

# Village

## OF RINGWOOD

### picnic

Dear Neighbors:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This pandemic has upended many of our family and community traditions in 2020. I still find it hard to believe that we had to cancel our Village picnic this year. The Village picnic has been an annual tradition since 1993. A pandemic is the only thing that I can think of that would have forced us to cancel this very important community event. Many of you shared with me how much you missed this year's picnic. I continue to be hopeful that we will be able to resume our annual picnic in 2021.

As you know, this pandemic has left parents and teachers with the challenge of educating our children remotely while at the same time keeping them safe. So when Nature's Scholars approached me and the Trustees with the possibility of using the Ringwood Village Hall to teach 15 kids in order to meet the state requirements placed on preschools as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we enthusiastically embraced this opportunity to help a local business and families. By working together and helping each other, I know we can get through this pandemic.

Finally, I would encourage you to review this newsletter for information on plans for Halloween Trick or Treating as well as plans for Santa Claus' visit to Ringwood on Saturday, November 28, 2020. On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to wish you and your entire family a very happy holiday season and an especially happy healthy 2021. Stay safe.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack  
Village President



## Public Works Report:

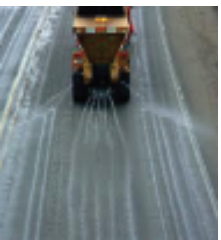


**Parking Ordinance Reminder** – At all times of the year, parking is prohibited on all Village of Ringwood roads, except Barnard Mill Road near the post office (15 minute limit). After a snow of two inches or more, parking is not permitted in the spaces along Barnard Mill Road near the post office until 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, the only thing that can be done at the time is a temporary fix 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 a 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, 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.

# Ringwood

## Trick or Treating

### Hours



Trick or Treating hours in Ringwood will be on **Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 3:00 to 7:00pm**. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, please review the following message and guidelines for neighborhood Trick or Treating from the Illinois Department (IDPH) for Trick or Treating in 2020. Have a happy and safe Halloween. IDPH - Halloween Guidance 9/30/2020

As we enter fall, families are starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season, starting with Halloween. Because some of the traditional ways to celebrate this holiday do not allow for proper social distancing, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is providing the following guidance to allow for safe Halloween celebrations. Trick-or-treating events need to incorporate social distancing, masking, and proper handwashing, as well as adherence to event size limitations. For this year, it would be safest to plan special events at home, using social media and other meeting platforms to connect with family and friends. However, for those who choose to celebrate in person IDPH is offering the following guidance. Please reference your local health department, village/city, or county information for guidance or policies specific to your location as well. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers additional guidance, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

**As a reminder, if you think you could have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters. Individuals at increased risk for severe illness should not attend in-person Halloween gatherings.**  
**Neighborhood trick-or-treating**

- 1) As an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, anyone who would like to distribute treats should leave individually wrapped candy or treats on a table, on their front walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space that allows for at least 6 feet of social distance from the door. The individually wrapped candy should be spread out so each piece is not touching another. Anyone distributing candy or treats should wash their hands properly for at least 20 seconds before placing the candy on the table and when replenishing.
- 2) All individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy should maintain social distance of least 6 feet and wear proper face coverings. A costume mask, such as those worn for Halloween, is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under costume masks, please ensure this does not create breathing problems, and if so, discard the costume mask.
- 3) Only household members should trick-or-treat together, and they should maintain 6-foot social distance from other trick-or-treaters at all times. Mixed household trick-or-treaters are discouraged.
- 4) Alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.
- 5) Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be consumed until after handwashing. As always, a parent/guardian should check all candy to make sure it is wrapped and should discard unwrapped candy.
- 6) And, of course, practice good dental hygiene as well.
- 7) Outdoor areas are preferred for trick-or-treating. Enclosed indoor areas, like apartment buildings, present greater risk of transmission. Open doors and windows as appropriate to promote increased ventilation.

# A Message from Nature's Scholars

Dear Village President Rick Mack  
and the Ringwood Village Board of Trustees,

Nature's Scholars is so grateful to be able to open our School Age License Exempt program (Nature's Scholars Off-Grid) at the Ringwood Village Hall. When School District 12 decided to do remote learning, many families were put in a bind. With the restrictions of no more than 15 school age children in a classroom, due to COVID-19, that left an additional 15 registered students with no place to go. Now they have a new home at the Ringwood Village Hall with two teachers from 7am-5pm. When weather appropriate, they spend the entire day outdoors.

