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# election 2017 info

**BE PREPARED AT THE POLLS! Remember, Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Here is some information to help make Election Day successful.**

## elections

**The General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7** for the purpose of voting on the following:

MAYOR: **Kurt Metzger**

CITY COMMISSIONER – 2 seats: **Sean Campbell • Alex Lenko • Bret Scott • Amanda Wahl**

And for the purpose of voting on the following ballot question:

### **Proposal 2017–1 Police Pension Stabilization Millage Proposal (summary below)**

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge be authorized to levy up to an additional 1.40 mills (\$1.40 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for the purposes of funding currently underfunded police pensions. The millage shall be authorized for a period of 15 years with the first levy in July, 2018, provided that the City shall not be authorized to increase such levy by more than 0.35 mills in 2018, or by more than an additional 0.35 mills each year thereafter, up to the maximum millage herein authorized. The intent of this request is to allow the partial restoration of City Charter authorized millage which was reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. The initial 0.35 mill increase would raise the sum of approximately \$50,750 in 2018.

## Police Pension Millage Executive Summary

### **Why Is the City Asking For This Millage?**

The City's police pension fund is 48% funded, with an unfunded liability of \$1.7 million. Today's problem started 35 years ago when benefit increases were granted in the early 1980s through the mid-1990s. Those benefit increases increased our pension liabilities, but contributions were not increased to pay for the future cost of the higher benefits. As a result, the City has had a growing unfunded pension liability over the past decade.

In 2015 the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) finally started to require municipalities to eliminate unfunded liabilities over a period of up to 25 years. While this decision by MERS was necessary, it has also caused Pleasant Ridge's pension payments to drastically increase, from about \$180,000 annually in 2014 to over \$425,000 by the early 2020s. This increase of about \$250,000 per year is nearly equal to the total payroll cost of our active police patrol officers, and the City cannot absorb these cost increases without having to make service cuts or raising new revenue.

### **Millage Overview**

The City Commission has placed a request on the November 2017 ballot for a 1.4 mill increase in the City's general operating millage for a period of 15 years. This increase will cost the average resident about \$160 per year.

- The millage will phase in over a period of four years, increasing by not more than 0.35 mills per year until it is fully phased in. The millage will last for 15 years. We expect the City's pension to be fully funded when the police pension millage expires.
- The City's millage rate has been reduced about 0.5 mills each of the past two years by the Headlee Amendment. This means that if you are a resident who has lived in Pleasant Ridge for over 2 years you pay less in City property taxes now than you did two years ago. The average reduction in taxes paid to the City for a resident who has lived here since before 2015 is about \$120 per year. Even though property values have increased by 6-10% annually, City tax revenue growth is limited by the combination of Headlee and Prop A, and as such has only increased by 0.3% to 0.9% per year.
- The City will see another millage rate reduction next year based on the trend of this years' home sales. The expected rollback of 0.5 mills is greater than the phased-in 0.35 mill tax increase, so if approved we expect residents to still see lower City tax bills next year compared to this year. **CONTINUED ON PG. 5**

# polling info

**The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.** All voting will be at the Community Center, 4 Ridge Road, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan. All Michigan voters are required to show a photo ID at the polls.

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID INCLUDE:

- Valid drivers license
- Federal or State ID with photo
- U.S. Passport
- Current student ID from high school or college w/photo
- Military ID with photo
- Tribal ID with photo

If the voter states they have no valid form identification with photo, the voter may obtain a ballot by completing and signing an affidavit. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's Office.

## ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

The Absentee Ballot can be mailed to your home, or any other address you desire. Absentee Ballot applications are available to Pleasant Ridge registered voters. You must fill out an application for each and every election before a ballot can be mailed to you.

**You may request an Absentee Ballot for the following reasons:**

- I expect to be absent from the community for the time the polls are open on Election Day.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

The form can be picked up at the Clerk's office, requested by telephone, or in writing. When you receive the Absentee Ballot application, simply fill out the information. Return the form by mail, or in person. The ballot will be mailed to you at the appropriate time.

If you wish to receive an Absentee Ballot application automatically, you must contact the City Offices. Being placed on the permanent absentee voter's list will ensure that you receive an absentee voter's application for each election. It is Michigan Election law that you complete a new application for each ballot you receive. If you meet the above guidelines and desire to become a permanent Absentee Ballot voter, simply call City Hall.

