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# helpful information **Vote** 2020

## **Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Vote at the PR Community Center, 4 Ridge Road. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### *Absentee Voting Info*

There is an application process to obtain an absentee ballot. To obtain an application, call City Hall at (248) 541-2901 or visit the Michigan Secretary of State website.

**Absentee ballots must be returned before 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.** Ballots may be returned to City Hall by mail or in person during regular business hours or placed in the dropbox by the front door. Absentee ballots can no longer be returned to the precinct at 4 Ridge on Election Day, but can be returned to City Hall on election day between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

#### *Mail or Drop Applications to:*

Amy Allison, City Clerk, City of Pleasant Ridge  
23925 Woodward Ave., Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

Your ballot will be mailed to any address you request on the day we receive your signed application. If you would like to automatically receive an application, please call the Clerk's office to be added to the list at (248) 541-2901.

### *Important Dates to Note*

**Oct. 29, 2020, until 3 p.m.:** last day to obtain an absentee voter ballot application via First Class mail.

**City Hall is open Sat., Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to issue and receive absentee voter ballots.**

**Nov. 3, 2020, until 8 p.m.:** Election Day registrants may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office or vote in person in the proper precinct.

### *Voter Registration*

**Oct. 19, 2020** is the last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November election.

**Oct. 20 – Nov. 3:** during this period and including Election Day, you may register in person with the City Clerk with proof of residency other than a driver's license. You may then vote by absentee ballot or at your proper precinct.

## **Photo ID Requirements for Voting**

Due to a recent court ruling, every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing picture identification or signing an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. (See MCL 158.523 for picture identification requirement)

#### **Voters with picture identification:**

Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card. Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current:

- **Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.**
- **Federal or state government-issued photo**

#### **identification.**

- **U.S. Passport**
- **Military identification card with photo.**
- **Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.**
- **Tribal identification card with photo.**

#### **Voters without picture identification:**

Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to the City Clerk.

#### **Pleasant Ridge Elections Information:**

[www.cityofpleasantridge.org/departments/elections/](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org/departments/elections/)



# Cooperative

## Street Tree Purchase Program

Residents who want a street tree planted in front of their house may participate in a cooperative purchase program with the City. The cost to the resident is \$125, or about 1/3 of the total cost to purchase and plant a tree. The City will cover the rest.

Residents who participate in the cooperative purchase program will have a tree planted according to the City's adopted Street Tree Planting Manual, which can be accessed at: [www.cityofpleasantridge.org/lsvr\\_document\\_cat/public-works/](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org/lsvr_document_cat/public-works/). Tree species are identified for each street in the manual.

**The deadline to participate in this program is Thu., Feb. 11, 2021.** In order to be included in the order, residents must have payment to City Hall by that date. The trees will be planted in the spring, usually in April. The City will be planting Maplefield and Oakdale next spring. Contact City Hall at 248-541-2901 with any questions about participating in this program.

## PR Police Beat

**Lock it or Lose it**—Keep your cars and garage LOCKED! Never leave valuables or packages in your car that can be seen.

**Garbage Cans** may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on Sundays for collection on Mondays. Cans must be removed from the curb by noon on Tuesday. (Garbage is delayed one day if a holiday falls on a Monday). Cans must be stored in the rear yard, not visible from the street. All garbage must be placed in a watertight container.

A **snow emergency** is in effect for any snowfall amounting to 4" or more. During a snow emergency, you may not park your vehicle in the street.

## City of Pleasant Ridge Senior Bus Transportation

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:** Travels to local hospitals within in a 5-mile radius in Oakland County.

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

**Fees:** One-Way Fare: \$3 and \$4 round trip.

**Assistance Provided:** Yes, Wheelchair Accessible: Yes  
**PLEASE NOTE:** only one rider on the bus at a time-unless from the same household. A face covering must be worn during the duration of the trip.

## The Mayor's Corner

I wanted to take a little space in the Fall edition of the Ridger to address two of my favorite subjects: the 2020 Census and the 2020 Elections.

