

The Spokesman

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Park Ridge Farmers Market
Opens May 26
Saturdays 7 AM-1 PM
thru October 27

CELEBRATING **25+** GREAT YEARS

15 Prairie Ave. • Uptown Park Ridge
www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com

2018-19 Vehicle Stickers available April 16



featuring the Park Ridge History Center
721 North Prospect

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 2018-2019 sticker must be displayed by Saturday, June 16 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. Applications are also available at the Cashier's Desk in City Hall or on the City's website at www.parkridge.us.

How can I purchase a vehicle sticker or pet license?

Bring your completed application to City Hall Monday–Friday, 8 am - 5pm, return the form by mail or place it in the drop box off of Vine Ave. For your convenience, the Finance Department will be open Saturday, June 9, 8:00 a.m.–Noon.

To avoid a fee increase, vehicle stickers must be purchased by the close of business on Friday, June 15, 2018. Second tier pricing goes into effect for any application received or postmarked June 16–September 21.

Monthly Bulb, Battery, Sharps & Rx Disposal



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

April 5, May 3, and June 7
8 am—11 am
in the lobby at City Hall

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

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

Online Water Bill Pay now available!

You can now 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 to the *Water Bill* section. First time users will need to create a login and link to their utility account. Be sure to have your most recent water bill available. This service allows you to pay your water bill using a credit or debit card with no convenience fee. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted.



Memorial Day Parade

May 28 10 a.m.

As we celebrate the day, take a moment to reflect and remember those who lost their lives while serving in the country's armed forces. A special thanks to John Prochaska for organizing this community event.

A message from 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.

"Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave but never our hearts."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

I am always struck by how many people grew up in Park Ridge and then have returned to raise their families. My wife Lauren and I have done this very thing. Like so many others, we have found Park Ridge to be a caring, supportive, and beautiful place to live and work, attend school and enjoy life. Park Ridge today is the same city it was many years ago, but at the same time, it is remarkably different! We have dozens of new businesses and restaurants, a multitude of services from which to choose, and so many annual festivals and special events happening throughout the year.

Keep your eyes open to see some amazing changes around town related to biking. The City Council, directed by the recommendations of the Bike Task Force, is working towards making Park Ridge more pedestrian and bike friendly. The Council is planning to support our cycling community with increased parking, signage and bike lanes to increase bicycle safety for those that prefer two wheels instead of four.

The City Council has been busy this winter putting its finishing touches on the budget for the next fiscal year. Once again, we are extremely proud to be lowering the City's portion of your property tax bill while continuing our capital improvement investments such as road resurfacing, water main replacement, and the lining/repair of our sewers.

We look forward to the new businesses and restaurants that will be opening in the coming months and hope that you will continue to "Shop Local" whenever possible and choose one of our many fine options when it comes to dining. Every dollar that is spent local, stays local, which benefits the City and our business community. Please continue to spend your dollars here in Park Ridge.

Whether Park Ridge is your hometown, or the town that you call home, it is an exciting place to be this spring! Keep abreast of all the Special Events by visiting the City's website "Happening in Park Ridge" page. The fabulous Farmers Market opens May 26 and continues through October 27, open every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. And don't forget about the Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Car show events that begin on June 1 and the Concerts in the Park held Friday evenings beginning mid-June. There's much more so stay tuned!

As warmer weather draws near, we look forward to reconnecting with neighbors and friends and celebrating everything that is great about Park Ridge!

See you around town,

Marty

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Community Preservation & Development

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Finance Department

City Hall, 1st floor
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Fire Department Administration

City Hall, 1st floor
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Emergency 911

Police Department (open 24/7)

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

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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

Park Ridge residents and those from the surrounding areas impacted by aircraft noise are being given more opportunity to hear information from the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). The ONCC is the inter-governmental agency charged with the responsibility of addressing noise concerns at O'Hare (ORD). At its May 4, 2018 general meeting, the ONCC will hold a panel discussion on the topic of departure procedures. The meeting begins at 8 a.m. and will be held at Café La Cave located at 2777 S. Mannheim Road in Des Plaines. Panel representatives include members of the FAA, O'Hare Air Traffic Control and an airline pilot. The meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The panel discussion is the result of a meeting held last December between select members of the ONCC, including its Chair, Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene Jurachek, and representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), O'Hare Control Tower management and United Airlines. The December meeting was called due to the concerns voiced from residents in Park Ridge, Niles, Glenview and other communities to the northeast of O'Hare (ORD) that have suffered an increase of departing aircraft overflying the area.

