



The Spokesman

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Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 29 - 10 am

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



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



Fireworks Monday, July 3 Maine East High School

Join the community in celebrating Independence Day, an event 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.

Don't forget to vote!

ELECTION DAY

April 4

6 a.m.—7 p.m.

www.cookcountyclerk.com

2017-18 City vehicle stickers available April 17

The current City vehicle sticker will expire on June 17. This year's sticker features the Historic Preservation Commission and the Kalo Foundation's Iannelli Studios.

Frequently asked questions:

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

All vehicles registered to an address in Park Ridge must display a valid vehicle sticker per City Code 13-19-1. The 2017-2018 sticker is valid beginning April 17 and should be displayed on your vehicle immediately upon purchasing it and before June 17.

When can I expect to receive my application?

Preprinted applications will be mailed to residents by April 15 who currently have a Park Ridge vehicle sticker. If you did not receive an application in the mail, you can obtain one at the cashier's counter at City Hall or on the City's website, www.parkridge.us

How can I purchase a vehicle sticker or pet license?

Bring your completed application to City Hall Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.; return the form and payment by mail, or place it in the drop box located at 200 S. Vine. For your convenience, the Finance Department will be open Saturday, June 10, 8 a.m.—noon. The City accepts cash, checks, and in-person Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card payments.

What is the cost of a Vehicle sticker and Pet License?

Vehicle stickers have tiered pricing. The dates and pricing can be found in the following chart. Pet licenses are \$10.

If your payment is received ...	Automobile	Truck	Motorcycle
April 17—June 16	\$45	B plate \$60	\$30
June 17—Sept. 15	\$70	B plate \$85	\$55
after Sept. 15	\$95	B plate \$110	\$80

Are there any discounts or fees that are waived?

Yes, but only for a passenger vehicle displaying a current Illinois “Ex-Prisoner of War” license plate.

What does the city do with the money collected from vehicle stickers?

All revenue derived from vehicle tax licenses shall be used for the repair and maintenance of street and alley pavements.



A message from Acting Mayor Marty Maloney

At the time of my last message to the City, we had just experienced the loss of a great man and dedicated volunteer. Fifth Ward Alderman Daniel J. Knight passed away just before Christmas. Dan was a deeply intelligent Alderman, a fantastic friend, and an unforgettable person. The City is better today for his work. Serving on the Council became more difficult after his death, but I am energized to carry on the vision he had for Park Ridge.

Please join me in welcoming Charlie Melidosian as the new Fifth Ward Alderman. He was recommended for appointment among a committee made up of Fifth Ward residents and was sworn into office on February 6. Charlie's constituents are fortunate to have him representing them with his creative ideas, his long-term involvement in town, and his ability to jump into the position and begin serving the residents of the 5th Ward.

Spring is about to arrive in our beautiful City. We have been very fortunate to have experienced a milder than normal winter that saved us all a lot of aggravation and also saved the City a great deal of expense. The City did not need to plow or use as much salt as we did in past years with an average winter. The savings equates to having less salt to purchase in the future and more money to use on projects around town.

The City Council is currently working on creating the FY2017-18 budget which is to be adopted later in April, and effective May 1, 2017. I am proud to say that we are going to be able to increase the amount that will be invested in our infrastructure across the City. As a result of decisions made over the last few years, we are now in a position to include expanded funding for water main replacement, sewer lining, and reforestation in the City's budget. These important investments will pay both short and long term dividends. City Staff is to be commended for their hard work in preparing a budget that has put us in a stronger position because of everyone's efforts. In previous years this would have been impossible. We can be grateful to our City staff members who have remained dedicated to Park Ridge and the vision of the current City Council.

One of the most exciting aspects of our budget this upcoming year is that it included a decrease in the City's portion of your property tax bill. The City Council recently passed a tax levy for the upcoming year that includes an 8.14% DECREASE in what you will pay the City for day to day services. The City's portion of your property tax bill only represents around 10.5% of the overall amount you pay, but we remain committed to lowering taxes when we can while not sacrificing the level of service that we are providing. We have become more competitive in our bidding process, have remained conservative in our spending, and have made smart hiring decisions that have brought innovative and committed employees to our organization.

