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Village Messenger



INFORMING THE RESIDENTS OF PRAIRIE GROVE

FALL/WINTER 2014

FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to our 2014 Fall-Winter edition of the Village Messenger! As the winter months are approaching the Public Works Department would like to remind you of their upcoming **fall brush pickup scheduled on November 11th and 12th**. Please review the guidelines listed on page 5. The Village has seen a flurry of activity throughout the community in the last 6 months. Please stop by to say hello to our new businesses highlighted on page 5 of this newsletter and those who will locate here upon completion of the new commercial center under construction at the intersection of Route 176 and Valley View Roads. You may also be interested in the information on page 2 regarding **Electric Aggregation**. Your feedback is welcomed and encouraged.

Our President and Board of Trustees feel it is necessary to keep the lines of communication open with you so that you are aware of important matters impacting our community and through as many channels as possible (see **Citizens Police Academy** on page 5). In addition to this bi-annual newsletter, the President and Board of Trustees will conduct a semi-annual review of the budget in November and adopt the **Village Levy** in December. The Village's email list is another great way to gather information about upcoming meetings and events. You can easily join by logging onto the Village website at www.prairiegrove.org and enter your email address in the box provided within the left hand column. As always, if you need immediate attention, you may contact the Board or Village Staff at (815) 455-1411.

The Village of Prairie Grove is committed to providing a high level of service for those who live, work and play within our corporate boundaries and has succeeded in doing so within its self-imposed challenge to do more with less. This has and will continue to be accomplished by implementing sustainable practices to preserve our assets, find new methods by which to maintain our property, expand communications with our public, reduce expenditures and seek out grant and other revenue generating opportunities. We look forward to speaking with all of our residents and welcome you to our meetings and other wonderful family activities we host from time to time (see **Turkey Trot** on pages 3 and 4).

From our Family to Yours, please accept our warmest wishes for a healthy, joyful & peaceful holiday season!

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Superintendent**
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Police Records Clerk**
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Along Our Roads

FALL BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULED FOR November 11th and 12th

The Public Works Department is offering to help residents clean tree branches from their yards. Village staff will be out only on **November 11th and 12th** with the truck and chipper collecting branches left in piles on the front curb of residents' properties. This program is intended for larger tree branches resulting from trimming or storm damage and is not for the disposal of whole trees. No stumps or roots will be taken. All brush must be a minimum of four feet in length and between two to eight inches in diameter. Small or thin branches can cause the chipper to jam and creates a safety hazard. Please be aware that branches will be left behind if they cannot be put through the chipper safely. All other yard waste (leaves, clippings, small branches, etc...) placed in acceptable stickered containers will be picked up by Groot. The Village respectfully requests your cooperation with these guidelines.

Road Improvements

The Village of Prairie Grove thanks the McHenry County Council of Mayors for its recent grant approval for Barreville Road improvements. 80% of the project will be funded through the Illinois Surface Transportation Program with the remaining project costs being funded by the Village of Prairie Grove. The Village is seeking road resurfacing project approval for the Summer of 2015.

The Illinois Department of Revenue has notified the Village that the expansion of Route 31 from Route 176 to Route 120 (Rte. 31 Add Lanes Project) has received funding for Phase 1 (Environmental Engineering) and Phase 2 (Design Engineering). We are still seeking funding for land acquisition and construction. Thank you for your continued support of this critical project.

Your VOICE is important! Please do not hesitate to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation by logging onto www.IllRoute31.com and let the State know of your concerns with traffic in and around the Village of Prairie Grove.

Police Education

SIGN UP FOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Prairie Grove Police Department is hosting its first Citizen Police Academy in the Spring of 2015! This program will give residents the opportunity through classroom participation, practical exercises and ride-alongs to experience some of the training police officers must go through to become certified. The objective behind the program is based on the premise that active community involvement with the Police Department will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime and prevention.

To secure your place in one of our free 10 week courses you must:

- * Be at least 18 years of age
- * Be a resident or work in Prairie Grove
- * Have NO felony or misdemeanor convictions
- * Commit to one 2 hour session per week
- * Be able to handle material of a graphic nature

For more info please call 815-455-3918



Around Town

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

- Storm Front Crossfit** at 2520 Route 176, Units 11&12
- Jumbo Postcard** at 2520 Route 176, Unit 10
- AKZ Construction** at 2510 Route 176, Unit L
- Artic Enterprises, Inc.** at 2520 Route 176, Unit 8
- Tredroc Mechanical** at 4503 Ray Street

Electronic Waste

Prairie Grove E-Cycles!

The Village recently amended its contract with waste hauler Groot Industries, Inc. to include electronic waste recycling. This amendment allows residents the opportunity to drop electronic waste at a designated container located in the back parking lot of Village Hall. Electronic waste, or e-waste, is no longer permitted in Illinois landfills and may not be collected as residential solid waste. Residents will be allowed to place electronic items in the designated e-waste container whereupon Groot will recycle all items collected. Please see the list below for examples of e-waste that will be accepted:

- Personal Computers
- Electronic Mice
- Printers
- Copiers
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Cell Phones
- Radios
- Video Game Consoles
- Keyboards
- Small Scale Servers
- Scanners
- Fax Machines
- Telephones
- Stereos

PLEASE NOTE*** Televisions will not be accepted for this drop off service. While Groot will recycle televisions, it will require a separate fee and scheduled pick up from the curb. Please contact Groot directly to schedule the collection of televisions.

