

THE SPOKESMAN

WINTER 2024

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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Marty Maloney

What a fun time to be in Park Ridge! This past summer was packed with events and activities, and now we get to enjoy the beauty of fall as we transition toward winter.

Summertime in Park Ridge is always special, and this year was no exception. The Farmers Market flourished, the Library's 100th Anniversary Summer Reading Program attracted hundreds of participants, and our beloved Concerts in the Park brought friends and families together for music under the stars. The new Market After Dark event was a tremendous success, adding to cherished traditions like Trucktoberfest, PumpkinSmash, and cheering on our local high school football teams.

This upcoming season is shaping up to be just as exciting! Our thriving Uptown, North Park, and South Park business districts continue to thrive thanks to your support. Look out for the new Local Business Bingo game, where participants can win prizes by dining locally, following businesses on social media, scheduling services, enjoying treats or movies in town, and checking off items on their Bingo card with photos or receipts. Remember, LOCAL = GOOD!

For dining and gathering ideas, the Park Ridge Restaurant Guide is your go-to resource. Whether you're rediscovering old favorites or trying something new, our vibrant dining scene continues to grow each season.

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers who dedicate their time, talents, and creativity to our community. It's humbling to witness the behind-the-scenes efforts of local organizations, service clubs, nonprofits, and event organizers. Their commitment is a testament to the love and care that makes Park Ridge such a vibrant and welcoming place.

I encourage everyone to get involved—volunteering is one of the most rewarding ways to contribute to our community. Together, we make Park Ridge richer, kinder, and more inclusive every day.

Thank you for all that you do. See you around town!

As we celebrate the season, the City is proud to honor our Hometown Heroes with banners recognizing the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. To learn more about the program, visit www.parkridge.us/HometownHeroes.

If you'd like to recognize a family member, local business, or organization with a proclamation, visit my office's website.

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CLERK'S CORNER

City Clerk Sal Raspanti



GET INVOLVED: SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

Looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The City invites residents to apply to serve on one of our many boards and commissions. These volunteer roles play a vital part in guiding decisions and enhancing the quality of life in our city.

Whether you're passionate about sustainability, design, historic preservation, or another area, there's a place for your voice and expertise. Upcoming openings include the Sustainability Commission and the Appearance Commission. Visit the City's website to learn more and apply today!

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Thank you to the Emerson Show Choir for their fantastic performance at the recent City Council meeting! Don't miss the Lincoln Middle School Jazz Band's performance at City Hall on December 16 at 6:30pm.

Stay informed!

The City Council has approved its meeting calendar for 2025. Visit our website to view the schedule and stay up-to-date on upcoming meetings. You can also review agendas, minutes, and materials for all City meetings to stay engaged with what's happening in Park Ridge.

SCAN HERE

On the cover: ***Your Table is Ready*** at Harp and Fiddle, 110 Main Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

WWW.PARKRIDGEPOLICE.ORG

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HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The holiday season is here—don't let the Grinch steal your joy! Follow these simple tips to keep your holidays merry and bright:

At Home: Remember the 9:00pm routine!

- Lock all doors and windows, even when you're home.
- Keep packages out of sight from windows.
- Use timers for lights to make your home look occupied.

While Shopping:

- Stay alert and park in well-lit areas.
- Lock purchases and valuables in your trunk—don't leave them in plain view.
- Carry your bag with one hand and keep the other free for safety.

Package Deliveries:

- Enable delivery alerts to track packages.
- Schedule deliveries for when you're home or use a secure drop-off location.

Traveling for the Holidays:

- Fill out our vacation watch form before you leave.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or ask a neighbor to collect them.
- Use timers for lights to deter burglars.

Stay safe and enjoy the season! For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, contact us at (847) 318-5252.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots donations can be dropped off at several locations in Park Ridge through Friday, December 13.

- Police Department, 200 S Vine Avenue
- City Hall, 505 Butler Place
- Fire Department, 1000 N Greenwood Avenue
- Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Avenue



PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR WINTER

As winter approaches, now is the perfect time to ensure your vehicle is equipped with an emergency kit. Winter weather conditions like snow, ice, and extreme cold can create unexpected challenges on the road. Having a well-stocked kit can make all the difference in keeping you safe during an emergency.

For a complete guide to winter car safety and additional tips, visit:

WWW.READY.GOV/CAR

Taking the time now to prepare could save you and your loved ones from unnecessary stress—or even danger—this winter season.