We will all be heading to the polls again this spring to vote on April 4. In addition to City roles in government, there are also elections for the School Districts (207 & 64), the Park District, and the Township. I urge everyone to learn about the candidates who are running, why they are running, and what they plan to bring to the position, if elected. In many ways, what happens with these local elections has a more direct impact on our lives and wallets than what happens in other State and National elections. All of the candidates who are asking for your vote are local and accessible to you. Please vote on April 4, or during the Early Voting period which ends on April 3.

Over the last two years, we have seen (and continue to see) a great deal of development and investment in the City of Park Ridge. With this development, there are a number of new retail, dining, exercise, and other service options, of which we can all take advantage. With this development, we will also see an increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile traffic, especially when the weather is so great! I urge everyone to pay attention as they find themselves in Uptown, South Park, or any of the busy areas around town. Please slow down, stay focused on what is happening around you, and help keep Park Ridge safe!

I want to thank you for choosing to live, work, and play in Park Ridge. I am honored to be working for you and representing you. I am proud of the work the Council has achieved in the last year and excited about the progress we have planned for the future. As always, if there is ever anything you need, please feel free to contact me directly at City Hall.

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)
400 Busse Hwy. 847/318-5240

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

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



DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

hosted by the Park Ridge Police Department

Wednesday, April 26 and Friday, April 28

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway

Cost \$15.00 for AARP members / \$20.00 for non-members

Participants are required to register for this event. Contact Officer Tom Rechlicz at 847/318-5220 or trechlicz@parkridgepolice.org

This is an excellent course for anyone over 55, dealing with safe driving strategies to reduce crashes, and dealing with the changes in our cars, our roads, our laws, and our bodies as we age. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a mandated discount on their automobile insurance.

OPENS SAT. MAY 27 FROM 7 AM-1 PM

PARK RIDGE FARMERS MARKET



We accept:



www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com

Concerts in the Park

begin on June 16.

The concert schedule will soon be made available.

For more information, visit www.prfas.org



Celebrate Arbor Day

A special celebration in keeping with the City's recognition of Arbor Day. Please join Park Ridge in celebrating 33 years of being recognized as a Tree City USA member and 17 years as a growth award recipient.

On April 28, residents are invited to attend a tree planting celebration at the City Commons along the north side of the Public Library beginning at 10 a.m.

Immediately following the tree planting, staff from the City's Forestry Division will be distributing seedlings and be available to answer any tree related questions from residents. This event reinforces the City's dedication to recognizing the importance of planting, nurturing, and celebrating trees in our community.



Testing: 1, 2 ...

On March 10, members of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) voted 36 to 10 to approve a second, three-month Fly Quiet Rotation test which is expected to be implemented in late April - early May. Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Test 2 features five configuration modifications from the original test, which took place from July to December 2016. These changes will have a negative noise and pollution impact on Park Ridge. Park Ridge was among the 10 representatives to vote against the plan. The exclusion of Runway 15 / 33 and eventual commissioning of Runway 9C / 27C will impact the present configurations for the Fly Quiet Rotation Test. CDA is now expediting the decommissioning of runway 15/ 33 to spring of 2018. This will leave the airport under duress with only seven operational runways for at least two years until 9C / 27C is commissioned in 2020 / 2021.

O'Hare Airport recently opened the new northeast Aeroterm cargo facility. This will increase cargo operations, primarily at night, in the form of Boeing 747 freighters, which require longer runways for their operations.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) have acknowledged banking and adjustment of flight paths of aircraft over the corner communities during departures in east and west flow. This is increasing noise and pollution over communities that are already inundated with low altitude arrivals.

Please remember to consistently file complaints with the CDA at (800) 435-9569 or visit <http://chicagoisecomplaint.com>. Residents are also encouraged to contact Illinois and US Elected Officials whose names and contact information is available at www.parkridge.us (listed under the heading, Our Government; Elected Officials...).

