



# The Spokesman

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY TO THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY  
WWW.PARKRIDGE.US



“Like” us on Facebook!

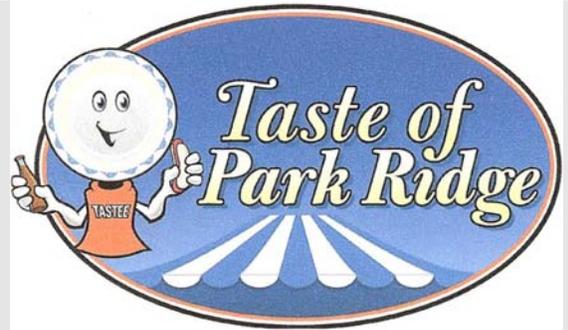
July 2017 Vol. 44 No. 3

## September 11 Memorial Service

A 9/11 Memorial Service has been planned for Monday, September 11 beginning at 8:00 am. The service will be held in front of City Hall at the 9/11 Memorial site. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorial bricks for the 9/11 Memorial site are still available for purchase. Order forms for Memorial bricks are available on the City’s website at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us) or in the Administrative Services office at City Hall. Orders must be received by July 31 if you would like to have your commemorative brick engraved and installed at the 9/11 Memorial site prior to this year’s service.

Please contact Senior Administrative Assistant Brigid Madden at 847/318-6721 or [bmadden@parkridge.us](mailto:bmadden@parkridge.us) with any questions.



Get ready for great family fun, food, and entertainment. The Taste of Park Ridge is sure to provide a wide array of delicious delights to its patrons, in addition to offering class-acts on the entertainment stage and fun for the entire family.

Setup for this event starts at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12. Summit Avenue will remain closed until early Sunday morning. Festivities begin on Thursday, July 13 and will continue through Saturday, July 15. Hours are 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Thursday, and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Visit the Taste of Park Ridge website at [www.tasteofparkridge.com](http://www.tasteofparkridge.com) for complete details about this special event.

## Grilling for the Arts

On July 28, the City Council will hold its 6th Annual Grilling for the Arts fundraiser in memory of the late Mayor Dave Schmidt and Alderman Dan Knight.



Once again, our Elected Officials will be grilling up burgers and hot dogs to raise money for a great organization. Although there is no stated charge, your generous donation will be sincerely appreciated. All proceeds from this event are donated to the *Park Ridge Fine Arts Society (PRFAS)* so that residents, friends, and visitors can continue to enjoy the fine music the PRFAS provides each summer.



The organization was loved and supported by Mayor Schmidt and Alderman Knight. The City Council looks forward to continuing this tradition that Dave and Dan started many years ago. Please join us!



Enjoy **HOT** summer Savings all week long at participating merchants  
**July 10—16**

# 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.

It is with great excitement that I welcome everyone to the spirit of summer in Park Ridge!

Our restaurants are crowded, our businesses are growing, and our town is thriving. We continue to develop our retail areas and business districts as opportunities arise to enrich our City on so many levels.

We are anticipating that the next few months will be more celebratory than ever before. Many new restaurants and businesses have enriched our City. We will all be celebrating the nation's independence highlighted by the Fireworks display at Maine East High School on July 3; the Taste of Park Ridge, July 13—15; and the Concerts in the Park brought to us by the Fine Arts Society through July. We are also excited about the first Vine Street BBQ Contest which will be held on August 12. I've also heard plans about an Oktoberfest celebration in September. Bringing people into town to work, eat, and shop has been a long time goal. When we take a moment to look around our fine City, we can see that this goal is one in which we are making great progress.

Each year during the summer, we see a dramatic increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic all over town, especially in our business districts. I implore you to take more care when you are driving. Slow down, yield to pedestrians and bicyclists, and realize that we all play a large part in keeping each other safe.

I would also like to welcome Alderman Marty Joyce to City Council. Marty will be representing the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward for the next two years. He previously served as a member of the District 64 School Board and has hit the ground running. He has already and will continue to provide great value to the Council and residents of Park Ridge.

Summer is a unique time to be in Park Ridge. Time seems to simultaneously slow down and speed up. There are so many events, activities and celebrations to be a part of – every weekend brings something different to town. Take it all in, get involved, and participate in our community, even if it means slowing down to read a book on the grounds of the library or sitting to enjoy the day in one of our fine parks.