The Census is in its final stretch as enumerators fan out across the country to make contact with those addresses from which a response has yet to be received. The end date for this process is now in the courts, as the administration seeks to shorten the pandemic-driven schedule from an October 31st to a September 30th end date. There is great concern that less time for follow-up will result in an undercount of communities of color. Pleasant Ridge continues to rank #2 in the state (behind Huntington Woods) with a self-response rate of 91.0 percent, an impressive achievement. While some of the remaining nine percent are vacant homes, I know there are still some of you who have not participated. Please do so by going online or just wait until an enumerator knocks on your door.

While our City Clerk has provided a comprehensive overview of what you need to know to vote in November, I wanted to add a few data points. Pleasant Ridge ranked 5th in the county for turnout in the August primary. My research showed that our 'registered voters' total outnumbers our total population estimate (a continuing problem). I was able to get the state to provide an 'active voter' count, which was 11 percent less. Our revised, more accurate turnout rises to 60.2 percent. 71 percent of our ballots (926) were absentee, and only 6 were rejected - 5 due to late arrival and 1 due to a death before the date. **Whether you choose to vote in person, or by mail, your vote will be secure. Please VOTE!** —Mayor Metzger

## OC Health Department's Nurse on Call

The NOC is a valuable resource for questions about Covid-19, where to get tested and anything non-pandemic-related as well. Contact them at (800) 848-5533 or email them at [NOC@Oakgov.com](mailto:NOC@Oakgov.com). If you feel like you may have Covid-19 and would like to get tested, county drive-thru testing is available (as of press time). Call the Nurse on Call number to make an appointment. No prescription is needed, but you must have an appointment.

**Call Jennifer at (248) 581-2712 for info on City services/additional resources.**





# Huntington Woods Library

Offering Curbside Pick-Up & Delivery

Your library is still here for you! While closed to the public, the Huntington Woods Library is committed to providing patrons of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge expanded access to online resources and safe access to physical materials through a limited curbside pickup service.

*It's easy to pick up materials!*

- Place your items on hold: call **(248) 543-9720** or visit **www.huntingtonwoodslib.org**.
- Call the library and tell us you are ready to pick up.
- Pick up your items curbside.  
Hours: M-Th., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **HOMEBOUND DELIVERY** is also available, call for details.

## SAFE GYMS HAVE RULES

**The PR Wellness Center has reopened, and we ask that patrons follow these new rules:**

- Residents 18 and over may use the facility. Residents ages 16 and 17 may use the facility if accompanied by an adult relative.
- Members **MUST** have a reservation to workout.
- A face covering must be worn at all times indoors.
- Temperatures and health questionnaire must be completed before a workout.
- Reservations may be made one week in advance.
- Members will be allowed one one-hour time block per day.

To reserve your Wellness Center time slot, visit: [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org)

## Fall Leaf Pickup Begins at the End of October!

Leaf pickup will be slightly different this year, alternating weekly between the east and west sides. Cambridge East (between Ridge and Woodward) and Woodward Heights will be picked up every week due to the large volume of leaves and traffic on those streets. The side of the City that is picked up first will alternate each year, as well.

If all leaves are picked up from one side of the City early in the week, Brilar may move on and pick up some leaves from the other side of the City. If you live on the non-scheduled side of the City and Brilar does a supplemental pickup, don't worry, they will be back the following week as scheduled.

### Fall Weather and Schedule Adjustments

Fall weather is unpredictable and almost always interrupts our schedule. Updates will be posted to the website if schedule adjustments are necessary.

### Will We Extend Leaf Collection?

No. As we get into December the risk of significant snowfall greatly increases. If leaves are still out on the street and it snows, we may not be able to pick up the leaves and will have to plow them back onto the lawn creating a mess. Based on experience from past years we will not extend the leaf pickup schedule. You can place leaves in yard waste bags at the curb on for compost pickup on trash days until December 14.

### Collection Dates:

**Week of October 26: East Side + Cambridge East**

**Week of November 2: West Side + Woodward Heights**

**Week of November 9: East Side + Cambridge East**

**Week of November 16: West Side + Woodward Heights**

**Week of November 23\*: Final pickup begins starting with the East Side.**

*\*Pickup will continue into the following week until all streets have been picked up.*



Leaf collection is a major task, as we generate more leaves per capita than any other nearby community. We ask for your cooperation to ensure that the process is as smooth and efficient as possible. The best thing you can do to help us is ensure that only leaves are placed at the curb, and that cars are not parked on the street during the day until the leaves are picked up during your pickup week. Please see the leaf FAQs on the City website at [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) for more information about how you can help expedite the process.