We are thankful to have the continued opportunity to provide these important services to the Village of Prairie Grove. Should you have any questions regarding the collection program, please contact us at 877-404-7668.



Parks and Rec

Village Board Approves Park Facility Reservation Rules and Agreement

The Village Hall Park has seen many guests since its ribbon cutting ceremony last year. Village Staff have been receiving more and more inquiries regarding facility reservations.

Village Hall Park amenities are available on a first come, first served basis. However, the Village Board authorized a Reservation and Agreement Form (see page 4) for those guests who would like to ensure the space is available for their use. Staff will begin taking reservations after January 1, 2015.

Reservation of the Facilities are available as follows:

Village Hall Park Pavilion:
Year Round from 9:00am until Dusk

Village Hall Park Open Space:
Year Round from 9:00am until Dusk

Village Hall Baseball Field:
May 1 – November 1 from 9:00am until Dusk

ELIGIBILITY

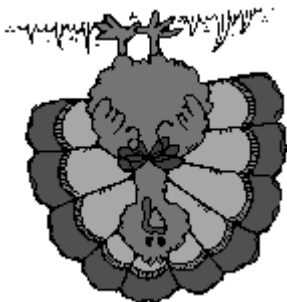
Persons making a reservation for use of the Facilities must be at least 18 years of age and be present at the activity or event.

MAINTENANCE

Facilities are to be left in an acceptable, clean, and orderly condition. The Guests bears the responsibility of removing all personal items and materials from the Facilities. All accumulated trash in the bathrooms, pavilion and perimeter park areas is to be disposed of in available trash receptacles or dumpsters. Picnic tables are to be properly cleaned and kept in the pavilion at all times. Guests must comply with all regulations and ordinances of the Village.

Other Rules and Regulations apply. Please contact Village Hall at (815) 455-1411 for more information or log onto the Village website at www.prairiegrove.org and click on the Parks and Rec page.

Village of Prairie Grove Parks and Recreation



2014 Turkey Trot Family Fun Run November 27, 2014

Come join us for a 5k Run or a 1.5 mile Family Fun Run

Thursday November 27, 2014 8:00 am

Registration is \$10.00 per individual and \$15.00 per family.

Sponsored in part by:



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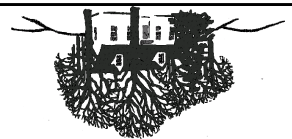
1st and 2nd Place Prizes in categories Male/Female; 18 and over/under 18

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**All proceeds will benefit the Village Hall Park**  
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We will also be collecting canned goods for the
Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Below are some suggested items

- Tuna, Cereal, Soups containing meat,
- Granola bars, Jelly, Rice, Applesauce, Chili, Soda Crackers,
- Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Canned Beans, Jello,
- Paper Towels, Kleenex



Village of Prairie Grove
3125 Barreville Road, Prairie Grove, IL 60012

Park Facility Reservation and Agreement

Facility: Pavilion _____ Baseball Field/Open Space _____ Both _____

Contact Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email Address: _____
 Organization's Name: _____

GUEST FEES (Resident / NonResident)	# of People	Deposit*	Pavilion		Ballfield/Open Space		
			(per use)	(per hour)	(per use)	(per hour)	
1-50	1-50	\$100	\$75/\$125	\$15/\$25	101-150	\$150/\$200	\$15/\$25
51-100	151-200	\$150	\$125/\$175	\$15/\$25	101-150	\$150/\$200	\$15/\$25
	201-250	\$200	\$200/\$250	\$15/\$25	151-200	\$200/\$250	\$15/\$25
	≥251	\$300	\$250/\$300	\$15/\$25	201-250	\$250/\$300	\$15/\$25
		\$500	\$350/\$500	\$15/\$25	≥251	\$350/\$500	\$15/\$25

*Refundable: Once the facility is inspected for garbage and/or damage, the deposit will be returned. Please note that refunds may take up to two weeks processing prior to refunding and a minimum cleaning fee of \$25 per quarter hour may be deducted from the maintenance deposit.

Cancellations:

14 days prior to rental – no refunds
 15-30 days prior to the date of rental – 25% of deposit refunded
 31-60 days prior to the date of rental – 50% of deposit refunded
 60+ days prior to the date of rental – 100% of deposit fee refunded minus a \$5 service fee

Group applications: Groups of more than 250 people must be approved in writing by the Village Administrator.