Departure procedures at O'Hare have changed due in part to the closing of a NW/SE runway (14/32) in 2015, the closing of a second NW/SE runway (15/33) on March 29, the opening of two E/W runways (10R/28L & 10/28C) on the southern part of the airport, the opening of another E/W runway (9/27C), this time on the northern part of the field in 2020 and construction scheduled for the two NE/SW runways (4L/22R & 4R/22L) in the coming two years. This is part of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) which began in 2005. It's anticipated that the OMP will conclude with the opening of the sixth E/W parallel runway (9/27C) in 2020.

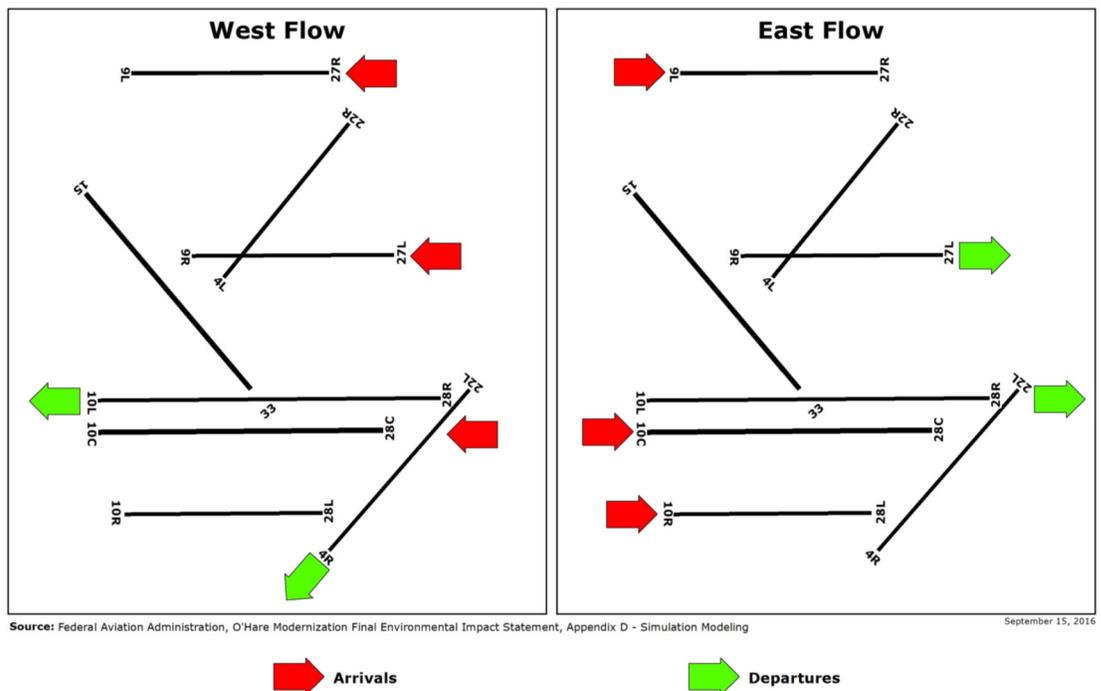
Most aircraft use specific E/W parallel runways given the direction of the wind. On "west flow" days Park Ridge residents notice aircraft arriving on 27R (Belle Plaine) and 27L (Higgins). Another runway used for arrivals is 28C (Lawrence), south of Park Ridge. On "west flow" days departures are handled by runways 28R and 22L, with aircraft departing away from the city.

