



The Spokesman

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Arbor Day celebration

The City has organized a special celebration in keeping with its Proclamation of April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day. This year, Park Ridge will celebrate 32 years being recognized as Tree City USA and 16 years as a Growth recipient.

Residents are invited to attend the planting of a new tree on the public parkway at Field Elementary School (near the south doors on Wisner) at 10:00 a.m. The new tree will be replacing a mature elm tree removed due to decline in structural integrity.

Please visit the Frequently Asked Questions page at www.parkridge.us for information on tree planting, removal, pruning, branch pickup, and permitting procedures.

Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal

Used CFL's, household batteries, and mercury thermometers will also be accepted.



April 7, May 5, & June 2

8 am—11 am in the lobby at City Hall

***DID YOU KNOW?** A collection box for solid forms of prescription medications is available 24/7 located inside the lobby of the Police Department at 200 S. Vine. Sorry, no sharps or liquid meds can be deposited into this box.*



Touhy Triangle Parking Lot Permits available June 1

Six month parking permits (valid July 1 – December 31) for the Touhy Triangle parking lot will be available June 1 to existing permit

holders. Existing permit holders will have until June 15 to renew their permit. Any permits not renewed by the existing permit holders will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis on June 27 at the Cashier's Desk in City Hall. Call 847/318-6015 for more information.

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 30 - 10 am

Parade Route: step off at Cumberland/Talcott, north on Cumberland to Prairie, to Main, ending at City Hall

The City salutes the servicemen and women who served our great country in the past and those who are serving today. Also, many thanks to John Prochaska and the American Legion Post #247 for your annual planning of this memorable event.

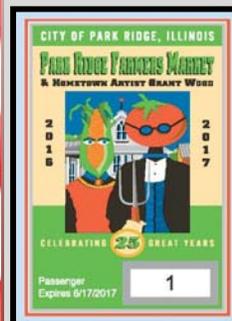
Fireworks Sunday, July 3 at dusk Maine East High School



This event is sponsored by the Park District and funded solely by community donations. Help the City keep the spirit of Independence Day alive by contributing to the Park Ridge Community Fireworks fund. Donations can be made with your vehicle license purchase or by sending a check to the City of Park Ridge – Fireworks Donation, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge IL 60068. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle Stickers available April 15

Preprinted applications will be mailed to residents who currently have a City vehicle sticker. All vehicles registered in the City of Park Ridge must display a valid vehicle sticker. Completed applications can be brought to City Hall or returned by mail. This year's sticker features the 25th anniversary of the Park Ridge Farmers Market.



Extended hours have been arranged to accommodate residents on Saturday, June 11, 8 am – Noon. To avoid a late fee, vehicle stickers must be purchased by the close of business of Friday, June 17, 2016. Late fees and tickets will be issued starting June 20 for non-compliance.

A message from Acting Mayor Marty Maloney



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.

With one more Park Ridge winter nearly behind us, it is refreshing to have gotten a small taste of spring with the most recent mild weather. Before you know it, temperatures will be getting warmer, the daylight hours longer, and we can finally come out of “hibernation”. We escaped this winter relatively unscathed and thankfully we have a surplus of salt that we can stockpile which means that we will save money next year!

The City Council and City staff have been working diligently to set our budget and determine a strategic plan and direction for next fiscal year. Through this process, service and infrastructure improvements are prioritized and we work to see what can be accomplished in the coming year. Budget meetings have been ongoing and a Public Hearing will be held before the final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget which begins on May 1, 2016.

Also on May 1, you will notice a change in your weekly garbage collection. Groot Industries will be our new waste hauler. They were selected from a number of vendors who competed for the City’s business. Groot was awarded an eight (8) year contract which will save the City \$500,000 annually. I am proud of the City’s commitment to continually search for ways to save money. This competitive procurement process will save taxpayers \$4,000,000.

Residents should continue their recycling efforts. It’s good for the City as well as our environment. Curbside recycling will continue for materials such as plastic, aluminum, steel (tin) cans, paper, cardboard and glass. For materials not collected curbside, you can call SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit their website at <http://swancc.org/recycling> to learn more about recycling. SWANCC also offers year-round electronics recycling at the Glenview Transfer Station located at 1151 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL.

Over the last year, there has been a great deal of new development and investment in the City of Park Ridge, including a number of retail, dining, fitness, and other service establishments. Please shop and keep your dollars local! Every dollar kept in town is one more dollar that can be reinvested in our City, our parks and our schools. As a result of the exciting commercial growth, the pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile traffic will continue to increase. As you travel through town, slow down and stay focused on what is happening around you; help keep Park Ridge a safe place.

