



The Spokesman

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Lemon-aide

On August 23, a local family raised \$175 to benefit research for Juvenile Diabetes with support from friends, neighbors and family. Jake, their son who is featured in the photo, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a toddler. His mother called the City requesting permission to serve lemonade to commuters,

collecting donations only at the Uptown train station. The family was grateful for all of the support it received that day and welcomes you to join the mission. Jake and his family will be participating in their first Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk to raise awareness. If you missed Jake’s lemonade stand and would like more information, please visit Jake’s JDRF team page, www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk/IllinoisChapter4160?team_id=214186&pg=team&fr_id=6314.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Everyone knows October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Take it up a notch, ACT! Have a personal plan. Like a bra; one size does not fit all.

Schedule regular mammograms. Determine the type and frequency of your mammograms based on what is most appropriate for your age and family history.

Ignore nothing. It's your body. If something doesn't feel, look, or seem right, see a doctor. **Be your own advocate.** If you are unsatisfied with a physician's response to your concerns, seek a second opinion.

For more information and to become involved in the American Cancer Society’s **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** walk event in Park Ridge on October 15, visit, <http://makingstrides.acevents.org>



Document Shredding, Textile & Electronics recycling event Saturday, October 15, 9 am—Noon

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is sponsoring a recycling event.

Electronics and Textiles: Public Works Service Center at 400 Busse Highway

Accepted items: answering machines, batteries (including Power Tool), cable receivers, calculators, camcorders, cameras, CD/DVD players, telephone and cell phones, converter boxes, copy, fax, printer, or scanner machines, computers and related equipment/components, microwaves and small home appliances, postage machines, power tools and cords, satellite receivers, scanners, shredders, TVs/Stereos and equipment, typewriters, video game consoles, video recorders/players and zip drives, any type of textile such as clothing, shoes, drapery, sheets, etc.

NON-Acceptable Items: dehumidifiers, humidifiers, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, large home appliances, light bulbs, car/household/acid filled batteries, hazardous waste, over-sized roll up rugs.

Document Shredding: 515 Busse Highway (directly across from Service Center)

Limit: 6 file boxes or 6 brown paper grocery bags, per vehicle, plastic/metal clips removed.

As residents drive up in their vehicles, volunteers will remove the paper documents. Materials from businesses, institutions, or schools will not be accepted.

A \$5.00 donation per vehicle is requested to assist the Chamber of Commerce with its community projects and recycling efforts. As a token of thanks, residents will receive a \$5.00 coupon to use at select community businesses on purchases of \$20.00 or more. For more information, or students needing community service hours, contact Mike McGrath at 847/318-5243 or mmcgrath@parkridge.us

Remember to set your
clocks back 1 hour —
November 6 2 a.m.

Daylight savings time ends



Park Ridge Farmers Market & Hometown Artist Grant Wood



Every
Saturday
7 AM-1 PM
Thru Oct. 29

CELEBRATING 25 GREAT YEARS

Uptown Park Ridge: Prairie Ave. & Main St.
www.parkridgefarmersmarket.com

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.

Although summer has officially ended and the seasons slide from one to another, Park Ridge is preparing for a beautiful autumn and busy holiday shopping season. Looking back on the summer, I can say with certainty that it was a busy one in Park Ridge. The Taste of Park Ridge continues to be a great success, as did the First Fridays Car Show events sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce. The Concerts in the Park remain a hallmark of summer in our City, providing a number of postcard moments. As fall comes to Park Ridge, I am looking forward to the performances of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. Its season begins with the Halloween concert on October 26 and continues through the winter and into spring. We are fortunate to have so many organizations in town that are committed to supporting music and the fine arts.

As school starts up again, we want to continue to practice safety for our students, parents, and families. Please be mindful of parking, put down any cell phone, and drive slowly and carefully as our children are walking and biking. Since they may not always be paying attention, drivers must be extra vigilant.

Elected officials and staff are embarking on a series of strategic planning sessions this fall that will set the City's direction for the coming year. We had been without a plan for a number of years, but Acting City Manager Joe Gilmore has done a tremendous job in getting these sessions planned and scheduled.