## where do i vote?

**Remember, both voting precincts are located at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road.** The Precinct boundaries are still the same. The precincts are divided by street:

**Precinct 1: Amherst, Cambridge—except 155, Fairwood, Hanover, Maywood, Norwich, Oakland Park, Oxford, 36–56 Ridge Rd., Sylvan, 23616–24126 Woodward Ave., Woodward Heights**

**Precinct 2: 155 Cambridge, Elm Park, Devonshire, Kenberton, Kensington, Maplefield, Millington, Oakdale, Poplar Park, 1–32 Ridge Rd., Wellesley, Woodside Park, 24123 – 24392 Woodward Ave.**

The Community Center is arranged to accommodate both Precinct 1 and 2. Election inspectors will be available to answer any questions that you may have on Election Day.

## registering to vote

**The last day to register to vote for the November General Election is Tue., Oct. 10, 2017.**

A person may register to vote:

In Person:

- City of PR Clerk's offices: 23925 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069, M–Th, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, M–F, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Secretary of State Branch Offices.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

By Mail:

- Voter Registration Application: Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

Note: Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.





## news & notes from **City Hall**

### Utility Bill Due Date

The **Pleasant Ridge utility bill is due Wed., October 25, 2017, by 5 p.m.** You can mail your bill before the due date, pay in person at City Hall, or pay your bill online. Be sure to have your bill handy to fill in important info: <https://payments.g2gcloud.com/pleasantridge/582>

### Loose Brush Pickup

**Loose brush will now be picked up on the third Tuesday of the month.** This change is necessary due to garbage pickup now being on Mondays. You may still place brush out at the street on Sunday, but it won't be picked up until Tuesday. Sometimes brush pickup takes more than one day. Please contact City Hall with any loose brush pickup issues.

### Curbside Salt Delivery Now Available

**Salt delivery will also be on the third Tuesday of the month from October through April.** Residents can place a 5-gallon or smaller container at the end of your driveway and the City will fill it with salt. Please do not place buckets or containers out on Mondays as there is a good chance that your container will be taken with garbage/recycling pickup.

### Utility Contractors

Utilities (DTE and the cable companies) have easement right to enter your property to work on the overhead lines. They have generally done this in a professional manner in the past, but in recent weeks we have experienced some issues with contractors working for ATT not working in a professional manner when on residents' property.

ATT informs us that all of their subcontractors are supposed to provide advance notice with contact info, and are supposed to have identification on them when working. If any contractor enters your property without providing advance notice and without having identification on them, please call the police at 248-541-2900, option 1 and they will remove the contractors from your property until such time as the proper notice and ID have been provided.

If you have issues with contractors damaging property, leaving messes, knocking out service, or any other performance-related issue, you must contact the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and file a complaint. The MPSC oversees and regulates utilities throughout the state. Cities have been pre-empted from such regulation and oversight. You can contact the MPSC at (517) 284-8100 or online at: <http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/>.

### What Has the City Done to Address Pension Liabilities?

The police and other City employees have agreed to a series of concessions from 2011 through 2017 that will create a sustainable long-term fiscal position for the City once the current unfunded liability in the pension fund is eliminated. These City actions and employee concessions include:

- Closing defined benefit pension police group 02 and administrative group 10 to new hires in 2011 and replacing them with new groups that have lower benefit levels. The new groups are fully or nearly fully funded.
- Police employee pension contribution increased from 0% to 2.5% in 2011. Administrative employee contribution increased from 0% to 3% in 2011.
- New police hires receive a hybrid plan that has a small pension component combined with a 401k-style defined contribution plan.
- City Manager pension group is closed. The current City Manager does not receive a defined benefit pension, but participates in a 401k style program.
- Retirement health care is no longer offered for any administrative employee hired after 2011 or police officer hired after 2017. Instead, employees have access to a Health Care Savings Plan that allows them to save for retirement health care costs with a small City contribution.
- The City has already made about \$80,000 of annual cost reductions to absorb the increasing pension costs to date.

### What Happens If the Millage Is Not Approved?

The City cannot continue to provide the same level of services with the pension cost increases we are facing. The Police and Recreation departments account for over 55% of the City's total budget, and will be the most impacted by further cuts.

We currently have one full-time police officer position open. If the pension millage does not pass, that position may not be filled. It is possible that we may have to contract with a nearby police department to provide police coverage for a portion of the day. Cuts in recreation programs and city staff would be the next consideration to fill any remaining gaps.

## Police Pension Millage Information Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.  
4 Ridge Road

There will be a presentation about the millage, why it is requested, and what happens if it does not pass followed by time for questions and answers. The workshop should be about an hour or less.

