



The Spokesman

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY TO THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY
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Economic development task force created

The City is forming a new Economic Development Task Force to gain feedback in marketing, business retention, and business attraction. Members will represent the business community, nonprofits, and consumers.

A Sign Review Task Force is also being created to review the sign ordinance and recommend appropriate changes.

The new task forces are a part of the City's initiatives to strengthen economic development efforts and meet its goals.

From an economic development perspective, Park Ridge is an inner-ring suburb with excellent transportation links to Chicago and nearby suburbs. The City is characterized as predominantly residential with neighborhoods having a traditional quality and appearance. Commercial areas are located along major arterial streets with a central business district located at the intersection of two major roads and near the Metra commuter railroad. While fully developed, current building activity is focused primarily on redevelopment. The tools of economic development that come into play include the Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1996. This plan is the City's main tool to guide develop-

ment and redevelopment throughout the community. From time to time, plans for specific areas are approved as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Examples include the Uptown Plan approved in 2002, the Dee Road Corridor Plan approved in 2004, and the Higgins Road Corridor Plan approved in 2010.

The City's Zoning Ordinance (updated in 2007), the Urban Design Guidelines, and the City's newly adopted Historic Preservation Ordinance are used as tools to evaluate proposed uses. These ordinances outline the City's preferred use of properties. However, there are provisions for creating a planned unit development, or applying for a variance, map amendment, or text amendment, should one think a change is warranted to the ordinance itself.

The City has two TIF districts (one encompassing the central business district and the other located at the corner of Greenwood and Dempster). This tool has allowed for larger scale development to take place in these areas. Special service areas and business districts, which allow for the ability to generate an additional sales tax of up to 1%, are additional tools available to generate funding for economic development.

The City has received an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant totaling \$320,000 with a \$80,000 City match for streetscape design for the northeast sector of Uptown. The project includes streetscape design of the east side of Prospect, between Northwest Highway and Summit; Summit, east of

AutumnFest returns; First Fridays continue

First Fridays Park Ridge is continuing into the fall after a successful offering of events this summer.

Opening the fall First Fridays is "Passport to Park Ridge" October 7. Stores will be open late and a scavenger hunt will be featured. A Remember in November (Nov. 4) event is being planned.

Many area restaurants are offering specials. Activities are scheduled for Uptown and South Park. "First Fridays provide fun for residents and encourage everyone to get out with family and friends to enjoy our town," said Sheila Duda, Chamber of Commerce retail committee chairman and owner of Tea Lula. We feature our local retailers and encourage everyone to shop local.

Participating merchants display the First Fridays flag. More details are at www.firstfridayspr.com.

An abbreviated AutumnFest is planned for Saturday, October 8, opening with a pet parade led by Mayor David Schmidt at 11 a.m. at the Park Ridge Public Library. There will be scarecrow making (\$2) and musical hay bales, as well as other activities starting at the Library. ▲



New masthead

This issue of *The Spokesman* features a new masthead designed by Becky McMorro, graphics designer for the Park Ridge Public Library. The new look corresponds with the improved City website that was launched last year. ▲

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Good news vs. reality...

I am pleased to be able to share good news about progress we are making towards solving our fiscal problems. However, the good news is tempered by a dose of brutal reality about challenges we face and areas where we must improve.

First, the good news. The numbers for our 2010-11 fiscal year are in, and the City scored its first surplus in its main General Fund in many years. The surplus was very modest, but it reversed a string of several years of multi-million dollar deficits. There was a cost in staff layoffs and a reduction in some services. However, compared to prior years, the result is significant and promising. And a new streamlined budget process has been developed by the Finance and Budget Director which should help identify areas spending can be cut without reducing the quality of city services. The challenge will be for the City's staff to buy into the process and make it work, and it will be the City Manager's responsibility to see that it does.

