



# The Spokesman

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY TO THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY  
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## 9/11 Memorial Brick Unveiling

You still have time to purchase a brick for engraving and have it included in the unveiling during this year’s 9/11 Memorial Service. The service will be held on Friday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. in front of City Hall at the new 9/11 Memorial site. All are welcome to attend.

Your application must be received by July 31 if you would like to have your commemorative brick engraved and installed at the site prior to the event. Applications are available on the City’s website or in the Administrative Services office at City Hall. Please contact Brigid Madden at 847/318-6721 or Kim Hodge at 847/318-5258 with any questions.

## Electronics Recycling update

The city apologizes for incorrect information that was provided in the last issue of the Spokesman newsletter. Please note the corrected information below:

**SWANCC offers year-round electronics recycling on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at the Glenview Transfer Station located at 1151 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL except on the following holidays: June 4, July 9, September 10, November 26, and December 24.**

Please visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) for a complete list of acceptable materials and for information about other recycling events.



## Sharps & Rx Disposal

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



**July 7, August 4, September 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.*



## ALERT

There has been an increase in the number of calls from residents who have received calls from criminal scam artists posing as IRS officials. The caller attempts to con residents over the telephone and via email phishing in order to receive immediate payment, gain access to their personal information, or financial accounts. The IRS does not ask people to pay with prepaid debit/cash cards or wire transfers, and will never ask for personal financial information over the telephone. Please share this information with your neighbors, family, and friends so that they do not become a victim of this crime. Report any calls described above to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, either online at IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting at [www.treasury.gov/tigta](http://www.treasury.gov/tigta) or by phone at 800/366-4484.



Get ready for great family fun, food, and entertainment. The Taste of Park Ridge promises to provide a wide array of delectable delights to its patrons, in addition to offering class-acts on the entertainment stage and fun for the whole family. Festivities begin on Thursday, July 14 and continue through Saturday, July 16. Hours are 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Thursday, and until 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Visit [www.tasteofparkridge.com](http://www.tasteofparkridge.com) for complete details about this special event.



Enjoy hot summer \$avings all week long  
at participating merchants

**July 11—17**

## A message from Acting Mayor Marty Maloney



The City is committed to providing excellence in City services in order to uphold a quality of life so our community remains a wonderful place to live and work.

It is such a pleasure to finally be able to enjoy the warmer weather and to see all that is happening in Park Ridge! Our new businesses are thriving and we are looking forward to the diners, shoppers, and visitors that these new establishments will bring, infusing our City with new economic growth and great options for our residents. Thus far this Spring, we have had the Norwegian Day Parade celebration, the first pitch thrown for Baseball/Softball, the Memorial Day Parade, and the grand opening of Prospect Park. Summer in Park Ridge brings with it Friday Concerts in the Park, the Taste of Park Ridge, Fireworks on July 3, National Night Out, and a number of other activities for everyone. Summer in Park Ridge is a great time of the year!

The City Council worked diligently and passed the City's Fiscal Year 17 budget that took effect May 1. We maintained a conservative approach, especially in light of the uncertainty in Springfield and what that will mean to Park Ridge. I am excited that the City will be moving forward to begin a few projects in the coming year that were placed on hold in addition to continuing to replace numerous trees that were lost over the last few years due to disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. One of the most exciting and important things to have happened relative to the City's financial picture is the recent change in the Moody's credit rating for the City. You may recall that in March 2014, the rating for the city was downgraded Aa1 to Aa2 negative. We were recently told that the negative outlook for the City is being removed. Because of the hard work by staff and the City Council, this will translate into hard dollar savings for the City. We are seeing the results of our approach to solving the City's financial problems recognized as being effective and with impact, putting the City on a better financial path.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Park Ridge Farmer's Market and we are thrilled to continue this wonderful weekly event from Memorial Day through October. I would like to recognize the volunteer Committee that works year round to ensure that we have a vibrant market to enjoy. There are a wide variety of vendors selling handmade and homegrown items every Saturday. From flowers, fruit, and vegetables, to dog treats and tasty bakery treats. These are just a few examples of what you can find at the market every week. The City of Park Ridge will continue to maintain its "chat" table each week with either an Elected Official or staff member to answer your questions or to just listen. We look forward to connecting with our residents and hearing your input on ways to make the City an even better place to work, shop and live!

