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City Clerk's corner

Tired of waiting for the lazy days of summer to arrive? Well, hopefully it won't be too much longer. But thanks to our residents, merchants, businesses, and City staff, the fun has already begun and we can all enjoy the best of what Park Ridge has to offer without delay. Our great City has welcomed a medley of so many new eateries; the toughest decision is deciding whether to dine alfresco or inside! With the Concerts in the Park, the Farmers Market, and so many other Special Events happening so often, your calendar will be booked with activities for a fun-filled summer. Invite your friends over and enjoy the carefree life in our quaint, great city. And don't forget to shop local to keep your tax dollars in town. I hope to see you on your next summer stroll.

A friendly reminder about Fido

With warmer weather finally upon us, we all want to embrace the sunshine, the summer breeze and take a nice long stroll—Fido, too!

As a courtesy to others in our community, please remember that, as a pet owner, you are responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of any excrement deposited by your animal anywhere in the City, including on your property, on a daily basis. When walking your pet off your residential premises, you must carry suitable means for the removal of excrement. You are also required to keep your pet on a leash when you are off your property. For complete information on the subject, please review Article 5 Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code.



9/11 Service of Remembrance

The City will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in remembrance of those who lost their lives 18 years ago. The Memorial Service, coordinated by the Park Ridge Police Chaplains, will take place at City Hall, 505 Butler Place at 8:00 am on September 11, 2019. The service will include the Police and Fire Departments' Honor Guards, reflections from students, clergy and Elected Officials, the traditional Fire Department Bell Service, and a closing prayer. The community is welcome to attend. Please call 847/318-5252 with any questions regarding the service or email info@parkridgepolice.org.



Memorial bricks are available for purchase for placement at the City's 9/11 Memorial site in front of City Hall. Simply complete an Order Form found on the City's website or at City Hall. Orders must be received by July 31 in order to be on display prior to this year's Memorial Service. Contact Senior Administrative Assistant Brigid Madden at 847/318-6721 or bmadden@parkridge.us with any questions.

Monthly Bulb, Sharps & Rx Disposal

CFL bulbs or tubes (4 ft. or less) and mercury thermometers are also collected

July 11, August 1, September 5
8 am—11 am in the lobby at City Hall



Please note that this program is for residents living in SWANCC member communities only. Be prepared to show your I.D. when dropping off your items.

A drop box is also located inside the lobby of the Police Department at 200 Vine for the disposal of solid forms of prescription medications 24/7. PLEASE, do not place liquid meds or any sharps in this box.

Red-Hot Summer Sidewalk Sales

July 8—14



July 11—13
Summit Avenue
between Prospect and Touhy

A message from the Mayor

CONTACT INFORMATION



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.

While we have suffered through the depths of the polar vortex and with that a smothering winter, we have come out through that season and into a spring that proved to be the wettest in recent history. What lies ahead is a summer that we need to embrace, and celebrate; it is time to escape the indoors and soak up all that the next few months will offer. Our Park Ridge community is ready for us and has prepared a schedule of events and celebrations that will allow us to do just that.

Our community enjoys the warmer weather with a number of family friendly events including the Main Street Craft Beer Festival and Memorial Day parade, Park Ridge Fine Arts Society' Friday concerts in Hodges Park, Farmers Market Saturdays, First Fridays, the Park Ridge Garden Club Walk, the Vine Street BBQ Fest, Park Ridge Kidical Mass rides, National Night Out, and a number of other wonderful opportunities to gather and enjoy the summer months.

With our newly formed Sustainability Task Force, the City will be continuing our efforts to promote sustainability, as well as explore and research different initiatives that will help Park Ridge to lower our environmental impact. I am proud of our recent designation as a "Sol-Smart" community, which means we have taken steps to make it easier for businesses and residents to implement solar solutions for their homes and businesses. If you've thought about adding this to your home, check out the City's website for help in making that happen! We have also recently shifted away from using harmful chemicals in our landscaping and are now opting for more natural solutions.