If we continue to budget the same way we have in the past, we will perpetuate wasteful and irresponsible spending while neglecting important city services in the process. We risk having all of our hard-earned progress wiped out. And that is the brutal reality. Because of poor financial decisions, we have already run out of money this year for tree trimming and reforestation, but we have increased payroll and busted the overtime budget in the process

Appointments made

The Mayor appointed several volunteers to boards and commissions in recent months with Council approval. Appointments were to the following: Civil Service Commission, Nicholas Milissis, Stuart Rifkind, and Peter N. Ryan; Planning and Zoning Commission, Joseph A. Baldi; and Public Art Commission, LD Buschmann, Judy Brady, Richard DuSold, Thomas Chisari, and Kim Garber. ▲

Volunteers needed

Persons interested in serving are encouraged to complete a nomination form, available on our website, or in the Administrative Services Department at City Hall. Candidates are interviewed and recommended by the Mayor's Advisory Board.

Currently, there are four vacancies on the Community Health Commission, which helps develop a climate of intolerance toward drug and alcohol misuse in the City. The O'Hare Airport Commission—with two openings—provides a forum for public discussion and advocates for reasonable sound and environmental levels associated with flight patterns over the City. There is one vacancy on the Public Art Commission, which brings art to public places. The Zoning Board of Appeals also has one vacancy and hears requests for variations and interpretations to the Zoning Ordinance. ▲

City clerk's corner....

With the leaves almost ready to fall and cooler temperatures we begin to prepare for our most colorful season, autumn.

In the world of government that often means elections, however, there is no election this November. There is no November election in the odd years. Our next election is the Presidential Primary, March 20, 2012. Then months of campaign time lead us to the Presidential General Election on November 6, 2012. This is a great time for learning more about our government at all levels so as to be well prepared as voters. Here in our city, there is no lack of Task Forces, Commissions and Committees that can use your input. ▲

without improving city services one bit. That is upside down, and the taxpayers should not tolerate it.

The recently approved fire-fighters union contract will further complicate budget discussions and other union negotiations going forward. Although I admire and respect our firefighters, I can and must veto that contract because it is not close to being in the best interests of the taxpayers. The premise that we will be able to afford to adequately fund all essential city services and provide a 5% raise over two years is irresponsible wishful thinking.

So, in short, we have made good progress on the budget front, but if we lose our way now, it will have been all for naught. In light of the dangerous financial situation around the world, including in Washington and Springfield, this is no time to spend a single dime on anything that is not absolutely necessary to the functioning of the City. We must continue to be vigilant in getting our house in order. Otherwise, in the event of a global financial collapse, our situation will be worse than ever. I urge the taxpayers to forcefully and consistently remind all of their elected officials, whether federal, state, school board or city, just who they represent.

See you in December.

Sincerely,



David F. Schmidt, Mayor



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City Council meetings:

First and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall

Awards presented

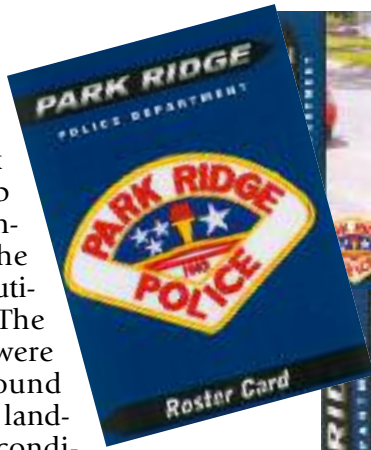
The City again worked with the Park Ridge Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce to present the 2011 Residential Beautification Awards. The award winners were selected for year-round over-all appearance, landscape design, lawn condition, and the variety, color and condition of trees, shrubs and flowers.

Winners were recognized at a City Council meeting and presented yard signs to identify their residences. Those honored this year and the properties are: Sal and Kim Palandri, 240 Vine Ave.; Muriel Lund-Michel, 1621 Vine Ave.; The Torres Family, 240 N. Western Ave.; Teresa Rabczak, 625 Park Plaine Ave.; Ben and June Kalom, 1422 Potter Road; Michael and Roseann Begich, 1811 Walnut St.; Brian and Laurel Franczyk, 828 N. Western Ave.; Nancy Cottrell, 2089 Grand Boulevard; Claudia Peano, 304 N. Washington; and Irene Ginger, 206 Berry Parkway.

