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City Clerk's corner



Welcome to springtime in Park Ridge. We are all survivors of Winter 2019! We can finally say goodbye to those dirty little piles of snow as the chirping birds remind us that the green grass is coming.

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will have its last concert of the season, the "Magic of Spring" on May 5 at Maine South High School. Within a short time after, the Concerts in the Park will be starting. Look for the schedule to come out in May; concerts normally begin towards the end of June. It will be great to enjoy Friday evenings in Hodges Park again under the stars! Our newly remodeled Library shines with new spaces and services to be appreciated by all. Our Police Department is under renovations. Remodeling has been underway for a few months and will have new equipment and improved service areas very soon. Your tax dollars are at work under the approval of a very active City Council. New restaurants and businesses continue to open, making Park Ridge a bustling town.

Come enjoy a spring stroll Uptown as the weather is finally improving. Also show your appreciation for the work of our Aldermen, School and Park District candidates by remembering to vote on April 2.

Parking Permit renewals begin Monday, June 3

Six month parking permits (valid July 1–December 31) for the following areas will be available for renewal June 3–19 to existing permit holders.

\$200 Uptown Court (Washington, Touhy and Northwest Highway)	\$350 Touhy Triangle Lot
\$350 Central Lot (Library)	\$350 Main Street (between Touhy and Prairie)
\$200 Summit Avenue (north side between Ridge and Euclid)	\$250 Garden Street (Fairview to west of Prairie)

Any permits not renewed by existing permit holders will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on Monday, June 24 at 8:00 a.m. at the Cashier's Desk in City Hall.

- ◆ *Touhy Triangle, Central Lot, Main Street and Garden Street are only available to Park Ridge Residents whose vehicles are registered to Park Ridge and have a valid Park Ridge vehicle sticker*
- ◆ *Limit one per household*
- ◆ *All spaces with the exception of Uptown Court, will be designated 3-hour free parking after 11:00am on all days including weekends and holidays*
- ◆ *Alternate parking location may be necessary during Special Events (i.e. Taste of Park Ridge and First Fridays) for Touhy Triangle, Central Lot and Main Street spaces.*

Smart Water Meters Approved!

City Council recently approved a contract with Water Resources Inc. for the implementation of an Automated Meter Reading/Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMR/AMI). Supporting infrastructure installation is expected to be completed within the next 4-6 months. Installation of commercial and residential water meters is expected to begin fall of 2019 and completed within 12-18 months.



Pay your Water Bill online

Accessing the Payment Center is easy. Begin the process by going to the City's website at www.parkridge.us.

Select the "Payment Center" icon located in the upper left side of the screen. To pay your Water bill, scroll down to the Water Bill section.

First time users will need to create a login and link their utility account. Be sure to have your most recent water bill available. This service allows you to pay your water bill using a debit or credit card with no convenience fee. Most major credit cards are accepted.



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.

Henry van Dyke, the American author and poet once said that *“the first day of spring and the first spring day are not always the same thing.”* While Mr. van Dyke is not from Park Ridge, he knows our struggle well, and that quote epitomizes our temperamental spring. It does make me happy to see though that we are finally out from under the polar vortex and if we all look hard enough, we can all see warmer temperatures and great outdoor activities on the horizon! I know I am looking forward to a busy Spring as the weather thaws and we all begin to venture out a bit more to enjoy this wonderful town.

I am very excited to announce that we will be launching the **First Annual “Park Ridge Restaurant Week.”** The week will run a bit longer than seven days, but that’s because we have so many great options from which to choose here in Park Ridge. **April 5th - April 14th** will be the time to celebrate the many options we enjoy when it comes to making dining decisions. This celebration is a culmination of the recent growth of our restaurant community in Park Ridge. Please join me in enjoying the many choices for wonderful meals in town - invite friends, share details at work, spread the word about new restaurants as well as established favorites. The more we can all recommend local places to enjoy food and fellowship the more we can share the success of Park Ridge!

I am also very excited that the newly formed Sustainability Task Force has begun meeting and working on several different focus areas and ways that the City can improve our approach to the environment. The Task Force members are working together to determine goals and objectives to better align our City with specific initiatives to help us protect our planet.

