

Village

OF RINGWOOD

November 2015

Dear Neighbors:

As we prepare to celebrate the holidays and welcome in a new year I would like to take a quick look back at some of the highlights of the past year in Ringwood.

In February your Village Officials took the unfortunate but necessary action and acted within our legal right to demolish the 8-unit apartment building located at 5024 Barnard Mill Road. Over the last 8 plus years, the property owner had numerous opportunities to demolish the building. But instead opted to appeal the case to a higher court despite the fact that each time an appeal was heard, the courts ruled consistently in the Village's favor that the building was unsafe and should be demolished. In short, after 8 years and numerous appeals your Village Officials did not believe they had any other option but to demolish the building.

In April the Village Board and Plan Commission unanimously approved the 2015 Village of Ringwood Downtown Plan. The Village Board and Planning Commission had Committee of the Whole meetings throughout the months of January and February to discuss and develop Ringwood's first downtown plan. The overall goal of this plan is to create a short and long term plan that will provide direction for future development and streetscape improvements in downtown Ringwood and surrounding area. The goals can and will be accomplished while remaining mindful of the unique existing characteristics of Ringwood. Without a plan for our downtown, others will define what Ringwood will be in the years to come.

Finally, in October the McHenry Township Fire Protection District (MTFPD) broke ground on Station #5. In addition to improving public safety, this project is a perfect example of intergovernmental cooperation. Because the future Village Public Works property is located adjacent to and directly west of the MTFPD site. By having both sites adjacent to one another it will give us the opportunity to share access, well, septic and more. The MTFPD expects that construction will be completed on station #5 in late summer 2016.

In other Village news, I am happy to report that *Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Santa promised to be at the Village Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.* If you provide a camera, we will take your family's picture with Santa. Refreshments will be served.

On behalf of the Village Board, I would like to wish you and your entire family a very happy holiday season and an especially happy, healthy 2016.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Mack
Village President



Public Works Report:



Parking Ordinance Reminder – At all times of the year, parking is prohibited on all Village of Ringwood roads, except Barnard Mill Road near the post office (2 hour limit). After a snow of two inches or more, parking is not permitted in the spaces along Barnard Mill Road near the post office until after the road has been plowed shoulder to shoulder. This parking prohibition is in effect 24 hours a day. If a 2-inch or greater snowfall occurs and your vehicle is parked along the road, you must move it or have it moved immediately so plows can get through. By doing so, you will avoid being ticketed and towed. In that scenario, an individual would not only have to pay the ticket, but the towing charge as well. Your compliance with our Parking Ordinance is

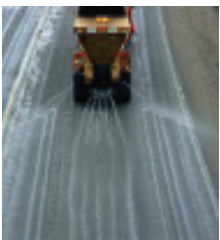
appreciated.



Mailbox Post – With winter on its way, this would be a good time for residents to check their mailbox and post to be sure that they are sturdy and can handle the snow roll off from the plow. If repair or replacement is needed, please take the time now to do it. If your mailbox or post falls down during the winter months, the only thing that can be done at the time is a temporary fix and mail delivery may be disrupted.

Blitzed Mailboxes – If your roadside mailbox becomes a casualty during the Village's war with the wintertime elements, the Village will repair or replace it if it was damaged from direct contact with a Village contracted-and-operated snow plow. However, if the damage is caused by a windrow (wall of flying snow) hurled by a passing plow, the Village will not repair or replace it. Sturdiness should be a consideration when you purchase and install your mailbox in a legal manner. It should be able to withstand a force, weight, and sweep of snow flung by a passing plow. Replacement of mailboxes damaged as a result of being struck by a Village contracted snow plow will be a standard unit set on a wolmanized 4x4 wooden post. Please bear in mind,

however, that sometimes downed mailboxes cannot be reinstalled immediately. In that case you will be required to pick up your mail at the post office.



Salt Caution – It's important to be aware that the effectiveness of road salt diminishes as the temperature drops. The lower the temperature, the less effective the salt will be. Road salt effectiveness is also reduced during freezing rain, because it's washed off the pavement by the traffic as the rain continues falling and freezing on impact. In any weather, when salt is spread, drive as if there was no salt at all. Reduce your speed and allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Also, begin stopping well in advance of any stop sign or

traffic signal.



