



# The Spokesman

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY TO THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY  
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## Smart water meters are here!



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Click the button on the right-hand-side that says "Water Meter Replacement"

Check our website regularly for updates

### A friendly reminder for our snowbirds

Are you leaving Park Ridge for the winter months? To prevent your water bill from estimating during your absence, please write down your water meter reading before you leave. You may use this reading each time your bill is due, until you return. You may submit your meter reading online at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us), by mail using the remittance portion of your bill, or by calling us at 847/318-5223. By doing this you will prevent overbilling during your absence. However, we advise that you have a family member monitor your property and verify that the meter reading is unchanged.



### Where does your tax dollar go?

For every \$1.00 paid in property taxes, \$.08 cents goes to the City of Park Ridge. The remaining \$0.92 goes to other entities. The breakdown is demonstrated on the right.



### Clerk Henneman's corner

In the bleak mid-winter, we meet a snow laden January and welcome in the new year. The City's beautiful season with lights aglow welcome new residents, visitors, and the shoppers from Park Ridge and afar.

Thank you to the Pickwick Theatre for making our favorite holiday movies possible for a new generation of kids and nostalgic families to enjoy. We must also recognize the Holiday Lights Coalition for exceeding decorating expectations and going above and beyond. Lastly, thanks to all of the citizens that generously donated for the Maine Township Food Drive or Toys for Tots Campaign. Your generosity excelled.

Snow will find us any day now. Please be sure to observe our parking restrictions and regulations so that our Public Works crews can do their great plowing job.

Celebrate a blessed and healthy new year!

### March 17, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

2/19/2020	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/01/2020	Last day to register to vote by online application
3/02/2020	First day of Early Voting
3/12/2020	Last day to request a mail ballot (including military and overseas voters)
03/16/2020	Last day of early voting
03/16/2020	Last day of grace period registration and voting
03/17/2020	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
03/17/2020	Election Day

Visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) for complete information.

If you recently moved into Park Ridge or will turn 18 years old on or before the election and need to register to vote, please visit the website above or stop by City Hall during regular business hours, Monday—Friday, 8 am—5 pm.



# A message from the Mayor



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

The timing of this Spokesman allows us simultaneously to take a look back at 2019 and glance ahead to 2020. 2019 was an extremely busy year with a major emphasis on infrastructure here in Park Ridge. We spent over one million dollars on street resurfacing and an even larger amount improving our water main infrastructure. We began the long-awaited process of modernizing our water meters, which should allow the City to minimize our water loss and allow residents to detect leaks and problems much earlier than previously possible.

Among a number of other accomplishments this year, we continued our practice of lining our sewer system. We have seen our sewer lining program significantly extend the life of our sewers and lead to reduced flooding. Finally, I am proud that the City Council recently approved the purchase of a new ladder truck for our Fire Department, which will help our first responders to protect us and do so in a safe manner with state of the art technology to assist them.

The City also began a major overhaul of our Comprehensive Plan in 2019 which will continue into 2020. We updated and developed a new Strategic Plan which will provide a roadmap and set priorities for the next few years.

We introduced a new citizen task force this past year, focusing on Sustainability and how the City can incorporate more environmentally responsible actions in our day-to-day operations. The Task Force has covered a lot of ground in a short amount of time. We had originally planned to have 7-9 members, but ended up with over 24 members due to the incredible initial levels of interest from the community.

Looking ahead to 2020, I am excited that there will be continued investment in our infrastructure through reintroduction of our alley paving program with a pilot that will enable us to pave two alleys, we will begin new flood mitigation projects, and we all will see continued investment in Park Ridge through new shops, restaurants, festivals and a major hotel project which will begin construction along Higgins in 2020. Uptown, South Park, and the Higgins Corridor will all be seeing major changes throughout 2020.

Over the next few months, we will all be spending a little more time indoors as Mother Nature tests our character with some challenging weather. Please be mindful of conditions as you drive through town and make an effort to check on friends and neighbors when the weather gets bad (or maybe even when it doesn't).

