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Dear Neighbors:

Mark your calendar! I am happy to report that on Sunday, August 22nd, Ringwood will hold its Annual Town Picnic. The Picnic will begin at noon in the Village Hall Park. Details about our 2021 Annual Town Picnic will be available in the next edition of the Village Voice. Normally an announcement about our annual town picnic would not be a big deal. But as you know, we had to cancel our 2020 picnic along with just about everything else in our personal and collective lives as a result of the pandemic. Thanks to at least 3 vaccines, every adult in America that wants a vaccine will have that opportunity by mid-summer. As a result, I'm very hopeful that our 2021 picnic will be a safe and fun event. I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's picnic.

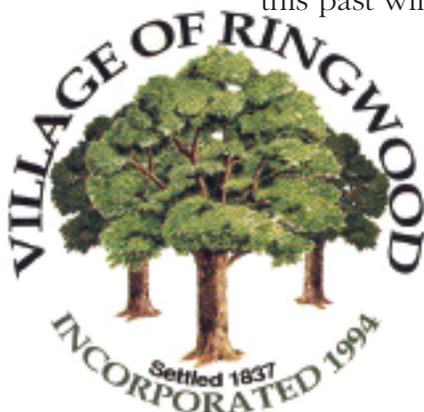
In other Village news, I wanted to inform you that I have been working with the Villages of Hebron and Spring Grove, the other two towns in McHenry County served by Mediacom, to address issues with service. (See Mediacom letter on page 2). I am pleased to inform you that Mediacom has responded to our letter. They have informed us that Mediacom local area management along with corporate executives have been working with Comcast in negotiating a lease of dark fiber to secure a redundant ring and alleviate Hebron, Ringwood and Spring Grove from being on a single run. By collaborating with the other communities in McHenry County serviced by Mediacom, I am hopeful that we will find success in solving these and future issues.

Finally, I would like to thank Upland Construction & Maintenance, our Village snow plow contractor, and the McHenry Township Road District for the great job they did keeping our roads safe and clear of snow and ice this past winter.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Mack  
Village President



January 26, 2021

Mr. Rocco B. Commisso  
CEO Mediacom Communications Corporation  
100 Crystal Run Road  
Middleton, New York 10941

Dear Mr. Commisso,

Our three villages are located in northeastern Illinois, in an area which Mediacom services with internet TV and phone. Our villages appreciate the updated speeds and investments made in recent years; however, Mediacom's failure to invest in network redundancy in our area continues to result in major outages, the impact of which is incalculable.

As you know, Mediacom advertises itself as "a faster, more reliable internet". But when a fiber-optic cable is cut or damaged due to storms, accidents, or excavators, even 40 or 50 miles away, we lose service for extended periods of time. During the last six months of 2020, there were four major outages with durations of five - ten hours each. On social media pages, our residents are venting their frustration with Mediacom and sharing ways to "cut the cord".

In addition to disrupting emergency services, these outages cause loss of revenue for our businesses and factories, which are the economic engines of our towns, and loss of productivity for remote workers. Students have no other option but to participate in distance learning at this time and are cut-off from their classrooms. These reasons make major outages unacceptable in 2021.

We have reached out to local reps about this issue, as well as an issue with subdivisions that completely lack cable internet service, but have not gotten a positive response. We need to find an economically viable option to protect against outages like this. Since we are surrounded by Comcast territory, perhaps there is a way to work with them, or maybe FCC grants are available to build backup systems. Together, we are asking Mediacom to create alternate cable routes, or find other options, to significantly reduce the potential for these outages that leave our villages without service, and to extend service to all.

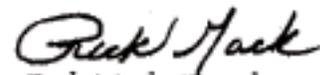
Respectfully,



Mark Eisenberg, President  
Village of Spring Grove



Jimmy Martinez, President  
Village of Hebron



Rick Mack, President  
Village of Ringwood

cc: Governor J. B. Pritzker  
U.S. Senator Dick Durban  
U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth  
Congresswoman Lauren Underwood  
McHenry County Board Chair Michael Buehler  
Mediacom Director of Area Operations Don DeMay

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State Senator Craig Wilcox  
State Rep. Steve Reick (District 63)  
State Rep. Tom Weber (District 64)

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## 2021 Ringwood Community Garage Sale Days Mark your calendar!



On Thursday, Friday and Saturday - June 10th, 11th, and 12th, your Village officials will be advertising the 17th annual Ringwood Garage Sale Days. Anyone interested in having a garage sale this year should consider having their sale during the above three days in June. Your Village officials will purchase ads in the Northwest Herald, publish the information on the Village website and place signs throughout the Village advertising the sales. If you plan to participate in the 2021 Ringwood Garage Sale Days, please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener at 815-355-6680 to ensure we have signs advertising the garage sale locations.



### 2021 Public Works Report:

Patching & Crack Sealing - Your Village officials will review and identify roads within the Village for possible crack sealing and patching in 2021 in April after the frost comes out of the ground.

