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City Clerk’s corner

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season behind us, we can all take a deep breath and relax a bit as we head into the new year with hopes of sticking to our New Year’s resolutions. My holidays were wonderful as I gathered with friends and hope that yours were just as special. I wish you a blessed and healthy new year.

On March 20, 2018 the Gubernatorial Primary Election will be held. I have provided a list below of important dates related to this election. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact myself or Deputy Clerk Peterson at City Hall. For those persons who fly south for the winter, *Vote by Mail* applications are now available. You can access the form using a link provided on the Clerk’s page on our website, by visiting us at City Hall to pick up a form, or at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Important March 20 Election dates

- February 20 Last day to register to vote (by paper application)
- February 21 Grace period registration and voting begins
- March 4 Last day to register to vote (online)
- March 5 Early voting begins
- March 19 Early voting ends / Last day of grace period registration and voting
- March 20 Election Day / Last day mail ballots can be postmarked

City adds Additional Parking Holidays



The City recently revised its Municipal code, adding additional parking holidays (13-10-17 – PARKING HOLIDAYS). The additions are listed below in bold print and underlined. For the purposes of the provisions of this Chapter excepting “holidays” from the effect of parking regulations, the following holidays have been designated as parking holidays:

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., third Monday in January**
- Washington’s Birthday, third Monday in February**
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, first Monday in September
- Columbus Day, second Monday of October**
- Veterans Day, November 11**
- Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas Day, December 25

Uptown area parking permits still available

The City still has a limited amount of parking permits available for the Uptown Central/Library lot, spaces on Summit (north side between Ridge and Euclid) and the Uptown lot (between Northwest Highway and Touhy). The cost of a permit in the Central/Library lot or Summit is \$350 for a six-month period, January 1 – June 30, 2018. The cost for a permit in the Uptown lot is \$200 for a six-month period, January 1 – June 30, 2018. Permits can be purchased at the Cashier’s desk at City Hall.

Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal



CFL’s, household batteries, and mercury thermometers are also collected

**January 4, February 1, and March 1
8 am—11 am in the lobby at City Hall**

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.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR 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.

“Grow where you are planted” was a phrase I often heard growing up and is one that has stuck with me as I have gotten older. Park Ridge is truly growing and thriving as we progress into 2018. More families than ever are choosing to raise their families here. Retail spaces are filling up and our business districts are morphing and changing to become a great fit for this different marketplace. Our restaurants and businesses are partnering to share its successes, and the festivals, celebrations, and other special events happening continue to keep our weekly schedules filled up.

The City Council has been happy to be a part of sowing the seeds that are now successfully flourishing. Throughout 2017, and included in the upcoming budget year, the city has increased spending on deferred infrastructure improvements. It has progressed on a number of projects, including water main replacement, sewer lining, and investing in our fleet and our facilities. At City Hall, we have begun to take steps to improve our building with a new HVAC System and parking lot resurfacing, both of which were much needed. We have also invested in our technology which now allows you to pay your water bill online. Throughout this progress, we have not lost sight of the importance of the environment, and we are proud to have recently signed onto the Greenest Region Compact II, joining a number of other communities who have taken the step of keeping sustainable principles as part of its strategic goals.

We have made changes to better utilize the parking spaces throughout our city and those changes seem to be taking hold and providing better utilization throughout the day. The strategic planning undertaken by the City Council in 2016 has provided a roadmap that we are following today which has resulted in very positive changes for all of us.

The City has done all of this without losing sight of the importance of using your tax dollars wisely. This year, we passed a tax levy that represents a decrease of 8.99% from last year. **This is the second year in a row that we have been able to increase our services and decrease your taxes.** From 2015 – 2017, the City Council has reduced the City portion of the property tax bill by 16.4%, all while bringing more business to town and improving the experience of living and working in Park Ridge.

I invite you to enjoy all that Park Ridge has to offer during the chilly winter months. During the dog days of winter, please make a concerted effort to support our local businesses. Eat local, shop local, and take the time to spend your money here in Park Ridge. We want these businesses to succeed, as they are an integral part of our community. Please help them during January, February and March – until the warm weather returns, flowers begin to open and we are all able to enjoy Park Ridge (outside) again.

My best to you and your family in 2018. I think of Park Ridge and all that we have done to continue growing so vigorously. It is the shared efforts of so many people that has made Park Ridge an amazing place to bloom!