The City is also working to address the parking shortage that we have throughout town. We are aware of the different demands for parking and are doing the best we can to find a solution, starting with a parking study. The goal of the Council is to alleviate the shortage of parking in the community and bring about a long-term solution.

I look forward to seeing Park Ridge decorated for the holidays. The Park Ridge Holiday Lights Committee has been working to make sure Park Ridge is lit up like Bedford Falls again this year. As these lights are completely paid for through fundraising efforts, if you would like to make a donation, please visit the Administration Services Department at City Hall or visit the Park Ridge Holiday Lights website at <http://www.parkridgelights.com/>

Finally, this November, residents will have an opportunity to elect those that will represent us both in Springfield and in Washington. I urge everyone to head to the polls and vote. What happens in these elections impacts us here in Park Ridge, especially those elected as our representatives in Springfield. Please learn about the people that are requesting your vote, ask them tough questions, ask them if they support an approach to governing that supports honesty, integrity, transparency and accountability, and what they plan on doing to support those principles if elected.

See you around town!

Marty

Important phone numbers

CITY HALL
 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068
 Phone: 847/318-5200
 Fax: 847/318-5300
 Website: www.parkridge.us
 Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 am—5 pm

City Manager's Office
 City Hall, 1st Floor
 847/318-5216

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

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 847/698-4134
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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 information for the Spokesman.

Questions? You may contact Deputy Clerk Peterson, editor, at 847/318-5464 or cpeterso@parkridge.us

The Fly Quiet Rotation Reality Check

The Fly Quiet Rotation testing is about to enter its third month, and so far, the reviews are mixed. It is important to understand that the program, if passed, is temporary. The permanent plan will likely be discussed following the completion of the sixth runway (9C/27C) over Park Ridge in 2020. This sixth runway will impact three others, two of which will be demolished prior to its completion.

- As 9C / 27C EAST is constructed, runway 14L / 32R will be decommissioned.
- As 9C / 27C CENTER is constructed, diagonal runway 4L / 22R will be shut down.
- Finally as 9C / 27C WEST is constructed, the second diagonal runway 14R / 32L will close.

Once 9C / 27C is completed and available for 24 hour use, runway 9R / 27L will be shut down for construction to extend its length, making it the second longest runway at the airport. This construction will increase the burden on 9C / 27C over Park Ridge.

The FAA, CDA and ONCC must pass the proposed Fly Quiet Rotation. If the plan does not pass, the airport simply will not have enough runways available for overnight use. The relief that some residents are experiencing is temporary because 14R / 32L is presently used as part of the rotation, but this diagonal runway will be decommissioned.

Residents may have noticed that operations can change from arrivals to departures in the same day. During arrivals, planes will start using the offset approach, which is approaching the East / West runways from different directions. This will give some suburbs and Chicago relief but not Park Ridge. By the time the aircraft gets to Park Ridge airspace they will have to align to make their final approach. During departures, planes will adjust headings and bank north / northwest and north / northeast over Park Ridge. Some claim they are doing this to improve efficiency, save fuel and reduce the extreme noise footprint. The problem here is that Park Ridge is inside the extreme noise footprint. Take a minute during the day to notice the giant 4 engine aircraft departing northwest or northeast. Those aircraft are departing from east/west runways, and they are banking/turning at an altitude of under 3000 feet which means they are very low. We predict once the diagonals are gone, that they will continue this practice into the night.