Enjoy the Spring...and I’ll see you around town!

Marty

Important phone numbers

CITY HALL

505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Phone: 847/318-5200

Fax: 847/318-5300

Website: www.parkridge.us

Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 am—5 pm

City Manager’s Office

City Hall, 1st Floor

847/318-5205

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)

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City Council Meetings—1st and 3rd Monday of the month
Committee of the Whole Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday of the month
Meetings start at 7 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 505 Butler Place.
All regular meetings are open to the public.

Each department contributes its own information for the Spokesman.

Questions? You may contact Deputy Clerk Peterson, editor, at 847/318-5464 or cpeterso@parkridge.us

Promoting Bicycle Safety

Police Department submissions by Community Strategies Officer B. Peterson

Join us at Carpenter School (300 N. Hamlin) on Thursday, April 7 between 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. to select a helmet for everyone in your family. Toddler, youth, and adult sizes are \$11 per helmet, first come-first served.

This event is co-sponsored by the Park Ridge Police Department, School District 64 and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Trauma Services. Trauma Services staff will custom-fit a new helmet for you or your child. Helmets are certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and designed to meet or exceed safety standards.

District 64 policy requires students to wear helmets while riding and/or using bicycles, roller blades, scooters, skate boards, and similar devices when coming to or leaving school and while on school property.

This is a great way to outfit everyone in your family for safe outdoor fun this spring. For additional information, contact Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson at 847/318-5233 or bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org



Police Department tracks ongoing trend— a continued reduction in crime statistics

After completing its compilation of 2015 year end crime statistics, the Police Department was pleased to see that crime had been reduced from the previous year by 11.5%, the lowest rate reported in the last five years. The City has experienced a 20.1% decrease in its crime rate since 2011. The majority of incidents were in the categories of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and

arson, representing 98.5% of City crimes last year.

Burglary offenses were down 3.8% from 2015 and thefts were down 14% for the same time period. Auto thefts remained the same as in 2014, declining overall since 2012. The recorded rates for property crimes and violent crimes were the lowest they have been in five years. Violent crimes were about 1.5% of the crime index, including homicides, forcible rapes, robbery, aggravated assaults, and batteries. The number of violent crimes overall showed a very significant reduction, dropping 50% since 2015, and 73% since 2011. Aggravated batteries and assaults dropped over 70% since 2014 and more than 85% over the past five years. Robberies, the same as in 2014, have decreased 42.8% in the last five years. These reductions are encouraging and a positive trend.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Ald. Nick Milissis thanked Chief Kaminski publicly at the February 15 City Council meeting recognizing the decreased rates. Although Chief Kaminski is pleased to see the continued decline, he recognized that the improved statistics are a result of many people working together in the community which have helped strengthen policing initiatives and awareness.

Police Department's fundraising benefits Special Olympics

The Police Department kicked off its 2016 fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics IL organization by participating in the Annual Polar Plunge Event in Evanston. Members of the Police Department, including Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson (Captain), Police Chief Kaminski, Deputy Chief Duane Mellema, and many students from Maine South High School, plunged into the frigid water at Clark Street Beach on February 20. Over \$3,000 was raised for the "Polar Plunge" event.

Law enforcement personnel throughout the state dedicate their efforts year-round to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Illinois athletes. In fact, approximately 3,000 officers run more than 1,500 miles statewide, carrying the torch, or Flame of Hope, through the streets of their hometowns, delivering it to the Special Olympics Summer Games in Normal Illinois each June. This year's "Law Enforcement Torch Run" is scheduled for June 10–12. Please consider supporting the Park Ridge Police as we strive to reach our fundraising goal for this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign. Look for us at our next event, "Cop on Rooftop," May 20 at all Park Ridge Dunkin Donuts locations.

Special Olympics Illinois, a not-for-profit organization, offers year-round training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 21,000 young athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics transforms the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to realize their full potential in sports and in life. Programs offered enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills, and encourage family and community support. For more information about supporting fundraising events, please contact Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson at 847/318-5233 or bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org





Street Resurfacing set to begin in April

Public Works submissions by S. Tedeschi, Assistant to the Public Works Director

The 2016 Street Resurfacing Program will soon begin. You can visit the City's website at www.parkridge.us for a complete listing of streets that will be resurfaced. Contact the Public Works Engineering Division at 847/318-5228 with any questions.

