

Village

OF RINGWOOD

Message

Dear Neighbors:

As I am sure you have heard by now, Ringwood Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Randy Funk passed away unexpectedly in September. During his time with the Village, Randy worked very hard to be the best building inspector/zoning enforcement officer that he could be. Randy took great pride in his job and always wanted to do right by the Village, our residents and businesses that he served. Randy will be fondly remembered and missed by the Village Board. Immediately following Randy's death, I received unsolicited phone calls from businesses and residents that Randy worked with expressing their condolences and telling me how much they enjoyed working with him. This is high praise for a building inspector and zoning enforcement officer. In October, the Village planted a tree in the Village Hall Park in Randy's memory.

As a result of Randy's passing, the firm of HR Green was hired to provide Building Inspection and Zoning Enforcement services to the Village. Contact information for HR Green can be found on the back information page of this newsletter. Also, I would like to encourage you to visit our Village website for updates on our Building and Zoning Enforcement procedures. I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this transition.

In other Village news, I am happy to report that ***Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, November 24, 2018. 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 2019.

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 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.

2018 Ringwood Community Picnic Wrap-up

Fun was had by all at the 2018 Ringwood Community Picnic held on Sunday, August 26th. Good food, good music, appearances by our local fire department and children's activities provided an afternoon of enjoyment for kids and adults alike.



A very special thank you to the following local businesses for generously supporting the 2018 Ringwood Community Picnic: Curran Contracting, Dow Chemical, Greenway Storage, Joseph H. Huemann & Sons, Huntsman, HR Green, Lima Excavation, Sue Keener - Ringwood Postmaster and Baxter & Woodman. In addition, thank you to the McHenry Township Fire Protection Districts 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.

Village Hall Park Update

Your Village officials are pleased to report that construction on Phase II of the Village Hall Park is progressing. Phase II update:

- Two tennis courts - One tennis court needs to be striped in addition to a final punch list - remaining work will be completed in the spring.
- Well and well house - Under construction - December 2018 completion
- Ice Skating Rink - Winter 2018/2019 - Installation and open for use
- Playground Equipment - Installation - April 12th & 13th, 2019

At the September Village Board meeting, the Village Board voted to purchase playground equipment from Team Real. See picture below. To install the playground equipment, the Village Board chose the community build option. *The community build option will save the Village thousands of dollars. We will need at least 4 to 6 volunteers on Friday, April 12th and at least 15 volunteers on Saturday, April 13th. To qualify to be a volunteer you need to be at least 18 years of age. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Village Clerk Roni Bushroe at: 815-321-1899. Thank you in advance for volunteering.*



As a reminder: Phase II improvements are estimated to cost \$180,000. How will Phase II improvements be funded? At the June 2018 Village Board meeting, the Village Board 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.

Prairie Trail Improvement Update

As you will recall, your Village officials reported in the August Village Voice that a “Trail Head” was being established on the McHenry County Conservation Districts (MCCD) Prairie Trail between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road. *This improvement was made possible by a donation made to the Village by the Walkington family in loving memory of Paul and Althea Walkington.*

As you can see to date, the following work has been completed: concrete pads, landscaping, signage and installation of a split rail fence. The following work remains to be completed in the spring: benches, memorial signs and a bike rack.

In May 2019, the Village will host a dedication ceremony and unveil a plaque telling the story about the contributions made by Paul and Althea Walkington to Ringwood throughout their lifetime. We thank the Walkington family for this generous and thoughtful donation to Ringwood. Finally, a plaque will also be installed to tell the story and mark the location of the former Ringwood Train Station.



The Village of Ringwood 2019 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 2019 on the third Tuesday of each month as follows:

Tuesday January 16	Tuesday July 16
Tuesday February 19	Tuesday August 20
Tuesday March 19	Tuesday September 17
Tuesday April 16	Tuesday October 15
Tuesday May 21	Tuesday November 19
Tuesday June 19	Tuesday December 17



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
24
9 am to 11:30 am
RINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL
6000 BARNARD MILL RD.