See you around town!

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- 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 each month / Committee of the Whole Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday of each month
 The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.*

Each department contributes its own departmental information for the Spokesman.
 Questions? You may contact Deputy Clerk Peterson, editor, at 847/318-5464 or cpeterso@parkridge.us

O'Hare Airport Commission update

Interim Fly Quiet Program approved by O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission — how this affects Park Ridge

Park Ridge residents will, in the future, be subject to new overnight flight patterns as a result of the work of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC). The ONCC recently voted approval of what is known as the Interim Fly Quiet (IFQ) runway rotation. The program is designed to share the noise associated with the airport among communities such as Park Ridge, giving other municipalities some relief. The IFQ was the result of testing various overnight runway configurations which started in July 2016. Once implemented, it will be used for overnight operations at the airport until the O'Hare Modernization Project (OMP) is completed sometime around 2020. For now, the original Fly Quiet program implemented in 1997 is in effect. However, that Fly Quiet program once utilized runways that either no longer exist or will be decommissioned next year. For all practical purposes that limits the current (old) Fly Quiet program to an existing east-west runway. Following last year's three test periods, the ONCC Fly Quiet Ad Hoc committee considered several options, ultimately deciding to recommend to the full ONCC an option that closely resembles the most recently tested configuration, one that Park Ridge residents experienced this past fall.

However, while the IFQ recently was approved by the ONCC, its implementation could be as much as a year in the offing. The reason for the delay is so that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) can conduct an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that is supposed to include a public comment phase.

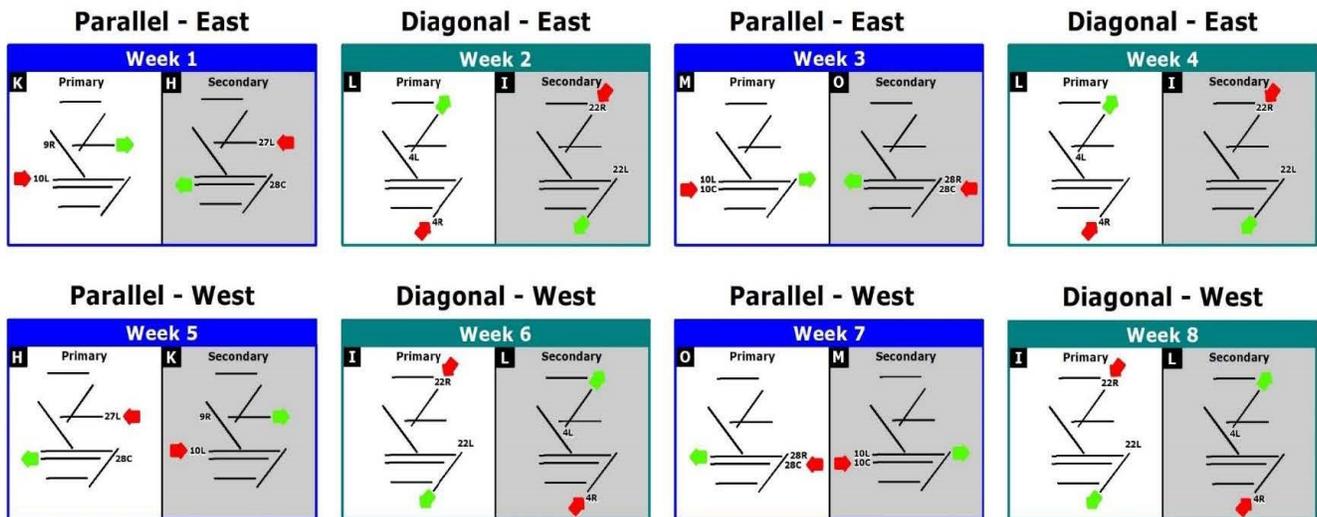
Once implemented, the IFQ will be an eight week rotation utilizing the parallel east-west runways for one week and then the diagonal northeast-southwest runways the following week. Put in aviation terms that means runways such as 10L-28R (east-west) would be in use the first week and then 4R-22L (northeast-southwest) would be used in week two, and so on. (See the attached IFQ Schedule for the full eight-week rotation). One of the criteria used by the ONCC in making this decision was so that any community would not be as impacted in consecutive weeks.