Yard waste collection resumes

The collection of residential yard waste will resume the week of April 4 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.



Twigs and small brush can be broken up and placed in large paper yard bags (not plastic) or in special yard waste carts. 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, with bundles no larger than 2 feet in diameter. 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 with the address for collection of parkway branches.

Changes to Outdoor Watering Restrictions

In November 2014, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) made changes to the Lake Michigan Water Allocation Rules and Regulations. These rules support the efforts to manage and conserve the Lake Michigan water resource and restrict non-essential outside water uses to prevent excessive, wasteful use.

The updated rules and regulations made several changes to conservation practices which required the City to update its Ordinance (11-1-14) to be consistent with the new language and water allocation rules.

Restrictions are in effect May 15—September 15. No sprinkling is allowed in the middle of the any day, from noon to 6 p.m., when evaporation is at its highest. Residents may only use water outdoors on even or odd-numbered calendar days, corresponding with the last digit of their house number. Zero is considered an even number. Outdoor water usage includes any watering of landscaping or vehicle washing.



New lawns (less than 3 months old) may be exempted from this provision. A special 2-week permit is available to allow for watering of newly installed sod; the permit can be obtained at the Public Works Department at City Hall. Call 847/318-5228 for more information.

Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by one day the week May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday.



FREE rain barrel?

Visit the City's website at www.parkridge.us and search *Rain Barrel* to learn more and download an application.



Annual Residential Beautification Contest

With spring just around the corner, many residents will begin sprucing up their landscaping and developing their gardens into wonderful creations of artistic beauty. The Park Ridge Garden Club and the City of Park Ridge are sponsoring a Beautification Awards Contest, and five (5) \$100 prizes will be awarded to the winners by the Garden Club. Landscapes are judged on overall appearance, design, color, originality, beauty, lawn condition, and plantings, street view only. The contest is open to all Park Ridge residents who have not previously won. Entry form applications are available at City Hall or on the city's website at www.parkridge.us. The application deadline is July 1. Please call 847/318-5227 for more information. Beautify your home, our City, and get rewarded!



The OAC needs your help

Submitted by OAC Member S. Klunzinger

Chicago's Mayor Emanuel's plan to build the sixth runway at O'Hare will affect the residents of Park Ridge, and especially those living near Granville and Peterson. Due to a lack of Federal money needed to build this runway, we have an opportunity to stop the runway, but the OAC needs your help.

The O'Hare Airport Commission (OAC) urges you to contact your U.S. Representative today. Let them know how the O'Hare Modernization Plan has affected your life and that the proposal to build this new runway is unacceptable.

Cong. Mike Quigley (202) 225-4061 or (773) 267-5926 <https://quigleyforms.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep>

Cong. Jan Schakowsky - 202-225-2111 or (847) 328-3409 <https://schakowsky.house.gov/write-to-congresswoman-jan-schakowsky>

Cong. Tammy Duckworth - 202-225-3711 or (847) 413-1959 <https://forms.house.gov/duckworth/webforms/email-me.shtml>

Understanding the Thor Guard lightning siren

- Warning siren will blast for 15-seconds when dangerous weather is approaching.
- Seek shelter immediately.
- Wait for an "All Clear" signal (3 short siren blasts) before resuming outdoor activity



Fly Quiet Rotation — What Just Happened?

Submitted by OAC Member S. Klunzinger

While the ONCC Fly Quiet committee and CDA Commissioner might be excited about the progress they have made in voting on the criteria for the new improved Fly Quiet Program, it's important to understand how this program will impact Park Ridge residents.

Since the two best suited Fly Quiet runways are scheduled for decommissioning, the City of Chicago needs to redefine the existing Fly Quiet program into 3 parts to allow for more capacity and for the use of east/west runways over non-compatible land. The ONCC presented its recommendations to the ONCC Fly Quiet committee for approval. The next step will be a full ONCC vote on March 11.

What you may not know is that this has been a slow walk exercise in futility, distracting from the April scheduled demolition of 32R/14L and ground breaking for the sixth east/west runway 9C/27C. This sixth runway, if constructed, will have a devastating impact to Park Ridge within an east/west corridor from Devon south to Bryn Mawr. Park Ridge will also get additional impacts northwest of Touhy as the existing diagonal 4L/22R will become part of the new overnight rotation.