Thomas Jefferson may have had a place like Park Ridge on his mind when he said, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Hope to see you around town!

*Marty*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- 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  
 847/318-5216
- 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
- City Officials**
- Marty Maloney, Mayor**  
 224/585-3148  
 martymaloney@gmail.com
- Betty Henneman, City Clerk**  
 847/318-5204  
 bhenneman@parkridge.us
- Ald. John J. Moran, Ward 1**  
 847/720-4494  
 parkridge1stward@gmail.com
- Ald. Nicholas Milissis, Ward 2**  
 847/877-0983  
 milissis2ndward@gmail.com
- Ald. Gail Wilkening, Ward 3**  
 847/682-9422  
 gailwilkening3@gmail.com
- Ald. Roger Shubert, Ward 4**  
 847/384-0611  
 shubert4alderman@gmail.com
- Ald. Charlie Melidosian, Ward 5**  
 847/497-0427  
 alderman@melidosian.com
- Ald. Marc Mazzuca, Ward 6**  
 312/206-7424  
 parkridgeward6@gmail.com
- Ald. Marty Joyce, Ward 7**  
 773/677-7292  
 marty.joyce@hdrinc.com

*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

## Update from the O'Hare Airport Commission

In June of 1997, airlines at O'Hare Airport agreed to use designated noise abatement flight procedures in an attempt to reduce the impact of aircraft noise at night. This program, known as Fly Quiet, encourages pilots to use designated nighttime preferential runways and flight paths developed by the Chicago Department of Aviation



(CDA) in collaboration with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), the airlines, and the air traffic controllers. The Fly Quiet manual, distributed to pilots and air traffic controllers, identifies preferred runways and flight paths to route air traffic over less populated areas such as forest preserves, highways, and commercial and industrial areas, during overnight hours (10 p.m.—7 a.m.) when demand requires the use of one arrival and one departure runway.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved a six-month test of the Fly Quiet Runway Rotation to bring nighttime noise relief to residents living near O'Hare International Airport. The initial test began on July 6, 2016. This 25-week schedule consisted of 12 weekly periods intended to balance the overnight noise. The second Fly Quiet Rotation Test started April 30, 2017. The rotation schedule features 6 diagonal and 6 parallel configurations and 6 east flow and 6 west flow configurations. The duration of the test is 12 weeks, and will conclude on July 23, 2017.

The ONCC voted on June 2, 2017 to approve the third Fly Quiet Rotation Test, which is expected to start immediately following the conclusion of second test program. The purpose of the third program is to test a rotation that does not include Runway 15/33, which is planned to be decommissioned in the spring of 2018. Test 3 will run for 12 weeks.

Thirty members of the ONCC voted to approve the third rotation; four members opposed, which included the City of Park Ridge and School District 64. The third test will affect Park Ridge every other week. The homes impacted by this overnight noise are not within the sound contour and therefore do not qualify for sound insulation from the CDA. The configuration used in the rotation are not Fly Quiet land compatible and direct flights over residential areas.

For more information about the Fly Quiet Program, visit the "Airport Issues" page of the City's website at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us). The page also explains how to file noise complaints and how to get in touch with your State or Federal Elected Officials. The next O'Hare Airport meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. and is held at City Hall.



The City of Park Ridge requires residents to obtain Garage Sale permits. Permits are free of charge and can be obtained online on the City's website. Residents are allowed three Garage Sale Permits per year. Please call 847/318-5200 or visit [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us) for additional information.





## Summer Initiatives of the Police Department

Our Police Department will be participating in several traffic safety initiatives this summer and fall.

Illinois Speed Awareness Day is July 26 and members of our Police Department will conduct educational and enforcement activities to address the dangers associated with excessive speeding. The department will also be participating in the country's first National Rail Safety Week September 24—30. Officers will participate in rail safety related educational and enforcement efforts in support of this initiative. Illinois continues to be in the top 3 states when it comes to rail related injuries and deaths. Our department will do its part to keep "*Illinois Safe. Illinois Strong.*" We ask that our residents work with us to do the same.