Rohm & Haas/Dow - Ringwood Facility Improvements

Rohm and Haas, LLC (a subsidiary of Dow Chemical) is installing a new plant building to produce Polyester Adhesives for Flexible Food Packaging and Industrial Adhesive applications. This new building will be 86 feet tall and is located in the SE area of the plant.

Why is our building so tall?

- The Polyester Process relies on gravity.
- Having fewer pumps and reduced piping helps to reduce material handling, making it a safer and ergonomically friendly facility.
- The amount of waste is reduced because less cleaning is required, and makes the process more sustainable.

What makes this a safe plant?

- This is a safe plant. The company is using a Demonstrated Technology from other plants in the business.
- Using the same raw materials that the plant uses today.
- Building is equipped with Foam fire protection.
- The process is computer controlled with safety interlocks.
- The new installation has a spill containment system.
- Area monitoring will be done continuously and alarm with any upset conditions.

How do we minimize impacts to the Ringwood Community?

- Noise from air handler will be contained inside the building.
- Reduced light emanating from the building at night- No translucent panels/ outdoor lighting aimed down.
- No Odor - Proven Process with incinerator.
- Ergonomic - Safe plant for employees and the community.
- No additional road traffic during normal operation.
- Road traffic during construction will be managed.
- Open Space - Plant has demolished and removed old assets.
- Safe Plant - Multiple Layers of Protection.

Does the new plant provide additional jobs?

This new building does not create new jobs, but will be able to reallocate/retain employees from the old process. Without this investment, there would be folks losing jobs.

Dow - Property Improvements

Dow plans to make improvement to its vacant property located at the south east corner of the intersection of Barnard Mill and Route 31. The company will plant trees on the south east corner of this intersection and will plant prairie grass and flowers throughout the remaining 25 plus acres. Approximately 3 acres will remain in agricultural use. Work on this project will begin in spring. We thank Dow for continuing to collaborate with your Village officials to improve their property in and around our downtown.

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

July 2018

- Approve hiring Power Court to construct two tennis courts in the Village Hall Park.
- Approve hiring Behm Pavement Management to crack seal, sealcoat and stripe the Village Hall parking lot.

The Village Board voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Bauer and Reinwall who voted against hiring Power Court and Trustee Meyer who was absent.

August 2018

- Approve hiring Upland Construction & Maintenance for snow removal and ice control services in the Village of Ringwood for the 2018/19 winter season.
- Approve an ordinance for a re-classification of zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to B-2 Limited Business District and a Conditional Use to allow a metal welding and fabrication business to be conducted on the subject property located at 4439 Route 31.
- Approve hiring a contractor and various subcontractors to construct a well house/shed and to install a well for the Village Hall Park.
- Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and the McHenry County Conservation District allowing the Village to construct and maintain improvements on the MCCD Prairie Trail located between Barnard Mill and Ringwood Roads.
- Approve hiring the following contractors to make improvements to the MCCD Prairie Trail: Hiller Property Maintenance (Landscaping), Upland Construction (Concrete) and Bright Light Signs (Signs).
- Approve an ordinance governing raffles in the Village of Ringwood.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action.

September 2018

- Approve purchasing playground equipment from Team Real for the Village Hall Park.

The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Robel who was absent.

October 2018

- Approve an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the Village limits , except in acres zoned agricultural and consisting of 10 or more acres. It shall be unlawful under this ordinance for any person to discharge any firearm for hunting purposes within 300 yards of any inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner of such dwelling.
- Approve Village of Ringwood Board of Trustees 2019 regular meeting schedule.

The Village of Board unanimously approved the above action except Trustees Herwes who was absent.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board:

- Consider Tax Levy ordinance.

Ringwood Village Hall

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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

HR Green - Building Inspection & Zoning Enforcement.

Office Hours: Every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact: Tina Williams 815-759-8344

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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