The Residential Beautification Awards have been given for 20 years. ▲

No soliciting stickers available

The City "No Solicitation" ordinance is in place to protect the community. If you are suspicious about persons soliciting or peddling, contact the Police Department at 847/318-5252 for verification that the person is engaging in a licensed activity. If you are not interested in having any solicitor at your residence, you may request one of the new "No Soliciting" stickers from the Police Department, free of charge, to be placed on or near the main entrance of your property. The sticker so exhibited constitutes sufficient notice to forbid solicitors from entering upon the premises. For more information regarding the ordinance visit www.parkridge.us. ▲



Officer A. Cavender



Officer J. Caroppo



Officer Jette Groustal



Sergeant Gove Ware

Trading cards abound

The police Trading Card Program is increasing the positive contacts between the Police Department and the children (12 and under) of the community. Each member of the Department has a trading card and kids are encouraged to collect the cards from each member. Each child that collects the complete set of cards (55 total) will win a prize. The contest is going well and is being extended beyond the original closing date of November to next June. A few of the officers are pictured here. Good luck! ▲

Food drive is underway

All are encouraged to support the annual food drive underway in the City. Sponsored by the Human Needs Task Force, the drive supplies the Maine Township Food Pantry and continues through November 11.

Bins for nonperishable food contributions are located at each of the District 64 schools, Library and City Hall. They are also at businesses including: Cardinal Fitness, Chase Bank, Liberty Bank, Chipman Design Architecture, Go Figure, and New Prospects.

Monetary contributions are also needed to purchase certificates for perishable items and emergency situations. Checks made out to the HNTF can be sent to the Task Force c/o City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge 60068.

Appointed by the Mayor, the vol-

unteer Task Force includes representatives of many local social service agencies, churches, hospitals and schools, and was originally formed in 1991. No funds are received from the City. ▲

Permit process is expedited

A new employee is now on staff to assist in expediting the City's permit process. Previously with the Village of Mount Prospect building department, Allison Kuranishi will help process permits, working towards issuing some types of permits over the counter. As Permit, Inspections and Licensing Assistant, she will also assist with zoning plan reviews and the property transfer process. ▲

Construction update

Sewer improvement projects have been completed. This included a sewer replacement on Glenview from Hamlin to Dee and new relief sewers on Grace from Frances to Granville and on Prospect from Devon to Rosemont.

The Sidewalk Program is also completed, as well as the Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Program.

The Sewer Lining Project and the Watermain Replacement Project will begin soon. The Watermain Replacement Project is on Higgins between Newton and Vine and also includes service transfers on Higgins between Vine and Brophy.

The Citywide Sewer Study was presented in July. The projects in the study were prioritized by staff and approved by the Flood Task Force. They are now under discussion by the Public Works Committee of the Whole. ▲

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Saturday

Critter Connection – Family Presentation
PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

October

Park Ridge Reads – All Month

Park Ridge Public Library

6 Thursday

Avenues to Independence

Spotlight on Wine; 6 pm-9 pm

@ Primitive, 130 N. Jefferson, Chicago

Halloween Hoopla; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park Leisure Ctr.

6 Thursday – 8 Saturday

Maine East Fall Play “Air Guitar High”; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

7 Friday

First Fridays Chamber Event “Passport to PR”

Shops & restaurants open late

8 Saturday

AutumnFest, Chamber event@Library, 11 am

Pet parade, scarecrow making-\$2, musical hay bales

21st Star NSDAR Luncheon/Program; 11:30 am

“The Past for a Digital Future” @ PR Country Club

“Favorite Things” Sing Along; 6:30 pm

Costumes encouraged @PR Presbyterian Church

9 Sunday

Million Dollar Quartet Outing; 6:30 pm

PR Chamber at the Apollo Theater, 847/825-3121

12 Wednesday

“Centers of the Arts & Crafts Movement” bus trip

20th Century Club-Call for details 847/825-4616

13 Thursday

Rummage Sale; 9 am-6 pm

@ PR Presbyterian Church

PR Garden Club Meeting - Shade Gardening; 7 pm

@ PR Senior Center

Harvest Celebration; 5 pm-7:30 pm

Kalo @ Iannelli Studio, 255 N NW Hwy

14 Friday

Center of Concern Bunko Parties; 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

