

Village OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

I am happy to report that 2023 was a good year for infrastructure in Ringwood. Thanks to a \$750,000 grant that the Village received through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), your Village officials were able to resurface all the roads in Oakview Estates, Business Parkway, Mann Drive and Craftwell Drive. The DCEO grant covered 100% of the project cost and brought our total amount of grant funds acquired to almost \$5 million dollars since Ringwood's incorporation in 1994.

In addition to the DCEO funded project, the Village partnered with McHenry Township to resurface Pioneer Road. In addition to McHenry Township, both Ringwood and Johnsburg have jurisdiction over sections of Pioneer Road. As a result, both communities partnered with the Township to pave those portions of Pioneer Road within their respective jurisdictions. Finally, the developer of the Glacial Trails subdivision placed the final lift of asphalt, at his sole expense, on all the roads in this subdivision.

The biggest thank you in 2023 goes out to Lima Excavation and its owner Larry Lima. Lima Excavation donated all the labor to install the second parking lot and walking path at the Village Hall and donated the limestone for the walking path. These improvements would not have been possible without their generous donation. Your Village officials are grateful to Lima Excavation for making this project a reality.

On behalf of the Village Board, we would like to wish you and your entire family a very happy holiday season and an especially happy, healthy 2024!

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Ice Skating Rink

Unfortunately the Village Hall ice skating rink will not be open for business this winter. The Village was unable to get the site graded and seeded. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You Trustee Jason Meyer

A special thank you to Trustee Jason Meyer. Each time the flag at the Village Hall and Ringwood Commons needs to be lowered to half staff out of respect or mourning you will find Trustee Jason Meyer making the time in his busy schedule to handle this important responsibility.

The Village of Ringwood 2024 Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule

Monday	January 15th	July 15th
Monday	February 19th	August 19th
Monday	March 18th	September 16th
Monday	April 15th	October 21st
Monday	May 20th	November 18th
Monday	June 17th	December 16th

All meetings will be held at the Ringwood Village Hall, 6000 Barnard Mill Road and are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

2024 Golf cart/UTV Sticker Renewal or Registration

If you are the owner of a Golf cart or UTV, you can now 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.

Johnsburg High School (JHS) Boys Tennis Team

Beginning April 1, 2024 and continuing through the end of May 2024, 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 going under construction this spring. Your Village officials are pleased to be assisting the JHS boys tennis team with this request.

2023 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-Up:

Fun was had by all at the 2023 Ringwood Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 27th. Good food, good music, a record number of raffle prizes, appearances by our local fire department and children's activities provided an afternoon of enjoyment for kids and adults alike.

A special thank you to following local businesses and individuals for their very generous support of the 2023 Ringwood Community Picnic: Rusty Nail Saloon, Dow, Aalchem, Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Nature's Scholars, O'Leary's Pub & Grub, L & R Plumbing and Electric, J. Condon & Associates, Inc, C&S Fabrication Services, CQ Concepts, Hunstman, HR Green, C&A Auto Body, Lockers Flowers, Halftime Bar and Grill, Century Tree Service and Terry & Kathy Porter.



Santa's 2023 Visit from the North Pole

Santa flew in to Ringwood on Saturday morning November 25, 2023 to visit with the little children from Ringwood and the surrounding area. He welcomed over 60 anxious little ones with their Christmas wishes. Village Clerk Sue Keener, Jan McDowell, Tina Williams and Village President Rick Mack and Barb Mack created a festive atmosphere with goody bags and cheerful Christmas decorations. Santa promised to be back again next Christmas.





Public Works Report

Glacial Trails of Ringwood -

The developer installed the final lift of asphalt on the roads this past summer. But the following improvements need to be completed before the Village assumes responsibility for maintenance of the road right of way:

- Ensure detention ponds and ditches are functioning as designed and remove any unwanted vegetation and rock silt dams and seed.
- Install street signs and ensure the street lights are installed correctly and functioning.

Parking Ordinance Reminder -

At all times of the year, parking is prohibited on all Village of Ringwood roads, except Barnard Mill Road near the post office (15 minute limit). After a snowfall of two inches or more, parking is not permitted in the spaces along Barnard Mill Road near the post office until after the road has been plowed shoulder to shoulder. This parking prohibition is in effect 24 hours a day. If a 2-inch or greater snowfall occurs and your vehicle is parked along the road, you must move it or have it moved immediately so plows can get through. By doing so, you will avoid being ticketed and towed. In that scenario, an individual would not only have to pay the ticket, but the towing charge as well. Your compliance with our Parking Ordinance is appreciated.

Mailbox Post -


With winter on its way, this would be a good time for residents to check their mailbox and post to be sure that they are sturdy and can handle the snow roll off from the plow. If repair or replacement is needed, please take the time now to do it. If your mailbox or post falls down during the winter months, only a temporary fix can be performed and mail delivery may be disrupted.

Blitzed Mailboxes -

If your roadside mailbox becomes a casualty during the Village's war with the wintertime elements, the Village will repair or replace it if it was damaged from direct contact with a Village contracted-and-operated snow plow. However, if the damage is caused by a windrow (wall of flying snow) hurled by a passing plow, the Village will not repair or replace it. Sturdiness should be a consideration when you purchase and install your mailbox in a legal manner. It should be able withstand the force, weight, and sweep of snow flung by a passing plow. Replacement of mailboxes damaged as a result of being struck by a Village contracted snow plow will be a standard unit set on a wolmanized 4x4 wooden post. Please bear in mind, however, that sometimes downed mailboxes cannot be reinstalled immediately. In that case you will be required to pick up your mail at the post office.

Salt Caution -

It's important to be aware that the effectiveness of road salt diminishes as the temperature drops. The lower the temperature, the less effective the salt will be. Road salt effectiveness is also reduced during freezing rain, because it's washed off the pavement by the traffic as the rain continues falling and freezing on impact. In any weather, even when salt is spread, drive as if there was no salt at all. Reduce your speed and allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Also, begin stopping well in advance of any stop sign or traffic signal.



Highlights of the July, August, September, October and November Village Board Meetings:

July 2023

- No new or old business was considered at the July Village Board meeting.

August 2023

- Approve Paid Leave for all workers ordinance. The State Legislature passed a law that all municipalities have to adopt a Paid Leave ordinance by the end of 2023.

The Village Board voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Reinwall who voted against the paid leave ordinance and Trustees Herdus and Hewes who were absent.

September 2023

- Approve Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Timothy Meseck to the Ringwood Zoning Board of Appeals and the Plan Commission.
- Approve the purchase of parks and public works equipment. Equipment included a used gator and a new mower attachment for the Village tractor.

The Village Board voted to approve the above action, except Trustees Herdus and Robel who were absent.

October 2023

- Approve a contract between the Village and Upland Construction and Maintenance for snowplowing and ice control services for the 2023/2024 winter season.


The Village Board voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Hewes who was absent.

November 2023

- Approve Tax Levy ordinance for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.
- Approve a Raffle ordinance for not for profit entities.
- Approve 2024 Village Board regular monthly meeting schedule.

The Village Board voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Hewes who was absent.

Possible Future Village Board Action

- Consider variance request for a pole barn on South Ridgeway Road.
 - Consider a Condition Use request for a solar farm. Proposed solar farm is located directly behind Mann Drive. If approved, the proposed solar farm will not be adjacent to any existing residential developments and will be difficult to see from any existing roadway or residential development.
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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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