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OF RINGWOOD

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Dear Neighbors:

This has been a very busy and productive year in Ringwood. On April 12th & 13th the Village successfully completed our Community Build Project for the installation of the Village Hall park playground equipment. Our goal was to get at least 15 volunteers for this event. Thank you for the generosity and support from so many residents and the local business community, approximately 35 volunteers participated in the Community Build project. By any measure this was a big success for our community. By choosing Community Build option, the Village saved approximately \$14,000 in installation costs. You will find a complete list of volunteers on page 3, along with some photos of the day. I am truly grateful for all those to gave up there personal time to make this project a big success.

On Sunday June 2nd, the Village hosted a dedication ceremony for the recently established Trail Head on the McHenry County Prairie Trail in Ringwood. The Trail Head was made possible by a donation made to the Village by the Walkington family in loving memory of Paul and Althea Walkington. Approximately 60 members of the Walkington family and Village residents attend this event. At the ceremony, your Village officials and the McHenry County Conservation District recognize the Walkington family for this very thoughtful and generous donation. The ceremony was marked by the unveiling of a plaque telling the story about the contributions made by Paul and Althea Walkington to Ringwood throughout their lifetimes. In addition, a second plaque was unveiled telling the story and marking the location of the former Ringwood Train Depot. I would like to thank Craig Pfannkuche from the Historic Society for joining us at this ceremony to tell the story about the history and impact the railroad had in the development of Ringwood. This Trail Head will be there for this and future generations to enjoy. On behalf of the entire community, we are grateful to the Walkington family for this very thoughtful and generous contribution. See photo on page 2.

Finally, please see page two of this newsletter for details about our Annual Town picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 25th. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack
Village President



Mark Your Calendar - 2019 Annual Town Picnic

On Sunday, August 25th, 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.

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. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

June 2nd Trail Head Dedication Ceremony



The Walkington family gather around the plaque telling the story about the lifetime contribution made to the Ringwood by Paul and Althea Walkington.

Playground Community Build Project

Thank you to the following volunteers who made this project a BIG success! Craig Ackerman, Kevin Bauer, Todd Baldockki, Paul Baldockki, Matt Barthel, Paul & Sue Betts, Jason Barrett, Steve Boswell, Chris Diedrich, Steve & Amber Hurckes, Rick & Trevor Mack, Jason Meyer, Kerry Schultz, Matt Barthel, Anthony Wallin, Tina Williams (HR Green) Chad Pieper(HR Green), Jim & Chris Caldarella (HR Green) Paula Strand (Dow) Ivana Dudnik (Dow) Mike Cardagi (Dow) Brian Miller (Dow), Carl Kraft (Dow), Mike Cardosi (Dow), Divyesh Paul (Dow), Sugay & Sima Roy (Dow), Anthony Wallin, Tony Summers (Shepard Premier), Michael Stallone (Shepard Premier), Mark Coe Shepard Premier), Holly Conroy (Team Reil), Kelli Prim, Jared McClore. We used the sign in sheet to recognize everyone that attended. We apologize in advance if we misspelled or missed your name all together. We relied on the sign in sheet and our memory to hopefully capture everyone that participated.



Postmaster Susan Keener Retires

As a young woman, I was considering several careers including teaching and nursing. However, after graduating from Madonna High School I began a job at the Northern Trust Bank. During those early years, I also worked at the Zenith Radio Company in Chicago.

In 1975, my husband and I moved to Wonder Lake and settled into life in McHenry County. My first post office job began as a favor to a friend. In 1985, she asked me if I could “fill in” as a rural route mail carrier. Using my own car, I delivered mail to Wonder Lake, Spring Grove, and Ringwood. We were required to sort, bundle, and then deliver the mail. Working in all kinds of weather, the postal service paid an equipment maintenance allowance to pay for gas and vehicle repairs.

In 1991, after passing the Civil Service exam, I became a clerk at the Ringwood Post Office. I waited on customers at the window, sold stamps, sorted mail and packages, and answered the phones. When the Postmaster left to go to an office needing detail management, I became the interim Postmaster and ran the Ringwood office. I was sworn in as Ringwood’s Postmaster on August 28, 2005 at the Village Picnic.