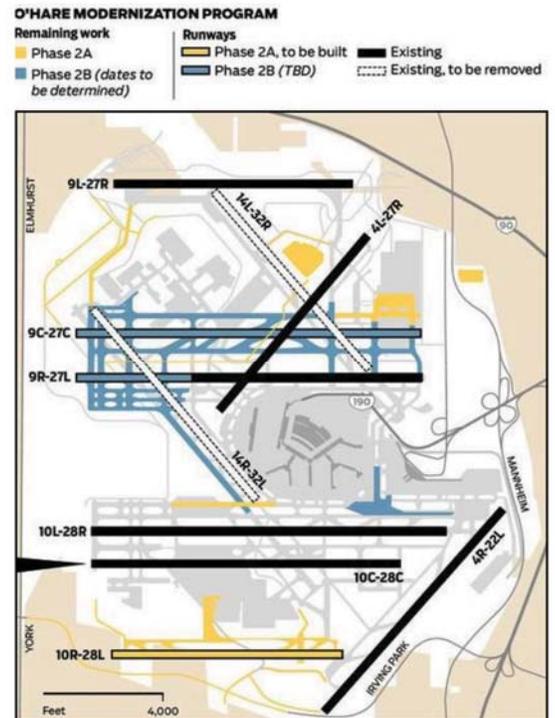
According to the FAA, CDA and ONCC, the sixth runway will provide balance and relief. This means that the North Airfield (Park Ridge, 41st ward Chicago, etc.) will have as many operations as the South Airfield (45th ward Chicago / Harwood Heights / Schiller Park etc.) as capacity increases. Operations on the South Airfield will not decrease in the long term because more capacity is projected.

Lastly, the new Northeast Cargo facility will be completed in the near future and be capable of handling the largest freighters, doubling the cargo capacity at O'Hare. It is being constructed on the North Airfield near the new sixth runway.

FAiR Allocation in Runways is not giving up the fight yet, but needs the support of the community. Please contact the Mayor, your Alderman and Illinois Elected Officials to discuss their plan for addressing the increasing air traffic over Park Ridge, or contact FAiR Allocation in Runways at

<http://www.fairchicago.org/>

Residents are encouraged to come and learn more by attending the next O'Hare Airport Commission Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



(CURRENT RUNWAYS Runways To Be Built /In Construction)

EAST-WEST RUNWAYS

- 1) PRATT (9L-27R) [OPEN 2008/ 7,500 FEET]
- 2) Glenlake (9C-27C) [NOT BUILT-Phase 2B]
- 3) THORNDALE (9R-27L) [OPEN 1943/ 7,967 FEET]
- 4) LAWRENCE (10L-28R) [OPEN 1968/ 13,000 FEET]
- 5) WILSON (10C-28C) [OPEN OCT. 2013 /10,800 FEET]
- 6) Berteau (10R-28L) [TO OPEN 2015/ Phase 2A]

DIAGONAL RUNWAYS

- 7) 14R-32L [OPEN 1957/ 9,685 FEET/ NW-SE
-TO BE DECOMMISSIONED]
- 8) 14L-32R [OPEN 1943/ 10,000 FEET/ NW-SE
-TO BE DECOMMISSIONED]
- 9) 4L-22R [OPEN 1943/7,500 FEET/NE-SW]
- 10) 4R-22L [OPEN 1971/8,075 FEET/NE-SW]



The fall season can be a particularly dangerous time for driving with many factors that everyone should take into account this time of year. The new school year is underway; daytime light is decreasing ; and the personal use of vehicles will soon be increasing due to changes in weather. With the increase in traffic, it's important for each driver to know the current laws regarding hand-held electronic devices and distracted driving.

Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Blue Tooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older. Even using hands-free technology is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If you must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended that you pull off to the side of the road before making the call. The only time Illinois drivers can use a cell phone that is not hands free are:

- ◆ To report an emergency situation.
- ◆ While parked on the shoulder of a roadway.
- ◆ While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

Drivers who are in a crash resulting from distracted driving may face criminal penalties and incarceration.

Sharps & Rx collection



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

**October 6, November 3, and December 1
8 a.m.—11 a.m. in the lobby at City Hall**

Solid forms of medications can be disposed of 24/7 inside the Police Department located at 200 S. Vine. No sharps, please.



Congratulations to Lynette's School of Dance which recently celebrated its 45th anniversary! The celebration was held on August 18 and the Park Ridge Chamber and Acting Mayor Maloney were present to cut the ribbon. The owner has been a dancer her entire life; it just comes naturally to her. She also preformed improv at Second City and was in a class with Bill Murray and John Belushi.