There are variables to consider in the IFQ and its implementation. First, the parallel east-west runways are, for the most part, significantly longer than the diagonals. As a result, larger aircraft, especially wide-body cargo planes, will request the longer runways, resulting in those planes landing and taking off on the parallels even during the weeks the diagonals are preferred. There are also ongoing construction concerns that will impact the IFQ. Continued construction of a new runway, 9C-27C, scheduled for opening in 2020, as well as planned repaving of both the diagonals over the next two years, will cause modifications to the plan.

For clarification, the IFQ only impacts overnight flights from approximately 10pm until 7am. However, factors such as airline traffic, weather, the aforementioned construction, and other airport operations, impact the beginning and ending time of Fly Quiet.

The bottom line is, for now, the vast majority of overnight flights will land and takeoff on one of the parallel east-west runways. However, expect sometime in the future the implementation of the IFQ and the rotation of the runways from the parallels to include the diagonals. And then, once the OMP is completed sometime around 2020, expect this process to be visited once again.

Please join us at our next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



Week - Parallel Runways
Week - Diagonal Runways

Each weekly period will begin on Sunday evening at 10 p.m. or after when demand allows for one arrival and one departure runway.

Arrival
 Departure

Citizens Patrol and Police Explorers looking for volunteers



The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol is the second longest-running service of its type in the country. Whether you see them on the streets, or in their cars patrolling vehicle traffic or monitoring pedestrian safety, they are here to protect our residents. Like other organizations, there is always a need for new members to help us complete the mission of the Citizens Patrol.

The events which Citizens Patrol members serve include 5K charity runs, the Taste of Park Ridge, parades and assisting the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments during emergency situations. Please feel free to join us at one of our upcoming meetings. We would appreciate any amount of time you have to offer serving the community. If interested, call 847/ 318-5454, leave your name and phone number, and we will call you back with more information.

The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post 911 is part of the Learning for Life Career Education Program. It is offered to young men and women who are 14 years of age and have completed eighth grade or are 15-20 years of age with an interest in the law enforcement field. This is a great opportunity for teens to gain valuable life experience, social skills, and have civic fulfillment for volunteerism. Activities allow Explorers to have hands-on experience with police officers in their roles in the community.

Explorers have assisted in numerous community events including, July fireworks parking and traffic control, the Taste of Park Ridge, National Night Out and Winterfest. Explorers who become members in good standing will qualify for the Police Squad Car Ride-Along program and have opportunities to apply for national scholarships.

The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post meets/trains Bi-Weekly at the Park Ridge Police Department on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Community Strategies Officer Ben Peterson bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org or call 847/318-5233.



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2018 Polar Plunge— Be bold & get cold

A fundraiser for Special Olympics of Illinois

The Park Ridge Police and Park Ridge Youth Commission have joined forces once again to brave the icy cold waters of Lake Michigan. The 2018 Polar Plunge will take place at Clark Street Beach in Evanston on February 18 and benefit the Special Olympics of Illinois. We have committed to “Be Bold and Get Cold” for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois by taking an icy dip into the frigid winter waters.

But we need your help. We welcome you to join our team. However, if you can't, we hope you would consider making a donation to Special Olympics Illinois on our behalf. Your donation helps provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics programs and reveal their inner champion.

Donating is simple, fast, and secure. It is also the most efficient way to make a contribution to the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois. Visit www.plungeillinois.com and click on “Support a Plunger” and search for team “Park Ridge.” If you are interested in joining our team and would like to take the plunge, you may register through the website and join team “Park Ridge.” Donations are tax deductible.

Contact Park Ridge Police Community Strategy Officer Ben Peterson for additional information on the event, or questions about donations or registration. You can send an email to bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org or call him at 847-318-5233. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to pass along the information to anyone you believe is also interested.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who supported the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. This season, we asked, and you responded and delivered! We are truly happy to report that there was overwhelming support from the community.

The mission of the Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children. It's a message of hope to less fortunate children so they, too, can experience the joy of Christmas.

The City extends its sincere thanks to everyone who found the kindness in their hearts to drop off gifts which will make a child's Christmas joyful.



TOYS FOR TOTS



Holiday Lights recycling

The City of Park Ridge is offering a Holiday Lights Recycling Program. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off Monday thru Friday at the

Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway, thru March 1, 2018, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.