The Ringwood Post Office had been in this location since the 1950s. Over the years in addition to its official duties, it became an unofficial meeting place for local residents. I recall four farmers who met there almost every day to chat about the weather, crop prices, and life in general. Before the USPS banned holiday decor, we used to decorate the post office for the holidays; I would bake cookies and serve coffee on special occasions.

One of my all time favorite tasks was to welcome the children from the Ringwood Primary Center when they made their annual walk from school to the Post Office. The children were always so excited to see a little bit about how the mail was sorted and readied for delivery!

In retirement, I don’t intend to be idle! I have already signed up for a 9:00 a.m. exercise class. I also will be able to travel and have planned a trip the Cayman Islands with my son and additional trips with other family members as well.

I have loved interacting with Ringwood residents over the years. Retiring has found me with mixed emotions, I will miss the patrons who have become forever friends. I want to thank you all for your friendship and support.



Ron Zieman, Manager
of Postal Operations

Susan takes the
Oath of Office

Bill Keener

HR Green is the Village Building & Zoning partner

The Village has contracted with HR Green, Inc., to oversee our Building & Zoning functions. For more than 10 years, the Governmental Services and Transportation teams of HR Green have partnered with the Village of Ringwood to improve our planning and infrastructure. Adding this new service reinforces our combined vision of a strong future for Ringwood.

“We are excited to add this service to our long-term relationship with the Village,” said Tim Hartnett, Principal/Vice President of HR Green. “Whenever the HR Green team meets with members of your community, it is easy to recognize the strong pride of place shown by Ringwood residents and business owners. Your building and zoning standards are simple to comply with, yet will help you maintain public safety and property values. The end goal is to ensure that the Village of Ringwood continues to be a great place to live, work and visit.”

Tina Williams of HR Green is the Village of Ringwood Building Inspection & Zoning Enforcement contact. She is available daily by appointment, with additional Village office hours every Wednesday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. You can contact her at 815.759.8344.

Mike Puplava, Senior Building Inspector with HR Green, will be providing building and code plan reviews and inspections. HR Green has a full staff of building and code professionals to assist the Village, as needed.

Building & Zoning – What it means for Ringwood

Village codes can be viewed as a simple tool for keeping Ringwood safe and welcoming. When it comes to compliance with Village codes, HR Green believes strongly in communication and collaboration. The first step is to make sure that everyone understands what is expected of them.

If a property is not meeting codes, HR Green will help to educate the individual about the codes. Often, that is all that is required to encourage compliance. The HR Green staff will then return to the property to review progress and develop an achievable plan of action, if required. When we all maintain our properties we are contributing to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Below are some guidelines.

Common property maintenance violations:

- Storage of Materials: (ORD 17-6-1)
- Fires: (ORD 17-6-1)
- Weeds and Grass: (ORD 17-6-1)
- Inoperable Vehicles: (ORD 17-6-1)
- Lighting: (ORD 17-6-1)
- Portable Storage Containers and Roll off Dumpsters: (ORD 2012-5-1)

Be a good neighbor & community member:

- Keeping your property clear of junk, trash and debris.
- Using trash containers with tight fitting lids and placing trash containers behind the building line, not in view of a public street.
- Putting out trash after 6:00 PM the evening before pickup and removing containers soon after pickup.
- Maintaining your lawn under a height of eight (8) inches.
- Keeping motor vehicles in operational condition and properly licensed by the State of Illinois.
- Being considerate of neighbors by keeping noise levels at reasonable levels.
- Trimming tree branches and shrubbery so they do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
- Making sure not to push or move snow, leaves, landscape or other waste from any private property onto the public right-of-way.
- Cleaning up after your dog, ensuring they stay in your yard and keeping them leashed when you take them off your property.

When and how to obtain a Building Permit:

Permits are required for any structural, electrical, mechanical, plumbing work and tree removal. Permits allow for the enforcement of codes as adopted by state, county and local laws and ordinances. Codes are designed to reduce the potential hazards of unsafe construction and provide minimum standards that help to ensure the public health, safety and welfare. Please call 815-759-8344 to verify if your project requires a permit. Highlighting Village ordinances.