If you're interested in the details of what this new program does NOT deliver for Park Ridge, and what is being done to prevent the full build-out and maintain the 14/ 32 Diagonals, you can contact FAiR Allocation in Runways (<http://www.fairchicago.org>); attend the next Park Ridge O'Hare Airport Commission meeting (check the City calendar); other variables.

Spring storms — Be alert. Be prepared. Have a plan.

There are a number of 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 sends you emergency alerts.

PLEASE—no plastic shopping bags in your recycling bin

Remember to place any recyclables directly into your recycling bins, and not in plastic bags. Although your tidiness is thoughtful, many recycling facilities do not allow employees to open the plastic bags, meaning all your recyclables end up in the landfill. Check out www.awesomeinventions.com or Pinterest for alternative uses for plastic bags. Or, bring them to a grocery store since many have a recycling bin to dispose of the used bags.



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.

PR Lions Club: Noon

Every Thursday @ Riggio's - Info? 847/692-9077

Center of Concern:

847/823-0453

Every Monday, by appt.

Employment Counseling

Every Wednesday, by appt.

Grief & Loss Counseling; Seniors & Caregiving Counseling; Medicare Counseling; Legal Counseling

APRIL**Open Registration, Preschool - 8th Grade**

Ongoing @ St. Andrew's School

2 Saturday**Iannelli Exhibit; 10am**

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

3 Sunday**Rich Cahan Presentation; 1pm**

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

6 Wednesday**Rotten Egg Hunt; 7:30pm**

PR Park District @ Maine Park

7 Thursday**Drop-In Bike Helmet Sale; 4-6:30pm**

District 64 @ Carpenter School

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra; 7:30pm

PR CO @ North Shore Center

8 Friday**"Downton Abbey-Centuries in the Making;" noon**

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

Mega Movie PJ Night (ages 4-9); 6pm

PR Park District @ Maine Park

Orchisis Dance Concert; 7:30pm

Maine East Auditorium (also 04/09)

9 Saturday**Spring Kids Sale; 9am**

PR Newcomers Club @ St Andrews Church

"My Holocaust Survival Story;" 11:30am

21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

Hawks Day Open Skate; 1pm

PR Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

11 Monday**Hitting the Pavement Right; 6pm**

PR Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

13 Wednesday**Science Night; 6pm**

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

14 Thursday**Big Fish Musical; 4pm**

Maine South Auditorium (thru 4/23)

"Top Ten for Zone Five;" 7pm

PR Garden Club @ PR Senior Center

15 Friday**Art Gala & Auction (\$10); 7pm**

1st United Methodist Church

16 Saturday**Playdate with Nature; 9am**

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Make & Take Workshop (\$15); 9am

1st United Methodist Church

Sip & Paint Group Class (\$30); 12:30pm

1st United Methodist Church

Royal Princess Tea & Fashion Show; 1pm

PR Park District @ Maine Park

Community Showcase; 1-4pm

Park Ridge Public Library

The Fabulous Fifties Concert; 7pm

PR Chorale @ St Luke's Church

17 Sunday**Art Exhibit; 1pm**

PR Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

18 Monday**35th Anniversary Celebration; noon**

PR Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

19 Tuesday**Leslie Goddard Presentation & Book Sale; 1pm**

20th Century Club @ PR Presbyterian

22 Friday**Earth Day Work Day, 4:30pm**

PR Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Frozen Magic Ice Show; 7pm

PR Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena (thru 4/24)

23 Saturday**Mega Movie PJ Night (ages 4-9); 6pm**

PR Park District @ Maine Park

25 Monday**Maine East & Dist. 63 Orchestra Gala; 7pm**

Maine East Auditorium

26 Tuesday**Choir Concert; 7:30pm**

Maine South Auditorium

27 Wednesday**Orchestra Concert; 7:30pm**

Maine South Auditorium

28 Thursday**Band Concert; 7:30pm**

Maine South Auditorium

29 Friday**Senior Expo; 9am**

Maine Township @ Golf Mill Shopping Center

Casino Night PRCO Benefit; 6:30pm

PRCO @ Café la Cave

Maine East Spring Play; 7:30pm

Maine East Auditorium (also 04/30)

30 Saturday**Earth Day Celebration; 11am**

PR Park District @ Maine Park

Pedals for the Parks; 11:30pm

PR Park District @ Maine Park

MAY**1 Sunday****Scholarship Application Deadline**

Youth Arts Summer Camp, PR Cultural Arts Council

6 Friday**Scholarship Award Presentation; noon**

PR Panhellenic @ PR County Club

Maine East Band & Choir Concert; 7pm

Maine East Auditorium

Percussion/Jazz Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

7 Saturday**Pancake Breakfast; 7-11am**

Kiwanis Club - Morning @ PR Presbyterian

Friends of Library Book Sale; 9am - 3pm

Park Ridge Public Library

(05/08 noon -2pm, 1/2 price)