# Seasonal Events in Pleasant Ridge

## Outdoor Movie: Ghostbusters (PG)

Friday, Oct. 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. (two separate

showings). **Behind the Rec Center.** 30 max per showing (no restrooms available or concession sales). Social distancing will be enforced. Pre-registration required. Bring your own treats!



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

## Fall "MASK"arade

Sun., Oct. 11, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at Gainsboro Park

All residents are welcome – reservations needed. Join in on the family fun with pony rides, Climbing Tower, Regina's Tacos Truck and pumpkins to take home. This event is sure to get your family in the Fall mood!

## Halloween Costume BINGO

Thu., Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. Ages 7-14. Come dressed to impress in your Halloween costume!

Bingo cards will be delivered to your home. You must be pre-registered.

## 2nd Annual Historical Pleasant Ridge Halloween House Decorating Contest

Share your wicked ways and talents! Out-BOO your neighbors by entering the Haunted House Decorating Contest! This year's categories are as follows:

- Creepiest Skeleton Award
- Best Decorated Pumpkins
- Scariest
- Judges' favorite



All judging is done by the PR Rec Commission.

**Please email a picture of your decorated home to [gcalbeck@cityofpleasantridge.org](mailto:gcalbeck@cityofpleasantridge.org) by Oct. 26.**

*There is no City policy on Halloween trick or treating. It is up to each household what you are comfortable doing, or not doing. If you do go door to door, or hand out candy, we recommend wearing a mask and washing and sanitizing your hands often. Stay safe and have fun!*

## "Fall" into Good Health Virtual 10k Race

Oct. 1-31. Log 10k (6.2 miles) to receive your certificate of participation!

A Virtual Race is a race you can run at any location, at your pace, outside or on a treadmill, alone or with a group of friends. Train and stay active, run for good health!

## Monthly Book and Movie Club with the PR Rec Commission

Join us for a virtual book group followed by a movie! You must be pre-registered. Call for info.

**Thu., Oct. 29** Book: *Ask Again, Yes* at 6 p.m., Movie: *1917* at 7 p.m.

**Thu., Nov. 19** Book: *The Giver of Stars* at 6 p.m., Movie: *Little Women* at 7 p.m.

**Thu., Dec. 17** Book: *Daisy Jones & the Six* at 6 p.m. Movie: *Bombshell* at 7 p.m.

## Virtual BINGO

Thu., Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. Ages 18+

Bingo cards will be delivered. You must be pre-registered. Register online or call PR Rec.

## Coat Drive: Coats for the Cold

Nov. 1-30 Please call for drop off location. Sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriffs' Dept.

## Tree Lighting in Memorial Park

Dec. 7, 6 p.m. Come enjoy the magic of the season!

## Personal Calls from Santa

Receive a telephone call from Santa Claus, directly from the North Pole! **Calls will be made the week of Dec. 14.**, in the evening. Please register online.

## PR Holiday Home Decorated Stroll

Discover your creativity and catch the holiday spirit! Sign up to be a part of the city's holiday magic! Register online to be added to the stroll map by Dec. 21.

## Gleaners Virtual Food Drive: Dec. 1-18

With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyone this year, we are hosting a virtual food drive to help raise money and fight hunger in our community. This holiday season let's as a community come together to support our fellow metro Detroiters. Every dollar will provide 3 meals to someone in need.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Historian Carol Egbo will discuss the history of many noted historical sites located throughout Oakland County parks in a series of virtual programs.

*Ellis Barn, Springfield Oaks County Park* Tue., Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m.

*Glen Oaks Golf Course*, Mon., Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m.

*Addison Oaks County Park – Buhl Estate*, Mon., Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.



**It's EASY to register online for activities and Wellness Center time slots!**

Visit [www.cityofpleasantridge.org](http://www.cityofpleasantridge.org) and click on "Recreation Program Registration" under QUICK LINKS or scan the QR code with your device!



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