HALLOWEEN

October 31 3 pm—8 pm

Please celebrate safely!

SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATERS

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable to you.
- Never enter a home or car for a treat
- Only go to homes with a porch light on
- Parents should inspect the candy collected by their children
- Costumes should be fire resistant
- Use non-toxic makeup instead of face masks
- Use reflective tape, flashlights, or clip-on lights if out after dark
- Costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire resistant

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Use caution when driving: enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- Reduce your driving speed; drive cautiously; watch for children in the street

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.



Save the date

WinterFest 2016 - November 25

Uptown and South Park business districts

Yardwaste collection ends for the season

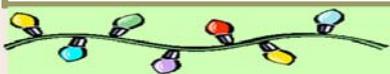
Yardwaste collection ends for the season the week of December 12 on your regular garbage day. Leaves must be placed in large paper yard bags (not plastic) or in a special yardwaste cart that may be purchased directly from Groot Industries. Please remember that raking leaves into the street is not permitted; violators may be fined a minimum of \$50. The street sweepers will avoid these piles of leaves. Collection resumes in April.



Branch pick-up policy

The City will pick up branches from parkway trees only. Please call the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 and provide your address.

Residents with branches and brush from trees on private property will need to dispose of them in the following manner: branches less than 2 inches in diameter and four feet in length can be tied together in bundles weighing less than 45 pounds for collection with regular yardwaste. Twigs and small brush should be broken up and placed in paper yard bags or in your yardwaste cart. Residents with larger branches or tree removals must contact a tree service company or landscaper for removal.



Holiday lights recycling



All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway, starting November 1. Collection will continue through March 1. The Service Center is open weekdays, 7 am—3 pm. Garland, live greens, or wreaths are not accepted as part of this program.



No refuse, recycling, or yardwaste collection

on Thursday, November 24. Collections will resume on Friday of that week.

There will also be no collections on Monday, December 26 or January 2. Collections will resume on Tuesday of each week, running one day behind.

Congratulations to the BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS

The Park Ridge Garden Club has announced the 2016 winners of its annual Residential Beautification Awards, sponsored by the City and the Garden Club.



The following residents were recognized as winners at the September 19 City Council meeting:

John Kostolansky, 101 East Edgemont Lane; Robert & Ewa Krysl, 363 West Kathleen Drive; Vinzi Laguna, 112 Brickton Place; Jim Sandrik, 409 South Clifton Avenue; and Timothy Walbert, 308 Courtland Avenue.

It's time again for the Holiday Lights!

Last winter's amazing display of holiday lights in Park Ridge drew comparisons to the fictional Bedford Falls from "It's A Wonderful Life." Through the generosity of nearly 450 residents and businesses, the Park Ridge Holiday Lights Fund Committee raised over \$45K to brighten the Uptown and South Park business districts last holiday season.

We are pleased to announce the kick-off of the fundraising campaign for the 2016 Holiday Lights in Park Ridge. With your continued support we hope to light up some new areas this year, along with holding a few FUN-raising events to add some holiday cheer.

We are accepting walk-in and mail-in donations again this year through our banking partner, the Park Ridge Community Bank, as well as walk-in donations at City Hall. You can also make your donation online by visiting www.parkridgelights.com. The Park Ridge Holiday Lights Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Help us make Park Ridge shine even brighter this holiday season! For more information, visit www.parkridgelights.com

Rick Biagi, Ald. John Moran, & Tony Svanascini
(Directors, Park Ridge Holiday Lights Fund (NFP))

FREE home energy assessment

With cooler months approaching, why not participate in a **FREE home energy assessment**? You can lower your energy bills, see increased savings, improve home comfort, increase home resale value, uncover hidden problems, and last, but certainly not least....protect the environment! Visit www.comed.com to find out ways you can save.



COMCAST subscribers in Park Ridge can now watch the Park Ridge Government Channel 17 and see your City government in action.

