big or small for Tom. Tom was a selfless and thoughtful person. He always put others' concerns and interest ahead of his own. Tom was truly dedicated to making Ringwood a great place to live and raise a family. He will be greatly missed. This spring, the Village Board will plant a tree in the Village Hall park in Tom's memory.

In other Village news, the Village Board worked over the last couple of months to update and codify our exterior building code requirements for new single and multiple family homes. We also updated our landscaping requirements for new developments. The purpose for these updates is to create a more user-friendly process for prospective home builders and to continue our tradition of ensuring future development fits into Ringwood's expectations for quality homes and well-landscaped subdivisions. It's been my personal goal and the goal of the Village Board to continue to strive not to make Ringwood a big town, but rather one of the best small towns to live and raise a family.

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

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack  
Village President



## A Friendly Reminder - Johnsburg High School (JHS) Boys Tennis Team

Beginning April 1st and continuing through the end of May, the JHS boys tennis team has reserved both tennis courts at the Ringwood Village Hall for practice from 3:00pm - 5:00pm most weekdays (barring bad weather or a match). The tennis courts normally used for their practices will be under construction this spring. Your Village officials are pleased to assist the JHS boys tennis team with this request.

## 2024 Brush Pickup

Your Village officials have hired Century Tree Service of Grayslake IL to pick up and chip brush throughout the Village in 2024. The Village of Ringwood brush pickup days will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 18th and 19th. To participate, please have your brush out by the side of the road no later than Wednesday, April, 17th. Important Note: No branches larger than 6" round will be accepted.

## 2024 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days

### Mark your calendar!

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 13th - 15th, your Village officials will be advertising the Ringwood 2024 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 website and place signs throughout the Village advertising the sales. Anyone planning to participate in the 2024 Ringwood Garage Sale Days should contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 to ensure we have signs advertising the garage sale locations.



## 2024 Annual Ringwood Community Picnic

### Mark your calendar!

On Sunday, August 25th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Community Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. More picnic details to follow in a next edition of the Village Voice.



## 2024 Golf Cart/UTV Sticker Renewal or Registration

If you are the owner of a golf cart or UTV, and have not done so yet, please remember to renew or register your vehicle for 2024. Please visit the Village of Ringwood website at ringwood-il.us to obtain the new 2024 renewal registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680. It will cost \$10 to renew your sticker or \$50 to register your Golf cart/UTV for the first time. Please make

your check payable to the Village of Ringwood. No cash or credit will be accepted. A copy of the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance can be found on the Village website.

## Golf Carts/UTVs - Illinois state law and Village ordinance requires the following:

- You must have a valid drivers license to operate a golf cart or UTV upon the roadways in the Village of Ringwood which are owned by and under the jurisdiction of the Village.
- Any licensed driver operating a golf cart or UTV upon the roads in Ringwood shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Rules of the Road and the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- Golf carts and UTVs must be inspected and registered annually with the Village. Please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 if you have not had your golf cart or UTV registered and inspected.
- State of Illinois law prohibits the use of ATVs on public roads.

## 2024 Public Works Update

This spring your Village officials will be identifying roads for possible crack sealing and patching.

## Welcome to the Village Board Tim Meseck

At the February Village Board meeting, Village President Rick Mack appointed and the Village Board approved Tim Meseck to fill the vacant Trustee position. Tim previously served on the Zoning Board. Getting to know Tim: Tim was born and raised in Sheboygan, WI, Tim showed an interest in architecture at a young age when he spent hours designing and constructing Lego buildings. He graduated from Sheboygan South High School in 1993 and attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for undergraduate degree studies in Architecture and Urban Planning. After college Tim worked in the Milwaukee and Waukesha markets practicing commercial architecture for several small and medium size firms. He and his wife, Dawn, moved to Chicago in the early 2000's and at this time Tim began work at The Architects Partnership, starting as a Project Manager and now as Partner. Work from home opportunities have enabled Tim and Dawn to relocate to the Pioneer Oaks subdivision. Tim's background in architecture and urban planning provides an opportunity to help foster an active and engaging environment for the community. His understanding of short- and long-term goals for the public and private domains will provide benefits as Ringwood continues to advance. During his professional career Tim has focused on energy efficient design and sustainability and is a supervisor and mentor for aspiring architects in the NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards) development program.

## A Friendly Reminder About Outdoor Storage

### Outdoor Storage -

The outdoor storage of boats, all types of watercraft, campers, recreational vehicles, motor homes, trailers of all types, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and 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, and 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. Residents with RVs, 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](mailto: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 Zoning Enforcement Officer Randy Schmitt with this information. Finally, please review your subdivision covenants and restrictions. The Village doesn't enforce covenants and restrictions, however most of them have the same or similar requirements regarding outdoor storage. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Highlights of the Village Board Meetings - December through March

### December 2023

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

### January 2024

- Approved hiring Landcare and Lawn Maintenance Inc. of McHenry (low bid) for a 1 year contract (with option for 2 more years) for mowing and landscaping services of Village of Ringwood owned properties.
- Approved amendments to the Village of Ringwood building code regarding exterior building requirements for new single and multiple family homes.

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

### February 2024

- Approved a resolution regarding the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Plan of Action for Regional Transit.
- Approved amendments to the Village of Ringwood Subdivision Ordinance regarding landscaping requirements for new developments.
- Approved Professional Services agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Eccezion Professional Services for accounting and financial services.
- Approved Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Tim Meseck to the vacant Trustee position.
- Approved Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Steve Cencelewski to the Village of Ringwood Planning and Zoning Board.
- Approved additional amendments to the Village of Ringwood building code regarding exterior building requirements for new single and multiple family homes.

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

### March 2024

- Approved the following amendment to the Village of Ringwood Zoning ordinance: Zoning Ordinance, shall be amended to change "Warehouse mini-storage" from a permitted use to a conditional use in the B-3 and I-1 Zoning Districts.
- Approved zoning variance request for a pole barn at 4300 South Ridgeway Road.
- Approved hiring of Pett Paving of Spring Grove (low bidder) to pave the entrance to the Village Hall east parking lot.

*All Trustees present at the March Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Reinwall who voted against the variance for the pole barn and Trustee Robel who was absent.*

## Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Appropriations Ordinance.
- Consider hiring a contractor to patch and crack seal various roads in the Village.
- Consider a Conditional Use request for a solar farm. Proposed solar farm is located directly behind Mann Drive. If approved, the proposed solar farm will not be directly adjacent to any existing residential developments.



## Ringwood Village Hall

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

#### President

Richard Mack - 815-321-1898

#### Clerk

Sue Keener - 815-355-6680

#### Treasurer

Shelly Spata - 815-653-5511

### VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Katie Herdus - 847-644-5963

Tim Meseck - 414-745-4525

Jason Meyer - 815-482-3698

Karen Morgan - 847-638-2009

Gary Reinwall - 815-728-0223

Missy Robel - 815-347-8916

### 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 Inspections and Permits

Contact: Tina Williams 815-759-8344 with questions or an appointment

Village Board meets on the 3rd Monday of the month

Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets on as needed basis

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