Building & Zoning Continued

From time to time, your Village officials will be highlighting certain ordinances in our newsletters that we would like to bring to your attention. A complete copy of all Village ordinances can be found on the Village Website. In this newsletter, we would like to highlight the following ordinances:

Firearms Ordinance - This ordinance prohibits the discharge of Firearms in the Village of Ringwood. In summary, the ordinance reads as follows: No person shall discharge any firearm within the Village limits, except in areas zoned Agricultural and consist of ten (10) or more acres. It shall also be unlawful under this ordinance for any person to discharge any firearm for hunting purposes within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner or tenant of such dwelling.

Outdoor Storage - The outdoor storage of boats, all types of watercraft, campers, recreational vehicles, motor homes, trailers of all types, all terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles, unlicensed inoperable vehicles are prohibited in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District (10 acres or less) R-1, RR-2, R-3 and E-1 Residential Zoning Districts, B-1, B-2, B-3, O/R, I-1, and I-2 Business & Industrial Zoning Districts in the Village of Ringwood. Your cooperation with this ordinance is appreciated.

Pubic Notice

ATV's - If you do not have permission, please do not ride ATV's on agricultural fields. Not only is this trespassing, but you are destroying the agricultural crop that has been planted on the field.

Highlights of the Village Board

March, April, May and June Board Meetings:

March 2019

- Approve complete streets policy for the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve ordinance updating building codes.

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

April 2019

- No new business was acted upon at the April Village Board meeting.

May 2019

- Approve an ordinance making Appropriations for Corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 in the Village of Ringwood.
- Approve an ordinance for a zoning change request and conditional use permit for an ice cream and coffee shop at 5002 & 5003 Monroe Street (Rusty Nail).
- Approve various building code amendments for the Village of Ringwood.

All trustees were present at the May Village Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve the above action.

June 2019

- Approve Dow's request for variances to the Village of Ringwood Building Code.
- Approve hiring Upland Construction and Maintenance to patch School and Barnard Mill Road.
- Approve hiring Berm Pavement Maintenance to crack seal North & South Ridgeway Roads and Business Parkway.
- Approve amendments to the Village of Ringwood Subdivisions Ordinance.

All Trustees present at the June meeting voted to approve the above action, except Trustee Herdus who was absent.

Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Levy Ordinance.
- Consider Prevailing Wage Ordinance



Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



NO Recyclables in Plastic Bags

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



NO Food & liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



NO Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Check earth911.com for a local drop off site.



NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging

Take plastic bags back to a local grocer to keep bags clean and dry, and prevent them from shutting down recycling facilities. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org to find a drop off location near you.



NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues

Compost, if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



NO Polystyrene Foam

Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at earth911.com.



NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check earth911.com for a drop off center near you.



NO Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash or order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service.



NO Yard Waste & Wood

Compost, or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubs.

For more information on recycling, visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

Let's get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:



1 Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



2 Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.



3 Empty recyclables directly into your cart - NO bagged recyclables.



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Plastic Bottles & Containers
Botellas y envases de plástico



Food & Beverage Cans
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



Paper
Papeles



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



Food & Beverage Cartons
Cartones de alimentos y bebidas



Glass Bottles & Containers
Botellas y vasos de vidrio

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:

NO incluya en su contenedor de reciclaje mixto:



NO Food or Liquids
NO comida o líquidos



NO Foam Cups & Containers
NO vasos y recipientes de poliestireno



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet
NO ropa, muebles y alfombras



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Film or Bagged Recyclables
Empty recyclables directly into your cart
NO bolsas y envolturas de plástico sueltas, o materiales reciclables empaquetados
Nunca directamente los materiales reciclables en nuestro contenedor



NO Batteries or Needles in the Recycling or Trash
Baterías and needles pose safety risks for our employees. Check for local drop-off programs for proper disposal
NO pilas y las agujas presentan riesgos de seguridad para nuestros empleados. Puede revisar los programas locales de entrega para su disposición adecuada.



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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 5:00 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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