On behalf of the City staff and the elected officials who are working hard to improve the lives of our residents, visitors and business owners – we thank you for your support, encouragement and efforts to make each of our days count here in Park Ridge!

I will see you around town and truly wish you the best for 2020.

*Marty*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Website: [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us)  
 Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 am—5 pm

### City Manager's Office

City Hall, 1st Floor  
 847/318-5216

### Community Preservation & Development

City Hall, 2nd floor  
 847/318-5291

### Finance Department

City Hall, 1st floor  
 847/318-6015

### Fire Department Administration

City Hall, 1st floor  
 847/318-5283  
 Emergency 911

### Police Department (open 24/7)

200 Vine (east side -City Hall)  
 Non-Emergency 847/318-5252  
 Emergency 911

### Public Works Administration

City Hall, 2nd floor  
 847/318-5227

### Public Works Service Center

(7 am—3 pm)  
 400 Busse Hwy. 847/318-5240

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City Council Meetings—1st and 3rd Monday of each month / Committee of the Whole Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday of each month  
 The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Each department contributes its own information for the Spokesman.

Questions? You may contact Deputy Clerk Peterson, editor of staff submissions, at 847/318-5464 or [cpeterso@parkridge.us](mailto:cpeterso@parkridge.us)

# O'Hare Airport / Fly Quiet Update

The O'Hare Airport (ORD) Interim Fly Quiet plan (IFQ), as proposed by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) in conjunction with the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), is now in place and will remain so until mid-May 2020. The program began the week of November 3 and involves the rotation of usable runways during the overnight hours.

The IFQ plan is a voluntary nighttime noise abatement program at ORD that is in effect from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., which are deemed to be overnight hours by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). However, in reality, IFQ usually begins after and ends before those times depending on aircraft traffic flow, airport maintenance and construction, and other factors.

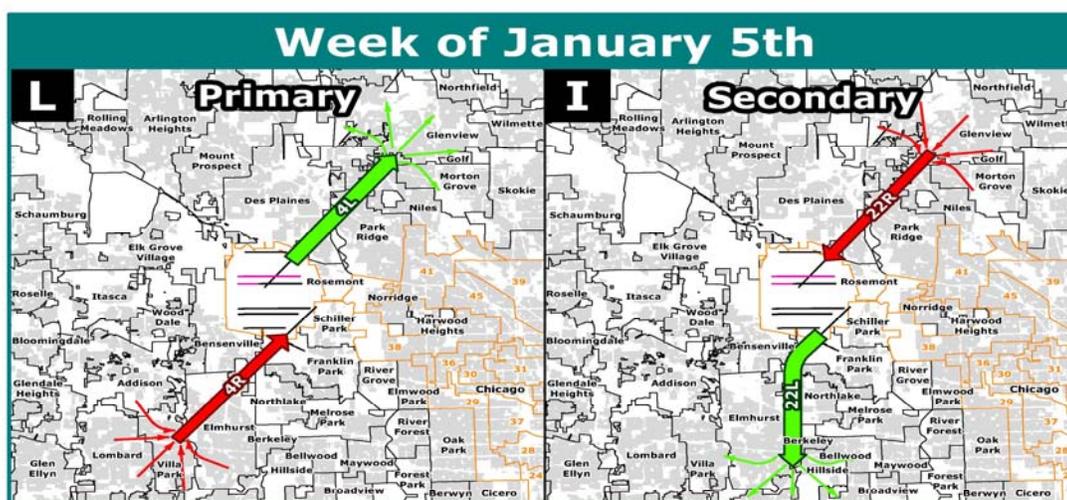
The goal of IFQ is to rotate the utilization of runways from week-to-week so that one area around ORD is not continually impacted. For simplicity's sake, one week the east-west parallels will be used; the next week, the northeast-southwest diagonals would be used. The runway rotation schedule can be viewed at the ONCC website at <https://www.oharenoise.org/noise-management/interim-fly-quiet>. IFQ was approved by both the ONCC Fly Quiet (FQ) Committee and the full ONCC after a series of three tests.