The City has partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. The strands are separated and baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.

Christmas Tree collection

Christmas trees will be collected at the curb for chipping the week of January 8 on your regular garbage day. Please remove the trees from any bags and remove all lights, garlands, and ornaments.

Christmas trees placed out at other times, or in the alley, will be collected by Groot and taken to the landfill. Brush and branches from the yard will not be collected.



Forestry news

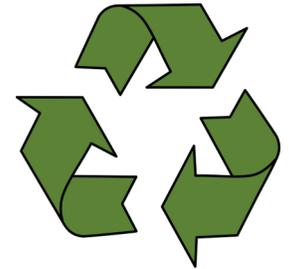
Did you know that winter is a great time to prune your trees? As trees mature, they accumulate dead branches and twigs that should be removed for safety, aesthetic purposes, and overall tree health because they may harbor pests and/or disease that can affect your trees' well-being. Proper pruning during the winter reduces stress on the tree and the spread of insect damage and disease.

A Certified Arborist should be able to detect any dead, infested or infected wood as well as defects that include rubbing, crossing and broken branches. Emphasis should be on mitigating defects, encouraging the tree's natural growth habit and promoting overall health and appearance. Only prune oaks and elms during the dormant season, generally November 1 - April 1.

It may be time to remove your tree if it is showing noticeable signs of decline, or is dead. A tree removal permit is required to remove all trees, dead or alive, that are 10 inches in diameter or larger when measured 4.5 feet off the ground, as they are considered Protected Trees. Permit applications are available on the city website at www.parkridge.us and at City Hall in the Community, Preservation and Development office.

Styrofoam recycling

White Block Styrofoam from holiday packing will be collected January 2—26 at the Public Works Service Center located at 400 Busse Highway, Monday—Friday, 7 am- 3 pm.



The following will not be accepted: packing peanuts, straws, lids, plastic wrap, food service/beverage containers, trash, or foam building insulation.

Contact the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 with any questions.

Understanding snowfall regulations

Most main streets throughout the City are referred to as snow routes and are posted with signs. Parking is prohibited on both sides of streets that have been designated as snow routes after 2" of snow has fallen, until 24 hours after the snow stops. Residents may call 847/318-6101 for a recorded message as to whether snow parking restrictions are in effect.



Vehicles parked on a snow route will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Parking is also prohibited as posted on the north and west sides of all other residential streets after 2" of snow has fallen, until 24 hours after the snow has stopped. If snow falls during the night, vehicles parked in violation of snow parking restrictions will be ticketed. Refer to City Ordinance 13-14-1 for additional information.

Let us help you. When removing snow from your driveway, place the snow to the left or right of your driveway. Do not push or blow the snow into the street. On garbage collection day, place your cans on your driveway, not in the street, allowing snowplows to clear snow up to the curb.

The City appreciates your assistance which allows us to serve you better.

Don't be left stranded

Now is a good time for you to make sure you have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Winter cold, snow, and ice can cause problems for all vehicles on the road, so it is a good idea to have a kit in each vehicle that you own ready to go.



An emergency kit for your car is different from the one you would have in your home. The car kit should include jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, an ice scraper/brush, an automobile cell phone charger, and cat litter or sand that can be used to provide traction if your car is stuck and your tires are spinning. Additionally, it is a good idea to have a small shovel and some blankets in your trunk as well.

If you plan on taking a longer trip that will include rural areas, you should have enough blankets, food, and water to keep you and your passengers safe if you need to wait for help to arrive in an emergency. Also make sure that you keep your phone charged and let loved ones know when you are leaving and when you should arrive in case something happens to you along the route.

For more information, you can go to <http://www.ready.gov/car>.

Be winter safety-smart in your home

With winter upon us in Park Ridge, many homeowners are firing up their fireplaces, chimneys or pulling out portable space heaters to keep warm. But before using these items, please read these safety tips to keep you and your family safe and to help prevent potential home fires.

Did you know that portable space heaters are responsible annually for an average of 62,200 fires, 670 deaths, and 1,550 civilian injuries, and \$909 million in property damage?