I encourage everyone to get out to enjoy Park Ridge this summer. If you have a question for me, stop in at City Hall, send me an email, or stop me at one of the many summer activities where I will be in attendance. See you around town!

*Marty*

*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.*

### Important phone numbers

#### CITY HALL

505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Phone: 847/318-5200

Fax: 847/318-5300

Website: [www.parkridge.us](http://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, Acting Mayor

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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](mailto:cpeterso@parkridge.us)



## Fly Quiet Rotation At O'Hare Soon To Enter Test Phase — Will I Lose Sleep or Get Relief?

Report submitted by Al Rapp, OAC Commissioner

As predicted, the ONCC (O' Hare Noise Compatibility Commission) received enough votes on May 6 to advance the new Fly Quiet Rotation to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) approval. The vote had failed at the March 11 meeting.

Once the plan has been approved by the FAA, a six month testing phase is planned to begin and the final 12 week rotation schedule will be posted with the date for each weekly primary and secondary runway configuration. The most important part of this test phase is the opportunity for community feedback. This will be dependent on the citizens of Park Ridge getting involved. Listed below are some of the changes that you might notice, depending on where you live in Park Ridge.

- Increased overnight noise from use of the 4 / 22 diagonal runways over the northwest part of Park Ridge
- Decreased noise along 9R / 27L on the south end of Park Ridge
- Increased noise in the morning hours between 5:00 am to 7:00 am along 9L / 27R (Belle Plaine)
- Increased noise from adjusted flight paths and extreme banking from all the runways involved over all of Park Ridge

If you find that you are having trouble sleeping during certain weeks in this test period, especially if it is noise that you haven't previously experienced, **YOU NEED TO FILE A COMPLAINT** with the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). Information about filing a complaint is on the City's website at [www.parkridge.us/airport](http://www.parkridge.us/airport). Also, if you are experiencing less overnight noise than you are normally accustomed to, let them know as well. The CDA is still trying to figure out how they will gather and evaluate feedback.

FAiR Allocation in Runways (FAiR) supported the "concept" of an overnight Fly-Quiet Rotation, but still contends that a true balance of overnight operations is only achievable if all the runways, including both 14 / 32 diagonals, are part of the permanent Fly Quiet rotation. This plan was developed under the direction of the FAA because the two best suited Fly Quiet runways are scheduled for decommissioning / demolition by the City of Chicago to advance the full build-out. The City of Chicago has been tasked to redefine the existing Fly Quiet program with maximum community buy-in to allow for more capacity and to allow for the use of east/west runways over land not designated as fly quiet compatible.

The Fly Quiet plan did not include diagonal runway 32R / 14L at the request of the Chicago Department of Aviation and the ONCC. An affirmative vote by any municipality has indirectly supported its demolition and the construction of the sixth runway 9C / 27C, which is part of that contract. There is also a current NTSB / FAA review into three runway excursions on 9L / 27R during last winter. Why would the City of Chicago and the FAA allow for demolition of a 10,000 foot long runway when an aircraft skidding off the end of a 7500 foot runway? It is our understanding that the findings of that review have yet to be released and would hope that the communities will have an opportunity to understand what happened before any irreparable damage is done to any existing runways. The demolition was originally scheduled for early April, but has presently been extended to mid-July.

Understanding that a lot of this information is technical in nature, community participation is always welcome at the Park Ridge O' Hare Airport Commission meetings (OAC), or you can directly contact FAiR at <http://www.fairchicago.org/>

Please plan to attend the next Park Ridge OAC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please join us if you have questions or are simply interested in the details of what this new program does or does not deliver. We will also discuss what is being done to prevent the demolition of the 14 / 32 diagonals and the full build-out of the sixth east / west runway 9C / 27C over Park Ridge. The sixth runway, if constructed, would increase aircraft noise over Park Ridge within the east / west corridor from Devon Avenue south to Bryn Mawr.

### 10th Annual Community-Wide

### Garage Sale Event

Saturday, September 10 8 am—4 pm

Sponsored by Keller Williams Realty Partners—Park Ridge

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must register online at [www.parkridgecommunitywidegaragesale.com](http://www.parkridgecommunitywidegaragesale.com) AND obtain your City permit at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us)





The Park Ridge Police Department is pleased to announce that we are using Nextdoor in an effort to build a new community partnership, encouraging a positive communication network within the community, promoting crime prevention efforts of a neighborhood watch, and to help foster a safe environment for neighbor-to-neighbor communications. There are already nearly one thousand Park Ridge residents using Nextdoor to communicate with one another.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors, and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free!

