

Village OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

I am pleased to inform you that the Village was successful in acquiring two infrastructure grants. The first grant is in the amount of \$750,000 through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The funding for this grant is from Governor Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois Infrastructure Program. Your Village officials plan to use these funds to resurface all the roads in Oakview Estates, Business Parkway, Mann Drive and Craftwell Drive. This grant is expected to cover 100% of the cost of this project. The DCEO still has to approve the scope of work and budget for this project. If approved in time, your Village officials plan to go to bid in late spring and construct this project in late summer or early fall.

The second grant is a Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant in the amount of \$206,708. This grant will be used to resurface Ringwood Road just south of the Ringwood Corporate Center past the fire station to the Village limits. The allocation for this grant is 80/20. Ringwood will be responsible for covering 20% of the cost of this project. This project went out to bid this past winter. Curran Contracting was the low bidder in the amount of \$147,450.10. Construction is expected to begin and be completed this spring.

Since 2004, Ringwood has been successful in acquiring over \$4.7 million in infrastructure grants to maintain our infrastructure. As a small town with very limited resources, I cannot overstate the importance of this accomplishment. These grant funds will not only help the Village maintain these roads, but will free up other funds to maintain other roads and other projects in the Village, playing an important role in controlling the overall financial success of the Village.

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

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



2022 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days Mark your calendar!

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 9th - 11th, your Village officials will be advertising the 18th annual Ringwood 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 2022 Ringwood Garage Sale Days should contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 to ensure we have signs advertising the garage sale locations.

2022 Public Works Report:

In addition to our resurfacing projects outlined on the front page, this spring your village officials will assess and identify roads within the Village for any needed crack sealing and patching repairs.

2022 Annual Ringwood Community Picnic

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 28th, 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 future edition of the Village Voice.

MCCD Prairie Trail Improvement Update

The McHenry County Conservation District has started preparing to go for bid to repair a drainage problem on the Prairie Trail between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road. This project includes cutting down trees to make room for a drainage swale. During heavy rain events water ponds on Ringwood Road and the Prairie Trail due to poor drainage along this section of the Trail. The purpose of this project is to resolve this issue and improve drainage on this section of the Prairie Trail. Thank you to MCCD for making this improvement. If all goes well construction on this project will begin later this summer or early fall.

Ringwood United Methodist Church

The Village Board worked tirelessly throughout the past 6 plus months to try and purchase the shuttered Ringwood United Methodist Church. Our goal in buying the church was to repurpose the church into a community center. As a small community with limited resources, we would need to acquire a grant to make our plans a reality. What we learned throughout our research was there were few grant opportunities available to repurpose a church building into a community center. In the end, the Village ended up applying for an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding via McHenry County. Unfortunately, in late March the Village was informed by McHenry County that our project was deemed ineligible for funding under the ARPA guidelines.

The Ringwood United Methodist Church has deep roots in Ringwood. The original church building was constructed in 1855 and was destroyed by fire on August 1, 1954. The congregants stepped up and rebuilt the church soon after. On August 28, 1955 the new church was consecrated. At its peak, the church would attract up to 100 people for Sunday services. In addition to serving generations of parishioners, the church served as a gathering place for the community. The church hosted generations of weddings, funerals, and dinners in the church basement. In the early days of the Village the church also served as a location for community and Village Board meetings.

Although your Village officials are very disappointed we did not receive the funding for this project, we are hopeful that the church will be purchased by someone who will take pride in its history and provide a use that will benefit this and future generations of Ringwood residents.

Highlights of the Village Board Meetings - November through March:

November 2021

Approve an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Johnsburg and the Village of Ringwood for Administrative Adjudication.

- Approve Annual Tax Levy ordinance for the Village of Ringwood for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.
- Approve Greenway Storage request for a variance regarding maximum land coverage for a building.

All Trustees present at the November Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Robel who was absent.

December 2021

- Approve 5 year contract between the Village of Ringwood and Flood Bros. for residential garbage and recycling services.

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

January 2022

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

February 2022

- Approve Franchise Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Comcast. At this time, Comcast intends to serve Ringwood businesses. Comcast has no plans at this time to service residential areas within the Village that are currently being serviced by Mediacom.
- Approve an engineering agreement between the Village of Ringwood and HR Green for engineering services associated with DCEO grant that the Village is expected to receive from Governor Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program.
- Approve January 20, 2022 Annual Audit report and financial statements for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve a construction estimate from Lima Excavation for the construction of a new Village Hall Park parking lot to be constructed along the east property line of the park just east of the tennis courts.

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

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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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