

# Village OF RINGWOOD Office

MARCH 2025



Dear Neighbors:

One of the top legislative priorities each year for local governments throughout the State of Illinois is the protecting and restoration of the revenues through the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF).

The LGDF is the designated portion of the state income tax revenues that municipalities and counties receive on a per capita basis. Until 2011, 10% of total state income tax collections was dedicated to LGDF; today, the local government share has been reduced to 6.47%.

LGDF is an especially important source of funding for small non-home rule communities like Ringwood, who have limited resources and rely heavily on LGDF. For example, the LGDF is Ringwood's second highest source of revenue. At 6.47%, the LGDF represents approximately 22% of Ringwood's total revenues. LGDF is critical for keeping our infrastructure in a good state of repair and local tax burden low. This is something that we in Ringwood have come to expect and deserve.

In addition to being your Village President, I also serve as the President of the McHenry County County of Governments (MCCG). I serve in this role, because there is strength in numbers. By local governments banding together we have a stronger voice in Springfield to prevent unfunded mandates and cuts to LGDF that would harm Ringwood and all local governments. Unfortunately, each year we have to make the case to the Governor and State Legislature about the importance of LGDF to our local governments and to oppose unfunded mandates that harm our local governments and ultimately the tax payers. Every year we work collaboratively with other Council of Governments and the Illinois Municipal League to advocate for restoring LGDF to 10% and oppose unfunded mandates. After all, these are our tax dollars and they should be invested locally.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick".

Richard E. Mack  
Village President

## 2025 Brush Pickup

Your Village officials have hired Century Tree Service of Grayslake IL to pick up and chip brush throughout the Village in 2025. The Village of Ringwood brush pickup days will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 10th and 11th. To participate, please have your brush out by the side of the road no later than Wednesday, April, 9th. Important Note: No branches larger than 6" round will be accepted.



## 2025 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days

*Mark your calendar!*

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12th - 14th, your Village officials will be advertising the Ringwood 2025 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 2025 Ringwood Garage Sale Days should contact Village Clerk Elaine Fung at 815-355-6680 to ensure we have signs advertising the garage sale locations.



## 2025 Annual Ringwood Community Picnic

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 24th, 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.

## 2025 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 2025. Please visit the Village of Ringwood website at [ringwood-il.us](http://ringwood-il.us) to obtain the new 2025 renewal registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Village Clerk Elaine Fung 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 Elaine Fung 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.

### 2025 Infrastructure Improvement Plans

In 2025, your Village officials plan to resurface the following roads:

- Monroe Street
- Van Buren Street
- Austin Court in the Gaylor Business Park
- Barnard Mill Road - Approximately 200 feet of Barnard Mill Road will be resurfaced just west of the intersection of Barnard Mill and Ringwood Roads.

In order to get the biggest bang for the buck and to save tax payer dollars, your Village officials are partnering with McHenry Township to bid out these roads with the McHenry Township Road Districts 2025 road resurfacing program. Thank you to the McHenry Township Road District for partnering with Ringwood on our 2025 road resurfacing program.

In addition to the 2025 resurfacing projects, this spring your Village officials will be identifying roads throughout the community that need to be patched or crack sealed.

## History of Ringwood High School

Former Trustee Kevin Bauer provided the Village with an article from a book titled "The History of McHenry County 1885". On page 788 of this book the history of the Ringwood School is laid out. A copy of this article is below and thank you to Kevin Bauer for sharing this article with the Ringwood community.



Artist Rendition of Ringwood School

The Ringwood School was established in 1866. The original building served Ringwood and surrounding area continuously until 1962, when a new building was erected on School Road that is today the Ringwood Primary Center. The article states:

Lorena Jepson McCannon, an alumni of Ringwood School (circa 1862), who moved to Ringwood in 1918 when she was in fourth grade, remembers that the school is in the same building as is there now (located on Barnard Mill Road adjacent to School road, now converted to apartments). There were outdoor toilets-one on either side of the building, one for boys and one for girls. At first there were no electric lights, just hanging kerosene lamps, The school was heated with a big coal burner stove. There were two rooms downstairs. The first three grades were in the room on the left, and the other elementary grades were in the room on the right. The upstairs was the high school and the eighth grade. Cora Peet from Richmond was her teacher and she remembers Miss Ingram and Mr. Bottomley.

In 1920, a McHenry community high school district was formed and Ringwood's high school age students began attending the McHenry Community High School District. The lower grades continue to attend the Ringwood School on Barnard Mill Road until 1962, when a new school was constructed on School Road.

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

### December 2024

- Approve an ordinance authorizing an extension from annexation agreement between the Village of Ringwood and First Midwest Bank, as Trustee under trust agreement dated January 8, 2003, owner of record and Gerstad Builders Inc.
- Approve 2025 Village Board Regular meeting schedule.
- Approve Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and HR Green for the 2025 road resurfacing program.

*All Trustees present at the December Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Reinwall and Robel who were absent.*

### January 2025

- Approved sign variance request for Extra Space Storage, 5220 N. Richmond Road.
- Approved Intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Ringwood and the McHenry Township Road District.
- Approve ordinance adopting by reference the McHenry County Stormwater management ordinance.

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

### February 2025

- Approved amendments to the Village of Ringwood exterior building code requirements.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing execution of an annexation agreement for property index number 09-10-176-006 and annexation the same property. This property is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 31 and Ringwood Road and is approximately 67.47 acres.
- Approved Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Vern Weidner to the Village of Ringwood Planning and Zoning Board.

*All Trustees present at the February Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except 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 adding exterior building code requirements to the Village Zoning Ordinance.
- Consider mixed use zoning request from Home State Bank and Trust. Property is located at the northeast corner of Route 31 and Ringwood Road, which is approximately 67.47 acres.
- Consider tentative and final plats for the Boulder Hill of Ringwood subdivision.

## Ringwood Village Hall

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

#### CLERK

Every Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 11:00 am

First Saturday of the month (April thru November) 8:00 am to 10:00am or by appointment.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Hr Green - Building Inspections and Permits

Contact: Kathryn Melnick 815-320-7131 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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