Understanding Your Water Bill

The rates used to calculate your bill are approved by City Council each year, and can be found on the website.

You are billed every two months for the previous two months of water usage.

CITY OF PARK RIDGE

BILL #

"C" stands for "customer read," and will appear when you provide a meter read.
"E" stands for "estimated read," and will appear when you don't provide a reading.

Your water usage per 1,000 gallons (ie. this bill states that the resident used 10,000 gallons of water.)

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL UTILITY BILLING INFORMATION

NAME:
SERVICE ADDRESS:
ACCOUNT NUMBER:

BILL DATE

METER INFORMATION:						
PRESENT READING	READING DATE	READING TYPE	PREVIOUS READING	READING DATE	READING TYPE	USAGE (1000 Gallons)
1,506	05/04/2016	C	1,496	03/05/2016	C	10

Water delivery & system maintenance.

Variable charge for waste water output from residence. Goes towards sewer pipe repair & upkeep.

Cost of water purchased from Chicago.

PAST DUE BALANCE	\$0.00
WATER	\$39.70
UTILITY TAX	\$4.47
SEWER SVC CHARGE	\$14.20
FIXED SEWER CHARGE	\$3.35
CHICAGO WATER	\$40.00
5/8 INCH METER	\$9.63

TOTAL CHARGES DUE BY 07/20/2016	\$111.35
TOTAL IF RECEIVED AFTER 07/20/2016	\$122.49

10% LATE CHARGE ADDED IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH METER READING AND CHECK PAYABLE TO CITY OF PARK RIDGE



City of Park Ridge
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, IL 60068-4182
(847) 318-5223

BILL #

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

PLEASE ENTER CURRENT METER READING

CURRENT METER READING	DATE READ
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

ENTER ALL NUMBERS - INCLUDING FIXED ZEROS

Write current meter read here.

TOTAL CHARGES DUE BY 07/20/2016	\$111.35
TOTAL CHARGES IF RECEIVED AFTER 07/20/2016	\$122.49
AMOUNT PAID	

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Parking rate updates

Touhy Triangle/Uptown Parking Lot Permits Available December 1

Six month parking permits (January 1—June 30) for the Touhy Triangle and Uptown lots will be available to existing permit holders for renewal on December 1. Existing permit holders will have until December 15 to renew their permit. Permits not renewed by will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis on December 19 at the Cashier's Desk in City Hall. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

On April 18, new rates were approved by the Council for these lots; rates took effect August 1, 2016. The new rate for a six month permit for the Touhy Triangle Lot will be \$350.00. The new rate for the Uptown Parking Lot will be \$200.00. This pricing will take effect with the new permits sold in December.

Five and Twelve Hour Parking Meter Rates

On July 5, the City Council approved new parking meter rates for five hour and twelve hour meters. Rates for these meters changed from \$0.25 per hour to \$0.50 per hour. These rates took effect August 1 and were phased in as staff reprogrammed parking meters.



Reading Your Meter

Reading your meter every billing cycle is important because your meter reading is used to accurately bill you for the water you have used. Without your meter reading, your bill will be estimated, which is not an accurate recording of your water usage. If you don't provide us with a meter reading every billing cycle, you could either be using more water and have a higher bill the next time you provide a reading, or you could be using less water and be paying more money with the estimated reading.

If you have moved into a new home, providing a reading will also capture your usage accurately, otherwise the estimate will be based on the previous owner's usage. In addition, if you do have a leak in your home, providing a meter reading regularly will help you catch the leak early before your bill gets too high. Please note that per the Municipal Code, it is the resident's responsibility to turn in a water meter reading every billing cycle.