The next O'Hare Airport Commission meeting is Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please join us for the latest O'Hare news and updates. Additional information is available on the City's Airport Issues webpage: <http://www.parkridge.us/airport.aspx>



2016 Crime Statistics

The overall crime rate for Park Ridge realized an approximate reduction of 3.9% from the prior year and an overall decrease of 19.8% since 2012. In 2016, Property Crime Offenses were the lowest they have been in five years, including decreases in both burglaries and thefts, which account for the majority of Index Crime Offenses.

"I am proud of the men and women of the Park Ridge Police Department for their dedication and service" remarked Chief Frank Kaminski. "To see the overall crime rate going down, steadily, year after year since 2012 is a sign that we are making sustained progress." Chief Kaminski identified the department's partnership with the community as a key factor in the decrease.

The Park Ridge Police Department remains committed to improving the safety and well being of all who live in or visit our community. "This information really affirms what the department is doing. It shows that a lot of our initiatives, including our P.A.C.T. (Police and Community Together) program, Beat Team Leader program and our community policing philosophy have moved us forward" Chief Kaminski stated.

Even though the community is seeing a decrease in crime, it is important that we do not become complacent. Residents should always make sure they lock their car doors, close their garages and remain vigilant as they go about their day. "We look forward to working together with our residents in 2017 in an effort to further reduce the impact of crime and safety issues in Park Ridge. The department will continue to make that partnership a priority as the year progresses. The full crime statistics for 2016 are available on the Park Ridge Police Department's website at www.parkridgepolice.org

Friendly Uptown Area reminder for parents with teens

With the recent onset of unseasonably warm weather and the spring and summer quickly approaching, the Park Ridge Police would like to remind parents and students about the regulations and ordinances for curfew in the Uptown area.

Our Police Department has had an increased presence in the Uptown area with the volunteer assistance of the Park Ridge Police Citizens Patrol, encouraging good behavior for large groups of teens that are gathering. We would ask parents to remind their teen to be mindful of patrons in the uptown area and ask them to refrain from loitering in large groups and inhibiting the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. Also, the use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. are prohibited on the sidewalks and areas 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 p.m.—6 a.m. for persons under the age of 18. Our City's Ordinance 14-12-1 explains the specifics and exceptions in regards to the citywide curfew law. Police officers can make reasonable inquiries to determine whether any of the above exceptions apply. Officers will issue citations or make an arrest for curfew only if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child has violated curfew.



Police Department—Save the dates

- ◆ **Drug Take-Back day** Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
- ◆ **Police Memorial Service of Remembrance** Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. on the front stairs of City Hall

For more information on the above events, please contact Police Community Strategies Officer Ben Peterson at bpeterson@parkridgepolice.org or 847/318-5233

Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois

The Park Ridge Police Department kicked off its 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts benefiting the Special Olympics Illinois organization by participating in the annual Polar Plunge in Evanston at Clark Street Beach on February 18. Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson was captain of the Plunge team that consisted of Chief of Police Frank Kaminski, Deputy Chief Duane Mellema, other members of the Park Ridge Police, elected officials, and teens from the community. The Park Ridge Plunge team raised over \$4,000 for the event which benefits Special Olympics Illinois, a not-for-profit organization.

Special Olympics offers year-round training and competition in nineteen sports for nearly 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and nearly 21,000 young athletes ages 2-7

with and without intellectual disabilities.

Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state are involved in the Torch Run, carrying the Flame of Hope June 5—10 through many communities. The opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games will be held in Normal, IL on June 9. Please consider supporting our local police officers as we strive to reach our fundraising goal for this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign.

Join us at our next event, "Cop on Rooftop," May 19 at all Park Ridge Dunkin Donuts locations.

For additional information on how to donate, call Park Ridge Police Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson at 847/318-5233 or email him at bpeterson@parkridgepolice.org

Yard waste collection resumes



The collection of residential yard waste will resume the week of April 3 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 disposal.

Branches less than two inches in diameter and four feet in length must be tied together in bundles weighing less than 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 collects branches from parkway trees only. Please call the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 with the address for collection of parkway branches.