The Library has also recently reopened its doors to beautiful new changes! In addition to the refreshed and redone reading and study spaces, the Teen Loft and Children’s Library have been updated and the Circulation and Reference areas are bright, clean and welcoming. There is even a fireplace to greet and revitalize our readers! Visit the Park Ridge Public Library’s website for more details about the exciting updates, changes, and programs!

Last but certainly not least, the City Council has been fast at work this winter and along with our fantastic staff, has continued to work to reduce the flooding problems that follow some of the major rain events that we have each year. Recently the City Council approved the design of Flood Control and Reduction projects for the Sibley Corridor as well as Marvin Parkway. These are areas that have long been in need of assistance and I am happy that the City is working with our engineering team to design a solution that will help. The City also is continuing our sewer lining program with another \$600,000 worth of work to take place this Spring. This program has shown itself to be a great preventative tool and lengthens the life of our sewer system with the investments we have been making!

We’ve made it through the Winter....let’s enjoy the excitement of the months to come and cross our fingers for spring weather that will match up with the everything Park Ridge has to offer!

I’ll see you around town!

Marty

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Community Preservation & Development

City Hall, 2nd floor
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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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(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

O'Hare Airport Commission update

With election season upon us, the representatives serving on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) for the respective suburbs and Chicago are likely to change. Most significant to Park Ridge is the composition of the Fly Quiet Committee which has become a Standing Committee of the ONCC. Although Park Ridge has made numerous requests to be a voting member on this Committee, it is quite unfortunate that requests have either been denied or ignored, especially since we are directly impacted. Park Ridge made the following statement upon learning that it has been excluded from the Committee:



"The ONCC intergovernmental agreement provides that one of the purposes of the ONCC is to provide a forum for direct citizen engagement. The City of Chicago Ordinance enacted to approve the IGA states that the ONCC provides a common forum for interested parties to have a voice in the aircraft noise issues related to O'Hare. The ONCC website states that the ONCC believes in replacing confrontation with cooperation by bringing together the City of Chicago and suburban communities, the airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), air traffic controllers and airline pilots to reduce the impact of aircraft noise in communities surrounding O'Hare. When the OMP is completed portions of Park Ridge will be directly in the path of 5 of the 8 runways (27R -9L; 27C-9C; 27 L-9R; 22R-4L; 22L -4R).

During each of the iterations of the recent Fly Quiet rotation tests, Park Ridge was impacted and received complaints during each test even though the intent of the rotations was to give predictability in overhead air traffic and at least intermittent relief to the municipalities surrounding O'Hare. Given that Park Ridge has a very high residential density, that multiple runways are pointed in its direction, that all tested Fly Quiet rotations impacted some portion of Park Ridge, and that planes have been turning in unpredictable fashion before reaching higher altitudes, Park Ridge has not received the benefit of any predictability in overhead air traffic and has not received the intermittent relief the Fly Quiet Committee was tasked to accomplish. With this background, and in light of past criticisms by certain ONCC members that Park Ridge has not fully participated in the ONCC's endeavors, Park Ridge requested to be a voting member on the now standing committee for Fly Quiet in hopes of assisting in developing appropriate mitigating measures to the noise difficulties that residential areas surrounding O'Hare have been experiencing. The ONCC has, however, unjustly decided that the Fly Quiet Standing Committee shall only have 11 members, even though more than eleven municipalities have requested to have a voting seat on the committee and even though other ONCC standing committees have more than 11 members. For example, there are 19 members on the Technical Committee and 16 members on the School Sound Insulation Committee as identified on the ONCC website. Limiting participation to only 11 on such an important committee appears arbitrary, unfair and directly contradicts the stated purpose of the ONCC in purporting to provide a forum for direct citizen engagement and in purporting to replace confrontation with cooperation.