Street Lights – Your Village officials would appreciate it if you would report street light outages to Village Clerk Roni Bushroe, by calling 815-321-1899. In turn, the Village will notify ComEd of the outage and they will send a crew out to repair the light.

2015 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-Up:

Fun was had by all at the 2015 Ringwood Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 23rd. Good food, good music, appearances by our local fire department and children's activities provided an afternoon of enjoyment for



A very special thank you to the following local businesses and families for generously supporting the 2015 Ringwood Community Picnic: Bjorkman's Ace Hardware, Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Huntsman, Sue Keener - Ringwood Post Master, Dow Chemical, HR Green Company, Rusty Nail Bar & Grill, Stade Dairy Farms, Trotter & Associates, Inc.,

Waste Management and Baxter & Woodman. In addition, thank you to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District for attending our annual picnic and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items to the FISH Food Pantry of McHenry.

Ringwood residents honored with Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Pictured below are Ringwood residents Ed McFadden & Eugene Luptak. They travelled to Washington D.C. in



Ringwood residents Ed McFadden and Eugene Luptak along with many other veterans travelled to Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight in August. Joining Ed and Eugene on the trip was Ringwood resident Missy Robel. Missy organizes and attends many Honor Flights for our veterans. The entire Ringwood community would like to recognize and thank Ed and Eugene along with all our veterans for their service and sacrifice. We also would like to recognize and thank Missy for her service to all veterans.

Ringwood Residents Donate Bench to Ringwood

Ringwood residents Ben and Linda Beaman donated the beautiful bench pictured below to the Village. In the spring, your Village Officials will install the bench next to the flag pole near the main entrance to the Village. On behalf of the entire community your Village Officials would like to thank Ben and Linda for this thoughtful



**The Village of Ringwood 2016
Regular Village Board Meeting Schedule
held at Ringwood Village Hall
6000 Barnard Mill Road, Ringwood, Illinois
at 7:30 p.m.**

The Village of Ringwood will meet regularly in 2016 on the second Tuesday of each month as follows:

Tuesday January 12
Tuesday February 9
Tuesday March 8
Tuesday April 12
Tuesday May 10
Tuesday June 14
Tuesday July 12
Tuesday August 9
Tuesday September 13
Tuesday October 11
Tuesday November 8
Tuesday December 13

**On December 12th the Knights of Columbus Sponsors Blood Drive
and Pancake Breakfast**



A Knights of Columbus blood drive will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm at St. John's Parish Center in Johnsburg. Also, all those that donate blood will be treated to a ~~pancake breakfast. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this~~ important event and for giving back to others.

Bauer Family Farm Celebrates 80th Anniversary in Ringwood

In 2015, the Bauer family celebrated the 80th anniversary of the family farm located on Barnard Mill Road. Also, in 2015 McHenry resident Ben Nolan won the State Treasurer Ag Invest Cream of the Crop photo contest of the Bauer Family Farm. If you would like to see the winning photo visit the State Treasurer website.

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SATURDAY

DECEMBER

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9 am to 11:30 am

**RINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL
6000 BARNARD MILL RD.**

Action taken by your Village Board at the August, September and October Village Board Meetings:

August 2015

- Approve Village President Rick Mack's appointment of Tom Hewes to the Village Trustee position left vacant by the resignation of former Trustee Charlie Klimkowski.
- Approve an agreement between Landmark Property and Land LLC and the Village of Ringwood for the purpose of having Landmark complete the final improvements to the Pioneer Oaks of Ringwood Subdivision.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

September 2015

- At the September Village Board meeting the Village Board took no action on old or new agenda items.

October 2015

- Approve an Ordinance regarding amendments to the McHenry County Stormwater Management Ordinance.
- Approve 2016 Village Board regular meeting schedule.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Tax Levy
- Consider a License Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and Chicago Meat & Sausage Co., Inc and Oleg Kabachenko.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

CLERK

The first Saturday of every month, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or by appointment.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p. m. or by appointment. To request permits or inspections contact Mr. Randy Funk during Building Inspector Village Hall Hours at 815-653-5513 or Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 815-353-1722.

Village Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission meets on as needed basis.
Village Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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