If you haven't been by City Hall and/or the Police Department over the last few months, then you have missed the construction that is prevalent. The Council has approved, and we are now moving forward on long-delayed improvements for the Police Department and City Hall overall. While we have miles to go before the project is complete, this is just another example of the current City Council tackling issues that have been delayed in the past and are now being addressed. Just as we are investing in infrastructure improvements all over town, we are also dealing with many areas that have been pushed off for years, like the Library and City Hall. I am proud to be working with a great City Council and city staff who relish the opportunity to advance the City of Park Ridge and tackle difficult challenges. Together, we are all moving Park Ridge in a direction that we can all be proud of and in which we can ALL play a prominent role. If you would like to help in any fashion...let me know! We are always searching for volunteers.

Let's enjoy the excitement and activity of the warm months ahead. Park Ridge comes to life during the summer and fall. Spend some time at one of our festivals, dining outside at the many options we have available to us, riding your bike safely around town, or just sitting in one of our parks.

See you around town,

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City Departments

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847/318-5216 & 847/318-5209
- 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**
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847/318-5227
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(7 am—3 pm)
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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 departmental information for the Spokesman.
Questions? You may contact Deputy Clerk Peterson, editor, at 847/318-5464 or cpeterso@parkridge.us

Happening around town

Recurrent Events

Kiwanis Morning Club; Wednesday @ 7 a.m.

@ Eggsperience

Lion's Club; Thursday @ noon

@ Harp & Fiddle

Center of Concern 847/823-0453

Monday; by appt.—Employment Counseling

Wednesday, by appt.—Grief & Loss Counseling

Seniors & Caregiving Counseling

Medicare Counseling

Legal Counseling

Yoga: St. Luke's Church—Tuesday & Thursday

Tuesdays; 7:00 - 8:15pm

Thursdays; 9:30 - 10:45am

Chair Yoga - Thursday; 11:00am - noon

\$5 per class donation appreciated

Park Ridge History Center—Open House events

721 N. Prospect Ave

July 14, 28, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, 22 1 pm—3 pm

JULY

1 Monday

Summer Session #2 begins

School District 64

3 Wednesday

Fireworks Celebration; 6:30 pm

Fireworks at dusk / Maine East High School

4 Thursday

Kiddie Parade; 8:45 am

Kiwanis @ Hodges Park

5 Friday

Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6 pm—9 pm

Chamber of Commerce/Library Lot & Summit

11 Thursday

Taste of Park Ridge; 11 am—11pm (through 7/13)

Summit Avenue b/t Prospect and Touhy

12 Friday

Flamingo Friday; 1 pm

PR Park District @ Hinkley Pool

PRFAS Concert in the Park; 8 pm

Summer Dreams - Hodges Park

13 Saturday

Canopies on Courtland; 10 am

Taste of PR & Chamber of Commerce / Courtland Ave

Book Sale on the Lawn; 10 am

Friends of the Library/ Library Lawn

Jersey Day Open Skate; 1 pm

PR Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

14 Sunday

Pet Blessing; 10:45 am

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

15 Monday

Les Mills BodyAttack 105 Launch Party; 7:05 am

PR Park District @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

16 Tuesday

Pond Dippers; 6 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

17 Wednesday

First Responders Day; 1 pm

PR Park District @ Centennial Aquatic Center

18 Thursday

Les Miller BodyPump 110 Launch Party; 6:15 am

Centennial Fitness Center

19 Friday

Summer Session #2 ends

School District 64

Les Mills CXWORX 35 Launch Party; 8:30 am

PR Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

Family Campfire; 7 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

PRFAS Concert in the Park; 8 pm

Hollywood Heroes – Hodges Park

20 Saturday

British Invasion Concert; 7 pm

P.R. Chorale @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church

21 Sunday

Summer Workout in the Park-Yoga; 10 am

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

22 Monday

Tennis & Paddle Classic; 10:30 am

Avenues to Ind. @ PR Country Club

23 Tuesday

Capture the Flag; 6 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

26 Friday

Shark Day; 1 pm

PR Park District @ Hinkley Pool

Concert in the Park; 8 pm

Hits through the Decades- Hodges Park

27 Saturday

Sweet Splash Ride; 11:45 am

Bike & Walk P.R. / Park Ridge Kidical Mass

101 S. Cumberland

Country Farm Fair; Noon

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

Sand Volleyball Tournament; 5 pm

PR Park District @ Hinkley Park

28 Sunday

Park Ridge Football Fest; 10 am – 10 pm

Prospect Park

Sundae Funday; Noon & 4 pm

PR Park District @ Prospect Park Splash Pad

29 Monday

Infection; 6 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

AUGUST

2 Friday

Pirate Day; 1 pm

PR Park District @ Centennial Aquatic Ctr.

