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Youth Commission scores big. Again!

The Park Ridge Youth Commission partnered with Gear4Goals to collect gently used athletic equipment for its second annual project. Various sports equipment was collected, including bats, balls, mitts, football helmets and pads, shoes, and uniforms. Collection bins were placed at many area schools, the Park Ridge Park District, and local businesses including Dick Pond and Allegro Music. Equipment was sorted by members of the Youth Commission and will be sent off to help children in far corners of the world teaching them to play new sporting games and how to play as a team.

According to Dr. Bruhl of Gear4Goals, donations received by its organization will benefit over 10,000 children. The Youth Commission is planning another sports equipment drive in the Fall, 2016.



9/11 Memorial Bricks for Sale

The City of Park Ridge 9/11 Memorial features a 6-foot steel beam from the World Trade Center and is a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001. A limited number of brick pavers surrounding the Memorial are available for engraving. You can choose from two different sizes:

- ◆ 6" x 8" engraved brick—\$150
- ◆ 8" x 13" engraved brick— \$250

Order forms are available at City Hall and on the City’s website. For more information, please contact Brigid Madden, Administrative Specialist at (847) 318-6721.

Monthly Sharps & Rx Disposal

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



January 7, February 4, & March 3

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.

Please— don’t say sNOw

With the significant snowfall a few weeks ago, City Hall received many calls from residents looking for shoveling assistance due to age or medical disabilities.

In an attempt to rebuild the shoveling volunteer list, the City is asking individuals or youth organizations who would like to help to call the City. It’s a great way for students to accumulate community service hours and possibly earn a few dollars, too.

If you require snow shoveling assistance or would like to volunteer to shovel snow for a resident in the Ward in which you live, please call 847/318-5464 or 847/318-6721. The City will connect the two parties. Any arrangements made are strictly between the resident and the volunteer.

Snow shoveling is not a service provided by the City.



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.

What a thrilling holiday season it has been! I am so excited that all of the partnerships across the City enabled us to light up Park Ridge so beautifully. A big thanks to the Park Ridge Holiday Lights committee and the **many** generous donors who worked together to make the decorative lights such a true community-wide project and such a success. Donations will be accepted throughout the year as the Committee continues their work to make sure that the lights that we saw this year are up again next year. The easiest way to donate is through their website at www.parkridgelights.com.

As we move into January we can anticipate that we will be seeing our long-lost friend, Winter! With the onset of cold weather and possibly unsafe conditions, let's continue to show why Park Ridge is such a great place to live and work by keeping an eye on all of our neighbors and friends, and lend a hand where we can. The City has a volunteer-based program for those in need of help when it comes to shoveling. Please refer to Page 1 of the Spokesman for more information or call 847/318-5464.

I also want to salute the hard working men and women of the City of Park Ridge who will be out keeping us safe during the next few months. Winter presents a number of challenges for our Police and Fire Departments and Public Works. I sincerely appreciate their commitment to the citizens of Park Ridge during the less than ideal conditions of winter.

During the months of January, February, and March, the City Council will be busy working on a budget for the coming year for Park Ridge. I encourage everyone to attend our Budget Workshop meetings, if they can, to better understand the challenges we face when it comes to the City's budget. The City's financial condition is better than it has been in many years, thanks to changes in spending policies, tough budgetary decisions, and a disciplined approach to budgeting. The last 3-4 years have not been easy, but those decisions have laid the groundwork for where we are today. We do remain concerned and keep a watchful eye on Springfield as what happens there most certainly will impact our budget here in Park Ridge. We have been working closely with our elected officials who represent us downstate, to make sure that Park Ridge is protected while they make their own difficult, and long overdue budget decisions.

Finally, I know the start of a new year brings about many changes for many people. 2015 was a year in which the City lost many great people - people that worked each day to make Park Ridge better for you and me. I know as I look into 2016, I will be committing myself to continuing their work and efforts to make Park Ridge the same wonderful town in which I grew up and my own children now grow up. I always view the start of a new calendar year as an exciting time and this year is no different. I know 2016 will present challenges and difficult times for all of us, but I also know there are great things happening here in town and I cannot wait to be a part of them with you. I wish you the best in the coming year and look forward to seeing you around town.

Marty

City Council Meetings—1st and 3rd Monday / Committee of the Whole Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday
Meetings start at 7 p.m. and are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 505 Butler Place.
Residents are 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
Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 am—5 pm

City Manager's Office

City Hall, 1st Floor
847/318-5205

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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Help wanted, please

The Fire Department is requesting your assistance by helping to keep 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 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 and clear an area around it at least three feet in each direction and all the way out to the curb. Doing this will save valuable time for our firefighters and allow for a quicker response to any fire in your area.