IFQ will be suspended during next years summer construction season as the final projects of the O'Hare Modernization Plan (OMP) are underway. During that time, ORD will revert back to its original FQ program that does not involve runway rotation. That's also something that can occur during IFQ given the aforementioned factors impacting the airport. IFQ will start up again mid-September 2020 through February 2021. Between now and then, the FQ committee will be developing FQ 21, a new Fly Quiet plan to be in place once the OMP is completed and full build-out is reached at the end of 2021.

One new feature that should be of interest to residents is a weekly report that will be available showing what actually happened during a previous week. That report is on the ONCC website. We encourage residents to review the reports and to attend both the ONCC commission and committee meetings, all of which are open to the public. Park Ridge is an active member of ONCC and the FQ committee. In addition, we welcome residents to attend the City's O'Hare Airport Commission (OAC) meetings which addresses all issues relating to ORD, and meets every other month. The next OAC meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020, at 7 p.m. held at City Hall in the Council Chamber. Please consider joining us.

## INTERIM FLY QUIET RUNWAY ROTATION (Week 10)

*The graphic below outlines the Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Schedule. For each week, a primary and secondary runway use configuration is provided to accommodate potential changes in wind direction. The runway use configurations have been defined and approved by the ONCC to balance noise exposure to the extent possible. Special procedures have been defined to accommodate aircraft that require specific runways.*



### Notes

- Flights that require additional runway length should contact Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) Operations at a minimum of 2 hours prior to arrival or departure.
- Alternative runways may be used to allow for construction, snow removal, runway maintenance, runway inspection and strong winds.
- Available runways are determined by CDA.



## Mission accomplished

The renovation of the Police Department's patrol area is finally done which involved a complete remodel and reconfiguration of this area. The project began in January 2019. There were various phases of the remodel that occurred throughout the year, minimizing disruptions to City Hall and the department's daily operations.

The first phase of the project consisted of the renovation of the Roll Call, Report Room, Women's Locker Room, Conference Room, Break Room and Patrol Supervisor Offices. The next phase included the renovation of the Men's Locker Room, Fitness Room, Evidence Processing Area and Armory.

Although no additional space was gained from the renovation, the layout provides a more efficient use of the newly designed floor plan. Additionally larger lockers were installed in the locker rooms which provides ample storage for the officers' equipment.

As part of the renovation, a retiree tribute display was created outside of the new conference room. The display memorializes the officers who have retired after serving with the city's police department.



## Park Ridge Police and Community Together: fundraising for Special Olympics of Illinois

Once again, our Police Department will be leading efforts to brave the icy cold waters of Lake Michigan in Evanston on Sunday, February 23, 2020 in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics of Illinois. We have committed to "be bold and get cold" for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois by taking an icy dip into the frigid winter waters.

We need the communities help and welcome you to join our team. Whether in person or by means of a donation, we hope you will support our efforts to Special Olympics Illinois. Your donation helps provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics programs and reveal their inner champion. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Simply visit [www.plungeillinois.com](http://www.plungeillinois.com) and select **SUPPORT A PLUNGER**. Search for team **PARK RIDGE**. All donations are tax deductible.

If you are interested in joining our team and take the plunge with us, you can register on the website mentioned above, joining team **PARK RIDGE**.

Contact Park Ridge Police - Community Strategy Officer Ben Peterson for additional information or if you have questions about donations or registration. Thanks in advance for your support – and don't forget to forward this information to anyone who you think might want to donate too.

E-mail: [bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org) Tel: 847/318-5233

## Citizens Patrol and Police Explorers now accepting new members

The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol is the second longest-running service of its type in the country. We're here to protect our citizens and are now looking for new members to help us complete our mission. Our unit serves as volunteers for charity run/walk events, large special event gatherings, various parades and more. There is no fear of being overwhelmed by joining us; our expectations are easily attainable. We welcome you to our meetings and appreciate any time you can donate to serve our community. Please call 847/318-5454, leave your name and phone number, and we will call you back with more information.