What you need to know about Outdoor Watering

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 to prevent excessive, wasteful use.

Current restrictions are in effect from May 15 through September 15 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 two-week permit for watering newly installed sod can be obtained at the Public Works Department at City Hall.

Call 847/318-5228 for more information.



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.

Once again, the Park Ridge Garden Club and the City of Park Ridge are sponsoring its Annual Beautification Awards Contest. Each winner will be awarded \$100 and a lawn sign.

Landscapes are judged from the street view only on overall appearance, design, color, originality, beauty, lawn condition and plantings. The contest is open to all Park Ridge residents who have not previously won. Entry forms are available at City Hall or on the city's website. www.parkridge.us. The application deadline is June 30. Call 847/318-5227 for more information.



Refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day the week of May 29 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Recycle Election Day Signs



With Election Day approaching, many signs have been placed in yards around the City. Let's make sure they get recycled and disposed of properly after the election. Recycling Bins for election signs/stakes will be available April 4 – 7 at the following locations:

- Bristol Court Condominiums
- Franklin School
- George Washington School
- Maine Park Leisure Center
- Mary Seat of Wisdom
- Oakton Rink
- Park Ridge Presbyterian Church
- Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Resurrection Nursing Pavilion
- South Park Recreation Center
- Field School
- George B. Carpenter School
- Lincoln Middle School
- Maine South High School
- Messiah Lutheran Church
- Park Ridge City Hall
- Public Works Service Center
- Roosevelt School
- St. Andrews Lutheran Church

Contact Mike McGrath at Public Works 847/318-5243 with any questions. Recycling Efforts organized by Park Ridge Public Works, Go Green Park Ridge & Park Ridge Newcomers. Park Ridge Newcomers supports responsible recycling of all their #For Benny Yard Signs.





Change your clock. Check Your Batteries!

Now that spring has arrived and you adjusted your clocks, did you remember to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors? This simple task could save your life.

The Park Ridge Fire Department has responded to numerous residential fires where the occupants had smoke detectors that did not work due to old batteries. So please be sure to check your detectors today and replace any dead batteries or detectors that no longer are functioning. Also, to make it easier over the long term, you can use lithium batteries. They are a bit more expensive, but they should last up to ten years so you won't have to replace them as often.

Now is also a good time to check the dates on these devices. Did you know that your detectors can expire? Smoke detectors need to be thrown out and replaced every TEN years and carbon monoxide detectors need to be replaced every FIVE years. If you have a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector, it needs to be replaced every FIVE years. Check the sticker on the side or back of the device and check the date of manufacture.

You should also make sure you have a sufficient amount of detectors in your home. You should have a smoke detector on every floor of your home, including the basement. You should also have a smoke detector in every bedroom. Carbon monoxide detectors should also be on every floor, including the basement, and within fifteen (15) feet of every sleeping area. Please keep yourself and your loved ones safe by installing the correct number of detectors in your home and checking to ensure that the batteries are working on a regular basis. These smart safety tips could save your life!

Be alert. Be prepared. Plan ahead.

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 advanced 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.

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

Understanding the Thor Guard lightning warning and weather 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.



Featured in above photo: Raj Rambhajan and Noah Fishman: Maine South Change Makers

Do you see important connection with the role you play in our community and our future on this planet? Would you like others in our community to know more about your efforts?

"Yes! Preserving the environment requires starting small. Every contribution we make towards using less and recycling more helps our planet. Currently we are working on getting teachers and students to turn off computers at the end of the day -- this would save an estimated \$15,000 a year -- and creating a green roof for Maine South. Stevenson High School has already started one and we hope to convince our school to go the same route.

So far we have already made a recycling video and added three basket-net styled recycling bins to the cafeteria. Saving our planet cannot be done by just a few people. It requires an ongoing, global effort, but just a single community dedicating themselves a little bit each day will go farther than any of us can imagine. All it takes is being conscientious: reducing, reusing, recycling and picking up just one piece of garbage a day.