VEHICLE EMERGENCY KIT

Essential items to include are:

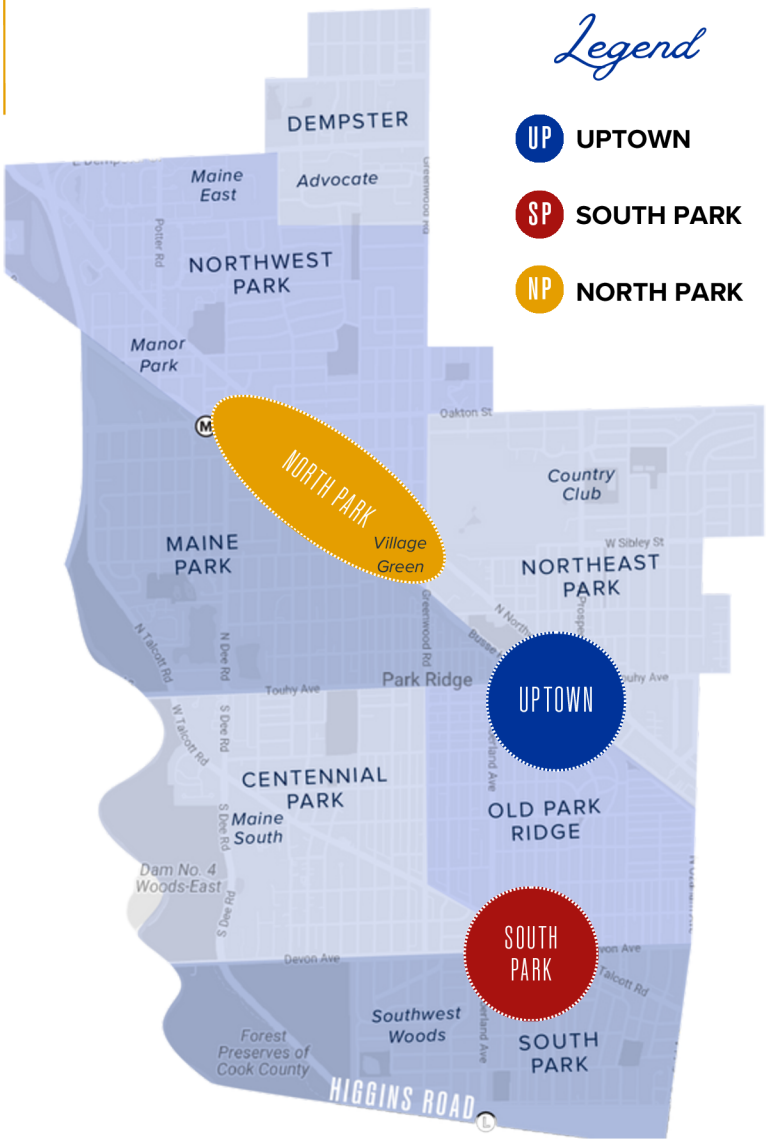
- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangles for visibility
- Ice scraper/brush
- Car cell phone charger and a portable charger
- Cat litter or sand to provide traction for stuck tires
- Small shovel and blankets for added warmth and utility


YOUR TABLE
is ready.
EXPLORE OUR
Local Restaurants
www.parkridge.us/EATParkRidge
PARK RIDGE

Sit & Savor

- UP **BLUFISH SUSHI**
  550 W Touhy Ave
- SP **CANTON TEA GARDEN**
  805 Devon Ave
- NP **CHICAGO RAMEN**
  1056 Busse Hwy
- UP **DANIEL'S CHARCUTERIE**
  15 S Fairview Ave
- NP **DON JUAN'S CANTINA**
  650 N Northwest Hwy
- SP **DUA ITALIAN CUISINE & STEAKHOUSE**
  742 Higgins Rd
- SP **EASY STREET PIZZA**
  711 Devon Ave
- NP **GOLDY'S GRILL**
  1023 N Northwest Hwy
- UP **HARP & FIDDLE**
  110 Main St
- UP **HAY CARAMBA**
  122 S Prospect Ave
- UP **HOLT'S**
  43 S Prospect Ave
- NP **LOLA'S DINER**
  920 Busse Hwy
- SP **MAC'S RESTAURANT**
  812 Higgins Rd
- UP **MR. STACKS**
  90 N Northwest Hwy
- UP **MUGHAL THE BIRYANI HOUSE**
  510 W Touhy Ave
- UP **MULLY'S GRILL**
  24 Main St
- UP **NETA SUSHI**
  35 S Prospect Ave
- NP **NEW CHINA 1**
  2636 Dempster St
- SP **NONNA SILVIA'S**
  1400 S Canfield Rd
- UP **THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE**
  106 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **PATINA WINE BAR**
  112 S Prospect Ave
- UP **PAZZI DI PIZZA**
  1 S Prospect Ave
- UP **PENNYVILLE STATION**
  112 Main St
- UP **POKE BURRITO**
  12 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **REYES STEAKHOUSE**
  420 W Touhy Ave
- UP **SHAKOU**
  130 S Prospect Ave
- SP **SHAWARMA INN**
  715 Devon Ave
- UP **SAL PIQUE**
  130 N Northwest Hwy
- UP **SHEMROON KABAB HOUSE**
  430 W Touhy Ave
- UP **THALAIVAS INDIAN KITCHEN**
  116 Main St
- UP **THE PINES ROOM**
  51 Summit Ave