People are using Nextdoor to:

- \* Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- \* Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- \* Get recommendations for a trustworthy babysitter
- \* Find a good painter in town
- \* Ask for help finding a lost dog
- \* Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- \* Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor is a great tool to effectively share crime prevention, safety notifications and updates, free events, and charity fundraising. You can expect to receive pertinent local crime and safety updates from the Park Ridge Police Department on Nextdoor, but your Nextdoor website is still kept private to only those who live in the neighborhood and who have a verified address. Messages from the police department will be filtered in the "Local agencies" tab on the left navigation bar. Check it all out at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)



The Park Ridge Police Department will be hosting its 12th annual "National Night Out" (NNO) event against crime. NNO is an annual nationwide program in existence for the last 32 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.

This year's event will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in Hodges Park from 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The popularity of this FREE event is growing each year. Last year, approximately 600 residents participated. For information or sponsorship, contact Officer Ben Peterson at 847/318-5233 or by email at [bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org).

## STAY ALIVE—



The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Safety Committee and FACES4 understand the importance of tying together the legislative, educational, and engineering component of speed awareness to the enforcement component of speed awareness that law enforcement agencies can bring to the table. In order to coordinate this statewide effort, the ILACP Traffic Safety Committee and FACES4 are building partnerships with both public and private entities to implement the first ever Illinois Speed Awareness Day event in 2016, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27th.

The Park Ridge Police Department supports this statewide initiative in order to help raise awareness to speeding motorists, and to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities. By combining the resources of both public and private entities in terms of the 3 "E's", Education, Enforcement, and Engineering (in addition to Legislative efforts) during a statewide effort, a common goal can be achieved to save lives and prevent injuries by getting motorists to slow down and obey the posted speed limits.

### Yardwaste collection reminder

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



### Summer Watering Restrictions

Watering restrictions are in effect from May 15 through September 15 of each year. Residents may only use water outdoors on even or odd-numbered calendar days, corresponding with the last digit of their house number. Zero is considered an even number. Outdoor water use includes the use on lawns, gardens, trees, shrubs and washing vehicles. A special 2-week permit for watering newly installed sod can be obtained from the Public Works Department at City Hall. In addition to the above restrictions, as of May 15, 2016, lawn sprinkling shall not occur in the middle of the any day, from noon to 6:00 p.m., when evaporation is at its highest. New lawns (less than 3 months old) may be exempted from this provision. Call 847/318-5228 for more information.



### 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.

### Tree TLC

Since 2013, the City has planted over 1,300 parkway trees as we rebuild our urban canopy after the devastating losses caused by the Emerald ash borer and Dutch elm disease. It is important to remember that tree care, especially during the first two growing seasons after planting, is crucial for these young trees to survive. Residents who received a TreeGator Irrigation Bag® should fill them up, no more than two times per week, whenever there has been no significant rain throughout the growing season. If the soil is dry, the tree needs water. However, please keep in mind that excessive watering can kill a tree.

Properly mulching a tree helps conserve soil moisture and insulates the soil surface while protecting the trunk and roots. Over-mulching, or “volcano” mulching, can promote excessive soil moisture and root rot, cause inner bark tissues to die, and lead to girdling roots that strangle the tree. Do not pile mulch against the tree trunk, instead mulch should be placed a few inches off the trunk, 2”-3” deep extending to the drip line.

These simple tips can help improve your tree’s health and longevity so you can enjoy it for years to come.

### First Friday Car Shows 7/1, 8/5, and 9/2

6 pm—9 p.m.