Please remember to lock your vehicles when parked overnight. Park Ridge is a very safe community however, we routinely get reports from residents where their unlocked vehicle had been entered unlawfully and items removed. If you tend to keep money, valuables, or small electronic devices in your car, please move them out of plain view and lock your vehicle to prevent these unwanted entries.

## Police Department receives Law Enforcement Re-Accreditation

The Park Ridge Police Department was originally accredited by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) in October 2012. Over the past four years, the department has worked towards its re-accreditation.

Accreditation is a continuous process in which the agency evaluates policies and procedures against established criteria, and substantiate compliance which is verified by an independent and authoritative body known as the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. The criteria, or standards, are policy development guidelines that represent a level of quality service delivery. The true indicator of compliance, however, lies with an evaluation by trained, independent professional peers. The establishment of meaningful and professional standards and an evaluation for compliance to those standards are, therefore, the two fundamentals of an accreditation program. The department underwent the final stage in the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP), the onsite assessment in October 2016. The City's Police Department was presented with the accreditation award along with the official certificate at the City Council Meeting on Monday March 20, 2017.

## Deputy Chief Jogmen receives National Recognition

The Green Cross for Safety® Advocate award, presented by the National Safety Council, recognizes one person in the United States, each year, for their contributions to the advancement of safety in the workplace, on the road, and in homes and communities. Deputy Chief Jogmen was recognized for his safety efforts and presented with the National Safety Council's 2017 Green Cross Safety Advocate Award.

Submissions were received from across the country and went through a technical and media review by National Safety Council staff. The top quartile of each award category was forwarded to the Green Cross Review Committee for consideration. The Green Cross Review Committee, made up of individuals representing all disciplines of safety, ultimately narrowed the field to three finalists. The 2017 finalists were honored at the Green Cross for Safety Gala May 25 on San Diego's Coronado Island where Deputy Chief Jogmen was announced as this year's winner.

Individuals eligible for the Safety Advocate award have made a significant personal impact on a safety issue using data and evidence-based practices to raise awareness and prevent further injuries and deaths. The 2017 Green Cross for Safety Advocate Award was presented to Deputy Chief Lou Jogmen for his work promoting rail safety while working for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Deputy Chief Jogmen has emerged as an industrious and tireless advocate of rail safety. The City of Park Ridge is proud of Deputy Chief Jogmen and thanks him for his expertise and fine service he provides to the City of Park Ridge.



### Holiday Refuse Collection

Groot will not be collecting refuse, recycling, or yard waste on July 4, due the holiday. Collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of that week. The same rule applies the week of September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

### Yard waste collection reminder

Yard waste should be placed in large paper yard bags or in special labeled yard waste carts for collection by Groot Industries. Plastic bags should not be used for yard waste. Landscape which is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush, must be securely tied and bundled with biodegradable twine, not to exceed 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet in diameter per bundle. Residents with larger branches or tree removals will need to contact a tree service company or landscaper for removal.



### Summer Watering Restrictions

It's that time of year again when residents want to have green lawns and beautiful flowers. But did you know that watering restrictions are in effect May 15 through September 15?

Residents may only use water outdoors on even or odd-numbered calendar days, corresponding with the last digit of your address. Zero is considered an even number. Lawn sprinkling is only allowed before noon or after 6 p.m. Outdoor water use includes use on lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and for washing vehicles.

A special permit for watering newly installed sod, valid for two weeks, may be obtained in the Public Works Department at City Hall.



### First Friday Car Shows

7/7, 8/4, and 9/1

6 p.m.—9 p.m.

On Summit Avenue  
between  
Prospect and Touhy

Sponsored by the  
Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce



Go Green Park Ridge, an independent organization, meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., September through May. Each member contributes \$25 for annual dues to offset costs that communicate our efforts in town. Please take a look at our initiatives underway at [www.gogreenparkridge.org](http://www.gogreenparkridge.org). Contact Membership Coordinator, Cindy Grau, at [gogreenparkridge@gmail.com](mailto:gogreenparkridge@gmail.com) with any questions.

Also, If you know of someone in Park Ridge who is making an environmental difference, send us an email! Perhaps they would like to be highlighted in our monthly Change Maker Spotlight. Contact Go Green at the email listed above to inquire.



## Summer Fire Safety

The Fire Department wants to make sure that you and your family have a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday.

