



Christine Ferraro Out of curiosity (and as a tutor) I am wondering-how are they going to enforce this ridiculous fee? How will they know who is a tutor as opposed to a parent helping their child? I wonder if Mr. Trizna is going to charge the toddlers an entertainment fee for playing with the puppets? What about putting a pay box on the computers in the children's department?? RIDICULOUS!!

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Salena Hernandez Flint ^this was asked about how they will charge. And for those that say they are a tutor but don't pay. His response was 'we'll see.'

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Helen Despotopoulos does trizna have any connections to any businesses in the area in particular educational type businesses? just asking

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Kathy Panattoni Meade Yes. His buddy owns Academic Tutoring. That is why this was even brought up.

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Helen Despotopoulos no wonder!!! how is this even allowed

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Teresa Gallagher People should just refuse to pay it. What will they do escort them out? That would be something to see

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Julie Jacobi I dunno, those library bouncers can be pretty tough! tongue emoticon

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Patty Richter And who wants to enforce and collect at the library...I doubt it will be any board members....feel sorry for the library staff who gets that unfortunate burden

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Patty Richter Any local businesses willing to welcome tutors into their place to help educate children of the community?

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Krista Ward That is what i was thinking too!

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Joshua Nichols I already have a call into my insurance agent about that. However, it's important to remember that this action is coming from a very specific (if misguided) ideology. And if private citizens or businesses step in to clean up the messes made by municipal officials, these ideologues will have gotten what they wanted all along--the dismantling of public services in favor of privately provided services. This is precisely what happened with the holiday lights. The late mayor Schmidt actually said this publicly--that if Park Ridge ever went dark, it would not be the city's fault, but a failure of the volunteers who tried to pick up the slack.

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[Frank Nardi](#) Maybe the " Friends of the Library" who voted for the tax increase should take ownership of this. Obviously, the library can't stand on its own if they continue to look at poor reasons to increase revenue.

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) It's not about increasing revenue. It is about a board member squelching competition for his buddy.

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[Mary Wynn Ryan](#) No, Kathy, that's the Chicago Way. The Park Ridge Way is what you are looking at here: Have private fees cover as much as possible and taxes as little as possible. And if that means more of the public can't use public-sector amenities, too bad; those who can afford it won't be harmed. What happens to your kid will never affect my kid's environment or well-being, so what's the prob?

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) You're right, [Mary Wynn Ryan](#). I have to remember who we are dealing with. I forgot about the blog post where he resents people with small houses/lower property taxes who have more than one kid in D64. He doesn't think it's right that my taxes don't cover the education costs vs someone who has a million dollar home. Let's keep him off the school board!

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[Erin Towey](#) This is crazy.

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[Jean Dietsch](#) Of course it is! As a Boy Scout Leader I have to follow the guidelines of youth protection. The library is an public open safe place to meet with youth to review and sign off on Merit badges. I am a volunteer, do not get paid, but maybe they will find a way to start charging me too!

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[Sharon Knowles](#) I'll be there! Adding it to my calendar now. I encourage everyone to email the library board how you feel on this topic.

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[Ashley Hawkes](#) Along the lines of squelching the competition, will I also be asked why I'm checking out a book for free when I should be utilising the local book store? It's really not fair to Barnes and nobles.

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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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[Marlo 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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