Anyone can join the effort: high school students can join Environmental Club and adults can attend monthly Go Green Park Ridge meetings. We cannot delay helping our planet anymore; climate change is already upon us. The time is now!"

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.



Thursday's @ Harp & Fiddle**PR Lions Club; noon**

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**1 Saturday****Playdate with Nature; 9:00am**

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Iannelli Exhibit; 10:00am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

2 Sunday**Bill McLaughlin Concert; 2:00pm**

PRCO @ North Shore Center for Performing Arts

3 Monday**D64 Health & Nutrition Week (thru 04/07)****6 Thursday****Science Night; 6:00pm**

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

7 Friday**Scholarship Presentation; 12:15pm**

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

8 Saturday**Bunnytime Brunch & Egg Hunt; 9:00am**

Park District @ Prospect Park

Pedals for the Park Bike Donation Drop; 9:00am

Park District @ Centennial Aquatic Center

"The Life of a Union Officer;" 11:30am

21st Star NSDAR @ PR Country Club

Hawks Day Open Skate; 1:00pm

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7:00pm

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

10 Monday**D64 Neat to Use your Feet Week (thru 04/14)****13 Thursday****"Ask a Master Gardener;" 7:00pm**

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

Flashlight Egg Hunt; 7:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

14 Friday**Egg Dip in the Pool; 10:15am**

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center Pool

Francesco Fonzino: Life & Death of an Italian**Soldier; 7:30pm**

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

15 Saturday**Batting Cages and Driving Range Open; 8:00am**

Park District @ Oakton Sports Complex

17 Monday**D64 Go Green Week (thru 04/21)****20 Thursday****"Little Mermaid" Spring Musical; 4pm**

Maine South Auditorium (also 4/21, 22, 23, 28 & 29)

Rotten Egg Hunt; 7:30pm

Park District @ Maine Park

21 Friday**"Destination Unknown" Ice Show; 7:00pm**

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

(also 4/22 - 23)

22 Saturday**Earth Day Work Day; 9:00am**

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Family Bowl Fundraiser; 2:00pm

Keller Williams Cares @ River Rand Bowl

23 Sunday**Edgar Miller Legacy Program; 1:30pm**

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

24 Monday**D64 Screen-Free Week (thru 04/28)****28 Friday****Third Grade Throwdown; 7:00pm**

Park District @ Maine Park

29 Saturday**Hustle up the Hill; 9:00am**

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

Outdoor Spring Garage Sale; 11:00am

Park District @ Maine Park

Earth Day Celebration; 11:00am

Park District @ Maine Park

Pedals for the Park Bike Exchange; 11:30am

Park District @ Maine Park

Free Spin Orientation; 11:30am

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

28 Friday**Maine Township Senior Expo; 9:00am**

Golf Mill Shopping Center

May**5 Friday****Devil in White City; 12:15pm**

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

Friday Night Live Club; 7:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

6 Saturday**20th Anniversary Celebration**

PR Cultural Arts Council @ 1st United Methodist

Book Sale; 9:00am -3:00pm

Friends of the Library @ PR Library

Pitch, Hit & Run; 9:00am

Park District @ Hinkley Park

Iannelli Exhibit; 10:00am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

Princess Tea & Fashion Show; 12:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

7 Sunday**Kite Fest; 10:00am**

Park District @ Hinkley Park

Book Sale; noon -2:00pm

Friends of the Library @ PR Library

8 Monday**Guitar Concert; 7:00pm**

Maine South Auditorium

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

21st Star NSDAR @ PR Country Club

Film Fest; 7:00pm

Maine South Auditorium

11 Thursday**Red Day Food Drive; 9:00am**

Keller Williams @ 700 Busse Hwy

"Create your Spring Planter;" 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