## FERNDALE SCHOOLS

### A LETTER FROM THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

#### 'I HAD A MOTHER WHO READ TO ME'

Some of my favorite memories come from reading with my mother. My mother loved to read and shared her love of reading with us as children. She read delightful stories to us for many years. I have tried to emulate my mother's example by spending time, sitting side-by-side, and reading to my own son. I have enjoyed not only being a part of developing early literacy skills, but associating reading, at a young age, with the feeling of spending time with the people you love doing something you love. I was motivated to do this by both my mother and a poem.

*"You may have tangible wealth untold,  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I you will never be-  
I had a mother who read to me."*

-Strickland W. Gillian

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning.

### Why read aloud?

- **LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT:** The number of words that a child knows on entering kindergarten is a key predictor of his or her future success.
- **INSTILL A LOVE OF READING:** Your example demonstrates that reading is important, pleasurable and valued.
- **KNOWLEDGE GAINED & SHARED:** Books are a pleasure, yes, and they are also informative. You and your child can learn something new as you read aloud.
- **LITERACY SKILL BUILDING:** Reading aloud builds literacy skills such as vocabulary, phonics, familiarity with the printed word, storytelling, and comprehension.
- **BRAIN DEVELOPMENT:** From birth to age 3 are critical years in the development of language skills.
- **BONDING:** Is anything better than sharing a good book?

In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe a child, it may also develop his/her vocabulary, improve his/her ability to learn to read, and – perhaps most importantly – foster a lifelong love of books and reading.

We know you want the best for your child, and we invite you to begin a parenting practice which will benefit your child the rest of his or her life – reading with your child at home 20 minutes a day from birth through elementary school. Children whose parents read with them learn to read well and are typically proficient readers by 3rd grade. It's as easy as that! Share the love of reading early in life.

In Education,

**Dania H. Bazzi, PhD**  
Superintendent  
Ferndale Schools





# 2017 leaf collection

The City will continue the zone system for leaf pickup this year. The City has been divided into 5 different zones, and leaves will be collected from each zone at least THREE (3) times. Your street will be picked up during the week when your zone is scheduled. Also, if all leaves are picked up from a zone early in the week, our contractors may move on and pick up leaves from non-scheduled zones. Don't worry if this happens – they will be back the next week when those zones are scheduled to be picked up.

**Curbside leaf collection begins in late October**

The City provides information about current zone pick-up, and which zone will be next. Fall weather can impact leaf pickup, please check [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) regularly, as the current schedule is subject to change.

## ZONES:

Zone 1: Maplefield, Oakdale, Woodside Park, Kenberton, Millington, Poplar Park

Zone 2: Kensington, Devonshire, Wellesley, Amherst, Indiana (N of Amherst)

Zone 3: Elm Park, Norwich, Oakland Park, Hanover

Zone 4: Maywood, Sylvan, Fairwood, Woodward Heights, Bermuda, Indiana (S of Amherst)

Zone 5: Oxford, Cambridge, Ridge

## COLLECTION DATES:

Week of October 30: Zones 1, 2 & 3

Week of November 6: Zones 4 & 5

Week of November 13: Zones 1, 2 & 3

Week of November 20: Zones 4 & 5

Week of November 27: All Zones



Pleasant Ridge has a large number of trees which makes leaf collection a major task. **We start leaf pickup in late October to ensure that most of the leaves have fallen.** Since the schedule is very tight, we ask for cooperation from residents to make the collection process as smooth as possible. Please see the leaf pickup FAQs on the City's website at [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) for more information about how you can help us expedite the process.

Time for  
Fall  
Clean-  
Up!



**Ridge Resale**  
Fall 2017

Location: 92 Amherst, enter off Maywood (Flynn Field side)

**DATES: Sat., Oct. 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**STOP BY AFTER HAYRIDE! Sun., Oct. 22, 3-5 p.m.**

**Nov. 11 (weather dependent), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Reminder.... Cash-only sales! We are looking for donations of high-end clothing, art, household items and goods.

**If you have questions or need to schedule drop-offs outside of the 2nd Saturday dates listed above, please call Sharon Barrett 248.548.6097 or Jodi McGuire 248.398.6404.**

A PROJECT OF THE PLEASANT RIDGE FOUNDATION. ALL SALE PROCEEDS FROM RIDGE RESALE ARE RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY IN PARK UPGRADES & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS.