The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post 911 is part of the Learning for Life Career Education Program for young men and women 14–20 years of age with an interest in the law enforcement field. This is a great opportunity for teens to gain valuable life experience, social skills, and have civic fulfillment for volunteerism. Activities will allow Explorers to have hands-on experience with police officers in their roles in the community. Explorers have assisted in numerous community events such as; July fireworks parking/traffic control, Taste of Park Ridge, National Night Out and Park Ridge Winterfest. Explorers that become members in good standing will qualify for Police Squad Car Ride-Along program and have opportunities to apply for national scholarships. The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post meets/trains bi-weekly at the Park Ridge Police Department on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Community Strategies Officer Ben Peterson [bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org) or 847/318-5233.

## Styrofoam recycling

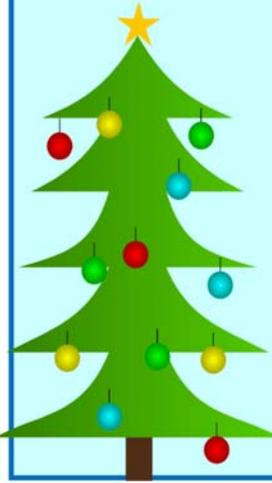
**White Block Styrofoam** from holiday packing will be collected January 6—24 at the Public Works Service Center located at 400 Busse Highway, Monday—Friday, 7 am- 3 pm.



The following will not be accepted: packing peanuts, straws, lids, plastic wrap, food service/beverage containers, trash, or foam building insulation. Contact the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 with any questions.

## Christmas tree collection

Christmas trees will be collected at the curb for chipping the week of January 6 on your regular garbage day. Please remove the trees from any bags and remove all lights, garlands, and ornaments.



Christmas trees placed out at other times, or in the alley, will be collected by Groot and taken to the landfill. Brush and branches from the yard will not be collected.

## Holiday lights recycling

The City of Park Ridge is offering a Holiday Lights Recycling Program. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off Monday thru Friday at the Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway through February 28, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.

The City has partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. The strands are separated and baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.



## Know the snowfall regulations

Most main streets throughout the City are referred to as snow routes and are posted with signs. Parking is prohibited on both sides of streets that have been designated as snow routes after 2" of snow has fallen and for 24 hours after its stops falling. Residents may call 847/318-6101 for a recorded message as to whether snow parking restrictions are in effect.

Vehicles parked on a snow route will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Parking is also prohibited, as posted, on the north and west sides of all other residential streets after 2" of snow has fallen, and for 24 after snowfall has stopped. If snow falls during the night, vehicles parked in violation of snow parking restrictions will be ticketed. Refer to City Ordinance 13-14-1 for additional information.

When removing snow from your driveway, place the snow either to the left or right of your driveway. Do not push or blow the snow into the street. On garbage collection day, place your cans on your driveway, not in the street, allowing snowplows to clear snow up to the curb.

The City appreciates your assistance which allows us to serve you better.



## Forestry news—the Aesthetics of trees

Looking to improve your property's landscape this spring? Trees not only add aesthetic value to your property but also are a necessity in an urban environment and can be a great addition to any landscape.

Research shows that shade and wind control from trees reduce energy costs. Trees improve air quality by producing oxygen, trapping pollutants and sequestering carbon. They intercept storm-water, reduce flooding, increase property values and increase revenues in business districts. Trees improve health by reducing stress. One study even found that hospital patients recovering from surgery that had a natural view from their window required fewer pain relievers and shorter stays.



Trees are a great way to improve your landscape and the community. Consider planting a tree this spring!

## Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal



*Residential CFL's bulbs (4 ft. or less) and mercury thermometers are also collected*

**January 2 ~ February 6 ~ March 5  
8 am—11 am in the lobby at City Hall**

*Please note that this program has been established for resident members of SWANCC communities. Please be prepared to show identification at the time of drop-off.*

**Did you know** that you can bring your solid-form medications anytime to City Hall? A collection box is located in the Police Department on the lower level at City Hall. Liquid medications or sharps can not be placed in this collection box.

## Don't be left stranded

With winter among us, it is a wise choice to make sure you have an emergency kit in your vehicle(s). Winter cold, snow, and ice can cause many problems for vehicles on the road.