When Seconds Count...



Which would you rather have to protect your home?

After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.

Facts about home heating fires

- 905 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2,091,000,000 in property loss occurs from winter home fires.
- 67 % of winter fires occur in one- and two-family homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires. Heating is second.
- 5 pm to 8 pm is the most common time for winter home fires.
- Space heaters cause 1/3 of home heating fires and four out of five home heating fire deaths.
- Home heating fires peaked in January (21 %) and declined to the lowest point during the summer months from June to August.
- Confined fires, those fires confined to chimneys, flues or fuel burners, accounted for 87 percent of home heating fires.
- 30% of the non-confined home heating fires occurred because the heat source was too close to things that can burn.

Sources: National Fire Incident Reporting System and FEMA/Heating Fires in Residential Buildings



Heat your home safely.

Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

U.S. Fire Administration



Are you properly prepared for a winter storm?

Now is a good time to make sure you and your family are prepared for winter storms. 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 a 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 house that will last for at least three days. For more information, visit <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>.



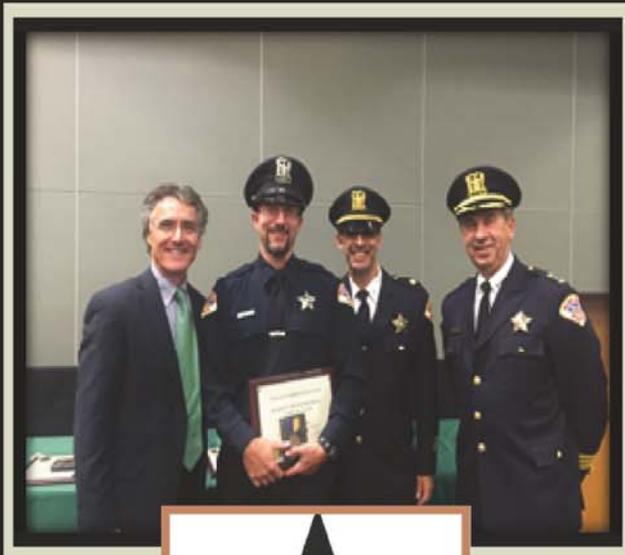
Award of Valor

Park Ridge Police Officer Jeff Koller was recently presented with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Award of Valor by Sheriff Thomas Dart. Law enforcement officers across the region were recognized at an awards ceremony held November 3 at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

Officer Koller received this prestigious award for his actions on April 30, 2015 after responding to a call regarding a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival on the scene, Officer Koller was informed by the driver that the male passenger had been unresponsive for 10 minutes. Koller determined the subject was not breathing and immediately performed CPR on the subject. The Fire Department arrived on the scene and assisted with life-saving procedures. The subject was transported to the hospital in an ambulance and subsequently, was resuscitated.

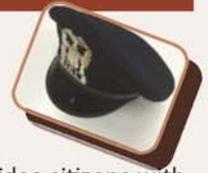
Officer Koller's quick actions, professionalism, and his commitment to duty helped give this man another chance at life. The men and women of the Park Ridge Police Department are extremely proud of Officer Koller's efforts and thank Sheriff Thomas Dart for recognizing the fine service provided by one of our outstanding officers.

Pictured in the photo below are, L. to R., Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart, Officer Jeff Koller, Deputy Chief Duane Mellema, and Police Chief Frank Kaminski.



Get a look at law enforcement In Park Ridge

From the inside



Join us for a ten-week course that provides citizens with an understanding of the police department's operations.

Thursday evenings, April 7—June 9, 7 pm—9:30 pm
Public Works Service Center—400 Busse Highway

The concept of the Citizens Police Academy involves a partnership between the citizens of Park Ridge and its Police Department, and the benefits can only help strengthen the entire community in terms of public safety and quality of life.

The Citizens Police Academy offers members of the community a unique opportunity to become familiar with the operations of the department. During the 10-week course, citizens learn from personnel who are specially trained in the areas of patrol operations, traffic laws, criminal investigations, crime scene investigations, narcotics, range instruction, and other related fields. Through education, the academy provides a bridge between the officer in the car and the citizens in the field. The end result; graduates are better equipped to assess safety issues and share with others their knowledge of law enforcement practices and policies.

For more information or to download an application, visit www.parkridgepolice.org. Contact Commander Jason Leavitt at 847-318-5263 with any additional questions. Applicants must be 21 years of age to participate.