Portable heater safety recommendations:

- ◆ Keep heaters a minimum of 36" away from combustibles
- ◆ Plug directly into wall outlet. Don't use an extension cord or power strip.
- ◆ Use only heaters with built-in high temperature and tip-over shutoff features
- ◆ Do not use un-vented fuel fired heaters indoors
- ◆ Do not hang combustible items to dry over a heater
- ◆ Turn off portable heaters when family members are sleeping or leave the house
- ◆ Keep heaters out of high traffic areas and exit paths

Fireplace/Flue fires are responsible for an average of 25,000 home fires, 20-50 deaths, 90 civilian injuries and \$126 million in property damages nationwide.

Fireplace/Chimney/Flue Safety recommendations:

- ◆ Have your fireplace or wood stove inspected annually for deficiencies and creosote buildup. Repair and clean as necessary
- ◆ For wood-burning purposes, choose only well-seasoned wood
- ◆ Never burn paper or trash in your fireplace
- ◆ Use a fireplace screen
- ◆ Keep furniture and other combustible items a minimum 36" away from the hearth
- ◆ Never leave a fire unattended
- ◆ Dispose of ashes in a metal container and place the container outside away from your home, garage, or flammable materials
- ◆ Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home.



When seconds count

The Fire Department is asking for your help in keeping our network of fire hydrants accessible this winter. The City's fire hydrants can often get covered by snow and ice after a large snowfall. While our firefighters will try to clear the snow from hydrants in key areas around the City, we also need your help to ensure all the hydrants are free of snow and easily visible from the street.

After the snow falls, please take the time to find the closest fire hydrant to your home or business. Clear an area of at least three feet in circumference around the hydrant to the curb. Your assistance will save valuable time for our firefighters and allow for a quicker response to any fire in your area.



Which would you rather have to protect your home?

Winter storm preparedness

Are you and your family properly prepared for a winter storm? Winter weather can potentially cause disruptions to your power and ability to heat your home. If you have a fireplace, make sure it is clean and ready to use, along with a supply of firewood. If not, make sure you have plenty of blankets and plan for what you will do in case of a prolonged utility outage. Also, now is the time to make sure your emergency kit is complete, including enough food and water for each person in your home that will last for at least three days. For more information, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

PR Lions Club; noon

Thursday's @ Harp & Fiddle

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; 11:00am - 12:15pm

\$5 per class donation appreciated

JANUARY**5 Friday**

"The Cubs" Alumnae Panhellenic Program;

Noon at PR Country Club

6 Saturday

Taste of Group Fitness & Wellness; 9 am

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

FREE Spin Orientation; 11:15 am

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

7 Sunday

Opening – Iannelli Exhibit; 10 am

Iannelli Studio 255 N. NW Hwy.

8 Monday

School Dist. 64 / Schools resume

10 Wednesday

Networking Luncheon; 11:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

12 Friday

Third Grade Throw-down; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

13 Saturday

"Your Family Heirloom" Program; 11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR @ PR Country Club

Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

15 Monday

MLK Public Skate; 11 am

PR Park Dist. / Oakton Ice Area

17 Wednesday

Young Professionals Networking; 6 pm

PR Chamber @ King's Bowl, Rosemont

Science Night; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. / Wildwood Nature Ctr.

18 Thursday

Band-O-Rama; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

19 Friday

PJs, Movies, and Games; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

20 Saturday

FREE Les Mills BodyPump; 9:15 am

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

21 Sunday

Open House / Registration; Noon

St. Andrew's School

21 Sunday

Friends of the Library Mini-Book Sale; Noon

PR Public Library

26 Friday

Women in Business Breakfast; 8:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

Friday Night Live Club; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

27 Saturday

Playdate with Nature; 9 am

PR Park Dist. / Wildwood Nature Ctr.

Frostival; 11 am

PR Park Dist. / Oakton Sports Complex

31 Wednesday

A "Hole" lot of Fun Mini Golf; 12:30 pm

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Activity Ctr.

FEBRUARY**2 Friday**

Chamber Music Recital; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

7 Wednesday

"Revolutionary Wives" Program; 11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR @ Elks Lodge Des Plaines

Drama Meets Romance; 7:30 pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ Pickwick Theatre

8 Thursday

Landscaping with Native Plants

PR Garden Club @ 100 S. Western Ave.

Winter Play – James & the Giant Peach; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium (also 2/9 and 2/10)

14 Wednesday

Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

15 Thursday

Studio Showcase; 7 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

17 Saturday

A Night of Stars Dinner Dance; 5:30 pm

PR Chamber of Commerce @ Café La Cave

18 Sunday130th Birthday Celebration; 1 pm

Iannelli Studio 255 N. NW Hwy

20 Tuesday

Science Night; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. / Wildwood Nature Ctr.

