

August 2018

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Dear Neighbors:

On Sunday, August 26th, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon at the Village Hall. Back by popular demand will be the "Moon Walk", a rock climbing wall, DJ entertainment and much more. I am happy to report that Dow will again provide the meat (pig roast, hamburgers and hot dogs) and side dishes. It will be catered by Ringwood's own Rusty Nail Bar & Grill. The food will be served from 12:30 P.M. till 2:00 P.M., and the door prize raffle drawing will begin at 2:30 P.M. Sweet corn and ice cream will be provided by the Village.

In addition, we are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the FISH food pantry of McHenry. We are asking that each person bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Monetary donations for the FISH food pantry will also be accepted. Anyone interested in helping with the picnic set-up should be at the Village Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Since we have a limited amount of parking spaces at the Village Hall, we would like to keep the parking lot at the Hall available for the elderly and handicapped. Therefore, we are asking that if you live in a subdivision close to the Village Hall, (within safe walking distance) please consider walking or riding your bike.

Our annual town picnic is a great opportunity to relax with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy some great food and have an old-fashioned good time. I look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Village Hall Park - Phase II Improvements

Your Village officials are pleased to report that construction on Phase II of the Village Hall Park will begin later this summer and fall. Phase II will include the following:

- Two tennis courts
- Playground equipment
- Well and well house to support an ice rink and more.

Phase II improvements are estimated to cost \$180,000. How will Phase II improvements be funded? At the June Village Board meeting, your Village officials voted unanimously to take out a \$130,000 loan to fund Phase II improvements. Revenue generated from Video Gaming will be used to pay down/off the loan. The loan has a 4.25% tax exempt rate. The loan is for 10 years and will adjust after year 5 to market rate. In addition to the loan, your Village officials will use \$50,000 in annexation fees that have been collected over the years from new developments. Your Village officials are confident that we can pay this loan off early.

Over the last 10 years your Village officials have been waiting for grant opportunities to fund the buildout of the Village Hall Park improvements. However, grant funds and opportunities have dried up with the State of Illinois financial problems. Combined with no new development opportunities as a result of the Great Recession, it became very apparent that if we were going to construct these improvements for this and future generations, we would need to be proactive and find other ways to fund this project.

Since being established, Video Gaming revenue has allowed the Village to purchase a pickup truck and tractor for our Public Works Department. Now that our Public Works Department is in overall good shape, it made sense at this time to use the Video Gaming revenue as a revenue stream to fund phase II of the Village Hall Park project. Finally, no funds are available at this time for Phase III Improvements. Phase III improvements will include the following:

- Parking lot
- Baseball field
- Walking Paths

Although the Village may purchase a backstop for the baseball field. It should be noted that no organized baseball games can be played on the baseball field, until the field can be finished and the parking lot constructed to support the baseball field. See Village Hall Park Plan on page 3.

MCCD Prairie Path Improvements

Your Village officials are happy to report that a “Trail Head” will be established on the McHenry County Conservation Districts (MCCD) Prairie Path between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road. *This improvement is made possible by a donation made to the Village by the Walkington family in loving memory of Paul and Althea Walkington. Below you will find a brief history about the life of Paul and Althea:*

Paul Walkington - Paul was raised on Barnard Mill Road in the house adjacent to the railroad tracks and immediately east of the chemical plant. He attended the two room Ringwood grade school and McHenry High School. In 1939 he married Althea Benoy of Greenwood and the young couple set up housekeeping in a second floor apartment of the Muzzy building in downtown Ringwood. Paul was a union carpenter and after serving in the Navy during World War II, he built a modern ranch home on Barnard Mill Road across from the Methodist Church and two doors east of the two room Ringwood school. Paul and Althea moved into their new home in 1947. It was here that they raised their four children and lived out the rest of their lives. The church, the school and the community quickly became the center of life for Paul, Althea and their children. They participated on every committee, event and project that happened in Ringwood between 1940 and 2000. Paul served on the Ringwood School Board for 18 years and on the Ringwood Cemetery Society. He was the construction superintendent for the new four room school which would become the first unit of the present Ringwood School.

Althea Walkington - Althea was the leader of the Ringwood Sunshine Girls 4H Club for many years, teaching generations of young area women how to sew and do their needle work. She also made many of their wedding gowns. Althea was one of the original members of The Citizens for Ringwood Organization. This organization successfully petitioned the state legislature in Springfield to create legislation that allowed small communities of under 500 citizens to become incorporated. This legislation provided protection for small rural villages to be annexed by their larger neighbors. Althea worked tirelessly, knocking on doors and obtaining signatures on petitions promoting the referendum for incorporation. Ringwood was incorporated in 1994. Many area residents knew Althea from her days as a clerk in the Ringwood Post Office which also served as the latest information center for community news and gossip.

Paul passed away in the home he built in 2005, just one week shy of his 90th birthday. Althea also died at home in 2017 after living in the house on Barnard Mill Road for just a little over 70 years.

Five generations of Walkington's have lived in Ringwood since 1850.

MCCD Prairie Path Improvements Continued

As a result of this donation, the follow improvements will be made to the Prairie Path between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road:

- 3 benches and concrete pads
- 3 signs
- Two of the signs will read as follows: “Welcome to Ringwood MCCD Prairie Path”:
- One located at Barnard Mill Road and the Prairie Path.
- One located at Ringwood Road and the Prairie Path.
- One sign will include a story of the lifetime contributions made by Paul and Althea Walkington to the Ringwood community.
- This sign will be located near one of the three benches.
- Landscaping around the benches, signs and various trees will be planted.
- A split rail fence will be constructed between the Prairie Path and the Rusty Nail parking lot.

On behalf of all Village residents, we are grateful to the Walkington family for this thoughtful donation. Your Village officials plan to construct these improvements in late September or early October.

Action taken by your Village Board at the April, May and June Village Board Meetings:

April 2018

- Approve hiring Franzen Painting to stain the south side of the Village Hall.

All Trustees present at the April Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Hewes and Robel who were absent.

May 2018

- Approve an ordinance making Appropriations for Corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019 in the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve amendments to the Pioneer Oaks of Ringwood Covenants and Restrictions.
- Approve updating the Building code from the 2003 to the 2015, IRBC, Commercial and IRC, Residential code.

All trustees present at the May Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Robel and Walkington who were absent.

June 2018

- Approve taking a loan out to build out phase II of the Village Hall Park that will include two tennis courts, playground equipment and a well and well house for a ice skating rink.
- Approve a hiring a contractor to finish the ceilings in the Village Hall Park Pavilions.
- Approve a Resolution increasing the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21.
- Approve establishing a two-year (July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020) moratorium on Impact fees in the Village of Ringwood (except for Park Impact fees).

All Trustees were present at the May meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Levy Ordinance.
- Consider hiring contractors to build two tennis courts, well and well house, and to purchase playground equipment for the Village Hall Park.
- Consider Prevailing Wage Ordinance
- Consider hiring contractor to sealcoat the Village Hall parking lot.

Banners For Ringwood's Downtown



Thank to the following companies for taking pride in Ringwood and purchase a banner to display in our downtown:

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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 Tuesday of the month.

Busy Three 4-H Club of Ringwood, the leader is Jennifer Wittum Cell 815-739-6566, Email steergirl17@hotmail.com, meeting held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Ringwood United Methodist Church basement.

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