**Active restaurants as of October 15, 2024*



Quick Bites

- UP **CHIPOTLE**
  119 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **CITY BBQ**
  123 N Northwest Hwy
- NP **CLEAN JUICE**
  648 N Northwest Hwy
- UP **EINSTEIN'S BAGELS**
  23 S Prospect Ave
- UP **JERSEY MIKE'S**
  147 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **JIMMY JOHN'S**
  112 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **KONG DOG**
  133 Vine St
- NP **MCDONALD'S**
  1032 N Northwest Hwy
- UP **MORE THAN PASTA**
  105 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **PANERA BREAD**
  39 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **POTBELLY**
  107 S Northwest Hwy
- UP **THE SANDLOT**
  1120 W Touhy Ave
- UP **SEOUL MAMA**
  49 Summit Ave
- UP **SONNY'S EXPRESS**
  141 Vine St
- NP **SUBWAY**
  650 N Northwest Hwy
- SP **SUBWAY**
  627 Devon Ave
- NP **SUBWAY**
  2618 Dempster St

the Perfect Slice

- NP **DOMINO'S PIZZA**
  1009 N Northwest Hwy
- NP **LOU MALNATI'S**
  650 N Northwest Hwy
- SP **MIKE'S PIZZA**
  742 Higgins Rd
- SP **SPUNTINO PIZZA**
  516 W Higgins Rd
- UP **PANINO'S PIZZERIA**
  28 S Fairview Ave





Caffeine Fix

NP **DUNKIN' DONUTS**
2606 W Dempster St

UP **DUNKIN' DONUTS**
1129 W Touhy Ave

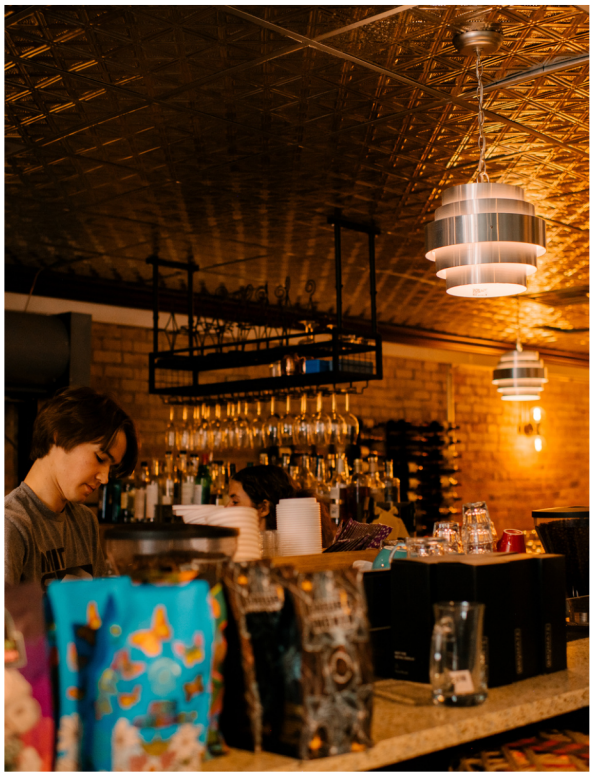
SP **DUNKIN' DONUTS**
742 Higgins Rd

UP **OFF THE WALL CAFÉ**
104 Main St

UP **STARBUCKS**
15 S Prospect Ave

UP **STARBUCKS**
100 S Northwest Hwy

UP **TEALULA**
11 S Fairview Ave



Sweet Treats

SP **DAIRY QUEEN**
2 Devon Ave

SP **LEILA LOVE**
510 Higgins Rd

NP **LEMON TIRAMISU BAKERY**
1027 N Northwest Hwy

UP **OBERWEIS**
101 S Northwest Hwy

UP **RITA'S ITALIAN ICE**
157 N Northwest Hwy

SP **TRIPLE SCOOP'D**
801 Devon Ave



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WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

As snow season approaches, here's what you need to know to help keep our streets safe and clear:

Snowplows will make several passes on all streets, clearing snow from the center of the roadway to the curb.

Main streets designated as snow routes are marked with signs. Parking is prohibited on both sides of snow routes after 2 inches of snow has fallen and for 24 hours after snow stops falling. Vehicles parked on snow routes during this time will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Parking is also prohibited on the north and west sides of other residential streets after 2 inches of snow has fallen and for 24 hours after snowfall ends.