"East flow" days impact Park Ridge with departures, specifically on 9R and 10L where aircraft are given clearances to their first enroute navaid/fix (think of this as an intersection in the sky). As a result, many aircraft departing 9R are given a left turn (N/NE) upon departure bringing them over Park Ridge. Departures using 10L are generally given a right turn (S/SE) upon departure, but in some cases, they too, are turned over Park Ridge. In addition, the clearances are spread out to various fixes for spacing. On these days, arrivals are handled by 9L, 10C and 10R without noise impact to Park Ridge.

One final note: these departure procedures are used during daytime and evening operations but not overnight. The overnight departure procedures are handled by the Fly Quiet Program, which was covered in a previous issue.

For a more complete discussion of aircraft departures at ORD, please visit the City's website at www.parkridge.us and select *Airport Issues* in the gray box on the left side. The link will lead you to a presentation done last year to the ONCC Technical Committee.

Chicago O'Hare International Airport





Fundraising in 2018

The Park Ridge Police Department kicked off its 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts to benefit the Special Olympics Illinois organization. Members of the Police Department were joined by Mayor Maloney and teens from the community to participate in the annual Polar Plunge at Evanston's Clark St Beach on February 18, 2018. The participants took a very brisk plunge to raise some funds. The Park Ridge Plunge Team raised over \$3,000 for the event.

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.



Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state are involved in the Torch Run. The Opening Ceremony of the 2018 Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games will occur in Normal, IL on June 15. The Flame of Hope will be carried nearly 1,500 miles, June 10-15, and held by officers running through thousands of Illinois communities. 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 18 at all Park Ridge Dunkin Donuts locations.

Contact Community Strategies Officer Benjamin Peterson at 847/318-5233 for additional information regarding the event, donations or to purchase official merchandise.

AARP Driver Safety

The Park Ridge Police Department will be hosting the AARP Driver Safety Class for seniors over age 50. Registrants must attend both classes, Monday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., which will be held in the Conference Room of the Park Ridge Public Works Building located at 400 Busse Hwy. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members. Upon completion of the course, participants will be eligible to receive a discount on their automobile insurance for the next three years. Questions? Contact Officer Thomas Rechlicz at the Park Ridge Police Department 847-318-5220.

Honoring fallen officers National Police Week

The Park Ridge Police Memorial Service will be held on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. on the front steps of Park Ridge City Hall.

In Honor of National Police Week, the Park Ridge Police Chaplains Association invites you to attend a service of remembrance to honor the lives of officers killed in the line of duty and to thank the Police in our City for their service. For further information or questions, please contact Community Strategies Officer Ben Peterson at bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org or 847/318-5233.



Decline in crime continues

A decline in overall crime for the City continued in 2017. The overall crime rate was lower this year, as compared to last, by 24.4% and 39.5% lower than in 2013.

The Park Ridge Police Department remains committed to improving the safety and well-being of all who live in or visit our community. It is important that we do not become complacent. Residents should always remember to make sure they lock their house and car doors, close their garages and remain vigilant as they go about their day.

According to Police Chief Kaminski, "These are very positive results. They reflect the collective efforts of the Police Department and the community embracing community policing to continue to build a safe community."



Please, talk with your kids

The Police Department investigates all information it receives about inappropriate or alarming posts on social media. The investigation normally concludes with the person posting the message indicating it was only a joke. Social media posts of alarming or disturbing nature are serious matters that require our immediate attention. Please, for the welfare and safety of our community, I strongly urge parents to have a discussion with their children today to explain the consequences of inappropriate social media posts and discuss how to use social media appropriately.

With sincere thanks,
Police Chief Frank Kaminski

Yard waste collection resumes April 2

The collection of residential yard waste will resume the week of April 2 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 2 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 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 28, Memorial Day. Collections will be delayed by one day that week due to the holiday.

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.

27th 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 29.



Celebrate Arbor Day

The City has organized a special celebration on April 27, 2018 to recognize Arbor Day. This year, we celebrate 34 years as a Tree City USA and receive our eighteenth Growth Award. A Proclamation will be read at the April 16 City Council meeting by Mayor Maloney recognizing the important benefits that trees provide.