An emergency kit for your car is different from the one you would have in your home. The car kit should include jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, an ice scraper/brush, a cell phone charger cord, and cat litter or sand that can be used to provide traction if your car is stuck and your tires are spinning. It is a good idea to include a shovel and a heavy blanket in your trunk as well.

If you plan on taking a longer trip that will include rural areas, you should have enough blankets, food, and water to keep you and your passengers safe if you need to wait for help to arrive in an emergency. Also make sure that you keep your phone charged and let loved ones know when you are leaving and when you should arrive in case something happens to you along the route.



For more information, you can go to

<http://www.ready.gov/car>.



### Parking meter holidays

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
3rd Monday in January
- Washington's Birthday  
3rd Monday in February

*The City extends sincere thanks to all of the residents, businesses and staff that donated to support the Maine Township Food Pantry and the Toys for Tots Campaign. There was an overwhelming response from the community in the number of donations received. Your kindness will made he holidays brighter for many people.*



## Community Health Commission update



On October 10, 2019, World Mental Health Day, the Community Health Commission hosted a presentation titled "Feel Your Best, Manage Stress" at the Park Ridge Library. We would like to thank Danielle Carlton, LMFT Chicago Behavioral Hospital; Dr. Patrick B. McGrath, PhD, Clinical Director, Anxiety Services, Amita Health; and Geri Silic, LCSW, Park Ridge Police Department who spoke about anxiety and stress and how to manage it. We are planning another speaker event this coming spring; the topic and date are both to be determined.

In November, the Commission partnered with local businesses to promote fitness for its annual Get Fit Park Ridge! Event. The event was successful with 127 residents that signed up to purchase a passport to participate; 13 local fitness studios offered free classes during the month of November.

Thank you to the following participating fitness studios: Charter Fitness, Fonseca Martial Arts, Jazzercise, Centennial Fitness Center, Orangetheory Fitness, CrossFit 88 Park Ridge, Core Power Yoga Park Ridge, Formula Fitness Club Park Ridge, Sun and Moon Yoga, ToneUp Club, Pure Barre Park Ridge, Club Pilates Park Ridge and The Exercise Coach. Raffle prize winners were selected at the December 5 Community Health Commission meeting.

**And remember to save the date!** The Third Annual Community Health Fair will be held in Hodges Park on June 20, 2020 with a rain date of June 27.

If you have concerns about community health in Park Ridge or would like to volunteer to work with the Community Health Commission, please contact staff liaison Sue Tunzi at [stunzi@parkridge.us](mailto:stunzi@parkridge.us)



## Recurrent Events

**Kiwanis Morning Club; Wednesday @ 7am**  
@ Eggsperience  
**Lion's Club; Thursday @ noon**  
@ Harp & Fiddle  
**Park Ridge Toastmasters; 7 pm**  
2nd/4th Thursdays @ 1st United Methodist Church 418 W Touhy

### Center of Concern:

Monday; by appt.—Employment Counseling  
Wednesday, by appt.—Grief & Loss Counseling  
Seniors & Caregiving Counseling  
Medicare Counseling  
Legal Counseling  
847/823-0453

## JANUARY

### 3 January

**FREE Skate Lesson; 10 am & 3 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ So. Park Outdoor Ice Rink

### 4 Saturday

**FREE Winter Shake-up Class; 9:15 am**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### Iannelli Exhibit; 10 am

Iannelli Studio @ 255 N. Northwest Hwy.  
(through 2/29)

### 7 Tuesday

**FREE Indoor Cycling Orientation; 6:45 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 10 Friday

**Friday Night Live Club; 7 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

### 11 Saturday

**"DAR 101" Luncheon/Program; 11:30 am**  
21<sup>st</sup> Star Ch. NSDAR @ PR Country Club

### 15 Wednesday

**Meeting & Speaker Mayor Maloney; 7 am**  
Kiwanis (AM) at Eggsperience

### 16 Thursday

**Band-O-Rama; 7 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts @ Auditorium

### 17 Friday

**Third Grade Throwdown; 7 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

### 18 Saturday

**Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 20 Monday

**MLK Public Skate; 11 am**  
PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

### 22 Wednesday

**FREE Les Mills BodyPump New Release Launch Party; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 24 Friday

**FREE Les Mills CORE New Release Launch Party; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

**PJs, Movies & Games; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Prospect Park

**Trivia Night; 6 pm**  
Chamber of Commerce @ 733 N. Prospect

### Jazz in January; 8 pm

PR Comm. Church @ 100 Courtland  
(also 1/25)