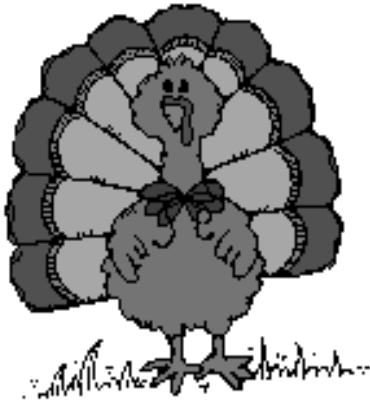
School Districts 46, 47, 155: Each must complete an application form. Certificate of Insurance is required. All other not for profits must complete application form and leave the appropriate deposit. Fee for any Facility reservation (Monday–Friday only) is \$25 per use. Certificate of Insurance is required.

Park Facility Rules and Regulations: The attached Village Park Facility Rules and Regulations are attached and incorporate herein.

Indemnification: In exchange for the Village agreeing to allow use of the Facilities to the undersigned, its successors and assigns, hereby agree to hold harmless, indemnify and reimburse the Village, its officials, employees, successors and assigns, for any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising directly or indirectly from its use of the Facility. The undersigned understands that the Village assumes no responsibility or liability for any damage or injury of any sort arising or alleged to have arisen from the use of the facility.

Guest/Date _____

2014 Turkey Trot 5K Race and Family Fun Run November 27, 2014



Village of Prairie Grove Parks and Recreation

Entry Form

“I do not run to add days to my life, I run to add life to my days.”

– Ronald Rook

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

\$10.00 per individual \$15.00 per family

Registrant's Name	Sex	Birthdate	Age	Fee			

Waiver and Release

I, have signed this entry form intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators and release any and all rights and claims for damages I might have against the Village of Prairie Grove and the Race Committee, and officials and other sponsors of this event and their representatives for any and all injuries including death suffered by me in the event. I attest that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my photograph or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. This entry is invalid unless signed by the entrant. If entrant is under 18 years of age then entry must be signed by parent/guardian. The official race director reserves the right to reject any entry.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian if under 18: _____

Please make check payable to Village of Prairie Grove, 3125 Barreville Road, Prairie Grove, IL 60012

THE VILLAGE SCENE

Clerk's Corner

April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election Candidates for Board of Trustees

Key Dates

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – First Date to Pick Up (8:00 a.m.) and Begin Circulating Nominating Petition

Monday, December 15 - 22, 2014 – Nominating Petition Filing Period

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – Election Day

- Candidate placement on the ballot is determined in order of filing. All petitions filed by persons waiting in line at the office of the local election official as of 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing shall be deemed simultaneously filed as of 8:00 a.m. Petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery or pickup on the first day of filing shall be deemed simultaneously filed as of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to receive filings, except that on December 22, 2014, the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Open Positions

Trustee - four year term (3 open positions)
Trustee - two year unexpired term (1 open position)

Candidates must be 18 years of age and a resident in the Village of Prairie Grove for at least one year prior to the election date of April 7, 2015.

For more information please call the Office of the Village Clerk at 815-455-1411.

In Our Boardroom

PROPOSED LEVY MEETING

The Village Board is committed to open lines of communication with its residents. Being aware of issues that matter to our residents makes Prairie Grove an effective local government.

The Village Board has scheduled a Public Hearing on the Proposed Village Levy Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall Boardroom

WELCOME New Commissioners



Commissioner Todd Price was recently appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Todd is an IT Analyst/Architect/Developer and has resided in the Village with his wife and children for the last 8 years.



Commissioner Jean Smith was recently appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Jean is the Contract Administrator at Berger Excavating and has lived in the Village with her husband Mike and their son and daughter for the last 12 years.

Electric Aggregation

On March 20, 2012, residents of Prairie Grove approved a referendum authorizing community leaders to buy electricity in bulk from a supplier other than Commonwealth Edison ("ComEd"). In May of 2014 the Village selected Integrys Energy Services, Inc., to provide electricity supply services to their residents for the next three years as they were the lowest bidder at 6.99 cents per kWh. ComEd recently petitioned the Illinois Commerce Commission for changes to rules and regulations allowing the company greater flexibility in their pricing structure. In anticipation of these new rules, the Village of Prairie Grove wrote a provision into its Electric Aggregation Contract allowing the Village to Opt Out of service with Integrys and return to ComEd in the event ComEd's rates continue to drop. We are essentially at break even compared to ComEd; however, the Village Board may be considering an Opt Out in the future should rates continue to decline.



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3125 Barreville Road
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Call 2-1-1 for McHenry County Health and Human Service Information and Referral Line or log onto www.findhelp211.org



Important Information

Village Hall: 815-455-1411

Current office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Village Police Department

FOR AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS DIAL 911 or

McHenry County Dispatch 815-338-2141

For non-emergency police and general office inquiries, call 815-455-3918

Regular administrative office hours 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Public Works: 815-477-3665

Building Department: 815-455-0920

Please call to schedule building inspections. A 24-hour notice is required.

Building Permits

Village Building Permits are required for most home improvement projects, including: new buildings, sheds, decks, basements, fences, room additions, garages, patios, driveways, gazebos, sun rooms, screen rooms, swimming pools, hot tubs, fireplaces, siding, re-roofing and lawn irrigation.