It is Park Ridge's belief that it, and any other municipality interested, should be given a voting seat on the newly formed Fly Quiet Standing Committee. Such has been the practice with the other standing committees and such will be the only truly equitable action. If the ONCC desires to fulfill its stated purpose, it should allow interested and impacted municipalities to have a voice not only at the general meetings but at its standing committee level, especially for such an important issue like nighttime noise mitigation efforts. Park Ridge strongly urges the ONCC to reconsider its limitation of 11 members on the Fly Quiet Standing Committee and allow Park Ridge, and any other interested municipality, to participate as a voting member. Without such a show of community outreach and good faith, the ONCC will not be able to fulfill its purpose nor provide the service to the O'Hare communities and residents with which it is tasked."

We encourage all Park Ridge citizens to get involved and contact the ONCC and our federally elected representatives, so that Park Ridge is rightfully provided a voting seat on the Fly Quiet Committee. We all need to work together to mitigate the noise caused by aircraft in our community.

United States Representatives: Jan Schakowsky (847)328-3409 and Representative Brad Schneider (847)383-4870

United Senators: Senator Tammy Duckworth (312)353-5952 and Senator Dick Durbin (312)353-4952

ONCC Executive Director Jeanette.Camacho@cityofchicago.org, ONCC Chair ajuracek@mountprospect.org

Support continues for Mental Health

In recent years, our Police Department, in partnership with the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, completed a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This funding provides additional training for police officers in dealing with mental health issues that they may encounter while on patrol. The grant was also a catalyst for community-wide engagement about how to deal with mental health and the resources that are available. As a result of



this grant, all Park Ridge Police officers are currently certified in Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.), and to further our initiative with providing services to the community, we now have a full-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker on staff within the Department.

We have an updated Mental Health Resource Guide that is available in various locations in our City and on the City's website at www.parkridgepolice.org

School Bus Safety and Traffic concerns

Recently, there has been an increase in driving complaints in areas close to schools during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Drivers need to slow down and provide extra attention in school zone areas. If you are a parent dropping off children at any of the area schools, be sure to follow your school's pick-up and drop-off procedures, using the designated locations.

Please remember that school buses, crossing guards, crosswalks and school-aged children crossing the street present additional potential hazards for motorists. A high percentage of those children typically walk or bike to their school. Drivers need to be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours. Children may not always see an oncoming vehicle due to other distractions.

Be prepared when you see a stopped school bus and watch for children crossing in front of the bus. Motorists in either direction, on an undivided roadway, are required to come to a complete stop when a school bus has its red lights and stop arm activated. All motorists traveling behind the school bus, in the same direction, are required to stop. When traveling in the opposite direction on a divided highway, motorists should scan their surroundings to be sure that no children are crossing.

Adhering to posted speed limits in school zones is crucial. Never assume anything. Drivers have a lot to pay attention to in school zones; there is never an occasion that justifies the use of a cell phone while driving. Eliminating all distractions is key to keeping our children safe.

Tobacco 21 Initiative

As of February 1, 2019 it is now illegal for businesses in the city to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21. In December 2018, the City Council passed an ordinance increasing the age of tobacco sales, including e-cigarettes, from 18 years of age to 21. The recent change to the Park Ridge municipal code will not affect possession and use of tobacco products within the city limits for 18 -20 year olds, and tobacco will remain illegal for anyone under age 18.

The Police Department conducts regular compliance checks on all vendors that sell tobacco products within Park Ridge.

Service of Remembrance

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation that set aside May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 as National Police Week. Each year, America sets aside this week to salute the men and women who do the difficult and often dangerous work of safeguarding our communities. During Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we celebrate those who protect and serve us every minute of each day. We honor the courageous officers who devoted themselves so fully to others, that in the process, they laid down their lives for the protection of the citizens they serve.

On Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the Park Ridge Police Department will be conducting "A Service of Remembrance." This service will honor those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the preceding year. The service will take place at the Police Department entrance on Circle Drive. Neighboring police departments will also be participating. The service is sponsored by the Park Ridge Police Department Chaplains.

Finally, during National Police Week, the Park Ridge Police Department encourages the display of blue ribbons on vehicle antennas. These blue ribbons are a reminder of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and honor those men and women who serve our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week year in and year out. Interested residents can stop by the station during the month of May and pick a ribbon up although any strip of royal blue ribbon would demonstrate support.



