



## CITY OF PARK RIDGE

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### MEMORANDUM

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Jim Hock, City Manager  
**RE:** Transparency update  
**DATE:** February 16, 2012

I contacted the Illinois Policy Institute this week and they have performed their staff review of our website attached is their grading. I have included this rating and the current list of other area communities and their ranking. You can see that we fit in at 24 which places us in the top 20%.

Also attached is an email from Information Technology Director Diane Nelson providing recommendations to address the Mayor's suggestion regarding posting information about Council, staff, Commission and task force members.

Transparency-resume

*Our Mission:*

THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN CITY SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPHOLD A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE, SO OUR COMMUNITY REMAINS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

Local Transparency Project					E-mail mcavers@illinoispolicy.org when	
City of Park Ridge		Website Link		Right click on individual cell to select by		
		http://www.parkridge.us/		Only one hyperlink per cell allowed.		
Category	Year	Website	Score	Max	Comments	Phone
Name	Phone	Email			Name	
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					Chief Financial Official (if	
Auditor Volunteer:					<-Dark Grey, to be completed by the	
					<-Light Grey, to be completed by vol	
Category	Year	Website	Score	Max	Comments	
1. Elected & Administrative Officials	Current	Elected Officials	4	4	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Current	Senior Elected Official	1	1	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Current	Administrators	4	4	http://www.parkridge.us/directory/default	
	Current	Senior Administrator	1	1	http://www.parkridge.us/directory/default	
Category Score			10	10		
2. Meeting Information	Current	Meeting Calendar	2.5	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/events/month.a	
	Current	Meeting Agenda	2.5	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/events/meeting	
Last 5-yrs	Past 5 Years	Meeting Board Packets	2.5	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/events/meeting	
Last 5-yrs	Past 5 Years	Meeting Minutes	2.5	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/events/meeting	
Category Score			10	10		
3. Public records	Current	Freedom of Information Act Page	7	7	http://www.parkridge.us/services/freedom	
	Current	FOIA Officer Contact Info	3	3	http://www.parkridge.us/services/freedom	
Category Score			10	10		
4. Budgets (Last 5-yrs)	Four Years	Budget 2007-2008		2		
	Three Year	Budget 2008-2009		2		
	Two Years	Budget 2009-2010		2		
	Last Year	Budget 2010-2011	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Current Year	Budget 2011-2012	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
Category Score			4	10		
5. Financial Audits (5-yrs)	Five Years	Yearly Financial Audit		2		
	Four Years	Yearly Financial Audit	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Three Year	Yearly Financial Audit	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Two Years	Yearly Financial Audit	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Last Year	Yearly Financial Audit	2	2	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
Category Score			8	10		
6. Expenditures (5-yrs)	Four Years	Individual Expenditures/Check Re		1		
	Three Year	Individual Expenditures/Check Re		1		
	Two Years	Individual Expenditures/Check Re		1		
	Last Year	Individual Expenditures/Check Re		1		
	Current Year	Individual Expenditures/Check Re	1	1	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
	Four Years	Yearly Expenditures (Treasurer's		1		
	Three Year	Yearly Expenditures (Treasurer's		1		
	Two Years	Yearly Expenditures (Treasurer's		1		
	Last Year	Yearly Expenditures (Treasurer's		1		
	Current Year	Yearly Expenditures (Treasurer's	1	1	http://www.parkridge.us/government/city	
Category Score			2	10		
7. Salary & Benefits (5-yrs)	Five Years	Salary Information		1		
	Four Years	Salary Information		1		
	Three Year	Salary Information		1		
	Two Years	Salary Information		1		
	Last Year	Salary Information		1		
	Five Years	Health, Pension, OT, ETC. Benefi		1		
	Four Years	Health, Pension, OT, ETC. Benefi		1		
	Three Year	Health, Pension, OT, ETC. Benefi		1		
	Two Years	Health, Pension, OT, ETC. Benefi		1		
	Last Year	Health, Pension, OT, ETC. Benefi		1		
Category Score			0	10		
8. Contracts	Current	Current Requests for Bids & Prop	2.5	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/rfp/default.aspx	
(5-yrs)	Past 5 Year	Approved Vendor Contracts	2	2.5	http://www.parkridge.us/events/meeting	In meeting documents but not separate except for cur year
(5-yrs)	Employee (Union & Employee Contracts			5		
Category Score			4.5	10		

<b>9. Lobbying</b>	Four Years Lobbying or Membership Informat	2	2	
	Three Year Lobbying or Membership Informat	2	2	
	Two Years Lobbying or Membership Informat	2	2	
	Last Year Lobbying or Membership Informat	2	2	
	Current Year Lobbying or Membership Informat	2	2	
<b>Category Score</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>10. Taxes &amp; Fees</b>	Current Year Sales Taxes	3	3	<a href="http://www.parkridge.us/government/city">http://www.parkridge.us/government/city</a>
	Current Year Property Taxes	5	5	<a href="http://www.parkridge.us/government/city">http://www.parkridge.us/government/city</a> On last page
	Current Year 2010 Fee Schedule	2	2	<a href="http://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Docun">http://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Docun</a>
	Current Year Other Taxes			
<b>Category Score</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Total Transparency Score</b>		<b>68.5</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Other Information/Special Projects</b>				
	Other Special Projects			
	Other Information			
	Department Reports			



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## Transparency Scores

Below is a list of all local government agencies graded by the Illinois Policy Institute's Local Transparency Project. If you would like your local government agency graded or re-graded please contact Brian Costin, Director of Outreach at [bcostin@illinoispolicy.org](mailto:bcostin@illinoispolicy.org).