When grilling, make sure to keep the grill a safe distance from your home and away from any overhead wires, tree branches, and flammable materials. Keep children and animals away from the grill. If you are using charcoal or have any embers from an outdoor fire, let the embers fully cool for 24-48 hours before placing them in a metal trash can or recycling them into your garden. Embers can be hot enough to start a fire when disposed of too soon. The Fire Department has responded to many fires over the past few years which started from hot embers that were improperly disposed of.

Finally, please leave the fireworks to the professionals. Fireworks are a major cause of fires and injuries. Although some types are legal, such as sparklers, they can be very dangerous, especially to small children. Sparklers can burn at temperatures up to 2000 degrees. Safety first!



## There's a new Engine coming to town

This summer, be on the lookout for our newest fire engine! The Fire Department expects to be receiving its newest addition to its fleet this summer – a 2017 Pierce Enforcer engine, made by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin. The new engine will be stationed at Fire Station 35 (Devon and Cumberland). It is replacing an engine which is over 22 years old, made in 1995.

The new 2017 engine will have a 500 gallon water tank and the capability to pump water at the rate of 2000 gallons per minute. It will also be fully equipped with a complement of ground ladders, extrication equipment, and advanced life support paramedic equipment. The engine will be staffed with a minimum of one paramedic every day so that medical assistance can be provided before an ambulance arrives.

The City is proud to report that the purchase of this engine was almost completely funded by a grant award the Fire Department received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Park Ridge was one of 160 fire departments across the country to be awarded a new vehicle. The grant award from FEMA totaled \$500,000; the City of Park Ridge is only responsible for \$50,000 in matching funds. This new, state-of-the-art engine has so many new capabilities and safety features. The City is extremely grateful to have received this award and looks forward to getting it out on the street soon. The engine will be on display at the annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at City Hall. Please come see the new addition to our fleet!



## Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal

**CFL's, household batteries, and mercury thermometers are also collected**

**July 6, August 3, September 7**

**8 am—11 am in the lobby at City Hall**

A drop box is located inside the lobby of the Police Department at 200 Vine for the disposal of solid forms of prescription medications only, 24/7.

**No liquid meds or sharps in this box, please!**

**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 / class donation appreciated

## July

**3 Monday**

**3rd of July Fireworks; 6:30pm**  
 Maine East High School

**4 Tuesday**

**Centennial 4th of July Party; 1:00pm**  
 Centennial Aquatic Center

**8 Saturday**

**Playdate with Nature; 9:00am**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**Winter in July; 1:00pm**

Hinkley Pool

**9 Sunday**

**Trifecta; 8:00am**  
 Centennial Fitness Center

**Pet Blessing; 10:15am**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
**PBS Walter Arnold Lecture; 1:00pm**  
 Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

**12 Wednesday**

**Capture the Flag; 6:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**14 Friday**

**District 64 Summer Session #2 ends**

**15 Saturday**

**Jersey Day Open Skate; 1:00pm**  
 Oakton Ice Arena

**16 Sunday**

**Sundae Funday; noon**  
 Prospect Park Splash Pad

**Summer Workout in the Park ; 10:00am**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**19 Wednesday**

**Pond Dippers; 6:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**20 Thursday**

**Movie in the Park – Moana; 6:30pm**  
 Prospect Park

**21 Friday**

**Family Campfire; 7:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**22 Saturday**

**Skills Challenge Day; 1:00pm**  
 Oakton Driving Range

**23 Sunday**

**Family Concert; 2:30pm**  
 Prospect Park

**27 Thursday**

**Family Science Night; 6:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**29 Saturday**

**County Farm Fair; noon**  
 Wildwood Nature Center  
**Imagine Peace Choral Concert; 7:00pm**  
 PR Chorale @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church

**31 Monday**

**Hymn Festival; 7:00pm**  
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church

## August

**3 Thursday**

**Capture the Flag; 6:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**4 Friday**

**Summer Concert in the Park; 8:00pm**  
 Hodges Park

**5 Saturday**

**Playdate in Nature; 9:00am**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**6 Sunday**

**Summer Luau; 1:00pm**  
 Centennial Aquatic Center

**Carving Demo by Walter Arnold; 1:00pm**  
 Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

**8 Tuesday**

**Summer Workout in the Park; 5:30pm**  
 Hinkley Pool

**11 Friday**

**Family Campfire; 7:00pm**  
 Wildwood Nature Center

**13 Sunday**

**Pirate Day; 1:00pm**  
 Hinkley Pool

**17 Thursday**

**District 64 Schools Open**

**21 Monday**

**First Day of School**  
 St. Andrew's Lutheran

**25 Friday**

**Friday Night Live Club; 7:00pm**  
 Maine Park

## September

**9 Saturday**

**Community Wide Garage Sale; 8am-5pm**  
[www.parkridgecommunitywidegaragesale.com](http://www.parkridgecommunitywidegaragesale.com)