@ South Park Rec. Center - Call 847/318-1008

15 Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 1 Rummage Sale; 9 am-1 pm

@ First United Methodist Church

Electronics Recycling Event; 9 am-noon

Chamber & City sponsored @ Public Works

Service Center, \$5

15 Saturday – 30 Sunday

PR Community Church Pumpkin Patch

@ Prospect & Crescent – hours vary, call

847/823-3164

16 Sunday

Niles/Park Ridge Crop Hunger Walk; 1:30 pm

starts at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

17 Monday

Old Things Antiques Show & Tell; 7:30 pm

@ Messiah Lutheran Church

18 Tuesday

Scott Turow Appearance; 7 pm

PR Public Library @ the Pickwick Theatre

Maine East Choir & Orchestra Concert; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

“The Voice of the American Revolution;” 1 pm

20th Century Club @ PR Presbyterian Church

20 Thursday – 22 Saturday

Maine South Fall Play; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

21 Friday

PR Comm. Fund Kick-Off Luncheon; 11:30 am

@ PR Country Club

Free Friday Family Fun Flick; 7 pm

@ PR Presbyterian Church

Art League-Calligraphy Demonstration; 7:30 pm

PR Art League @ South Park Rec. Center

22 Saturday

PR Women's Prayer Breakfast; 8:30 am

@ PR Country Club-For tickets, 847/318-7376

Youth Spaghetti Dinner; 4 pm-7 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

NW Wildcats Football Game Fundraiser; 6 pm

PR Chamber of Commerce 847/825-3121

23 Sunday

“Zook Buildings in Park Ridge”; 1 pm-4 pm

Talk and Walk, Kalo @ 720 Garden

27 Thursday

Maine South Choir Concert; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

29 Saturday

Closeout Sale of Fabric & Patterns; 9 am-2 pm

@ PR Presbyterian Church

Maine South Band O Rama; 7:30 pm

High School Spectator Gym

29 Saturday

Kooky Spooky Halloween Skate; 1 pm-2 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

30 Sunday

Boo-tacular!; 1 pm-2:30 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park Leisure Ctr.

31 Monday

Halloween Trick or Treat; 3 pm-8 pm

November

1 Tuesday

Maine South Orchestra Concert; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

2 Wednesday

Maine South Concert Band Concert; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

4 Friday

All on the Road Demo; 12:15 pm

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

1st Fridays Chamber Event “Remember in Nov.”

Shops & restaurants open late

4 Friday – 5 Saturday

Maine East V-Show; 7:30 pm

High School Auditorium

5 Saturday

Friends of the Library Book Sale; 9 am-3 pm

@ PR Library

6 Sunday

Friends of the Library 1/2 Price Book Sale;

noon-2 pm, PR Library

9 Wednesday

21st Star NSDAR Luncheon/Program; 11:30 am

“Palliative Care” @ PR Country Club

10 Thursday

PR Garden Club Mtg-Ground Covers; 7 pm

@ PR Senior Center

Iannelli's the Star; 6:30 pm-10:30 pm

Kalo @ Adler Planetarium

11 Friday – 12 Saturday

Royal Fairy Tale Ball; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park Leisure Ctr.

12 Saturday

Harvest Arts & Crafts Festival; 9 am-3 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

15 Tuesday

“Eleanor Roosevelt” presentation; 1 pm

20th Century Club @ PR Presbyterian Church

16 Wednesday

Northlight Theater & Luncheon Party; 11 am

20th Century Club @ Northlight Theatre

18 Friday

Free Friday Family Fun Flick; 7 pm

@ PR Presbyterian Church

PR Art League-Oil Painting Demo; 7:30 pm

@ South Park Rec. Center

19 Saturday

Thanksgiving Skate; 1 pm-2 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

21 Monday

Old Things Antiques Club Mtg.; 7:30 pm

@ Messiah Lutheran Church

24 Thursday

Thanksgiving Day Exercise Class; 8 am-9 am

PR Park Dist. @ Community Center

25 Friday

Winterfest-“Once Upon a December”, 6 pm-9 pm

Shops & restaurants throughout the City open late

with special events planned to celebrate the season

Station 35 (901 W Devon) - 6 pm-9 pm

Holiday Open House; 6 pm-8:30 pm

PR Public Library

Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale;