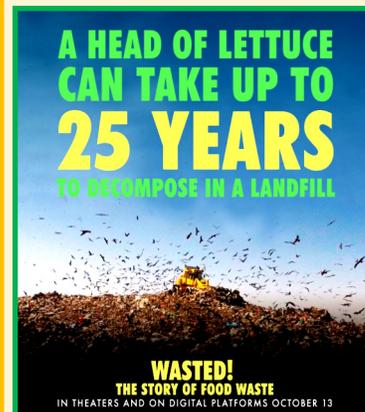
All residents are invited to attend the planting of a new tree at Maine East High School. Please visit the City's website for the time and location. The Forestry Division is teaming up with the Maine East Ecology Club & North Branch Tree Climbing Club to host an educational tree climbing event for students of the club. Students will be introduced to basic climbing mechanics, learn about the benefits trees provide and experience the fun of climbing and exploring a tree's upper canopy.

Use Everything. Waste Nothing.

Did you know that approximately 40% of the food in America is wasted. But Anthony Bourdain, Mario Batali, Dan Barber and chefs around the world are finding delicious ways to use food in new ways. Join *Go Green Park Ridge* and the Park Ridge Library to check out the movie WASTED which

explains the story of food waste and aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Learn how you can make a difference.

Please join us!
Tuesday, April 24
7:00 p.m.
Park Ridge Public Library



Modifications made to the Nuisance Animal Trapping Program



The Department of Community Preservation and Development (CP&D) administers a nuisance wildlife trapping program for the City. This effort aims to control “fur-bearing mammals” such as skunks and raccoons that have become dangers to properties or people.

Last summer, due to an unusually high number of animals that were being trapped, the budget for the program was exhausted and the program was temporarily halted. During the cessation, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) contacted the city and after several amicable discussions, it became clear that the City’s program was no longer being operated consistent with State law or IDNR policy.

To trap a fur-bearing animal, it must be a nuisance. Nuisance animals are those damaging property or posing a threat to the safety of residents. In the past, the City did not require any justification to set a trap and did not question if the trap was intended for a bona-fide nuisance animal. There were no assurances that the traps were being checked daily.

A *modified* nuisance animal trapping program began on March 15. Residents can obtain an animal trap and have a nuisance animal removed at the City’s expense. Changes to the program include:

- ◆ The City will no longer pay for removal of animals trapped in non-City traps.
- ◆ City traps will not be dispensed to residents without confirmation from a City Health Official that an animal is indeed causing a nuisance, e.g. damaging a house foundation, exhibiting behavior typical of a rabid animal. An Environmental Health Officer from the City will visit the site to verify that the animal is a nuisance. Animals that are “just passing through” will not be considered a nuisance. Also, in accordance with IDNR policy, skunks will not be considered a nuisance animal merely because of their odor. The City will neither provide traps nor pay for removal of such animals.
- ◆ Those requesting and receiving traps from the City will be required to sign a statement indicating they will check the traps daily.

Other options besides reliance on the City program remain open to residents who wish to deal with undesired animals. The IDNR and the University of Illinois Extension have developed a website to provide residents of Illinois with information about how to coexist with wildlife, especially in urban areas. The website states: “Preventing problems with wildlife is much simpler and less aggravating than dealing with the problems after they occur. Fortunately, taking a few simple steps can help you prevent many of the most common wildlife-related problems around your home. A number of proven methods can be used to solve the problem when it cannot be prevented.” For more information, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/about.cfm>. Residents can also call nuisance wildlife control operators independently and have animals trapped and removed at their own expense. The website listed above also contains contact information for licensed operators in the region.

Additionally, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) works with communities and animal care and control agencies to develop humane and non-lethal solutions to conflicts between people and wildlife. The HSUS also believes that most conflicts between wildlife and humans can be resolved by means other than trapping. For more information, visit www.humanesociety.org/animals/wild_neighbors. The website also offers advice on how to mitigate or reduce trouble between wild animal and suburban resident.