Outdoor Watering Restrictions

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) made changes to the Lake Michigan Water Allocation Rules and Regulations in order to support the efforts to manage and conserve the Lake Michigan water resource and restrict non-essential outside water uses.

Restrictions are in effect from May 15 through September 15 of each year, and allow residents to use water outdoors only on even or odd-numbered calendar days, corresponding with the last digit of their house number. Zero is considered an even number. Outdoor water use includes use on lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and for washing vehicles. In addition to the above restrictions, lawn sprinkling shall not occur in the middle of any day, from noon to 6 p.m., when evaporation is at its highest. A special permit for watering newly installed sod, valid for two weeks, can be obtained at the Public Works Department at City Hall. Call 847-318-5228 for more information.

Celebrate Arbor Day

The City has organized a special celebration on April 26 to recognize Arbor Day. This year, we celebrate 35 years as a Tree City USA and receive our 19th Growth Award. Mayor Maloney will read and present a Proclamation at an upcoming City Council meeting that will recognize the important benefits that trees provide.



All residents are invited to attend the Annual Planting of a New Tree Ceremony. Please visit the City's website for the time and location.

Yardwaste collection resumes April 1

The collection of residential yard waste will resume the week of April 1 on your regular refuse collection day. Yard waste should be placed in large paper yard bags, not plastic bags, or in special yard waste carts for collection. To purchase a yard waste cart, contact GROOT at 800/244-1977.

Branches less than two (2) inches in diameter and four (4) feet in length must be tied together in bundles weighing less than fifty (50) pounds for collection with regular yard waste. Twigs and small brush should be broken up and placed in yard bags or the yard waste cart. Residents with larger branches or tree removals will need to contact a tree service company or landscaper for removal.

The City will collect branches from parkway trees only. Please call the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 and provide the pickup address.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Just a reminder that there will be no refuse, recycling or yard waste collection on May 27, Memorial Day. Collections will be delayed by one day that week due to the holiday.



28th Annual Garden Club

Residential Beautification Awards Contest

Once again, the City of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Garden Club are co-sponsoring a Beautification Awards Contest for its residents. The awards contest recognizes residents who have made their homes and landscaping the most attractive in our City. Winners each receive \$100 from the Garden Club, a lawn sign from the City, and gift certificates from the Chamber of Commerce. Previous winners are not eligible. To obtain an application, visit the City's website or pick one up in the foyer at City Hall. Applications must be received by June 28.

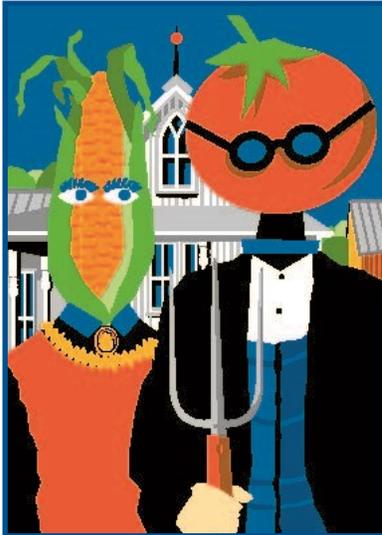


Independence Day Fireworks July 3—Maine East High School

Join us in celebrating Independence Day on July 3 at Maine East High School, located at Potter Road and Dempster Street. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the fireworks display at dusk.

This Park Ridge tradition is funded solely by community donations. Please help keep the spirit of Independence Day alive by supporting the Park Ridge Community Fireworks Display. Donations can be made when paying for your annual City vehicle sticker or by sending a check to the City of Park Ridge - Fireworks Donations, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge IL 60068. Thank you for your support!





Park Ridge Farmers Market

Opens May 25
Saturdays 7 AM-1 PM
thru October 26

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Recurrent Events

Kiwanis Morning Club; Wednesday @ 7 a.m.