6 pm-8:30 pm, PR Public Library

Classical Guitar Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

Prepare for emergencies

Special attention is being given to emergency preparedness this fall by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). When faced with a disaster it is important to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least three days with minimal assistance from local officials.

The Park Ridge Fire Department offers the following tips on preparing for an emergency:

- Learn city evacuation routes.
- Create an emergency plan including safe spots in and out of your home.
- Prepare a disaster kit with enough provisions to last you and your family for three days.
- Stay informed with local news and emergency information by having a battery operated AM radio.

Items to include in a basic emergency supply kit are detailed on the city website. ▲

To obtain event details, visit <http://www.ParkRidgeArts.org> or call 847/318-5200.

Request party watch

Going out of town and leaving young adults at home? Request a Party Watch for your residence in order to deter underage drinking parties. The Park Ridge Police Department will strive to maintain a generalized presence in the area surrounding your residence while you are away. You must supply the department with local emergency contact information. Stop by and complete a Party Watch Request form and an Emergency Contact Authorization form. ▲

Electronic recycling day set

The next Electronics Recycling Day is October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Service Center. The cost is \$5 per vehicle.

To offset the \$5 per-car fee, each car (driver) will receive a PR Chamber coupon worth \$5 off any \$20 purchase at any of the Chamber members listed on the coupon. The event is organized by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, the City of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Park District.

For more info, call Mike McGrath at Public Works at 847/318-5243 or visit www.parkridgechamber.org.

Cell phones will be donated to the www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com program. ▲

Happy birthday senior center

The Park Ridge Senior Center is celebrating 30-years and members are all honorary 30 year-olds....If you are 55 or more and would like to feel 30, visit the Center at 100 S. Western.

In 1979, then Mayor Marty Butler suggested consolidating the various senior organizations into the current Senior Center. The Park District provided the facility and staff, and Citizen's Bank provided seed money. The grand opening was in August 1981.

The Senior Center has thrived and grown. Programs have gone from 40 to over 150 per month.

A special patriotic event is being staged November 11 to honor veterans, and the December Christmas party will highlight the 30 years with a musical recap. ▲

Farmers market open through October

The leaves may be starting to change color, but the Park Ridge Farmers Market is still going strong. Vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin are offering fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheese and baked goods for sale each and every Saturday 7-1 until October 29. The Market offers fall mums and Halloween pumpkins.

Kids, join Halloween fun on October 29 from 10 a.m.-noon for free pumpkin decorating, balloon fun with RC Juggles, trick or treating with the vendors and other surprises. Any questions? Call Barb Beil, at 847/318-5217 or visit the website: www.parkridge.us/farmers_market. ▲

Mark your calendar for Christmas house walk

Maine Center's Annual Christmas in Park Ridge House Walk is December 2, 2011, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The walk includes four fabulous homes around the City. For further information contact Roxane Fuoco 847/696-1570, x308. ▲

Twin Towers steel

The Public Arts Commission will be meeting soon to discuss the permanent presentation of the steel from the Twin Towers that the City received to commemorate 9-11. ▲

Clean up after pets

The owner of an animal is responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any excreta deposited by the animal anywhere in the City. When accompanying an animal outside the owner's premises, the owner shall have suitable means for the removal of excreta. ▲

Mission Statement

The City of Park Ridge is committed to providing excellence in City services in order to uphold a high quality of life, so our community remains a wonderful place to live and work.

History book sells

Approximately 2,000 copies of the book, *History of Park Ridge through Photographs* by local author David Barnes, have sold since its publication.