21 Tuesday

Young Professional's Networking; 6 pm

PR Chamber @ Houlihan's, 501 W. Touhy

22 Wednesday

Preschool Open House; 9:30 am & 6:30 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

23 Friday

Women in Business; 8:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

Band Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

SHREK the Musical; 7:30 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

(also 2/24, 3/2, 3/3)

27 Tuesday

Orchestra Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

28 Wednesday

Art Exhibition (thru 3/3)

Actor's Studio at Maine East HS

MARCH**2 Friday**

Third Grade Throw-down; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

Choir Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

3 Saturday

FREE Spin Orientation; 11:15 am

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

8 Thursday

Annual and Perennial Maintenance

PR Garden Club @ 100 S. Western

9 Friday

Valentine's Party with the Animals; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. / Wildwood Nature Ctr.

11 Sunday

Set clocks ahead one (1) hour for daylight savings

12 Monday

Library Concert Series; 7 pm

Maine South HS Library

14 Wednesday

"Addition is a Women's Issue" Program;

11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR @ PR Country Club

Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

Valentine's Day Celebration; 12:30 pm

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Activity Center

Band Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

16 Friday

Maine East HS Choir Concert; 7 pm

St. Luke's Church

Friday Night Live Club; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Maine Park

17 Saturday

Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7 pm

PR Park Dist. / Centennial Fitness Ctr.

21 Wednesday

Orchestra Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

22 Thursday

Percussion/Jazz Concert; 7 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

Fitness & Well Being Expo for the busy woman;

8:30 am

PR Chamber of Commerce

26 Monday

School D64 Spring recess

(through 4/2 – Schools resume 4/3)

Remember to spring ahead...

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 11 for daylight savings.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 11, 2018 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



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Local Boy Scout recognized for Meritorious Action

A serious car crash occurred on August 20 at Belle Plaine and Crescent Avenue which rendered severe injuries to occupants of both vehicles. After hearing a loud crash, Boy Scout Ted Wyshel of Troop 1 grabbed his trauma bag and ran to the site of the accident. He immediately went into action assisting two of the injured victims until emergency personnel arrived on the scene. Ted was recognized by Mayor Maloney and Police Chief Kaminski at the December 4 City Council meeting for displaying empathy towards others and having the courage and willingness to step up and make a difference. Congratulations Ted!



Park Ridge Farmers Market

The Park Ridge Farmers Market is looking for volunteers for light duty work (no heavy lifting) to work at the market throughout its open season. It is also seeking volunteers to serve any of the following committees: Marketing & Social Media; Vendors; or Special Events. Community feedback and suggestions are always welcome; please email your input to parkridgefarmersmarket@gmail.com

We accept:
SNAP
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www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com

Community Health Commission news

In September, the City Council unanimously approved joining the **Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2)** which aims for "enhanced quality of life for residents, protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality. The compact is basically the framework to assist the City with planning for sustainability and outlines ten (10) areas that communities can address. Those include: climate, economic development, energy, land, leadership, mobility, municipal operations, sustainable communities, waste and recycling, and water. Park Ridge is one of fifty-seven other communities in the State of Illinois that have signed onto the GRC2.

The Community Health Commission has a new logo. Graphic design students from the District 207 High Schools participated in an elective project to create a new logo for the commission. Of the four designs that were submitted, one was selected by Commission as its new logo which was presented at a City Council meeting in November.

The new logo reflects the expanded mission of the Health Commission which includes the general health and wellness of residents, environmental health, emergency preparedness, mental health and substance abuse, and disease prevention and education.

The Health Commission is currently working on creating a survey for Park Ridge residents to provide input on the health needs in our community. Look for this survey to be available online in the first quarter of 2018.

Featured in the photo, left to right, is Sheryl Peterson, Maine South High School staff member, Mayor Marty Maloney; Justyne Go, Maine West (logo design winner); Cassidy Hicks, Maine East runner up; Paolo Vacala, Maine South, runner up; Peter Wissman, Maine South, runner up; and Tricia Williams, Chairperson of the Park Ridge Community Health Commission. Ms. Peterson expressed her thanks to the City for involving the students with this project.