@ Eggsperience

Lion's Club; Thursday @ noon

@ Harp & Fiddle

Center of Concern:

Monday; by appt.—Employment Counseling

Wednesday, by appt.—Grief & Loss Counseling

Seniors & Caregiving Counseling

Medicare Counseling

Legal Counseling

847/823-0453

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

Tuesdays; 7:00 - 8:15pm

Thursday; 9:30 - 10:45am

Chair Yoga - Thursday; 11:00am - noon

\$5 / class donation appreciated

Park Ridge History Center Open House—2nd & 4th Sundays

721 N. Prospect Ave—1 pm—3 pm, thru August

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Volunteer Appreciation Month

1 Monday – 5 Friday

Health & Nutrition Week

2 Tuesday

Creative Self Expression Art Show; 6:30 pm

Maine East Fine Arts @ The Great Frame Up – Niles

5 Friday

Scholarship Presentation Luncheon; 12:15 pm

Alumnae Panhellenic Club @ PR Country Club

Egg Dig in the Pool; 4 pm

Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness

Friday Night Live Club; 7 pm

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

Jazz Dinner Dance; 7:00 pm

Maine East Fine Arts @ Student Café

6 Saturday

Early Childhood Expo; 9 am

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

Hawks Day Open Skate; 1 pm

Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

8 Monday – 12 Friday

Neat to Use Your Feet Week

10 Wednesday

Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce & The Capitol Grille – Rosemont

11 Thursday

AARP Driver Safety Class (and 4/12) 9 am – 1 pm

Public Works Service Center @ 400 Busse Hwy. 847/318-5220

Orchisis Dance Concert; 4 pm

Maine East HS Fine Arts @ Auditorium (Also 4/12 at 7:30 pm)

CSL Art Exhibition; 5:30 pm

Maine East Fine Arts @ The Art Center, Highland Park

FREE Les Mills BodyPump 109 Launch Party; 6:15 p.m.

Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

Perennials that wake up with the bulbs; 7:00 pm

Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

12 Friday

“Into the Woods” Fine Arts Musical; 7:30 pm

Maine South Fine Arts - Auditorium

4/13, 26 and 27 @ 7:30 pm; 4/14 @ 2pm; 4/17 seniors @ 4pm

13 Saturday

Bunnytime Brunch & Egg Hunt; 9 am

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

Pedals for the Parks Bike & Trike Donation 9 am Drop-off @

Centennial Aquatic Center



Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal

CFL's and mercury thermometers are also collected

April 4, May 2, & June 6
8 am—11 am in the lobby
at City Hall

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.



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Presented by: City of Park Ridge | Park Ridge Community Health Commission | Park Ridge Park District

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at HODGES PARK, 101 S. COURTLAND AVE.



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Product and Services Demos

Fitness Demos featuring 15-20 min Workouts

Rain Date: Saturday, June 29

For more information, contact:
parkridgecommunityhealth@gmail.com



Free Spin Orientation ; 11:15 am

Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Center

Free Les Mills CXWORX 34 Launch Party; 10:20 am

Park Dist. @ Centennial Fit. Ctr.

21st Star Ch. NSDAR Mtg. Lunch; 11:30 am

featuring the "KALO Foundation" @ Country Club

PR Chorale "Songs for Ireland"; 7 pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7 pm

Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

14 Sunday**Community Art Exhibit; 1 pm**

Park Dist. @ Centennial Activity Ctr.

15 Monday – 19 Friday**Go Green Week****15 Monday****Free Les Mills BodyAttack 104 Launch Party; 7:05pm**

Centennial Fitness Ctr.

Old Thing Antique Club; Comic Book Art; 7:15 pm

@Prospect Park

18 Thursday**WMTH-TV Video Showcase; 4 pm**

Maine East HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

Flashlight Egg Hunt; 7:30 pm

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

20 Saturday**Batting Cages/Driving Range Opening Day; 10 am**

Park Dist. @ Oakton Sports Complex

22 Monday – 26 Friday**Screen Free Week****22 Monday****Earth Day Work Day; 4:30 pm**

Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

23 Tuesday**Book Fair (all day) /Ice Cream Social; 6:15-8 pm**

Messiah Child Care Center (and 4/24)