# 50+ Club

## trips, events & info



### Detroit Opera House + Gold Cash Gold Dinner

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$16. Dinner cost is on your own.

Enjoy an informative tour of the

Detroit Opera House, followed by dinner at Gold Cash Gold. Learn more about the Opera House here: <http://www.michiganopera.org/learning/>

### Detroit Day Trip

Tues., Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$6 per person

First we will dine at Detroit's newest and hottest restaurant, **The Apparatus Room**. Then off to Shinola for a factory tour. Lunch & shopping cost are on your own. Space limited to 12 people.

### Grosse Pointe Day Trip

Tues., Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Cost: \$6 per person

Brunch at Ardmore Café followed by shopping in the Village of Grosse Pointe. Visit [www.thevillagegp.com](http://www.thevillagegp.com) for a list of shops. Brunch and shopping cost are on your own.

### 50+ Club Bingo

Thu., 11/16, 6-8 p.m. RSVP required  
*Thanksgiving meal included.*

### 50+ Club Movie Series

Third Thursday of the month.

Movie begins at 12:15 p.m.

October 19: "The Big Sick"

November 16: "The House"

December 21: "A Christmas Story"

Call 248-541-2902 to register for any event or trip.

## Introducing a One-Source Solution for PR Seniors

*SameAddress is a program of the Area Agency on Aging which offers comprehensive one-source care and concierge solutions to local senior residents, creating a community for life.*

At SameAddress, we strive to help adults aging at home to have the best life possible, offering comprehensive Concierge and In-Home Care Solutions for seniors and the caregivers that support them. As a Social Enterprise program of the Area Agency on Aging, we provide a better way for older adults to remain safe, comfortable and independent while living and aging at home.

With just one phone call, you or a loved one will instantly have access to over 40 personalized services, including:

#### Daily Living Support

- Transportation
- Shopping and errands
- Meal prep and cooking
- Laundry
- Light or heavy house cleaning
- Chores
- Bill paying
- Pet care
- Home technology support
- Organizational assistance

#### Home Modification and Repair

- Home Safety Assessment
- Modifications
- Home repairs
- Seasonal home maintenance program

#### Personal Care

- Bathing, Toileting, Dressing
- Skin Care
- Oral Care
- Social visits
- Respite for Caregiver

#### Health Care Management

- Care plan assessment
- Healthcare Management
- Medication management
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Telehealth
- In home doctors/nurses
- Emergency monitoring & response
- Monitor health status
- Check-in visits or calls

#### Professional Services

- Estate planning
- Financial planning
- Legal
- Transition planning

*If you could use assistance:*

**VISIT**

[www.SameAddress.com](http://www.SameAddress.com)

**EMAIL**

[customercare@sameaddress.com](mailto:customercare@sameaddress.com)

**CALL 1-866-SENIOR-1  
or 1-248-262-9999**



40+ Services,  
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Your key to aging at home.



# City of Pleasant Ridge Senior Bus Transportation

*Service Provider: Partnership with City of Pleasant Ridge and City of Royal Oak*

**Reservation Phone: (248) 246-3912**

**Return trip home: (248) 246-3900**

**Reservation Hours: M-F 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



**Service Description:** Door-to-door Transportation Services. **Service Area:** Bus will NOT travel south of 8 Mile, east of Dequindre, north of 15 Mile Rd or west of Southfield Rd. **Bus service will travel to:** Providence Hospital Southfield, Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak, and St. John Hospital Oakland. The bus will also travel to the Shopping Center at 15 Mile & Coolidge Hwy. (Target, Michaels, Kroger's and more). For other destinations within a 5-mile radius, please call to book.

**Service Hours:** Thursdays ONLY 9:15 am to 3:30 pm. **Trip Reservations:** two weeks to 24-hours advance notice.

**Fees:** One-Way Fare: \$3 one way and \$4 round trip. **Assistance Provided:** Yes, Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

## PR goes **Solar**

### **Solar power has arrived in Pleasant Ridge!**

Our new rooftop solar energy system went live in September at the Community Center. The new 20 kWh system contains two arrays of solar collectors: one on the flat roof portion of the building, and one on the pitched roof on the southern portion of the building (visible from Woodside Park).

The system will generate about 32,000 kWh of energy a year, enough to offset about 20% of the annual electricity usage at the building. The payback on the project will be about 12 years, while the system is warranted for 25 years and will

generate power for much longer than that.

