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September 3
Labor Day
City Hall closed
Garbage pickup
will be
one day late.
Pickup will
be Tuesday
through Saturday

at the train tracks
(west of Busse and Dee)
after Labor Day for
six weeks

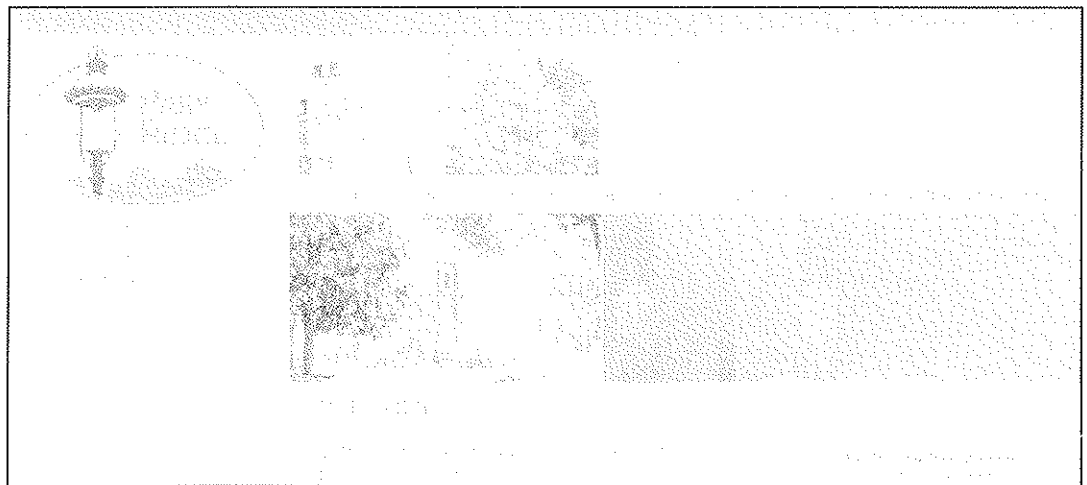
\$15 penalty after
June 15
\$35 penalty after
September 15

Drive 20 mph
in school zones

City debuts new Website

The City of Park Ridge was among the very first municipalities in Illinois to create a Website in 1996, working with the North Suburban Library System in conjunction with the Illinois State library. The Website, www.parkridge.us, has expanded over the years from a few pages in the beginning to hundreds of pages today.

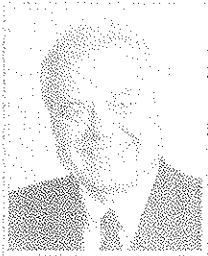
But Website technology and design have come a long way since the mid-90s, and the City's Website had not changed in almost a decade. It was time to undertake a complete reorganization and redesign of our site. The City chose a Park Ridge company as consultants and designers, and the reorganized Website was launched last month. The site designer, Americaneagle.com, is a family-owned and operated company that has grown into one of the largest Website design firms in the country. The company was launched in 1978 as a software and networking company and now has over 100 employees with offices also in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Boston, New York and Cleveland. It is appropriate that with their home offices located in Park Ridge, Americaneagle.com should design their home town's municipal Website.



Users will find many new navigation, news and information features on the Website, www.parkridge.us. On the home page (pictured above), current news announcements can be found in the right hand column. Information is organized into five main categories: About Park Ridge, Government, Business, Residents and Contacts & Phone Directory. Information about the City Council, for instance, can be found under the Government section, and visitors to the site are given the opportunity to send an e-mail message to each elected official. To further communicate with the City, users will find both an e-mail Comment Form and an Inquiry Form for City staff response.

The site features a special section for current emergencies (if any), a survey function that will be activated as needed, a City meetings calendar with agendas, as well as a link to the Library's complete community calendar. A new section, "Frequently Asked Questions," offers a quick way to get information on a wide variety of City policies and practices. The City's two-

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A long, hot, eventful summer

Dear Fellow Citizens:

I again thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you as mayor of this wonderful community we call home. In my short time in office I have been honored to represent Park Ridge at various functions.

I was expecting to be busy in my new job, and I was certainly right! I have continued my efforts in intergovernmental cooperation and communication as I promised. Ald. Rich DiPietro (2nd Ward) and I met with Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley at his office in Chicago's City Hall on June 22. I would describe it as a congenial and positive meeting. We discussed issues of common interest, including the possible development of a bicycle path through Park Ridge along Devon Avenue, as a route to the airport; Uptown redevelopment; and intergovernmental cooperation. We also spent some time discussing mutual cooperation between our two cities, and I asked that we be kept informed about all airport developments that will affect the citizens of Park Ridge. Mayor Daley agreed that would be appropriate.

Several weeks ago I welcomed Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) to our City Hall, at his request. He is making visits to new mayors in the state, and started in Park Ridge. We also discussed our Uptown redevelopment project, with a walk to the six-corners intersection. I made a request for federal funds to complete intersection upgrades for Touhy/Northwest Hwy./Prospect and Devon/Falcott/Courtland. We were also able to stop by the library and meet second and third grade participants in the reading program.

When something needs to be done in Park Ridge, it's wonderful to know that volunteers will come forward to help. Learning that the Chamber of Commerce would not be able to sponsor the Taste of Park Ridge this year, I turned to community volunteers to help. The success of the event, held from July 15-17, was due to the efforts of the Taste of Park Ridge Not-for-profit Committee, community organizations and countless volunteers. I join all of you who enjoyed this community event in thanking them for their time and effort.

This summer has also been one of the driest on record, and our water consumption has increased significantly. Daily use, normally 3 million gallons per day, reached a high of over 10 million gallons per day. But thanks to our new 10 million gallon reservoir, and the new 24" fill line from Chicago, we have been able to recover and fill each station nightly. Our water tower holds 1 million gallons and the South Pumping Station holds 4 million gallons.

Without these substantial new improvements, we would potentially have to enforce additional water restrictions as a number of other communities have done. We will continue to enforce the City's current policy that allows outdoor watering on odd/even days, corresponding with the last digit of your house number. To further help conserve water, read and observe the water conservation tips on page 5.

Once again I thank you for the opportunity to serve as mayor. I am both inspired and humbled by the respect and support I have been shown. I look forward to my responsibilities with great anticipation and a desire to provide open, accessible and resident-friendly government. Please feel free to stop in at the mayor's office, attend a meeting and/or call me. I am here to serve you and this great community through my work and leadership.

Sincerely,

Howard P. Frimark, Mayor

The Spokesman

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Andrea Bateman, Kimberly Jones

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Mark Anderson, Joe Baldi

Sixth Ward:

Rex Parker, Mary Wynn Ryan

Seventh Ward:

Jeff Cox, Frank Wsol

City Hall hrs: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri

City Council meetings:

First and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall

City of Park Ridge Mission Statement

The City of Park Ridge is committed to providing excellence in government in order to uphold a high quality of life, so our community remains a wonderful place to live and work.