25 Thursday**Swing into Spring Senior Expo 2019; 9 am**

Maine Township @ Golf Mill Shopping Center

"The Tempest" – Spring Play; 4 pm

Maine East Fine Arts; Actors Studio

(and 4/26 & 27 at 7:30 pm)

Rotten Egg Hunt; 7:30 pm

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

26 Friday**Women in Business Breakfast; 8:30 am**

PR Chamber of Commerce @ 720 Garden

Misericordia Tag Day (and 4/27)

@ various locations t/o City

Third Grade Throwdown; 7 pm

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

27 Saturday**Outdoor Garage Sale; 9 am**

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

Pedals for the Parks Bike&Trike Donation 9:30 am

Drop-off @ Centennial Aquatic Center

Maine South Color Run; 10 am

@ Maine South High School

Spring Luncheon – Circle of Friends; 11 am20th Century Club @ PR Country Club**Earth Day Celebration; 11 am**

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

28 Sunday**Chicago Art Deco Society****Presentation & Book Signing; 1 pm**

@ Kalo/Iannelli Studios

29 Monday**Swing into Spring Senior Expo; 9 am**

Naine Township @ Golf Mill Shopping Ctr.

id Orchestra Gala Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

M A Y**1 Wednesday****Spring Drama 1-2 Showcase; 7:00 pm**

Maine East HS Fine Arts – Auditorium

Fine Arts Orchestra Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

2 Thursday**Spring Drama 3-4 Showcase; 7:00 pm**

Maine East HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

Maine South HS Band Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South High School Auditorium

3 Friday**Historical Society Program; 12:15 pm**

Alumnae Panhellenic Club at PR Country Club

Finale Band & Choir Concert; 7:00 pm

Main East HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

Friday Night Club; 7 pm

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

50th Anniversary Oakton Ice Show; 7 pm

Oakton Ice Arena (and 5/4 at 1:30 pm & 7 pm)

4 Saturday**Pitch, Hit & Run; 9 am**

Park Dist. @ Hinkley Park

Playdate with Nature; 9 am

Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

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

Public Library (and 4/5 – 1/2 price, Noon – 2pm)

5 Sunday**Spring Craft & Vendor Fair; 10 am**

Park Dist. @ Centennial Activity Ctr.

Royal Princess Tea & Fashion Show; noon

Park Dist. @ Maine Park

PR Civic Orchestra; 3 pm

Maine South HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

Chicago Photo Arts Society; 6 pm

Kalo/Iannelli Studios

6 Monday**Fine Arts Guitar Concert; 7:00 pm**

Maine South HS Fine Arts – Auditorium

8 Wednesday**21st Star Ch. NSDAR Meeting/Luncheon; 11:30 am**

"The Year in Review" @ Country Club

Fine Arts Film Fest; 7:00 pm

Maine South HS Fine Arts - Auditorium

9 Thursday**Electronics Recycling Event; 10 am**

Keller Williams @ 700 Busse Highway

Vitalant Blood Drive; 10 am

Keller Williams @ 700 Busse Highway

Creating your spring container; 7:00 pm

Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center (FEE)

10 Friday**Clearbrook Jelly Belly Days Tag Day (and 5/11)**

@ locations t/o City

Fine Arts Choir Concert; 7:30 pm

@ Maine South HS - Auditorium

11 Saturday**Triage Cancer Conference; 9 am**

Marriot O'Hare

Annual Arts & Crafts Adventure; 9 am – 5 pm

Hodges Park

Annual Pancake Breakfast; 7 am – 11 am

Kiwans Club (Morning) @ PR Presbyterian Church

18 Saturday**Plant Sale; 9 am – 1 pm**

Garden Club @ Hodges Park

Fun Fair; 11 am – 2 pm

Messiah Child Care Center

19 Sunday**Norway Day Parade; 1 pm**

Parade route to City Hall

20 Monday**Old Things Antique Club—Depression glass; 7:15 pm**

Prospect Park

24 Friday**Buchheit Day; 1 pm – 6 pm**

Historical Society @ Hodges Park

27 Monday**Memorial Day Parade; 10 am**

American Legion Post 247 / parade route

30 Thursday**Young Professionals Networking; 6 pm**

Chamber of Commerce @ Hay Caramba

J U N E**1 Saturday****Fitness Fun for Everyone – Adult Downs Syndrome**

5 K Run/3K Walk @ Maine East High School

Old Things Antique Club Flea Market; 9 am – 4 pm

@ Hodges Park (6/2 Rain Date)