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

OCTOBER**1 Saturday**

Rummage Sale; 9:00am-2:00pm

1st United Methodist Church

Scholarship Benefit; 11:00am

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

Band Spectacular; 7:00pm

Maine South Auditorium

2 Sunday

Demo - Ronda Papico; 1:00pm

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

7 Friday

Friday Night Live; 7:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

8 Saturday

Dancing with my Tribe; 11:30am

21st Star NSDAR @ PR Country Club**10 Monday**

Columbus Day Showcase; 11:00am

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

13 Thursday

Halloween Hoopla; 6:30pm

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Fall Floral Decorating; 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Senior Center

15 SaturdayElectronics & Textile Recycling and
Shredding Event

9:00 am - Noon, 400 Busse Hwy

16 Sunday

Demo - Raw Panzin; 1:00pm

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

18 Tuesday

Wine 101; 1:00pm

20th Century Club @ PR Presbyterian

20 ThursdayFall Play, *The Sparrow*; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

(thru 10/22)

21 Friday

Prospect & PJs; 6:00pm

Park District @ Prospect Park

Family Campfire; 7:00pm

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

Friday Night Live; 7:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

21 Friday

Pre-Rummage Sale; 6:00-8:00pm

10/22 Rummage Sale; 9:00am-3:00pm

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

22 Saturday

Skeleton Egg Hunt; 2:00pm

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center Pool

26 Wednesday

Park District Trick or Treat; 5:00pm

Hodges Park

Family Halloween Concert; 7:00pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ Pickwick

Orchestra/Choir Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

29 Saturday

Kooky Spooky Skate; 1:00pm

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

Truck or Treat; 3:30pm

St. Andrews Lutheran Church

30 Sunday

Halloween Family Magic Show; 2:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

31 Monday

Trick or Treat Hours; 3:00 - 8:00pm

NOVEMBER**4 Friday**

Friday Night Live; 7:00pm

Park District @ Maine Park

5 Saturday

Book Sale; 9:00am - 2:00pm

Friends of the Library @ PR Library

Annual Holiday Bazaar; 10:00am

Park District @ Centennial Activity Center

Pumpkin Smash & Bash; 12:30pm

Park District @ Centennial Park Sled Hill

PR Chorale Cabaret; 5:00pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

6 Sunday

Book Sale; 12:00 - 2:00pm

Friends of the Library @ PR Library

Maine South Exhibit; 1:00pm

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

9 Wednesday

D Day; 11:30am

21st Star NSDAR @ PR Country Club**10 Thursday**

Designing a Winter Container; 7:00pm

PR Garden Club @ Senior Center

11 Friday

A Frozen Night; 6:30pm

Park District @ Prospect Park

Middle School Open Gym & Swim; 7:00pm

Park District @ Centennial Fitness Center

Veteran's Day Band Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

Bunko Parties/Center of Concern

12:15pm (lunch) or 6:30pm (dinner)

@ Country Club / (847) 823-0453 for info

13 Sunday

Organ Concert; 4:00pm

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

15 Wednesday

Art of Dining; 1:00pm

20th Century Club @ PR Presbyterian

16 Wednesday

Turkey Table Toppers; 6:30pm

Park District @ Wildwood Nature Center

17 Thursday

Guitar Concert; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium

18 Friday

Coffee House; 7:00pm

Maine South Auditorium

19 Saturday

Thanksgiving Skate; 1:00pm

Park District @ Oakton Ice Arena

21 Monday

Library Concert Series; 7:00pm

Maine South Auditorium

25 Friday

WinterFest

Uptown & South Park Business Districts

DECEMBER**1 Thursday**

Holiday Party; 6:30pm

Garden Club @ Senior Center

2 Friday

Holiday Concert; noon

PR Panhellenic @ PR Country Club

3 Saturday

UMW Cookie Walk; 9:00am - noon

1st United Methodist Church

Maine South Exhibit; 10:00am

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studio

Bethlehem Walk; 3:00pm

St. Andrews Lutheran Church (also 12/04)

4 Sunday*It's a Wonderful Life*; 1:00pm

Liberty Bank @ Pickwick Theater

7 Wednesday

Unforgettable Christmas Concert; 7:30pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ Pickwick

8 Thursday

V-Show; 7:30pm

Maine South Auditorium (thru 10/10)