### 25 Saturday

**Playdate with Nature; 9 am**  
PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 27 Monday

**FREE Boundary Waters Presentation; 7 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ So. Park Rec Ctr.  
**FREE Les Mills BodyPump New Release Launch Party; 7:05 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

## FEBRUARY

### 1 Saturday

**Iannelli Exhibit; 10 am**  
Iannelli Studio @ 255 N. Northwest Hwy.  
(through 2/29)

**FREE Indoor Cycling Orientation; 10:30 am**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 3 Monday

**Science Night; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 6 Thursday

**Winter Play; 7:30 pm**  
Maine South Fine Arts/Auditorium  
(also February 7 & 8)

### 7 Friday

**Spaghetti Dinner; 4:45 pm**  
Noon Kiwanis @ 1300 W. Crescent

### Valentine's Bash; 4:30 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### Mother/Son Slot Car Racing; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Activity Ctr.

### 8 Saturday

**Playdate with Nature; 9 am**  
PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 9 Sunday

**Silver Show; 1 pm**  
Iannelli Studio @ 255 N. Northwest Hwy.

### 10 Monday

**Valentine's Party with the Animals; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 12 Wednesday

**"American History" Mtg./Luncheon; 11:30 am**  
21<sup>st</sup> Star Ch. NSDAR @ Elks Lodge of Des Plaines

### 13 Thursday

**Park Ridge Garden Club Program/Mtg; 7 pm**  
"The Tallgrass Prairie" @ 100 S. Western

### 15 Saturday

**Night of Stars Dinner Dance; 5:30 pm**  
Chamber of Commerce @ Café La Cave

### 19 Wednesday

**Band Concert; 7:30 pm**  
Maine South Fine Arts/Auditorium  
(also 2/21)

### 21 Friday – 22 Saturday

**Legally Blond, the Musical; 7:30 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts @ Auditorium  
also 2/27 Matinee—4 pm; 2/28, 29— 7:30 pm

### 26 Wednesday

**Art Exhibition; 6:30 pm**  
Maine East Actor's Studio

## MARCH

### 1 Sunday

**Song of the Earth; 3 pm**  
Maine South High School

### 2 Monday

**Science Night; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 3 Tuesday

**Choir Concert; 7:30 pm**  
Maine South Fine Arts/Auditorium

### 5 Thursday

**FREE Indoor Cycling Orientation; 6:30 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 6 Friday

**Snowflake Princess Daddy Daughter Dance; 6 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

### 7 Saturday

**Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7 pm**  
PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

### 8 Sunday

**Open House; 1 – 3 pm**  
Park Ridge History Ctr. @ 721 N. Prospect

### 10 Tuesday

**Band Concert; 7 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts / Auditorium

### 11 Wednesday

**"The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment" Mtg./Luncheon; 11:30 am**  
By Cathy Carlton / 21<sup>st</sup> Star Ch. NSDAR @ PR Country Club

### 12 Thursday

**Park Ridge Garden Club Mtg; 7 pm**  
Meeting/Program at 100 S. Western

### 13 Friday

**Orchestra Concert; 7 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts / Auditorium

### Third Grade Throwdown; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

### 14 Saturday

**Playdate with Nature; 9 am**  
PR Park Dist @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### Garden Trellis Workshop; 10 am

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

### 16 Monday

**Georgia O'Keefe portrayal by L. Goddard; 7:15 pm**  
Old Thing Antiques Club @ 733 N. Prospect

### 18 Wednesday

**Choral Concert; 7 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts / Auditorium

### 22 Sunday

**Open House; 1 – 3 pm**  
Park Ridge History Ctr. @ 721 N. Prospect

### 31 Tuesday

**Creative Self Expression Art Show; 6:30 pm**  
Maine East Fine Arts @ Great Frame-Up Niles

The City frequently sends out important news media and information to our residents that we believe will be useful.