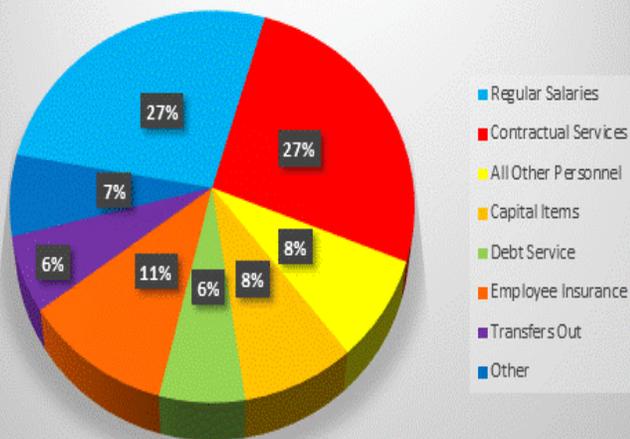
On Summit, between Prospect and Touhy

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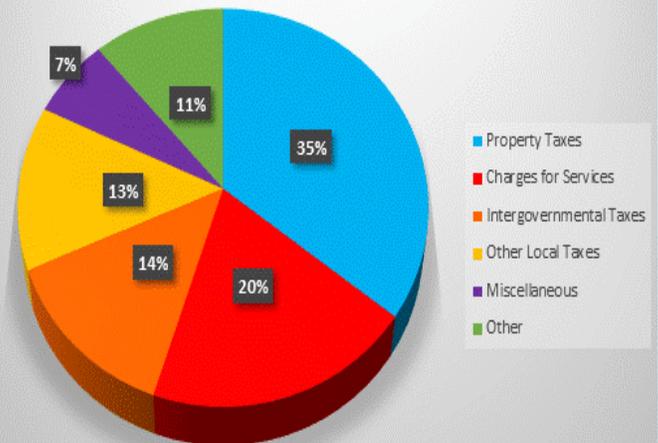


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FY17 Budget - Expenditures All Funds



FY17 Budget - Revenues All Funds



## FY16 A Year In Review

- Increased General Fund reserve balance to mitigate future economic and State funding uncertainties
- Continued to improve the Uptown TIF projections by refinancing bonds and renegotiating sharing agreements
- Reduced employee healthcare costs by membership in a public sector healthcare pool and through plan design modification
- Identified and divested two non-performing City owned assets for a combined sale price of \$1,700,000
- Following a competitive bid process, the City entered into a new waste removal contract with Groot Industries, which will save the City in excess of \$5,000,000 over the next ten years
- The City hired Prescient Solutions, an outsourced IT company, to implement future software and hardware projects. Switching from an in-house IT Department to an outsourced solution saves the City over \$100,000 per year
- A Mental Health grant was secured by the Police Department to help train Officers on how to better serve people with mental health issues
- The 9/11 Memorial was built to commemorate and remember those whose lives were lost, and the Firefighters and Police Officers who helped to save lives at ground zero
- The Finance Department was awarded Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

## FY17 Projects & Goals

- Public Works: Improve flood control through maintenance and creation of a storm water master plan and stormwater utility
- Public Works: Work with the City Manager and Council to increase parking availability and modernization of our parking meter program
- Administration: Implement website design, application automation, and information changes for greater connectivity and ease of information for the public
- Conduct a life safety audit to address facility needs throughout City Hall
- CP&D: Create process improvements to modernize application and inspection processes
- Finance: Complete an Enterprise Fund Analysis which will create financial stability, long range financial forecasts, including funding methodology, for all City Enterprise Funds
- Refinance the TIF bond with anticipated savings in excess of \$600,000
- Police: Create a full-time social worker position to respond to community mental health needs
- Fire: Enhance programs to promote internal training opportunities to increase operational effectiveness and overall safety of the community
- Library: Use the funds from the referendum to enhance Library resources, facility, and programs to increase the relevancy and use of the Library

**Thursday's @ The Pick**  
**PR Lions Club; noon**  
 847/692-9077

**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

**Park Ridge Farmer's Market**  
**Every Saturday; 7:00am - 1:00pm**  
 Prairie St. between Main & Garden  
 Thru 10/29/16

## July

**1 Friday**  
**Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6:00pm**  
 PR Library Parking Lot  
**5 July**  
**The Breakfast Club; 7:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ Lola's Diner  
**10 Sunday**  
**Pet Blessing; 11:15am**  
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church

**13 Wednesday**  
**Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

**15 July**  
**District 64 Summer Session #2 Ends**

**16 Saturday**  
**Canopies on Courtland, 10:00am**

**22 Friday**  
**Women in Business Breakfast; 8:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

**23 Saturday**  
**Park Ridge Chorale Concert; 7:00pm**  
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church

**27 Wednesday**  
**Under 40 Networking BBQ; 6:00pm**  
 Park Ridge Chamber - Location TBD

## August

**2 Tuesday**  
**The Breakfast Club; 7:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ Lola's Diner

**5 Friday**  
**Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6:00pm**  
 PR Library Parking Lot

**10 Wednesday**  
**Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

**17 Wednesday**  
**District 64 School Opens**  
**Under 40 Networking BBQ; 6:00pm**  
 Park Ridge Chamber - Location TBD