SPRING 2016 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Law Enforcement Explorer NI-RIDGE Post 911 is Recruiting!



Interested in Law Enforcement? The Park Ridge and Niles Police Departments have teamed up to form a joint Law Enforcement Explorer Post. Join us and learn more about becoming a NI-RIDGE Police Explorer!

Teens between the ages of 14 and 20 should contact Officer Genualdi at 847/318-5233 for additional information.

Develop skills in crime scene investigation, observation, and conflict resolution! Have fun at events like scenario training, leadership seminars, & service projects! Meet and learn from real police officers in your community. Get a kick start on job experience and add to your resume. Assist the police departments at community events. Make friends and create memories, all while training for your future! Sign up today.



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, 2016, 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 for chipping the week of January 11 on your regular garbage day. Place your tree curbside making sure that lights, bags, and garland are removed. Trees placed out at other times or in the alley, will be collected by Republic Services/ARC Disposal and taken to the landfill.

Have you considered recycling options of your holiday tree?

Fish feeders: Sunk into private fish ponds, trees make an excellent refuge and feeding area for fish.

Bird feeders: Place the Christmas tree in the garden or backyard and use it as a bird feeder and sanctuary. Fresh orange slices or strung popcorn will attract the birds and they can sit in the branches for shelter. (Make sure all decorations, hooks, garland and tinsel strands are removed). Eventually (within a year) the branches will become brittle and you can break the tree apart by hand or chip it in a chipper.

Mulch: A Christmas tree is biodegradable; its branches may be removed, chipped, and used as mulch in the garden. If you have a neighbor with a chipper, see if he will chip it for you.

Living, rooted trees: Of course, next year, you could get a rooted (ball and burlap or containerized) tree and then plant it in your yard after Christmas. (It's a good idea to pre-dig the hole in the late fall while the soil is still soft, then plant the tree into that hole immediately after Christmas.) Living trees have a better survival rate in mild climates.



Don't throw that away

WHITE BLOCK SYROFOAM will be collected January 4—29 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 or trash, foam building insulation. Contact the Public Works Service Center at 847/318-5240 with any questions.

The "KNOW" about snow



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 message that indicates 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 for additional information.

Who would have thought?

Do you dump your empty cans and glass jars into a plastic bags and then place it in your recycle bin? Yep. Guilty as charged.



You can be almost certain that plastic bags coming through recycling facilities are headed for a landfill — they're not being recycled. Bagging recyclables before you toss them in your curbside bin causes problems. It is highly recommended to add recyclables directly into your recycling bins – No Plastic Bags! Some recycling facilities won't even allow employees to open plastic bags, meaning all your precious recyclables end up in the landfill. The best thing to do is find uses for plastic bags around the house or collect plastic bags in your pantry or garage until you take them to a grocery store to be properly recycled. Start bringing your own bag for shopping trips in 2016 to reduce dependency on the use of plastic bags overall.



Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council offers Historical 2016 desk calendar

Prominent early 20th Century Park Ridge artists are featured in a new historical 2016 calendar launched by the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council (PRCAC). The historical calendar includes facts about the featured artists and is conveniently packaged in a desk-sized CD case. A donation of \$15 donation for each calendar will help benefit the organizations grant programs.

The 2016 commemorative calendar is available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, Winestyles, Tea Lula, Erica Jewelry, Village Bank, or Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate Office on Main Street.

"Researching and writing the text and capturing some of the images for the calendar reinforced my excitement and love for our darling town. Daily, I set my efforts toward making our mission known and locating support for the good work PRCAC does for Park Ridge. This is our endeavor to do just that," says Diddy Blyth.



Founded in 1997, the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council (PRCAC) is committed to supporting a vibrant arts community, including performing, visual, and literary arts in Park Ridge. PRCAC provides grants and scholarships, sponsors events, and

promotes collaboration between arts organizations in the community. To date, PRCAC has provided over \$100,000 in grants and scholarships in Park Ridge.

How will you help?

The Park Ridge Ministerial Association is hosting a Third Annual Community Day of Service on Sunday, April 24. Residents of all ages are encouraged to lend a hand at one of the project sites. This is a wonderful community-building opportunity involving the Park District, Public Works, and several agencies that serve our community.

Please mark your calendar and plan on participating in an afternoon of service to help improve our community for everyone. The photo below was taken last year at a Park District site.



The Chamber of Commerce is looking for retirees and volunteers 65 and older who would like to meet on a regular basis and help out various nonprofit agencies. Interested individuals are asked to contact Diddy Blyth at dblyth2200@gmail.com, or Jerry Kenney at jkenney4@gmail.com, or call the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 847/825-3121.