Thank you for allowing us this great opportunity, it has been so nice to see fellow Ringwood Residents enjoy the park. I really didn't realize what a hub of activity this park is, great to see.

Thanks again,  
Renee McCauley & Mary Fluger



## Santa's Visit to Ringwood in 2020

On Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 am, Santa will be making his annual visit to Ringwood. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Santa will not be greeting the children and families at the Village Hall this year. Instead, to keep Santa and everyone safe this year, Santa will be driving around the Village in the back of a red pickup truck. If you would like to meet Santa, you can meet him at the end of your driveway as Santa passes by your house. Santa will stop briefly to wish everyone Happy Holidays. Santa will remain on the truck and greet the children and families from a safe distance. Pictures with Santa will be allowed as long as its from safe distance. Santa's route will be in the following order: Beginning at 9:00 am - Whispering Meadows, North Ridgeway, South Ridgeway, Oakview Estates, Country Crossings, downtown, Pioneer Oaks and ending his tour in the Glacial Trails of Ringwood subdivisions around 11:00 am.





*In the fall of 1942, the children of the Ringwood School planned a Parents Night at school. They were eager for their parents to see what they had been doing at school, and they also thought it would be good for their mothers to be together to keep morale high. This edition of their school newspaper published the following tribute to the Ringwood area boys in service in the armed forces.*

### Honor Roll

We, the pupils of the Ringwood School, wish to dedicate this edition of the school paper to all the boys who are fighting for our liberty, peace, and our four freedoms. They are all doing a grand job.

Arnold Hay  
 Earl E. Betts  
 Vincent M. Tonyan  
 Zane Grey  
 Gordon Berg  
 Lester Klintworth  
 Richard Kelley  
 John P. Shadle  
 Ralph H. Smith  
 Robert Anderson

James Harrison  
 William V. Brennan  
 Howard C. Shepard  
 William R. Hoffman  
 Frank Harrison  
 Le Roy Neal  
 Neil Harrison  
 Russell Lawrence  
 James Lawrence

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BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS.  
 BRING PEACE AND OUR BOYS  
 HOME TO ENJOY PEACE.

SAVE WASTE FATS  
 TO END OUR SPATS.



*This footnote was found in a later edition of the school paper and showed their success in supporting the war effort:*

Ringwood School has done its bit for the war by holding scrap drives, paper drives... (we) bought WAR BONDS and STAMPS. The total sale of WAR STAMPS and BONDS during the year was about \$1000. This is a fine record. Lets keep it up.

# The Village of Ringwood 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule

all meeting will be held at Ringwood Village Hall  
6000 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, Illinois  
at 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Ringwood will meet regularly in 2021 on the third Tuesday of each month as follows:

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

## Highlights of the June, July, August, and September Village Board Meetings:

### June 2020

- No old or new business was acted on at the June Village Board meeting.

### July 2020

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

### August 2020

- No old or new business was acted on at the August Village Board meeting

### September 2020

- Approve hiring Upland Construction and Maintenance for snow plowing and ice control services in the Village of Ringwood for the 2020 & 2021 winter season.
- Approve fourth amendment to the Pioneer Oaks of Ringwood Covenants and Restrictions regarding accessory structures.

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

### Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Tax Levy ordinance.
- Consider guidelines for solar power

## Ringwood Village Hall

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

#### President

Richard Mack — 815-321-1898

#### Clerk

Sue Keener — 815-355-6680

#### Treasurer

Shelly Dercole — 815-653-5511

### VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Katie Herdus — 847-644-5963

Tom Hewes — 847-875-5702

Jason Meyer — 815-482-3698

Gary Reinwall — 815-728-0223

Missy Robel — 815-347-8916

Jay Walkington — 815-728-1784

### 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 Inspection & Zoning Enforcement.

Office Hours: Every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact: Tina Williams 815-759-8344

Village Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission meets on as needed basis.

Village Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Busy Three 4-H Club of Ringwood, the leader is Jennifer Wittum Cell 815-739-6566, Email [steergirl17@hotmail.com](mailto:steergirl17@hotmail.com), meeting held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Ringwood United Methodist Church basement.

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