For more information about the Local Transparency Project please see the below links.

[Local Transparency Project](#)  
[10-Point Transparency Checklist](#)  
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Local Government Agency	Score
1. Village of Orland Park	100
2. Village of Glencoe	92.5
3. City of Evanston	91.7
4. School District 54	90
5. Bloomington Public School District 87	87.5
6. McLean County School District Unit 5	87.5
7. Evanston-Skokie District 65	87
8. Village of Willowbrook	86.8
9. Village of Schaumburg	84.5
10. Village of Glenview	83.2
11. School District 211	82.6
12. Oakton Community College	82
13. City of Countryside	80.5
14. Downers Grove Park District	80
15. Village of Downers Grove	78.1
16. Evanston Township High School District 202	77.8
17. Village of Riverside	77.4
18. Village of Hoffman Estates	76.8
19. Village of Palatine	75.9
20. Town of Normal	75
21. Northfield Park District	72.5
22. Glencoe School District 35	71.5
23. Hanover Township	70.4
24. Sunset Ridge School District 29	68
25. Village of Wilmette	62.5
26. Indian Prairie Library	59.5
27. Village of Kenilworth	57.8
28t. Schaumburg Township Library	56
28t. Village of Hinsdale	56
30. Village of Burr Ridge	55.4

31. Consolidated School District 15	54.6
32. Glencoe Park District	53.6
33. McLean County	53
34. School District U-46	52.3
35. Village of Hanover Park	49.6
36. School District 86	49.4
37. Rolling Meadows Park District	47.5
34. Village of La Grange	47
38. School District 181	46.6
39. Palatine Park District	45.6
40. Village of Streamwood	44.2
41. Village of Northfield	44
42. Village of Barrington Hills	43.8
43. Wilmette School District 39	43
44. Village of Wilmette	42.9
45. Barrington School District 220	41.4
46. Downers Grove Library	40.3
47. DuPage County Forest	40
48. Wilmette Avoca School District 37	39.3
49t. Village of Western Springs	37.5
49t. Village of Bridgeview	37.5
51. Glenview Park District	36
52t. Village of Bartlett	35.5
52t. Village of Lyons	35.5
54. Village of LaGrange Park	34.65
55. Village of Elk Grove	34.6
56. Kenilworth Public School District 38	32.3
57. Village of Winnetka	31.9
58. Village of Barrington	31.7
59. Elgin Community College	31.5
60. Glencoe Public Library	30.5
61. Winnetka Public Schools	30.3
62. Wilmette Park District	30
63. City of Rolling Meadows	29.8
64. Harper College	29.5
65. Village of Clarendon Hills	29.1
66. Village of McCook	28.8
67. City of Elgin	28.5
68. Rolling Meadows Public Library	28.2
69. Village of Roselle	28.1
70t. Palatine Public Library	28
70t. Downers Grove Township	28
72t. Village of Inverness	27
72t. New Trier School District 203	27
74. Village of Summit	26.5
75. Bartlett Public Library	26.3
76. Hoffman Estates Park District	25.8
77. Hinsdale Public Library	24.6
78. Wilmette Public Library	24.5
79. Hanover Park District	23.3

80t. Barrington Countryside Park District	23
80t. Lexington City	23
82t. Elk Grove Village Park District	22.5
82t. Village of South Barrington	22.5
84. Winnetka Park District	21.5
85. Gail Borden Public Library	20.8
86t. South Barrington Park District	20
86t. Winn-North Public Library	20
86t. City of LeRoy	20
86t. Village of Stanford	20
90. Village of Justice	19.625
91. New Trier Township	19.5
92. Poplar Creek Library	19.3
93. Kenilworth Park District	18.5
94. Village of Brookfield	18.45
95. Schaumburg Township	17.8
96. Bartlett Park District	16.2
97. Barrington Area Public Library	15.8
98. Salt Creek Rural Park District	15.5
99. Burr Ridge Park District	15.2
100. Streamwood Park District	14.5
101. City of Hickory Hills	13.725
102. Village of Indian Head Park	13.375
103t. Barrington Township	11.5
103t. Chenoa City	11.5
105. City of El Paso	11.25
106. Schaumburg Park District	10.5
107. Inverness Park District	10
108. Danvers Village	9.25
109. Barrington Park District	8.8
110. Village of Hodgkins	7.75
111. Clarendon Hills Library	7.5
112. Village of Willow Springs	7.25
113. Clarendon Hills Park District	6.9
114. Glenview Public Library	5.8
115. Village of Bedford Park	5.75
116. Village of Gridley	5.625
117. Evanston Township	3.1
<b>Average Total Score</b>	<b>39.61</b>