### 2021 Golf cart/UTV Sticker Renewal or Registration



If you are the owner of a Golf cart or UTV, it's that time of the year to renew or register your vehicle. The deadline to renew or register your vehicle is May 15, 2021. Village Clerk Sue Keener will be at the Village Hall on the following days and times for you to renew or register your vehicle: Saturday, April 17th, 24th and May 1st from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If these dates do not work for you, please contact Village Clerk Sue Keener to make an appointment to renew or register your vehicle. Sue can be reached at 815-355-6680. It will cost \$10 to renew your sticker or \$50 to register your Golf cart/UTV for the first time. Please note: A vehicle inspection will be required to register your vehicle, but no inspection will be required to renew your registration. Please make your check payable to the Village of Ringwood. No cash or credit will be accepted. A copy of the Non-Highway Vehicle ordinance can be found on the Village website.

### Radar Speed Signs

The Village Board plans to purchase mobile radar speed signs to be placed primarily in downtown Ringwood and other areas of the Village as needed. Speeding in Ringwood's downtown has gotten increasingly worse over the past years. Your Village officials are hopeful these radar speed signs will improve the situation, slowing down motorists on Ringwood and Barnard Mill Roads as they enter and leave Ringwood.

### Santa's Visit from the North Pole



Santa flew in to Ringwood on Saturday morning November 28, 2020 to visit with the little children from Ringwood. To keep everyone safe during this pandemic, Santa greeted numerous families and anxious little ones at the end of their driveways along the parade route with their Christmas wishes. A special thank you to all the Ringwood families who made this day so special. We would also like to thank Village President Rick Mack, Clerk Sue Keener, Trustees Tom Hewes, Katie Herdus and Jason Meyer who helped create a festive atmosphere. Santa promised to be back again next Christmas.



## Recycling with Waste Management - Spring Cleanup

Materials accepted with Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection program:

**Household Chemicals:** Cleaner, ammonia, tile/shower cleaner, cleaning compound and rust remover

**Automotive Products:** Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, batteries, fuel, polishes and waxes

**Paint Products:** Paint, spray paint, stain, stripper, thinner, caulk, sealer, wood stain and preservative

**Garden Chemicals:** Fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide and insecticide

**Universal Materials:** Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL), fluorescent tube, household batteries, thermometer and thermostat

**Swimming Pool Chemicals:** Pool acid, stabilizer and chlorine (limitations apply - in certain areas only)

**Electronics:** TV, computer, monitor, mouse, MP3 player, DVD/ CD/ tape player, VCR, cell phone, desktop printer, keyboard, fax machine, scanner, microwave, CD rom and related cords.

## Ringwood Service Rates

### Monthly Rate per Residential Unit

Contract Year	Bags/Cans	96 gallon Cart Program	At Your Door Service (in addition to monthly rates)
2/1/21 - 1/31/22	\$22.86	\$25.10	\$1.51

From 1/1/2020 Through 12/31/2020 the total pounds collected in Ringwood: 1,563.59 and total pounds sent for recycling: 1,350.45.

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## MCCD Prairie Trail

The McHenry County Conservation District is in the process of repairing a drainage problem on the Prairie Trail between Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road. This project includes cutting trees down to make room for a drainage swale. During heavy rain events water ponds on Ringwood Road and the Prairie Trail, because of poor drainage along this section of the Trail. The purpose of this project is to resolve this issue and improve drainage on this section of the Prairie Trail. Thank you to MCCD for making this improvement.

# Highlights of the Village Board

## October, November, December, January and February

### Village Board Meetings:

#### October 2020

- Approve hiring Upland Construction and Maintenance to patch and repair roads.
- Approve Village Board 2021 regular meeting agenda.

*All Trustees present at the October Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustees Reinwall who was absent.*

#### November 2020

- Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Ringwood and the McHenry Township Road District.
- Approve McHenry County Stormwater Management Ordinance Adoption and Training.
- Approve annual Levy Ordinance.

*All Trustees present at the November Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Reinwall who was absent.*

#### December 2020

- No action (new or old business) was considered at the December Village Board meeting.

#### January 2021

- No action (new or old business) was considered at the January Village Board meeting.

#### February 2021

- Approve the Annual Village of Ringwood Financial Report.

*All Trustees present at the November Village Board meeting voted unanimously to approve the above action, except Trustee Reinwall and Walkington who were absent.*

#### Possible Future Action by the Village Board

- Consider Appropriations Ordinance.
- Consider hiring a contractor to patch and crack seal various roads in the Village.

## Ringwood Village Hall

6000 Barnard Mill Road  
Ringwood, IL 60072

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### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

#### President

Richard Mack — 815-321-1898

#### Clerk

Sue Keener — 815-355-6680

#### Treasurer

Shelly Dercole — 815-653-5511

### VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Katie Herdus — 847-644-5963

Tom Hewes — 847-875-5702

Jason Meyer — 815-482-3698

Gary Reinwall — 815-728-0223

Missy Robel — 815-347-8916

Jay Walkington — 815-728-1784

### 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 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](mailto:steergirl17@hotmail.com), meeting held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Ringwood United Methodist Church basement.

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