O'Hare update

With the October 15, 2015 opening of the new runway 10R-28L, the fifth east-west parallel runway at O'Hare, you might be receiving more airplane noise at your home. What are your options?

You Might Be Eligible for Sound Insulation. The O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP) aims to reduce the impact of aircraft noise in homes surrounding Chicago O'Hare International Air-

port. Locate your home in relation to the current O'Hare noise contour by entering your specific street address on the Chicago Department of Aviation's interactive Property Locator <http://maps.cityofchicago.org/aviation>. For more information, please call the City's Residential Inquiry Line at 773.894.3255. **Let your voice be heard!** Call the O'Hare Noise Hotline: 1-800-435-9569 or visit <http://ChicagoNoiseComplaint.com> and report loud planes and be sure to include your zip code. There is no limit to how often you can report loud planes.

CERT Class forming

The City of Park Ridge will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team class for the Winter/Spring 2016. The class will be held Wednesday evenings February 3 through March 16 from 6:30 pm —10 pm. The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the Park Ridge area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are educated about assisting others in their neighborhood, workplace, and the City following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also lend assistance to the City during large community events and may be requested to assist local or regional agencies during major incidents.

For more information, visit parkridgecert.org or email parkridgecert@gmail.com.

PR Lions Club: Noon

Every Thursday @ Riggio's - Info? 847/692-9077

Center of Concern:

847/823-0453

Every Monday, by appt.; Employment Counseling

Every Wednesday, by appt.

Grief & Loss Counseling; Seniors & Caregiving Counseling; Medicare Counseling; Legal Counseling

JANUARY**2 Saturday**

New Year's Public Skate; 6:45 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

4 Monday

District 64—Classes resume

8 Friday

"Indoor Plant Scape" Prog. & lunch; noon

PR Panhellenic Club @ PR Country Club

9 Saturday

Dance it off; 9 am

PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Fitness Ctr.

"Keeping yourself safe;" 11:30 am

Mtg. & Prog. / 21st Star Ch. NSDAR

@ PR Country Club

Mega Movie Pajama Night (ages 4-9); 6 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

11 Monday

S.T.A.R. Anniversary Open House ; 9 am

(ages 55+) PR Park Dist. @ Centennial Act. Ctr.

13 Wednesday

Science Night; 6 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

14 Thursday

History of the Des Plaines Methodist

Campground; 12:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

15 Friday

Maine East/Gemini Band-O-Rama; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

16 Saturday

MLK Public Skate; 6:45 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

17 Sunday

International Health Partners Update; 11 am

First United Methodist Church

18 Monday

Oakton Open House; 11 am

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Ice Arena

22 Friday

Science Fair; 6:30 pm

Roosevelt School

23 Saturday

Sleigh Ride & Sledding; 8:30 am

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

Winter Farmers' Market; 9 am—noon

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Playdate with Nature; 9 am

PR Park Dist. @ Wildwood Nature Ctr.

Olaf's Mini Snow "Ball"; 5 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

24 Sunday

Open House; noon

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

27 Wednesday

PRCO w/ Violin Soloist Rachel Barton Pine; 7:30 pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ Pickwick Theatre

FEBRUARY**6 Saturday**

Frostival; 11 am

PR Park Dist. @ Oakton Sports Complex

10 Wednesday

Preschool Open House; 10 am & 6:30 pm

PR Park Dist. @ Maine Park

"Town of Pullman" American Hist. Luncheon; 11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR @ Elks Lodge, Des Plaines

11 Thursday

Piano Recital Scholarship winner; 7 pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ PR Library

"Making a Mosaic Flower Pot" Mtg/Prog.; 7 pm

PR Garden Club @ Community Room, 100 S. Western

18 Thursday (thru 2/20)

"The Diviners" Winter Play; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

20 Saturday

"Havana Nights "Love Affair Gala; 6 pm

Avenues to Indep. @ Loews Hotel, Rosemont

21 Sunday

Art of Kenneth Ransley; 1 pm—4 pm

Kalo @ Iannelli Studio (also 2/27; 10 am—3 pm)

25 Thursday

Band Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South High School Auditorium

MARCH**4 Friday**

"Art of Feng Shui" Mtg. & Prog.; noon

PR Panhellenic Club @ PR Country Club

"Mary Poppins" Musical; 7:30 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium—also 3/5, 11, 12