More than 200 vintage photographs and memories of days gone by are featured. Published by Arcadia Publishing, it is on sale in the City at Kiko's Flowers and Gifts, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge Public Library, the two Walgreens stores, Raffia Gifts, Summit Specialties, and Kalo Foundation, or www.arcadiapublishng.com. ▲

Fire prevention week nears

October 9-15, 2011 is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Protect Your Family from Fire." To protect your family from fire the Park Ridge Fire Department recommends making sure home fire protection systems are maintained and working properly, changing batteries in smoke detectors, mounting fire extinguishers conspicuously, and knowing and practicing a fire escape plan.

Help the fire department win one of 10, \$10,000 awards. Visit www.befiresmart.com/pledge to take the be fire smart fire safety pledge, a quiz on fire prevention by Oct. 31. ▲

Mural supported

More than \$11,000 has been collected to help preserve the post office mural. The mural, "Indians Cede the Land," was created by George Melville Smith and was commissioned by the U.S. Treasury Department under the Treasury Relief Art Project to decorate federal buildings across the United States in 1938, as was reported in August in *The Spokesman*.

More information and a donation form are on the Historical Society website www.pennyville.org or mail donations to the Mural Restoration Committee, Post Office Box 1365, Park Ridge, IL 60068. A pamphlet detailing the effort is available at the Library. ▲



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Economic development

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Prospect to Ridge Terrace; Northwest Highway from 6 corners east to Washington; west side of Washington between Touhy and Northwest Highway; Touhy between 6 corners and Washington. Planning is underway; a preliminary lighting plan has been submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the City's consultant is working on the design and streetscape elements. The City plans to gather input from the public on the preliminary plans.

There are four Target Areas in the Uptown Plan. The focus is currently on Target Area 4, bordered by Main, Prospect, Garden, and Cumberland. The Uptown plan calls for mixed use development for this area.

In conjunction with the Higgins Road Corridor Plan, IDOT has announced it will be making improvements to the intersection of Cumberland and Touhy and the exit off I-90. Pedestrian improvements will be a key element. The 7-11 will be expanding and redeveloping its site at the corner. Gateway improvements are planned. Several businesses along the corridor have also expressed interest in remodeling their space.

The City has a staff Development Review Committee that meets on a regular basis to assist businesses who wish to open or expand. A Business Directory is now on the City website.

The City continues to maintain a strong partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber programs such as First Fridays, decoration of vacant windows, shop local campaigns, and kiosk posters add to the City's economic development efforts.

This economic development overview was recently given to the Chamber of Commerce Women in Business by Deputy City Manager

Juliana Maller, who has served the City for 15 years. Maller earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Augustana College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. She was Project Manager for the Uptown Redevelopment. Currently, she is President of the Illinois City/County Managers Association. ▲

Kalo gets keys

The Kalo Foundation now owns the Iannelli Studios located on Northwest Highway. Many companies and individuals are donating services and products to work towards its rehabilitation. Through give back to the community initiatives, Rozovics & Wojcicki Public Accountants and Boy Scout Troop #1 are helping.

A grant through the National Trust for Historic Preservation by Donnelly Foundation is providing a structural engineering survey. All supporters and donors are being invited to a walk through and celebration October 13.

And a talk and walk by Betty Green, author of a book featuring Harold Zook, architect of the Pickwick Theatre and other buildings here, benefits the studio restoration. It is at 720 Garden, 1 p.m., Oct. 23, \$10. ▲

Drugs collected

The Police Department is participating in a National Drug Enforcement Agency collection of expired or unwanted prescription medications, over the counter medications, veterinary medications, homeopathic remedies, and EpiPens. Turn them in at the Police Department, 200 S. Vine Ave., Saturday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a special event in addition to the regular disposal of medications and sharps by the health division on the first Thursday of the month at City Hall, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. ▲

Welcome new business

We welcome these new businesses to Park Ridge and encourage residents to look to the City first for their shopping and service needs.

Fly With Me Errands Etc.

personal assistant
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847/990-0843
flywithmeerrands@gmail.com



Forget Me Knot

women's consignment boutique
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forgetmeknotboutique.net



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