Residents can call (847) 318-6101 for recorded updates on whether snow parking restrictions are in effect.

Alleys will be plowed if snow accumulation reaches 4 inches or more.

On garbage collection days, place trash cans on your driveway—not in the street—to allow plows to clear snow up to the curb.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection ends for the season the week of December 9 on your regular collection day. Collection will resume in April.

Upcoming Refuse Collection Holidays

There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. Collection will resume on Thursday and run one (1) day behind the remainder of the week.

Holiday Lights Recycling

Recycle your broken or unwanted holiday lights at the Public Works Service Center.

December 2, 2024 through March 7, 2025
7:00am - 3:00pm
400 Busse Highway, Park Ridge

Ensure your home stays safe and your utility bills remain manageable.

- **Sprinkler System Prep:** Be sure to blow out your sprinkler lines and shut off the valves to prevent any freezing and damage during the colder months.
- **Water Smart Adjustments**: Log into your Water Smart account and adjust your leak alert settings. If you have a whole house humidifier, change the default from 0 to 3-4 gallons per hour (gph) to reduce unnecessary continuous water usage alerts.
- **Snowbird Precautions:** If you plan to travel for the winter, remember to keep some heat on in your home to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. Additionally, clear out your water lines and shut off the valves to minimize the risk of leaks.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOLIDAY BINGO

This holiday season, we encourage residents to shop local and support small businesses through an exciting and interactive initiative: **Holiday BINGO!** Designed to bring community members together while driving foot traffic to local businesses, this program runs from December 15, 2024, through January 31, 2025.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore Park Ridge's vibrant business districts while competing for the chance to win prizes.

Want to play? Make purchases at participating businesses and restaurants between December 15 and January 31. Take a photo at the business location or provide a receipt to mark a square. Upload your completed BINGO card, along with photos or receipts by February 7, 2025.

Help support Park Ridge's small businesses during the holiday season and beyond!

Ready to shout BINGO?

You can win by getting five in a row across, down, or diagonally. **Feeling ambitious? Fill the whole card for a special holiday prize!**

For every completed BINGO card, participants will be entered into a raffle to win a $150 gift card to a local business of their choice within a specific business district. Winners will be announced on social media weekly starting February 10, 2025.

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Upcoming Events



CHRISTMAS STROLL

Saturday, December 14 • 10:00am - 5:00pm

Stroll Park Ridge presents the inaugural Park Ridge Christmas Stroll! Stroll around town enjoying the sights and sounds of the Christmas season! Live entertainment, choir concerts, Santa visits, Vintage Christmas Train display, and more fun for the whole family at various spots all around Uptown. This event will benefit Kiwanis of Park Ridge. Visit *www.strollparkridge.com* for event details!



Community Calendar

Visit our community calendar for more event details!

Shop local this holiday season!

LOCAL BUSINESS BINGO

Dine in at a Main St. restaurant	Buy a holiday gift from a local retailer	#ShopSmall! Support a local small business	Purchase holiday flowers from a local florist	Follow three local businesses on social media
Freshen up for the holidays at a local salon	Attend a local holiday event	See a movie at the Pickwick	Purchase a gift card to a local restaurant	Grab a bite to eat in North Park
Too cold for ice cream? No way! Grab a scoop locally	Check-out books or attend an event at the library		Get a holiday manicure at a local spa	Support a local business on Prospect Ave.
Post a selfie in front of holiday lights Uptown	Support an Uptown small business	Order pizza from a local restaurant	Follow the City's social media	Run errands locally! Visit a local service business
Visit a local gym or fitness facility	Comment on a local business's social media post	Support a South Park business	Enjoy breakfast at a local diner	Warm up with a hot beverage from a local shop

Visit www.parkridge.us/HolidayBingo for contest details.

#PRHolidayBingo

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PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS UNDERWAY

Six-month parking permits (valid January 1 - June 30, 2025) for the following areas will be available for renewal through December 11 to existing permit holders.

Touhy Triangle Lot, next to the Uptown train station	$350 (resident only)
Central Lot, west of the Library	$350 (resident only)
Main Street, from Touhy to Prairie	$350 (resident only)
Garden Street, from Fairview to Prairie	$250 (resident only)
Summit Avenue, north side from Ridge to Euclid	$200
Uptown Court, between Washington, Northwest Hwy, and Touhy	$200

Any permits not renewed by existing permit holders will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning Monday, December 16 at 8:00am at the Cashier's Desk in City Hall.

Outstanding parking tickets issued by the Police Department must be paid before a permit will be issued. Limit 1 per household.

Call 847-318-5218 for more information.



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