



Cindy McDonald Grau Thanks [Andrea](#), for the heads up.

We need to change our elected officials in town. For that to happen we need two things 1) is awareness of what is going on, which is starting to occur and 2) we need to have candidates with different values to run for seats on the council, park district and School board. Now is the time to do this.

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Yeyin Yi What about yourself?? smile emoticon Politics is definitely not my strong suit, but I'm passionate. This outcome really disappoints me, and I really feel oppressed somehow like I can't enjoy my community because some bozo said I can't.

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Cindy McDonald Grau I'm on the park board because of a similar experience. Think about it or who would be good!

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Yeyin Yi I don't know anyone... We're Ohio transplants. tongue emoticon

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Cindy McDonald Grau Where in Ohio? We moved here from Middletown.

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Yeyin Yi [Cindy McDonald Grau](#) Born and raised in Cincinnati and went to OSU! grin emoticon

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Cindy McDonald Grau

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Laura Enright I think we have to understand that this is a long game now. People have to be willing to continue to put on the pressure. Those on the library board who claimed to be there as representatives of the people apparently aren't, or they would have seen the amount of people indicating they didn't want these policies implemented and they wouldn't have voted for them. So they really don't care about much beyond their own agenda. But continuing to voice your opinions will help. Lean on the aldermen (who helped choose the board). Lean on the mayor. He wants to stay out of the fight and to be fair, he wasn't the one responsible for appointing the board members causing so much grief, but he did agree to take on the mantle after Mayor Schmidt died. This is something serious going on in the city that is affecting the city. He's mayor of the city now. He needs to address this like, it or lump it.

So I think if citizens keep speaking up the way they have the past year (I've never seen anything like the involvement that has been going on), eventually things will shift. But it's going to take time and effort.

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Yeyin Yi I also am afraid the fire will die down sooner than later. I know we're all busy with busy lives, but I hope there is a way to make a change in Park Ridge. I was just telling my husband how disappointed I've been after being so excited to move to thi...[See More](#)

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Laura Enright I moved here in 1999. I went to Maine South High School but I lived in Harwood Heights. I was really impressed when I first went into the Park Ridge Library (but then Harwood Heights had a little box library at the time). But the city in general had a nice feeling. Don't count the city out yet. In fact, what we're seeing with people attending library board meetings is the community trying to take back its power from a contingent of people who don't understand what a community is about. They resent having to pay taxes to support an institution that they don't use, so they're going to try to ruin it for everyone. Again, not



Laura Enright I agree with one exception: The library already had some really good employees. We need to stop losing them as they leave thanks in part to the disrespect shown to them by a clueless members of the board.

And this ridiculous issue is a problem in that regard too as employees will now be expected to grill people to ascertain the purpose of their library visit. That'll make the work experience really enjoyable.

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Kevin Mason Laura- I think that the library employees are great. I married one of them. I agree with you.

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Cindy McDonald Grau Yes, one board member thought the librarians would be motivated by the money involved. They must not know their employees very well.

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Al Stern Remember who supported these board member appointees (and failed to speak out when they pull stuff like this) during the next aldermanic and mayoral elections.

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Josh Kiem See you Tuesday!

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Christie Pagni Buonsante My kids do not use Tudors.... But I will be there. There are so many other issues with that library and because 1 jerk is supposedly losing business and crying we all suffer. How about the people in Park Ridge who cannot afford his prices (yes there are people), their child is suppose to suffer for it. Come on.

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Cindy McDonald Grau We need people to run for alderman and mayor. That is the ONLY way we will fix this. The Library Board does not consider what the citizens want. Please consider running. We can form an alternate vision for our community.

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Laura Enright It's interesting too because certain board members position themselves as being guardians of the citizens' interests, yet they don't seem really interested in listening to the citizens at all.

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Blair Garber Tutoring is a business. You either open the library to businesses or you don't. Let's say I'm a concealed carry instructor. Can I use the conference rooms to teach the classroom portions of my courses? (not a resident)

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Laura Enright The library is used in a variety of ways by a variety of people many utilizing the resources for business purposes. Do we take a survey at the door to make sure that the materials are not being used in a business capacity? Perhaps everyone using the co...[See More](#)

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Blair Garber I guess it ends when a business in the city is complaining that it amounts to subsidized and therefore unfair competition.

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