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**2019 National Police Week and Service of Remembrance**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation that set aside May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 as National Police Week.

Each year, America sets aside this week to salute the men and women who do the difficult and often dangerous work of safeguarding our communities. During Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we celebrate those who protect and serve us every minute of each day, and we honor the courageous officers who devoted themselves so fully to others that in the process they laid down their lives for the protection of the citizens they serve.

On Monday, May 13th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the Park Ridge Police Department will be conducting "A Service of Remembrance". This service will honor those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in 2018 and will take place at the Park Ridge City Hall steps, 505 Butler Place. Neighboring police departments will also be participating. 'A Service of Remembrance' is sponsored by the Park Ridge Police Department Chaplains.

Finally, during National Police Week, the Park Ridge Police Department encourages the display of blue ribbons on vehicle antennas. These blue ribbons are a reminder of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice and honor those men and women who serve our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week in and year out. Interested residents can stop by the station and pick a ribbon up although any strip of royal blue ribbon would demonstrate support.
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