Cruisin Park Ridge; 6 pm—9 pm

Chamber of Commerce/Library Lot & Summit

Family Campfire; 7 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

Middle School Back to School Bash; 7 pm

PR Park District @ Hinkley Pool

Concert in the Park; 8 pm

Tino & the Latin Swing Factor

PR Park District @ Hodges Park

3 Saturday

Kite Fest; 10 am

PR Park District @ Hinkley Park

6 Tuesday

Summer Workout in the Park; - Aqua Fit; 7:20 pm

PR Park District @ Hinkley Pool

National Night Out Against Crime; 6:30 pm

Maine Township at Dee Park

7 Wednesday

Infection; 6 pm

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

8 Thursday

Movie in the Park - Incredibles 2; 7 pm

PR Park District @ Prospect Park

9 Friday

Concert / Tainted Jake; 8 pm

PR Park District @ South Park

11 Sunday

Jodi Koplin & the Jiggleman Band; 2:30 pm

PR Park District @ Prospect Park

16 Friday

Concert / Ginger Road; 8 pm

PR Park District @ South Park

17 Saturday

Compass to Care Bubble Fun Run; 8 am

Hodges Park

24 Saturday

Vine Street BBQ Competition; 5 am - midnight

Hodges Park & vicinity

Horner Hustler Steps for a Cure; 7 am - Noon

5 K Run/Walk at Hodges Park

Pennyville Days; 10 am—2 pm

PR History Center @ 721 N. Prospect

Vine Street BBQ Ride; 11:45 am

Bike & Walk Park Ridge/PR Kidical Mass

101 S. Cumberland

26 Monday

Schools open 2019-20

School District 64

SEPTEMBER

4 Wednesday

Meeting, Luncheon, & Program; 11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR

6 Friday

Backyard Campout; 5 pm

PR Park Dist. - Wildwood Nature Ctr.

Cruisin Park Ridge; 6 pm—9 pm

Chamber of Commerce/Library Lot & Summit

WMTH Games Day Football Broadcast; 7 pm

Maine South Stadium

ABC Rummage Sale; 9 am

First United Methodist Church (and 9/7)

7 Saturday

Back to School Fitness Jam; 9:15 am

PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Center

8 Sunday

Grandparent Day; 10 am

PR Park Dist. @ Prospect Park Splash Pad

12 Thursday

Park Ridge Garden Club Meeting & Program; 7:00 pm

@ 100 S. Western Garden

13 Friday

Variety Show; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Activity Ctr.

(also 6/14 @ 4:30 pm and 6 pm)

14 Saturday

Playdate with Nature; 9 am

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Center

15 Sunday

Beyond the Runway Tea & Fashion Show; 2 pm

Avenues to Ind. @ Hilton Chicago Northbrook

16 Monday

Science Night; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

17 Tuesday

Free Indoor Cycling Orientation; 6:30 pm

PR Park Dist @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

20 Friday

Family Campfire; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Center

Friday Night Live Club (grades 4-5); 7 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park Leisure Ctr.

21 Saturday

Community Garage Sale; 9 am

Maine Township Hall / 1700 Ballard Road

Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Adventure; 9 am – 5 pm

Hodges Park

Spirits of Old Park Ridge Walking Tour; 10 am—2 pm

PR History Center @ Town of Maine Cemetery

26 Thursday

Kiwanis Club (AM) Peanut Days (also 27 & 28)

Various locations t/o the City

Fall Play; 7:30 pm (also 27 & 28)

Maine South Auditorium

28 Saturday

Park Ridge Park District Oktoberfest; Noon

Hodges Park

Hodges Park Oktoberfest Ride; 11:45 am

Bike & Walk Park Ridge/PR Kidical Mass

Residential Key Boxes

Did you know that the Park Ridge Fire Department has a Residential Key Box Program that allows firefighters and paramedics to gain entrance into your home in the event of a fire or a medical emergency?