The solar project combined with the recent LED lighting conversion at the Community Center means that our annual electricity usage will be reduced by about 40%. These projects are reducing our electricity bills, and also our impact on the environment.

Look for the new monitoring station in the lobby of the Community

Center. The display will show how much power the system is generating at the moment, along with its cumulative power output on a weekly, monthly, and yearly basis.

**Your input is needed!** Now that the Community Center solar project is live, our next step is looking at the restrictions on residential solar panels in our Zoning Ordinance. Currently, panels are prohibited on the front side of houses where they are visible from the street.



The Planning Commission is considering whether we should allow rooftop solar panels on the front side of houses.

**Please take this extremely short two-question survey and let us know what you think:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/prsolar>



# Friends of the **Huntington Woods Library**

## **Friends of the Library Fall Used Book Sales**

The Friends of the Huntington Woods Library is hosting two upcoming used book sales on Saturdays: Oct. 7 and Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Browse thousands of books and media in great condition. Items for sale include: paperbacks, hardcovers, DVDs, music CDs, audio books, children's books, young adult and gift-quality items. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the library's programs and services. Most items are only \$1!

## **Donate Your Used Books**

The Friends of the Huntington Woods Library accept donations in the lobby whenever the Library is open. If you require a tax receipt for your donation, please provide a count of the number of paperback and hardcover books donated. Not accepted: magazines, records, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, self-taped videos, audios and textbooks.

## **Become a Friend!**

The Friends of the Library provide year-round financial support to the Library. This year, the Friends sponsored ALL summer reading programs, including materials, prizes, speakers and refreshments. The Friends work

hard to make these large financial contributions to the Library. Become a member today! Annual dues are only \$25 individually, or \$35 per family. We meet the first Monday evening of every month, October through June. We welcome volunteers for our bi-monthly used book sales, programming throughout the year, newsletter and fundraising. Only have a few hours to give? No problem! There is no time commitment to fulfill.

For more information, contact Melissa Kessler: [melissaannkessler@yahoo.com](mailto:melissaannkessler@yahoo.com).

## **Contact the Huntington Woods Library:**

**248-543-9720**

26415 Scotia Rd., Huntington Woods, MI 48070

### **FALL HOURS:**

**Mon. – Thu.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

**CLOSED FRIDAY**

**Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

# *stay active!* **Fall 2017** so much fun at the PR community center

Contact PR Rec for class descriptions and full schedules: **248-541-2902** or visit [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org).

## **Cardio • Strength • Flexibility**

with Melanie Sevald. This class will get you moving to raise your heart rate and cardiovascular fitness. Beginning and experienced exercisers are welcome in this class! Please bring your favorite hand weights and a mat for floor work.

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 – 10 a.m.**

**Fall 1: 7 Weeks Sept. 11-Oct. 27**

**Fall 2: 7 Weeks Nov. 6-Dec. 22**

**1 day: \$70, 2 days: \$105, 3 days: \$140**

**Drop-in: \$10 (to Melanie)**

## **Pilates** with Karen Haque

Traditional Pilates Mat Class. All ability levels. Focus is on building core strength, proper form and concentration. Those who practice Pilates diligently have described the following benefits: Relieves pain and stiffness • Improves balance, coordination, stability and flexibility • Develops core abdominal strength • Stimulates weight loss • Reduces stress • Enhances concentration, focus and overall well-being.

**October – December, Sundays at 9 a.m.**

**8 classes for \$80 or \$12 drop in.**

## **Sit & Get Fit** with Victoria Dickinson

**Wed. & Fri., 9-10 a.m.**

**\$20 for a 10-visit punch card**

## **Yoga** with Michele O'Brien

**Yoga for All: Tue. & Fri., 2 p.m.**

## **Foam Rolling Class** with Victoria Dickinson

**Advanced registration required**

**Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 – 2 p.m., \$10 drop-in fee**

If you have a foam roller, please bring it to class.

There are a limited number of foam rollers to loan out.

## **Pilates** with Pam Kampf

**Mon., 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Tue. 5 p.m.**

## **WELLNESS CENTER HOURS**

**5 a.m.- midnight, 7 days a week!**

**Stop at the desk during open hours to get your key fob. Don't forget your picture ID!**

Register for activities: [https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1](https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1)



# Halloween in the Ridge 2017

## Cedar Point Trip

Sat., Oct. 14, 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.  
\$87 per person (ages 11 & older)

Enjoy a haunted day at "America's Roller Coast!" Admission and transportation include in the cost. Please bring your own spending money. Seats are limited.