10 Saturday

Holiday Concert; 7:00pm

PR Chorale @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church

14 Wednesday

MS Jazz Ensemble; 11:30am

21st Star NSDAR @ PR Country Club**16 Friday**

Holiday Music Concert; 7:00pm

Maine South Auditorium

21 Wednesday

Longest Night Service; 7:00pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

23 Friday

District 64 Winter Break (thru 01/8/2017)

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A local legacy

A new book, *Park Ridge: Milestones of History*, will be published this fall by Ampersand, Inc. of Chicago. The book's author and Park Ridge resident, Milton Nelson, serves as the Chairman of the Heritage Committee. He volunteers along with a group of local residents who are interested in documenting and preserving the City's local history. The hard-cover book is lavishly illustrated with many historic photographs and images. The publication of this new book will be celebrated at a book-signing event held at the Park Ridge Library on November 12 at 2 p.m.

The idea for a new history book featuring the City originated several years ago when the Heritage Committee installed the engraved historic plaques around the Camp Fire Girls Fountain in Hodges Park located across the street from City Hall. The list of 33 major events or milestones in Park Ridge history noted there has expanded to 135, according to Mr. Nelson.

Nelson taught history at Maine South High School for 33 years and is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history.

Sister Cities exchange—a great success!

Our friends from Kinver, England and four visitors from the Village of Mer, France arrived on September 8 and were welcomed into the homes of Sister Cities resident members for eight eventful days. It was a whirlwind week seeing the new sites in Park Ridge and our big city of Chicago. The day after arriving, guests and hosts attended the Dedication of the Bricks ceremony at the 911 I-beam memorial site. After the ceremony, the group hopped aboard the Chicago Co. Trolley for a guided tour of Park Ridge, narrated by Sister City member Herb Zuegel. The tour included stopping at landmarks including the Pickwick Theatre in addition to the homes of famous residents and newer venues around town. The last stop was at one of the City's newest gathering places, the Harp and Fiddle for a pub lunch.

The following days found the some of the group at the Frank Lloyd Wright home and studios, Ravinia Park, "The Cell" for a White Sox game, while others ventured into Chinatown. Another Chicago day found the group at Navy Pier, Millennium Park, the Sears Tower, followed by a boat tour on the Chicago River. That evening, the group dined and enjoyed the great magician at Affresco. At the Botanical Gardens, we rode around on the tram though the park and the guests were very impressed with its Railroad exhibit.

Our last day was spent in town visiting the Kalo, Iannelli Studio Heritage Center where guests viewed the treasured work of artists and silversmiths, an important part of the City's early history. A special, final stop was at the "oldest house in Park Ridge" located at 312 Cedar, home of one of our Sister Cities members. At this site, many early artists created silver treasures and Grant Wood, famous for "American Gothic" worked here in his earlier years. A perfect afternoon was shared on the grounds with our hostess whose home also played a major part in a murder mystery circa 1930, in which a book was written, *Quiet Dell*, authored by Jane Anne Phillips.

The day ended with a Farewell Pub Dinner which was held at the Park District's new O'Connor Community Center located in Prospect Park, where hosts and many local residents shared a "Friends through Time" evening of old and new memories.

My thanks to all the wonderful families and local businesses who made this Sister Cities event very special and possible for our own Sister Cities Commission. Your friendly greetings and inquiries made a lasting impression that will not be forgotten. This was a proud moment for our City.

Promoting healthy living and awareness

The Park Ridge Health Commission has recently expended its mission to include six focus areas:

- *Disease education and prevention*
- *Emergency preparedness and resiliency*
- *Environmental health and sustainability*
- *Outreach to special population*
- *Substance use and mental health*
- *Wellness and safety*



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. Currently, the commission members are working on creating a website that will allow for free downloads and other information in all of the six focus areas. It is expected to be operational within the month, so be sure to check the website. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Early voting & the November 8 Election

Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley

October 24—November 7; hours vary

Please visit www.cookcounty.clerk.com to register to vote, request a vote-by-mail form, view your ballot, or to find your polling location on election day, November 8.

Betty Henneman, City Clerk/Sister Cities of Park Ridge Chair