The homeowner purchases a City-approved lock box which is safe and secure and has it installed in an inconspicuous area near an entry door. The Fire Department will be able to gain entry to your home by using a master key to open your box and use the key inside to gain access to your home in the event of an emergency. For more information, please contact Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Smaha at 847/318-6729 (bsmaha@parkridgefd.org).



Be alert. Be prepared. Plan ahead.

There are numerous severe weather hazards that affect Illinois, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, floods, damaging winds and large hail. Severe weather hazards have the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death.

Tornadoes are Mother Nature's most violent storms, with rotating winds that can exceed 300 miles per hour. Spawned from thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood within a matter of seconds. It is most common for tornadoes to occur in our portion of the country from late spring to early summer. Many times, there is little or no advance warning. Be alert and be prepared.

Look for changing weather conditions. Signs of a tornado may include a dark, greenish sky, large hail, and a large, dark, low lying cloud (with possible rotation). A tornado sounds similar to the roar of a freight train.

How can you prepare? Build an emergency kit. Create a family communications plan. Have a designated "safe place" in your home. Download a smart-phone app that recognizes inclement weather and notifies you with emergency alerts.

IEMA Severe Weather Preparedness booklets are available on the city's website or in the foyer at City Hall.



Know the ThorGuard warning

The Park District has a ThorGuard lightning detection system that is operational 7 days a week, April 1—November 1, 6 am—11 pm.

One Long Blast—Seek shelter immediately! The warning horn will sound a 15 second blast when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching.

Three Short Blasts—All clear to continue outdoor activity.

Are you signed up for E-News messages or CODERED emergency alerts from the City? Sign up today at www.parkridge.us and select STAY CONNECTED on the left side of the screen.

A reminder for parents: Teens Uptown

School is out and summer is here! Parents are encouraged to review the current regulations and ordinances for curfew in the Uptown area and share the information with your kids. The City's Police will have an increased presence in the Uptown area on the weekends to encourage good behavior for large groups of teens that are gathering. We also ask parents to remind your kids to be mindful of patrons in the Uptown area and refrain from loitering in large groups and inhibiting the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. The use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. are prohibited on the sidewalks and areas of Uptown and the Pickwick Plaza. The curfew for the Pickwick Plaza (the pedestrian plaza between Northwest Hwy and Summit Ave on the east side of buildings fronting Prospect Ave) is 9 pm - 6 am for everyone under the age of 18. Park Ridge City Ordinance 14-12-1 has all the specifics and exceptions in regards to the citywide curfew.

Safety and Scott's law

When you are driving and see flashing lights—slow down, change lanes, and always proceed with caution—no matter of the circumstances.

Scott's Law is explained in Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 5/11-907(c). In short, the law mandates that any driver that is approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights, must proceed with caution, reduce their speed, and safely move over to an adjacent lane.

As of January 1, 2017, Scott's Law now applies to all vehicles that display flashing emergency lights, including commercial trucks and cars. The law is no longer limited to emergency

response vehicles – i.e. police vehicle, ambulances, and fire trucks. Know the law; when you see emergency flashing lights, MOVE OVER.





A must for new trees: water & mulch

The summer heat can wreak havoc on newly planted trees. For at least three years after planting, trees generally need the equivalent of 1 inch of rainfall each week throughout the growing season (June - October). If you have an irrigation bag, such as a gatorbag, on your tree, filling it once per week should suffice. If there has been adequate rainfall, supplemental watering is not necessary. Throughout the summer, routinely inspect your soil. If it is very hard like concrete, the tree needs water. Please keep in mind that overwatering can be just as bad as not watering enough.

To help keep the soil moist, limit competition from weeds, and prevent mechanical damage, install a two to four inch layer of mulch a few inches off of the trunk of the tree and extend the layer out a few feet from the trunk. Do not form a volcano around the trunk of your tree (see image). Doing so can cause trunk rot which can prematurely kill the tree.

Holiday Refuse schedule



Just a reminder that there will be no refuse, recycling or yard waste collection on July 4 due to the holiday. Collections will be delayed by one day the remainder of that week.

Summer watering restrictions

Watering restrictions are in effect May 15 through September 15, every year. Residents may use water outdoors only on even or odd -numbered calendar days, corresponding with the last digit of their house number; zero is considered as an even number.