## Toddler Boo-Bash

Sat., Oct. 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
(up to age 6)

Join us for a morning of Halloween FUN! Dress up in your most "boo-tiful" costumes and celebrate with music! Enjoy spooky snacks with friends, dance, and make a Halloween craft.

## Halloween Hayride

& GAINSBORO PARK GRAND  
RE-OPENING at Gainsboro Park  
Sun., Oct. 22, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

All residents welcome - no reservations needed! Join in on the family fun with hayrides through town, "wax hands," pony rides, petting farm, and yummy fall treats! This event is sure to get your family in the fall mood!



## Make & Take Pick-A-Pallet Sign Class

Thu., Oct. 26, 6 to 9 p.m.

Residents: \$35, Non-residents: \$40

Registration deadline: 10/14/2017

Enjoy a fun night in. Pick a pallet and let your creativity flow! Spaces are limited, reserve your spot today.



Register for activities: [https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1](https://www.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs?clientid=PLEASANT&siteid=1)



# community dinner

The Pleasant Ridge Women's Club  
Invites the Community to a  
**Fabulous Lasagna Dinner!**

SUPPORT THE PRWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Fri., Nov. 10, 2017**  
**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**PR Community Center**

Homemade Meat  
or Vegetable Lasagna  
(pasta for the kids)  
salad • rolls • beverage • dessert

**ADULTS : \$10**  
**CHILDREN 10 & UNDER: \$5**  
**(KIDS 3 AND UNDER FREE)**

Reservations a must — seating is limited!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL  
& AT THE PR COMMUNITY CENTER  
ON ELECTION DAY (11/7)

**More info: Pat Ward 248.408.2911**

**Register today!**

**Pleasant Ridge Garden Club's**

## holiday greens workshop

Create a festive centerpiece!  
Materials and instructions provided.  
Invite friends and neighbors for a fun and  
creative kick-off to the holiday season!

**Wed., Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m., Fee: \$30**

Enjoy a raffle, door prizes, appetizers, dessert  
& wine punch. Register early, seating is limited!  
Bring scissors/hand clippers. Registration  
deadline: 12/4/17. More info: Becky Uber  
248-544-7228 or Kathy Cavazos 248-762-1041.

To mail in your reservation(s), enclose a check  
payable to PRGC, with the following info:  
name, address, phone, number of people  
attending (with their names), plus amount  
enclosed. \$30 per person. Mail to: Betsey  
Pearce, 30 Elm Park, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48237

## home for the holiday

Mingle with neighbors and friends  
for a holiday celebration while  
enjoying one of the Ridge's finest  
homes and supporting the Pleasant  
Ridge Garden Club's projects.

**Sat., Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.,**  
**Fee: \$100 per ticket**

For more info or ticket purchase,  
please contact Robert Campbell  
at: **Campbell4homes@me.com.**  
PRGC Member and President,  
Robert Campbell; Chairperson,  
Julie McManus, Vice Chair.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Daddy Daughter Dance**  
**Friday, Feb 2, 2018**

## holidays in the Ridge

### Toddler Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 2, 10 a.m. (up to age 6)

Join us for a morning of  
Christmas MAGIC!! Special treats and  
holiday crafts, plus a visit from Santa himself. We hope you  
can join us in sharing the holiday spirit. Please register at  
the Community Center or call 248-541-2902 by Nov. 28.

### Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

Mon., Dec. 4, 6 p.m. at Memorial Park

Gather as a community to light our Christmas Tree, share in  
songs & refreshments. Caroling will begin at 6 p.m., immediately  
followed by the tree lighting. Cookies & cocoa will be served  
followed by pictures with Santa.

### Letters to Santa

**Deadline to submit letters: Fri., Dec. 15.**

*Open to PR residents only.* Hi Kids! Every year Santa looks forward to  
hearing from his friends in Pleasant Ridge. Let him know your  
deepest wishes, and some of your silliest, too! Mailboxes will be  
located at the Community Center and City Hall to receive your  
letters. Be sure to include your name and address on the letter  
so that Santa can write back! Get wishing!

for more info call the rec department 248-541-2902 email [recreation@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:recreation@cityofpleasantridge.org)



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# Celebrate Fall in Pleasant Ridge

There's so much to do this fall, and you don't have to look far! October, November, and December are full of fun activities for the whole family. Don't miss the **Toddler Boo Bash** or the **Halloween Hayride**—and so much more—coming soon! See inside for all the details.



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