

[Carol Simner](#)

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Well the park ridge library tables are now only free to use if you are babysitting, or studying, or doing a solo activity. Don't help someone with their studies as you will pay a fee. The one board member even stated that the fee is intended to incentive parents not to hire the tutors that meet at the library. It was obvious the vote was set in before the meeting. So if kids study in groups as mine do and one of the members in the group is vocal and helpful to the others I wonder if they will get charged? I hope not as my kids put in a lot of hours at the library with class mates near finals.

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[Beth Annie Morettinsen](#) As a tutor, I find this depressing. Libraries are for learning and that's exactly why we're there. I teach kids with special needs and they need the tutoring the most! Very sad, Park Ridge.

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) This nonsense was made an issue by the owner of Academic Tutors who is a good friend of several library board members. He didn't think it was "fair" that he pays rent while high school and college students get to tutor for free at the library.

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[Danna Boutwell Karkazis](#) These board members should have recused themselves for obvious reasons!

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[Carol Simner](#) They obviously wanted to fix things for their friend. Next, mayor charges all students of field school \$4000 to attend, as this would even the playing field for St Paul of the cross school,,,,?

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[Mario Sepanski-Flanagan](#) corruption at it's finest. it's rampant through our local governments.

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[Nichole Flynn](#) wait...it's free if you're babysitting???

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[Danna Boutwell Karkazis](#) Exactly!! They need to start charging the nannies and even the dog walkers who walk through public parks!!

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[Jocelyn Brotschul McGovern](#) Nannies have kids in the children's section all the time.

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[Nichole Flynn](#) how is Hill's Hallmark ever going to sell their puppets if kids can just go across the street and play with them for free???

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[Eastman Tiu](#) My plan is to start babysitting teenagers at the library. I will provide enriching activities using the library public space and be paid by the parents for taking care of their children for an hour.

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Ashley Hawkes I'm pretty sure the only library with rules about tutors is Park Ridge

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Mary Taylor Byrne It's a shame the residents have to worry about this trivial crap with all the high taxes you already pay. They should upgrade the facilities at Parkridge. Niles & Desplaines Libraries are much better libraries overall & welcome non residents too!

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Tom Giannopoulos just because they charge doesn't mean they are going to get paid. when tutors start to walk out and leave and not tutor the end result is the same. I am sure a large walkout will more than share the point.

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Carol Simmer It is more about academic tutors having their \$80hr and sign up fee not be competed with.

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Tom Giannopoulos he pretty much signed his death warrant. I am sure he will regret this in the future.

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Krista Schramm Mirabelli It's absurd!

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Jenny Ftacek Sanderson Since everybody knows it was Academic Tutors who started this, their idea to drum up more business may have just backfired.

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Dana Bozeday So is the library board hoping to make a profit? Because I'm sure no one will continue meeting there. So what's the point?

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Dana Bozeday I like Park Ridge but when I'm reading to upgrade my house we will likely be taking our tax dollars north to Glenview. The trivial crap and all the political crap here is so ridiculous.

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Kathy Panattoni Meade I think it is very important that we do not punish our library by taking our patronage elsewhere. That is what Trinza and his ilk want. Our library staff is phenomenal and they need 100% of our support. Our wonderful library staff are suffering under this current boards oversight. They know what our library needs to be great and are being stifled under the board. Please don't take your frustration out on the library. We need to get to the mayor to unseat the obstructionist board. Direct your energies to that.

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Nichole Flynn how do we do that?

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Kathy Panattoni Meade We need to take our concern to the city council meetings. If they don't listen (and I don't think they will since the mayor stated in the Herald that he will be staying out of this) then we need to amp up.