For questions regarding the new nuisance animal trapping program or to request verification that an animal is a nuisance, contact the City’s Environmental Health Officers at 847/318-5468 (or x 5459).



Your opinions matters

The Community Health Commission (CHC) has created a survey to find out what health related issues are most important to you. Responses will be compiled, reviewed and used by the CHC to plan future events, activities, and educational presentations for residents. Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMRSDQ to take this quick six question survey today. Your input is greatly appreciated. The Commission’s goals are to expand overall communication with the community at large to promote healthy living and awareness of opportunities to improve individual, family and community health.

PR Lions Club

Thursday's @ Harp & Fiddle; noon
Center of Concern

Every Monday; by appt.

Employment Counseling

Every Wednesday, by appt.

Grief & Loss Counseling

Seniors & Caregiving Counseling

Medicare Counseling

Legal Counseling

847/823-0453

Yoga at St. Luke's Church

Tuesdays; 7:00 - 8:15pm

Thursday; 9:30 - 10:45am

Chair Yoga - Thursday; 11:00am - noon

\$5 / class donation appreciated

April**2 Monday**

D64 Heath & Nutrition Week

6 Friday

Trivia Night; 7:00pm

PR Chamber of Commerce

Orchisis Dance Concert; 7:30pm

Maine East Auditorium (also 4/7)

7 Saturday

PR Men's Prayer Breakfast; 7:30 – 9:30am

Park Ridge Country Club

8 Sunday

Chicago Photographers Society Exhibit

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

(through 5/27)

9 Monday

D64 Neat to Use your Feet Week

11 Wednesday

Guitar Concert; 7:00pm

Maine East Auditorium

12 Thursday

"Summer Fun Secrets;" 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

13 Friday

Jazz Dinner Concert; 7:00pm

Maine East Student Cafe

14 Saturday

Meeting Lunch & Lecture; 11:30am

"You will like Des Plaines"

21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

15 Sunday

Hamilton's Women; 11:00am

First United Methodist Church

16 Monday

D64 Go Green Week

17 Tuesday

WMTH-TV Video Showcase; 4:00pm

Maine East Auditorium

Spring Drama 1-2 Showcase; 7:00pm

Maine East Actor's Studio

18 Wednesday

Spring Drama 3-4 Showcase; 7:00pm

Maine East Actor's Studio

19 Thursday

A Chorus Line Senior Performance; 4:00pm

Maine South (also 4/20, 21, 27 & 28; 7:30pm)

20 Friday

Maine Township Senior Expo; 9:00am -2:00pm

Golf Mill Shopping Center

23 Monday

D64 Screen-Free Week

Orchestra Gala Concert; 7:00pm

Maine East Auditorium

24 Tuesday

"Wasted! The Story of Food Waste;" 7:00pm

Go Green Park Ridge @ PR Library

25 Wednesday

Drop-In Bike Helmet Sale; 4:00-6:00pm

D64 @ Carpenter School South Gym

27 Friday

Finale Band & Choir Concert; 7:00pm

Maine East Auditorium

28 Saturday

Liberty Ladies Luncheon; noon

20th Century Club @ PR Country Club

For tickets call 847/698-2839

Adult Silver Clay Class

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios 847/692-4297

May**1 Tuesday**

Orchestra Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

3 Thursday

"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon;" 7:30pm

Maine East Auditorium (also 5/4 & 5/5)

4 Friday

Band Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

5 Saturday

Book Sale; 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friends of the Library @ PR Library

(5/6 half-price sale noon – 2:00pm)

"A Flower of Such Beauty: Songs of Love, Death, and

Re-Birth;" 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

For tickets, \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors

www.electicchoralartists.org

7 Monday

Guitar Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

9 Wednesday

Meeting Lunch & Lecture; 11:30am

"The Year in Review"

21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

10 Thursday

"Create your Spring Planter;" 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

11 Friday

Choir Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

12 Saturday

36th Annual Pancake Breakfast; 7:00 – 11:00am

AM Kiwanis @ PR Presbyterian Church

15 Tuesday

Pickwick Tour & Lunch; 10:30am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