6 Sunday

Iannelli Collection; 1 pm—4 pm

Kalo Foundation @ Iannelli Studios

(Also 3/12, 3/13, 3/19, 3/20, 3/26, 3/27 —

Sat. 10 am -3 pm / Sun. 1 pm -4 pm)

8 Tuesday

Orchestra Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

9 Wednesday

"Be yourself; Be together; Be DAR;" 11:30 am

21st Star Ch. NSDAR; PR Country Club

10 Thursday

"No Maintenance Perennial Garden"; 7 pm

Mtg. & Prog. PR Garden Club @ 100 S. Western

Choir Concert; 7:30 pm

Maine South HS Auditorium

13 Sunday

Irish Fest; 2 pm

Ave. to Indep. @ Cotillion Banquets, Palatine

Concert by Agape Ringers; 4 pm

Hand bell ensemble @ PR Presbyterian Church

16 Wednesday

Maine East /Gemini Choir Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS auditorium

PRCO with Leah Dominy, Piano Soloist; 7:30 pm

PR Civic Orchestra @ Pickwick Theatre

18 Friday

Maine East Orchestra Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

23 Wednesday

Maine East Band Concert; 7 pm

Maine East HS Auditorium

25 Friday

District 64 Schools Spring Break (through 4/1)

26 Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt; 4:45 pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Clerk's Corner—Happy New Year 2016!

I am so happy to be back in the office on my usual schedule. Thank you for sending me kind words of encouragement and support as I recovered from my fractured hip these last few months. I know many of you have experienced the joy of such therapy. We are so fortunate to have excellent facilities near our homes to help in our recovery.

As we step off to another year, let us remember our City's theme for the month of February, *Volunteers are the Heart of our City*. They impact our lives everyday. Remember to say THANK YOU!

Election time comes to us again with the MARCH 15 PRIMARY. This is your opportunity to make your choices known. See the important election dates and information is listed on the bottom of Page 8.

Later this year we will be welcoming a group of visitors from our Sister City, Kinver England. Many of you may remember their last visit in 2010 and the various activities that were planned by the Commission for their week-long stay. This year, the dates are September 8 – 15. We welcome your participation in planning events and hospitality. If you would like to be a part of the Planning Committee, please call me at 847/318-5204 or send an email to bhennema@parkridge.us.

Stay warm!

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Community Briefs

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Well worth its WAIT—in gold

The Historic Preservation Commission is pleased to show-off the new plaques which will be displayed on historic landmarks designated within the City. Alderman Roger Shubert, City Council liaison to the Commission, and Chair Judy Barclay were instrumental in obtaining funding from the City Council for the plaques in the 2015-16 budget. According to Barclay, "They have been worth the wait, they are great! All who have seen them are pleased. They will show off our significant sites and tell the public why they are important to Park Ridge." One of the new plaques was debuted at the November 16 City Council meeting. Each of the eleven Park Ridge local historic landmarks will be presented with a plaque which offers a description of the significance of each landmark for display at each property for public viewing.



L to R., Acting Mayor Maloney, Judy Barclay, Eileen Sergo, Ald. Shubert, Paul Adlaf, Julie Tiu, Barbara Christopher, John Mackin, and Audra Ebling

1st Annual Holiday Lights campaign a huge success

Despite the absence of snow on the ground for most of December, the Uptown and South Park areas have had a festive Christmas glow. Through the generosity and Christmas spirit of more than 400 residents and businesses, the City has a professional lighting display for the first time in nearly a decade. The lights hanging over Prospect Avenue were slightly delayed in transit, but certainly well worth the wait. The initial goal was about \$32,000 the first year; over \$45,000 has been raised in just three months. The response from the community has been amazing! The commitment of the PRHLF is a three year contract. Additional donations are still needed and greatly appreciated. To show your support today, please donate online at www.parkridgelights.com or stop into City Hall or the Park Ridge Community Bank to make a donation. Thank you for your generous support.



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to all!
Rick Biagi, John Moran (Ald. 1st Ward), & Tony Savanascini

Election Information—Key Dates to remember and mark on your calendar



Please visit the Cook County Clerk's website to register to vote, check your registration status, or apply for an absentee ballot.

www.cookcountyclerk.com

12/16/2015—First day to apply for a mail ballot
(available at City Hall or w.cookcountyclerk.com)

3/10/2016—Last day to request a mail ballot
including military and overseas voters

2/16/2016—Last day to register to vote

3/14/2016—Last day of early voting

2/17/2016—First day of grace period registration and voting

**3/14/2016—Last day of grace period registration
and voting**

2/29/2016—First day of early voting (Park Ridge City Hall)

3/15/2016—Election Day 6 am—7 pm