Mother's Day Open Skate; 1pm

PR Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

11 Wednesday**"The Year in Review;" 11:30am**

21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

12 Thursday**UMW Lunch (\$10); 12:30pm**

Go Green, PR @ 1st United Methodist

"Create a Spring Planter;" 7pm

PR Garden Club @ PR Senior Center

13 Friday**Guitar Concert; 7pm**

Maine South Auditorium

14 Saturday**Mega Movie PJ Night (ages 4-9); 6pm**

PR Park District @ Maine Park

15 Sunday**Darcy Silver Presentation; 1pm**

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

21 Saturday**Plant Sale; 9am -1pm**

PR Garden Club @ Hodges Park

Iannelli Exhibit; 10am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

28 Saturday**Park Ridge Farmers Market**

Every Saturday thru 10/29 @ 15 Prairie Ave

JUNE**2 Thursday****Final Day of School, District 64****7 Tuesday****Summer Session 1 Begins, District 64****9 Thursday****"Photo Recap of the Year;" 7pm**

PR Garden Club @ PR Senior Center

11 Saturday**Continental Breakfast; 9:30am - noon**

21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

17 Friday**Concerts in the Park; 8pm**

PR Fine Arts Society @ Hodges Park

Annual Dinner for Clients; 7pm

Aves to Independence @ Northbrook Hilton

24 Friday**Summer Session 1 Ends, District 64****Concerts in the Park; 8pm**

PR Fine Arts Society @ Hodges Park

26 Sunday**Garden Walk; 2-6pm**

PR Garden Club

27 Monday**Summer Session 2 Begins, District 64**

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LOOK! There's a new truck in town

Park Ridge welcomes Groot Industries as its new waste hauler for residential refuse, recycling and yard waste beginning May 1. Groot will be mailing a brochure to all homes in April detailing the collection program. You can also obtain information on the City's website at www.parkridge.us or Groot's website at www.groot.com.

Your garbage collection day will remain the same. However, the time of your collection may be different. All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed out for collection by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day but no sooner than 3:00 p.m. the day before.

Groot will be delivering new refuse and recycling carts to residences beginning the week of April 25. Each household will receive 1

refuse and 1 recycling cart; they will be the same size you currently use. If you purchased a yardwaste cart from the previous hauler, you may continue using the cart. For questions regarding new carts, or, if you have not received your new carts by May 7, please contact Groot directly at 800/244-1977.

Republic Services (ARC) will begin collecting their refuse and recycling carts the week of April 25 following their final collection. Please note that your old carts will be removed the same day your new carts from Groot will be delivered. Residents need to leave the refuse and recycling carts at the curb or alley after they have been emptied for collection by Republic Services. If your old refuse and recycling carts are not collected by May 7, 2016, please contact Republic Services at 847/981-0091.

After May 1, you may call Groot at 800/244-1977 for questions regarding collection, carts, or a missed pickup, or the City at 847/318-5227 or 5228.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!
OPENS MAY 28 - 7am - 1pm

Park Ridge Farmers Market
& Hometown Artist Grant Wood

A FARM FRESH MASTERPIECE

www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com

Clerk Henneman's corner
SPRING IS HERE!

Our clocks have sprung forward and you can see crocuses and daffodils peeking out of their winter homes, while the birds chirp louder with every passing day. I think it is safe to say spring is busting out and Park Ridge shouts hooray! Although our winter weather was erratic, it helped to save our salt supply. Our streets were salted when necessary which was much appreciated by our residents.

Hopefully you have planned your garden to qualify for the city Beautification Awards given later this summer. We look forward to our traditional Memorial Day Parade on May 30.

This year we also celebrate our new 9/11 Memorial, now complete on the west lawn of City Hall. Thank you to the many planners and donors that brought this wonderful project to completion. Memorial bricks are still available.

2016 is proving to be a better year for our city financially. This, coupled with spirited neighbors working together with City staff, welcoming new residents makes us proud to say, Park Ridge is my home! As always, the Clerk's Office is open to your concerns daily, Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. See you all at the Parade !

Concerts in the Park start June 17, 8 p.m.
For more information, visit www.prfas.org