**26 Friday**  
**Women in Business Breakfast; 8:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

## September

**2 Friday**  
**Cruisin' Park Ridge; 6:00pm**  
 PR Library Parking Lot

**6 Tuesday**  
**The Breakfast Club; 7:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ Lola's Diner

**7 Wednesday**  
**General Mtg. - Speaker Gayla Steel; 11:30am**  
 21st Star Chapter NSDAR @ PR Country Club

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

**10 Saturday**  
**10th Annual Community Garage Sale**  
 8:00am - 4:00pm

**14 Wednesday**  
**Monthly Networking Luncheon; 11:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

**17 Saturday**  
**Spirits of the Old Park Ridge; 10:00am**  
 PRHS @ Town of Maine Cemetery

**20 Tuesday**  
**Ladies Night Out; 6:00pm**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ PR Country Club

**21 Wednesday**  
**Under 40 Networking BBQ; 6:00pm**  
 Park Ridge Chamber - Location TBD

**23 Friday**  
**Women in Business Breakfast; 8:30am**  
 Park Ridge Chamber @ 720 Garden St

**24 Saturday**  
**Kids Sale; 9:00am - 12:30pm**  
 PR Newcomers Club @ St. Andrew's Church  
**"In Her Shoes;" 9:00am**  
 1st United Methodist Church

## Is your house about 100 years old?

If so, the Historic Preservation Commission would like to hear from you. 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.

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 every Saturday through October 29

7 am—1 pm in the Prairie Lot,  
 between Main and Garden



**Concerts in the Park**

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City Hall / Hodges Park

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**PARK 205 receives LEED Silver Certification**

The 115-unit residential complex located at 205 West Touhy Avenue, known as “Park 205”, recently received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification by the United States Green Building Council . The Silver Certification is a level above what was anticipated for the project and just below the Gold Certification level which is the highest honor for residential construction. As the project moved along during the construction process, the developer was able to make adjustments to reach the higher level. The certification identifies the building as a showcase of sustainable development and green building design. Some of the amenities at Park 205 which assisted in achieving the recognition included innovative design, energy efficient appliances, high quality insulation, CFL & LED lighting, reduced water consumption, and enhanced venting and improved air filtering. The project was developed by Trammel Crow Company.



**WANTED: Enthusiastic teen volunteers**

High school students residing in Park Ridge are invited to volunteer their service to the community by becoming members of the Park Ridge Youth Commission. The City-sponsored commission, chaired by Ald. John Moran, meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Students, along with adult representatives, plan social events, organize service projects, and learn about issues facing teens today. It’s a great way to meet new friends, stay in the know, and plan fun events for kids your age. If you are interested in participating, please contact Brigid Madden at [bmadden@parkridge.us](mailto:bmadden@parkridge.us). Students attending any of the area high schools are encouraged to get involved.

**Registered to vote?**

To be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election, you must be registered to vote by October 11, 2016. If you have moved or changed your name since the last election, you will need to re-register.

Voter Registration Requirements are:

- United States Citizen
- At least 18 years of age by the General Election—Tuesday, November 8, 2016
- A resident of your precinct for at least 30 days prior to an election.
- You must present two (2) forms of identification with at least one showing your current address.

**For more information, or to check your registration or register online, visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)**

**The British are coming**

The Sister Cities Commission, composed of approximately 15 members, is about to receive visitors from our Sister Village of KINVER, ENGLAND, located in the West Midlands, near Birmingham. The group will arrive on September 8 and be guests of our City through September 15 staying with members and friends of the Sister Cities Commission.

You may see the group driving through town on a trolley tour on their first day in Park Ridge , September 9. Be sure to wave and say “hi!” Our guests’ days will be filled with local and Chicago area activities including a musical picnic at Ravinia Park, an Architectural Boat Tour or Sunset Cruise, and trips to Navy Pier to see all the newest additions, Chinatown’s new venues, and delicious Greek Town dining, plus so much more. Their visit will end with a community celebration at our new Prospect Park Community Center where we will dine and share our experiences. Come join us as we celebrate our 25 years of friendship and send them off to their travels throughout the United States.

For more information about the final schedule or becoming involved, contact City Clerk Betty Henneman, the Sister Cities Chairwoman at 847/318-5204. Also, be sure to look for the British flags for our gathering at the Concert in the Park on July 1 and feel free to join us.