Whether it's information regarding a street closure or upcoming dangerous weather, we want to keep you informed.

It's very easy to sign up to receive City news information. Simply visit the City's website at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us). On the left side of the City's home page screen, select "Stay Connected." You can register for CodeRED, Nixle, or E-alerts. Feel free to sign up for one or all three alerts.

Call 847/318-5200 if you require assistance.

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### Historic Preservation Commission celebrates 10 years



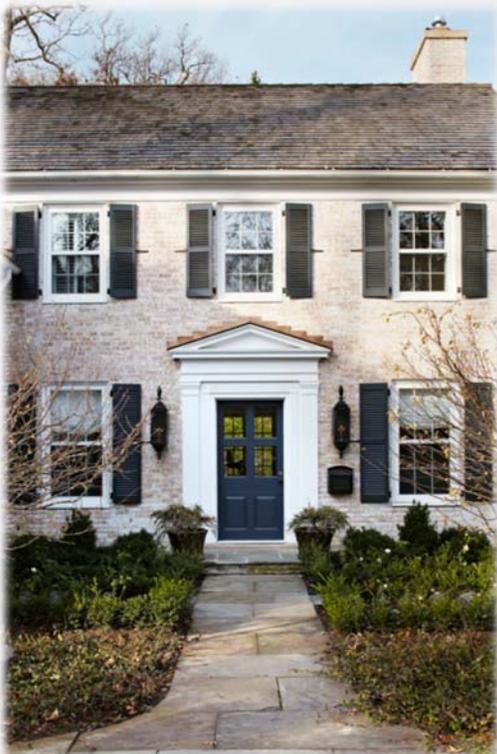
The Historic Preservation Commission is celebrating its 10-year anniversary and its efforts to help make our community a “Wonderful Place to Live.” Over the years, the Commission has nominated sixteen (16) landmarks which have been formally designated by the City Council. Alongside receiving landmark nomination, the Commission’s 100-year-old Home program has continued to highlight the charm and character of Park Ridge. Various styles are represented in this program, and with the treasure trove of historic homes in Park Ridge, we’re excited to add more.

For a number of years, Park Ridge students in the third, fourth, and fifth grade have participated in the Commission’s poster contest. Students exhibit their creativity, drawing a place that is important to them. The posters are displayed at City Hall and the winners are announced at a City Council meeting during the month of May, which is recognized as Historic Preservation Month.

If your home is over 100 years old, please let the City’s Historic Preservation Commission know so we can say, “Happy birthday and congratulations!” We realize not every house is eligible to obtain local landmark status. However, our centenarians are a very significant part of the history of our town and should be recognized. They provide a glimpse back in time and have been a mainstay that adds to the City’s charm and character. These homes tell the story of the growth of Park Ridge, and the fact they are still being lovingly cared for is testimony to our past as well as the present.

For more information please contact City Planner Richard Peters, in the City’s Community Preservation and Development Department at 847/318-5203 or by email at [rpeters@parkridge.us](mailto:rpeters@parkridge.us).

### Do you own a Historic Georgian?



The Historic Preservation Commission is very interested in historic Georgian style homes that were built in our City. In 1943, Douglass Aircraft constructed a large assembly plant at the corner of Higgins and Mannheim (O’Hare Field) to build the C-54 troop/cargo plane. In order to house the workers and their families, a significant number of Georgian style homes were constructed in Park Ridge and in the surrounding area. The design continued to be used after the War, but the Historic Preservation Commission is interested in the War Homes, those built from the beginning of 1944 through the end of 1945.

Though many have been torn down over the years, the remaining War Homes represent a part of our hometown history during this turbulent time. We would like to consider any of these homes that have not had its façade altered for Landmark Status. Please check the City’s website for more details. If you own a home that has been modified, you would still be eligible to receive a certificate noting the historical significance of your home.

We have issued a number of certificates recognizing 100 year old homes and would welcome your application, too. All applications for Landmark Status or certificates must accompany valid documentation that indicates the year that the home was built.

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