Outdoor watering includes water usage on lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and for washing vehicles. A two -week special permit is available for watering newly installed sod and may be obtained in the Public Works Department at City Hall.



In addition to the above restrictions, as of May 15, 2016, lawn sprinkling is prohibited any day, from noon to 6 p.m., when evaporation is at its highest. New lawns (less than 3 months old) may be exempted from this provision. Call 847/318-5228 with any questions.

Yard waste pickup reminder

Yard waste should be placed in large paper yard bags, not plastic bags, or in special yard waste carts for collection by Groot Industries. Landscape which is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush, must be securely tied, (with biodegradable twine) bundled not to exceed 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet in diameter per bundle. Residents with larger branches or tree removals will need to contact a tree service company or landscaper for removal.



Getting ready for Smart Water Meters



Earlier in the year, the City Council approved a contract with Water Resources Inc. of Elgin for the implementation of an Automated Meter Reading/ Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMR/

AMI). Supporting infrastructure installation is expected to be completed in the summer of 2019. The installation of commercial and residential water meters is expected to begin in the fall of 2019.

The City is excited about this change and the benefits that coincide with this technological upgrade which include, the ability to quickly identify leaks or atypical usage; the reduction of meter reading errors; expediting of final readings for property transfers; as well as an online portal that will provide detailed visual explanations regarding usage and leak detection.



Go Green Park Ridge is collecting clean, sturdy, reusable bags through donations at the Farmers Market. Simply place your donated bags into the **Bag Share Bin**. And remember- you are welcome to take a free donated bag anytime to reduce plastic use when you are shopping at the Farmers Market this summer.



O'Hare Airport Commission update

Park Ridge has been a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) for many years. The O'Hare Airport Commission of Park Ridge (OAC) maintains regular presence at the ONCC's regular Commission meetings. OAC representatives also attend two other committees meetings of the ONCC; its Technical and Ad Hoc Governance meetings.



The ONCC's Fly Quiet Committee is currently working on a future Fly Quiet plan, which could send traffic from both the parallel and diagonal runways over Park Ridge during nighttime hours for the next 20 years or more. The ONCC has already approved an Interim Fly Quiet (IFQ) plan which has been impacted by construction schedules and the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) comment review process of its Environmental Impact Study. For now, the airport is operating its Traditional Fly Quiet program, with IFQ potentially starting in November 2019. From then until January 2021, there will be a back-and-forth from IFQ to the traditional plan at least once based on construction. No Fly Quiet program has been determined for after January 2021; this is the Fly Quiet committee's current charge.

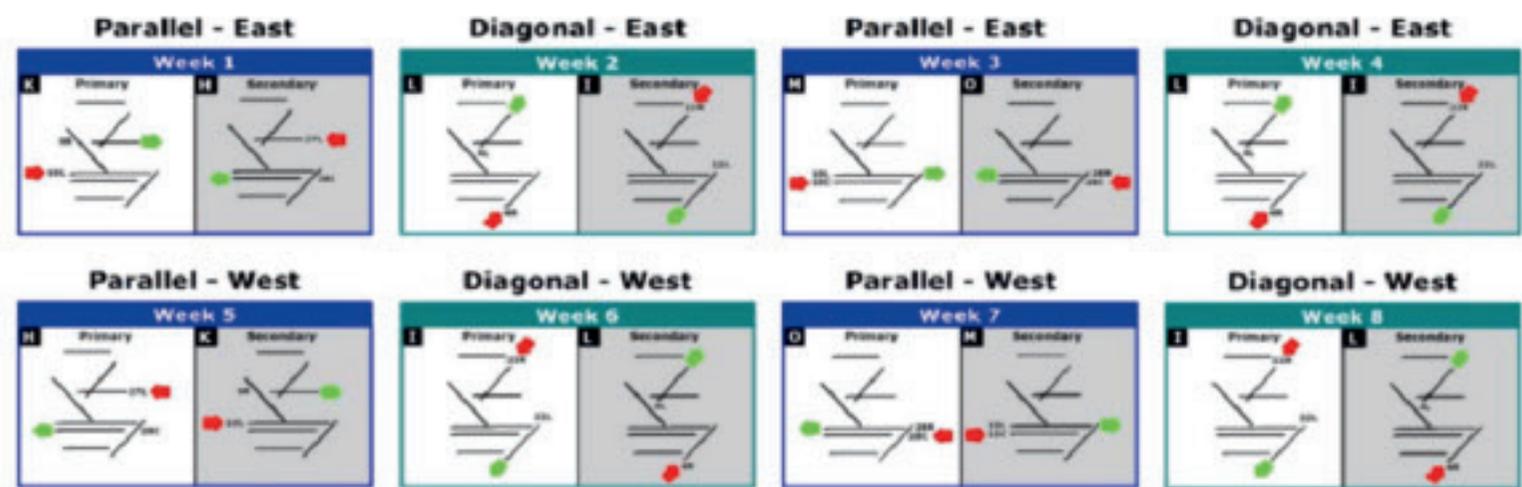
When IFQ takes effect, runway usage will be rotated on a weekly basis between the parallels and diagonals. Please see the attached exhibits for further information on both Traditional as well as IFQ. Keep in mind *only* IFQ has a runway rotation schedule. The ONCC vote to approve IFQ was not unanimous; Park Ridge was among those voting "no".