17 Thursday

"Healthy, Well-thy & Wise" Expo; 9:00am – noon

PR Park District @ Centennial Activity Center

19 Saturday

Plant Sale; 9:00am – 1:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Hodges Park

28 Monday

American Legion Memorial Day Parade

31 Thursday

D64 School Year Ends

June**1 Friday**

Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6:00pm

PR Chamber of Commerce @ Library Parking Lot

5 Tuesday

D64 Summer Session 1 Begins

(through June 22)

14 Thursday

Crafters Boutique & Installation of Officers; 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Centennial Activity Center

15 Friday

Aves to Independence Annual Dinner; 6:00pm

Hilton Chicago – Northbrook

23 Saturday

Community Health Comm. Health Fair; 9am—noon

Hodges Park

24 Sunday

Garden Walk; 2:00 – 6:00pm

Park Ridge Garden Club

25 Monday

D64 Summer Session 2 Begins

29 Friday

Residential Beautification Award Application

Deadline—Park Ridge Garden Club

The First Annual
**Community Health
Commission Health Fair** will



be held in Hodges Park on

June 23 from 9 am—Noon. The Health Fair, co-sponsored by the Community Health Commission and the Park Ridge Park District, provides an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to showcase their services and for residents to learn about the many local options available in our community. Six focus areas will be highlighted at the event including health and wellness, environmental health and sustainability, disease education and prevention, outreach to special populations, mental health and substance abuse and emergency preparedness. Need information?

847/384-2138 or logintim@gmail.com

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Parking Permit renewals begin June 4

Six-month parking permits for the parking lots listed below are available for renewal June 4–June 13 to existing permit holders. Permits are valid July 1-December 31.

- Uptown Court (Washington, Touhy and Northwest Highway) \$200
- Touhy Triangle \$350
- Central (Library) Lot \$350
- Main Street (between Touhy and Prairie) \$350
- Summit (north side between Ridge and Euclid) \$350

Permits that are not renewed by existing permit holders will be available for purchase at 8:00 a.m. on June 25 at the Cashier’s Desk. Permits are available to Park Ridge residents only (with the exception of Uptown Court) whose vehicle is registered in the City and has a valid Park Ridge vehicle sticker. The limit is one per household. Any unused reserved spaces will be designated as 3-hour free parking after 11:00 a.m. on all days including weekends and holidays, with the exception of Uptown Court.



City Clerk Henneman’s corner

Welcome sweet spring time! Your April showers and May flowers will be a great treat after the super cold weather we have endured.

It’s time to pull out the lawn chairs and clean off the grill, for picnics and barbeque days are almost here. Now is the time to plan your garden, perhaps aiming your sights on a possible beautification prize later this summer. We thank the Garden Club for sponsoring this City event each year.

Best shake out the picnic baskets in time for the Concerts in the Park that will begin mid-June. It’s a great evening to relax and socialize among friends and neighbors under the stars. Best of all, its free. Sincere thanks to the Fine Art Society for providing the music.

The City’s Sister Cities Commission cordially invites you to attend its **British Pub Dinner** on April 14 at the Park Ridge Community Church. Food (and drink) will be catered by the Harp and Fiddle and music and entertainment will be provided. Call 847/698-2100 or 847/318-5204 for information or to make your reservations today. The cost is \$30 per person.



The last day to submit electronic applications for the Fine Arts Summer Camp Scholarship program is April 22. Students in grades 3 through 11 are welcome to apply. Arts that qualify include music, dance, drama, visual arts and writing. For more information, visit www.parkridgearts.org.



Independence Day Fireworks—July 3

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!

The season of soliciting begins

With the spring weather upon us, the City has received numerous calls from residents about solicitors coming to their front doors. 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 847/318-5200 to receive a free “No Solicitors” sticker to place on your door. If you are concerned about a solicitor at your home or in the area, contact the Police Department at 847/318-5252 for assistance or call 911.