**10 Sunday**

**PR Art League Reception; 1:00pm**  
 Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

**14 Thursday**

**General Meeting; 7:00pm**  
 Garden Club @ Senior Center



**Concerts in the Park**  
 Park Ridge Fine Arts Society  
[www.prfas.org](http://www.prfas.org)

Every Friday evening at 8 pm  
 in Hodges Park, ending on 8/4

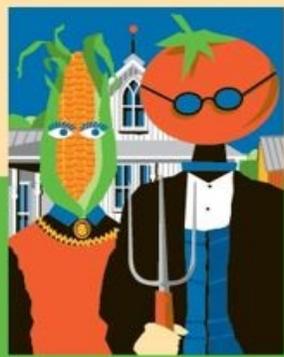
**FARMERS MARKET - NOW OPEN**

Every Saturday through October

7 am—1 pm rain or shine

Prairie, between Main and Garden

**PARK RIDGE FARMERS MARKET & HOMETOWN ARTIST GRANT WOOD**



A FARM FRESH MASTERPIECE

[www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com](http://www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com)

**POSTAL CUSTOMER**  
**PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS 60068**

Presort Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Park Ridge, Illinois  
Permit No. 491

VOLUME 44 NO. 3

PAGE 8

**City Clerk Henneman's  
corner**



Summer has managed to arrive a bit earlier this year providing more time for you, your family, and friends to enjoy our beautiful City. Be sure to take time out to enjoy it all!

The fabulous Taste of Park Ridge event will be held July 13-15 with lots of great food and entertainment as always. The week long Annual Sidewalk Sales begin July 10 and will continue through July 16. Be sure to find some great deals and bargains!

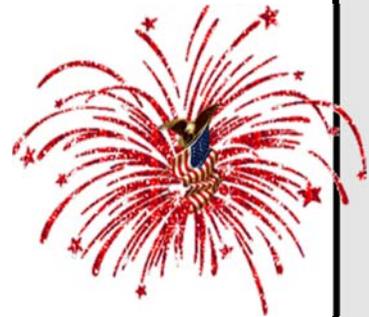
Concerts in the Park by the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society continue through July 21. The Park District has arranged for fine bands on July 28 and August 4. The schedule can be found in City Hall or on the City's website "Happening" page. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. The Police Department is hosting its National Night Out event which is planned for August 1. It's a night of fun for the entire community to come out, have fun, learn about safety and meet their local Police. Many other Special Events are planned including the First Friday Car Shows (7/7, 8/4, 9/1), the Inaugural Vine Street BBQ on Summit (8/12), Main Street Oktoberfest (9/17) and many more!

I look forward to seeing you all around the City at the sidewalk cafes and special events. I also want to thank all of you, friends and strangers, who offered to help during my recovery. You are all very special to me.

*Betty*

**Celebrate Independence Day**

Please join the community 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., with 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 by sending a check to the City of Park Ridge – Fireworks Donation, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge IL 60068.

**Recycling  
Event**

**October 21**  
**9 a.m.—Noon**  
**400 Busse Hwy.**  
**More details to follow...**

*Save the date!*



Electronics Recycling, Document Destruction, and Textile Recycling

The Park Ridge Police Department will be hosting its 13th annual "National Night Out" (NNO) event against crime. NNO is an annual nationwide program in existence for the last 33 years. The event is designed to:

- Heighten crime prevention and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send the message to criminals that the police and community are working together and fighting back against crime

Participating in NNO provides our Police Department with an excellent opportunity to strengthen our already excellent relationship with the community and to again work closely with civic groups. It also gives these groups a forum where they can distribute valuable information about local crime prevention programs or other information that may prove useful to our residents. For more information, please contact Officer Ben Peterson at 847/318-6731.