Park Ridge has made numerous attempts to become a voting member on the Fly Quiet Committee. This past May, the ONCC Executive Committee requested that the Governance Ad Hoc Committee consider changing the By-Laws to increase the membership on Fly Quiet from 11 to 13. Governance voted to keep the Fly Quiet Committee at 11 for efficiency purposes; Park Ridge had objected. Other ONCC committees have more members and traditionally allow requesting members a seat. The change to cap a committee membership is otherwise unexplained and not in line with past practices. At the most recent ONCC meeting, another opportunity to consider increasing the members to 13 came before a floor vote. It was defeated by a vote of 27-9. Park Ridge wishes to thank the representatives of Chicago's 41st Ward, Niles, Des Plaines, Glenview, Elmhurst and South Barrington and School Districts 64 & 207 for their support. Park Ridge would also like to thank Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and State Senator Laura Murphy who wrote a letter of support to the ONCC for the inclusion of Park Ridge on the Fly Quiet Committee.

Citizens are asked to continue contacting the ONCC to request that the membership of the Fly Quiet Committee be the same as its other committees enabling Park Ridge and other interested communities to have the same opportunity and a voting seat on the committee. While the ONCC has stated that Park Ridge is free to collaborate with other members of the committee, a voting seat would more closely adhere to the stated purpose of the ONCC in obtaining input from the impacted communities. Park Ridge will be uniquely impacted as it will be under 5 runway paths when the O'Hare project is done. A voting seat for Park Ridge is a fair and appropriate request of which the ONCC should take action for Park Ridge and any other interested community.

Mayor Maloney, the City Council, and the O'Hare Airport Commission (OAC) continue to advocate on behalf of the residents. Support and input from the City's residents is much appreciated. Residents are also invited to attend meetings of the OAC, the ONCC and its committees. The next OAC meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 7pm at City Hall. For more information, visit parkridge.us and oharenoise.org.

The graphic below outlines the Proposed Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation. 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.





Did you hear about A.L.I.C.E.?

Keeping students safe in school has always been a top priority for the community. Recently, the Park Ridge Police Department along with Maine Township High Schools have taken a different approach to school safety than in years past, with the adoption of the A.L.I.C.E. program.

A.L.I.C.E, an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate, is a proactive option based response initiative to handle violent threats in public places, like school buildings, office buildings and retail spaces. A.L.I.C.E. is a highly successful nationwide program that has been utilized by schools and offices in all 50 states, with over one million individuals trained.

One of the previous models for school districts to respond to a threat was with a building lockdown, as endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education in 2007. However, in the wake of tragedies like Sandy Hook and Virginia Tech, the Department of Education spent considerable resources to research alternatives, updating safety protocols and recommendations.

One of the most important aspects of A.L.I.C.E. is the ability to empower people to make a choice, providing options for individuals. There is no single response method that will fit every threat of violence. However, A.L.I.C.E. provides key information and resources to those who may find themselves in a critical situation. Officers from the Park Ridge Police Department have received specialized training and are certified A.L.I.C.E. instructors; they are willing to help local business owners and organizations with informational training. Contact the City's Police Community Strategies Officer Ben Peterson for any information about the program: bpeterson@parkridgepolice.org or call 847-318-5233.