12 Friday**Band, Choir & Orchestra Concert; 7:00pm**

Maine South Auditorium

13 Saturday**Mother's Day Open Skate; 1:00pm**

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

15 Monday**What are your Old Coins Worth? ; 7:30pm**

PR Antiques Club @ Kalo Foundation

20 Saturday**Plant Sale; 9:00am – 1:00pm**

PR Garden Club @ Hodges Park

Messiah Child Care Fun Fair; 11:00am

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

21 Sunday**Norwegian Day Parade; noon**

Parade route from Talcott/Cumberland

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

Parade route from Talcott/Cumberland

30 Tuesday**50th Anniversary Family Picnic; 5:45pm**

Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

31 Wednesday**D64 Summer Session Registration Ends****June****2 Friday****D64 Last Day of School****3 Saturday****Antiques & Collectibles Flea Market; 9:00am**

PR Antique Club @ Hodges Park

Iannelli Exhibit; 10:00am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

ACS Relay for Life; noon

Maine West High School

4 Sunday**Chamber of Comm. Wine Walk ; 1 pm—4 pm**

Info? Call 847/825-3121

7 Wednesday**D64 Summer Session #1**

Through June 23

8 Thursday**"Photo Recap of Last Year;" 7:00pm**

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

25 Sunday**Garden Walk; 2:00 – 6:00pm**

PR Garden Club

26 Monday**D64 Summer Session #2**

through July 14

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Is your house about 100-years old?

The Historic Preservation Commission would like to hear from you if your home is over 100 years old. We realize not every house is eligible to obtain local landmark status. However, our centenarians are a very significant part of the history of our town and should be recognized. They provide a glimpse back in time and have been a mainstay that adds to the City's charm and character. These homes tell the story of the growth of Park Ridge, and the fact they are still being lovingly cared for is testimony to our past as well as the present.

Please tell the Historic Preservation Commission about your home so we can say, "Happy birthday and congratulations!" for a job well done and we will include your house on our "100-Year Old Home Honor Roll".

For more information and a certification form, please contact Jon Branham in the City's Preservation and Development Department at 847/318-5203 or at jbranham@parkridge.us.



Are you prepared?

How to prepare your home for a disaster is a free seminar offered to Park Ridge residents. The seminar, presented by the Park Ridge Citizens Corp Volunteer Outreach Team, will take place on Wednesday, April 26 from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center located at 400 Busse Highway.

To register for this informative seminar, please send an email to ParkRidgeCERT@gmail.com and type in the subject line, "Attn: Vicki." Be sure to include your name and telephone number(s). You will receive a confirmation of your registration from a member of the CERT Team. Feel free to share information with other Park Ridge residents.

Monthly Sharps & Rx Collection

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

April 6, May 4, and June 1
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.

APRIL is Healthy Living Month

- Health & Nutrition Week: April 3—7
- Neat to Use Your Feet Week : April 10—14
- Go Green Week : April 17—21
- Screen Free Week : April 24—28



School District 64 and the City of Park Ridge encourages all residents of the community to join the campaign, educating themselves, family, and friends about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and the nutritional benefits of healthy eating habits in order to achieve optimum health for today and tomorrow.

Clerk Henneman's corner



As many of you are aware, I recently underwent surgery. I've been home for about a month and have been recovering well. I have enjoyed receiving cheerful calls and get well wishes from so many of you. Thank you all for your caring thoughts!

Now that our clocks have sprung ahead, new life is sprouting out of the ground as the crocuses and daffodils peek out of their winter homes and the birds chirp louder with each passing day.

And so much is about to happen in our great City! **Early Voting will continue through April 3** at the Centennial Activity Center at 100 S. Western Avenue. The hours are 9 am—5 pm, Monday—Saturday. **April 4** is Election Day. Polls are open at 6 a.m.—7 p.m. The Farmers Market opening day is **May 27** and will continue through October 28, offering an abundance of farm fresh produce and goods. Be prepared for a family fun-filled event on **May 29** as the traditional Memorial Day parade steps off at 10 a.m. And the enchanting music of Concerts in the Park begins on **June 16**. Fireworks festivities on **July 3** begin at 6:30 p.m. at Maine East High School. Don't forget to spruce up your gardens to qualify for the Garden Club's Annual Beautification Awards mid-summer.

As always, the Clerk's Office is here to help, Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. See you all soon!