

# Village OF RINGWOOD

# Picnic

Dear Neighbors:

On Sunday, August 25th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon at the Village Hall. Back by popular demand will be the "Moon Walk", rock climbing wall, DJ entertainment and much more. The menu includes a pig roast, turkey, hot dogs, side dishes, sweet corn and ice cream. All of which is catered by Ringwood's own Rusty Nail Bar & Grill. The food will be served from 12:30 P.M. till 1:30 P.M., and the raffle drawing will begin at 2:15 P.M. There will be lots of raffle prizes and you must be present to win.

In addition, we are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the FISH food pantry of McHenry. We are asking that each person bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Monetary donations for the FISH food pantry will also be accepted. Anyone interested in helping with the picnic set-up should be at the Village Hall at 8:30 a.m. on the 25th.

Since we have a limited amount of parking spaces at the Village Hall, we would like to keep the parking lot at the Hall available for the elderly and handicapped. Therefore, we are asking that if you able, please park in the east lot adjacent to the tennis courts.

Our Annual Town Picnic is a great opportunity to relax with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy some great food and have an old-fashioned good time. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th!

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack  
Village President



## Public Works Report

Your Village officials are always looking and thinking of ways to improve Ringwood. We believe that even small improvements can make a big difference. The next two recently completed projects are good examples of those efforts.

**Ringwood Road Safety/Streetscape Project:** This spring, the Village Board hired Upland Construction and Maintenance to construct a landscape island on Ringwood Road right-of-way in front of the Rusty Nail. The purpose of this streetscape project was to address a potential safety issue in this area. This improvement will prevent the front end of vehicles from hanging over into the east bound lane of Ringwood Road. It will also improve the overall visibility for those driving on Ringwood Road and for those entering and leaving the Rusty Nail parking lot. In addition to improving safety, this project was designed to be a streetscape project that would improve the overall appearance of this area.

**Decorative Street Signs** - This spring the Village installed our standard decorative street signs in the Country Crossings and Oakview Estates subdivisions. Per Village requirements, the developer of Glacial Trails installed the decorative street signs in that subdivision.

**Other 2024 infrastructure projects** - The Village Board hired contractors to complete the following work:

- Crack fill South Ridgeway Road
- Crack fill, seal coat and stripe the Village Hall parking lot
- Stripe the Barnard Mill and Ringwood Roads Prairie Trail crosswalks
- Repair a drainage issue on the sidewalk near Doggie Style Grooming
- Repair a culvert on Ringwood Road east of the intersection of Route 31 and Ringwood Road.

## Welcome New Village Clerk Elaine Fung

Getting to know Elaine - Elaine married Jamie, her high school sweetheart in 1982 and moved to Ringwood from Wonder Lake in 1988 in search of a country home to support their hobbies of gardening, breeding Labrador Retrievers, and racing homing pigeons.

To support the confidentiality and moving schedule of Jamie's career move from Patrol Sheriff to undercover narcotics detective, Elaine chose to stay home and offer childcare in her home until her two small children started school.

Gardening and home improvement led her to some of the very first committees in Ringwood: Ringwood Beautification and the very first town picnic, where she ran the T-shirt stenciling craft table. She stenciled the quote "Only in Ringwood" on our shirts.

Elaine chose to retire in 2019 after 29 years as a Senior Lab Technician at Hunstman to care for Jamie, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, until he died in 2020.

Navigating life alone, she threw herself into her photography hobby and has actually made a little money at it.

She spends lots of time with her adult children Colin 40, and Lynnea 35 and two grandchildren Gemma 9 and Oliver 13.

Although her property is lots of work without Jamie, she doesn't think she could ever move from her little country home right down the street where she has anything she needs from town including great support from her neighbors.

### **Good News! Sue Keener is not going anywhere**

Residents will continue to see Sue's smiling and welcoming face at the Village Hall. And let's not forget about those Hershey's Kisses she offers when you stop by the Village Hall to say hello. Sue will be focusing on special events such as Santa at the Village Hall, Ringwood Garage Sale days and our annual community picnic and of course greeting residents when they stop by the Village Hall. Sue's new title is Deputy Village Clerk.

## Highlights of action taken by the Village Board at the following Village Board Meetings:

### April 2024

- Approve Village Presidents Rick Mack's appointment of Elaine Fung to the position of Village Clerk.

*All Trustees were present at the April Village Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.*

### May 2024

- Approve Licensing agreement between Everstream GLC Holding Company and the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve amending the plat of subdivision for the Pioneer Oaks of Ringwood subdivision to change the name of Justen Lane to Justen Farm Lane.
- Approve Appropriations for corporate purposes for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.
- Approve annual Business Registration ordinance.
- Approve an ordinance amending Section 3-11, Driveways of chapter 3 building code and building regulations.
- Approve amending Article 6. Design and construction of roads and roadside drainage facilities of the Ringwood subdivision ordinance.
- Approve FY2024/2025 General Engineering Consultant contract between HR Green and the Village of Ringwood.

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

### June 2024

- Approve Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and HR Green for FY 2024/2025 for building plan reviewed and inspection services.
- Deny request from Cultivate Power for conditional use and various variances for two solar farms.

*All Trustees were present at the June Village Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.*

### July 2024

- Approve hiring Pavement Solutions LLC to perform thermoplastic striping of Ringwood and Barnard Mill crosswalks and to crack fill South Ridgeway Road.
- Approve hiring B&B Coatings CO. to crack fill, seal coat and stripe the Village Hall Parking lot.
- Approve hiring Upland Construction and Maintenance to repair and replace the sidewalk and curb near Doggie Style Grooming to resolve drainage issue that results in water ponding on sidewalk.
- Approve hiring Upland Construction and Maintenance to repair culvert on Ringwood Road just east of the interaction of Route 31 and Ringwood Road.

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

### Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Levy Ordinance.
- Consider updates and variances to the Village Zoning ordinance.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Ringwood Trick or Treat**

Thursday, October 31, 2024  
from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN -**

Santa promised to be at the Village Hall on  
Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.  
If you provide a camera, we will take your family's  
picture with Santa. Refreshments will be served.



## Ringwood Village Hall

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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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 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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