The Park Ridge Police Department invites you to the "National Night Out" event on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in Hodges Park from 6:30 pm–9:00 pm. The popularity of this FREE family event is growing each year; last year, approximately 500 residents participated.

The NNO event will have a petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, obstacle course, and lots of entertainment along with valuable health and safety information from community sponsors.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send the message to criminals that the police and community are working together and are fighting back against crime.

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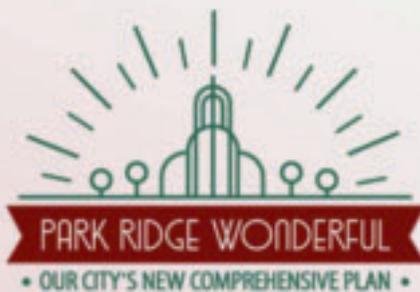
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The City invites you to be a part of the historical planning of its new Comprehensive Plan. “Park Ridge Wonderful” is underway and the name of the City’s New Comprehensive Plan. Although much planning has occurred over the last several years, the City’s last Comprehensive Plan was adopted approximately twenty (20) years ago. It is time to check with the residents of the community to see exactly where opportunities and needs reside.

Over the next 10-12 months we will be working with you, our residents, business owners and stakeholders, to create a plan that will serve as a guide for our City’s future. The plan will include physical, social and economic objectives, serving as a key tool for planning the City’s budget and organizing community initiatives.

Get Involved - Share your ideas, today: Visit www.ParkRidgeWonderful.com today to share ideas, view what others are saying, take the visioning poll, and learn more about the project, process, and timeline. Start spreading the word to your friends and neighbors to get involved; the more minds that come together, the better we are able to come up with new and wonderful things. Post ideas and photos on social media using the hashtag [#parkridgewonderful](https://twitter.com/parkridgewonderful) and use the comment section to let us know what specifically you love or want to see improved.

Stay Engaged - Subscribe for Updates: Enter your email via the “Follow” button on the project website (www.ParkRidgeWonderful.com) to receive event announcements and project updates (like this) right to your inbox!

To learn more, visit www.ParkRidgeWonderful.com and subscribe for updates via the email “follow” button. While the Comprehensive Plan will serve as the guiding element for the City, the guiding element of the plan is you! This is YOUR community, YOUR plan, and YOUR future. Please get involved today!

Sustainability Task Force launched

In February, Mayor Maloney established the Park Ridge Sustainability Task Force. Its mission is to identify and begin the implementation of actions that will help Park Ridge realize the goals of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact (GRC) adopted by the City Council in 2017. The GRC promotes stewardship of the environment across Northern Illinois, with an emphasis on improving quality of life and driving economic vitality. Over 100 communities in the Chicago metro area have adopted the GRC. Communities can choose from a list of actions provided to them for sustainability planning.

As its initial undertaking, the Sustainability Task Force established focus areas including water (e.g. clean water, stormwater management), land use (e.g. open spaces, trees and vegetation, green infrastructure), energy (e.g. efficiency, renewable energy), mobility (walk- and bikeability, electric vehicle infrastructure), waste (e.g. minimization, recycling, food scrap) and climate change mitigation. Suggested City actions will be recommended from these focus areas. In addition to improving the sustainability of Park Ridge City operations, the Task Force will also provide information on actions that can be taken by residents and businesses.

For more information or offering suggestions to the STF, please contact Co-Chairs Tim Milburn (lognitim@gmail.com) or Melissa Hulting (mhulting@yahoo.com).



Don’t forget to obtain your Garage Sale permit which is required by City Ordinance, 12-12. A resident is allowed to have three garage sales per calendar year, each one no more than three (3) consecutive days. Any advertising sign must be placed on private property. Signs placed on public property will be removed and discarded. Call 847/318-5209 with any questions about Garage Sales. Permits can be obtained on the City’s website and are free of charge.

An Estate Sale requires the registration of a business with the City’s Community Preservation and Development Department. Questions? Please call 847/318-5291.