Garden Club Crafters Boutique; 7:00 pm

Meeting @ Centennial Activity Center

5 Wednesday**School District 64 - School Year Ends****7 Friday****Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6 pm – 9 pm**

Chamber of Commerce / Uptown

8 Saturday**Trot Against Trafficking 5K**Info @ Trotagainstrafficking.com**12 Wednesday****School District 64**

Summer Session 1 begins (ends 6/28)

Garden Club Crafters Boutique & Installation; 7 pm

100 S. Western Avenue

30 Sunday**Garden Club Garden Walk; 2 pm**Tickets and info: www.parkridgegardenclub.org

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City Vehicle stickers available April 15

This year's vehicle sticker features the 50th Anniversary of the Park Ridge Speed Skating Club.

Am I required to have a Park Ridge vehicle sticker on my car?

All vehicles registered in Park Ridge must display a valid vehicle sticker. The 2019-2020 sticker must be displayed by Saturday, June 22 to avoid a citation. The sticker is valid as soon as it is purchased and may be displayed immediately.

When can I expect to receive my application?

Preprinted applications will be mailed to residents who currently have a Park Ridge vehicle sticker by April 15. You can find applications at the finance desk and on our website if you did not receive your application in the mail.

How can I purchase a vehicle sticker or pet license?

Completed applications can be brought to City Hall Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, returned by mail or placed in the drop box. For your convenience, the Finance Department will be open **Saturday, June 15, 8 am-Noon**. To avoid a fee increase, vehicle stickers must be purchased by the close of business Friday, June 21, 2019. Second tier pricing will apply to any applications received/postmarked June 22-September 20.

The season of soliciting begins

With the spring weather upon us, solicitors will soon begin their sales pitch at your front door. Solicitors are required to register with the City and will receive a badge that they must wear when going door to door. For your safety, always keep your storm door locked and never invite a stranger into your home. Ask them to leave any leaflet information on your porch and close the door. If you prefer not to be disturbed by solicitors, call the Administration Department at 847/318-5464 to receive a free "No Solicitors" sticker to place on your door. If you are concerned about a solicitor at your home or in your residential area, contact the Police Department at 847/318-5252 for assistance or call 911.



Updating the Comprehensive Plan

The City is embarking on an update of its Comprehensive Plan! Such plans often have a 20-year lifespan; Park Ridge's last comprehensive plan was approved in 1996. Comprehensive plans provide municipalities with non-binding goals and objectives for the community's development, and they are drafted with significant public input. This spring the City and its consultant will begin the public engagement for this effort. The City will establish a special interactive webpage to engage and inform residents, and there will be a series of events and workshops aimed at collecting residents' thoughts and desires about the future of Park Ridge. Look for announcements of events soon.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Once again, the Police Department will be hosting the AARP Driver Safety Class. Participants must attend both classes which will be held on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, 9 am-1 pm. The Class will be held at the Public Works Service Center located at 400 Busse Highway.

Participants will receive an automobile insurance discount after completion, which is good for 3 years. The course is available for adults over the age of 50. You will learn how to keep driving safely and deal with all the changes in the roads, in the rules, in the newer cars, and in our bodies as we age. Discussions will include strategies to avoid crashes, adapting to challenges, checking reaction times, and how to get around if you can't drive anymore.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Registration for the course is required. To register, please contact Officer Tom Rechlicz at the Park Ridge Police Dept. who can be reached at 847/318-5220. Contact Maryanne Forde (847-692-3423) with any questions.

**Memorial Day Parade
May 27 10 am step-off**

As we celebrate the day, please take a moment to reflect and remember those who fought for our country and those who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces.

The City extends a special thank you to John Prochaska and American Legion Post 247 for organizing this annual community event.