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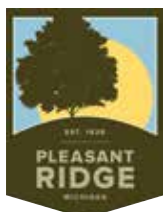
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helpful
information

election 2019

BE PREPARED AT THE POLLS! Remember, Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Here is some information to help make Election Day successful.

Important 2019 Election dates:

Tue., Nov. 5, 2019 – General Election

Close of Registration for the Nov. Election is Mon., Oct. 21, 2019, for any manner other than in person at the City Clerk's office.

In-person registration at the City Clerk's office runs Tue. Oct. 22 through Tue., Nov. 5, 2019, with appropriate proof of residency.

If you would like to receive an Absentee Ballot, please call the City Clerk's office at 248-541-2901.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. All Pleasant Ridge residents vote at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.

Election Inspectors Needed

Anyone interested in working as an Election Inspector is encouraged to contact City Hall. Election inspectors report to work at approximately 6:30 a.m. and work until approximately 9 p.m. Training is provided for this important function. Election inspectors are paid \$115/day and dinner is provided. It is rewarding work, you work with a great bunch of people, it is a great way to get to know your neighbors and the City is proud to be able to employ its own residents for such duty.

All Michigan voters are required to show a photo ID at the polls.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- Valid driver's license • Federal or State ID w/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.



NEW This Year in Michigan: No-Reason Absentee Voting

An Absentee Ballot can be mailed to your home, or any other address you desire for no reason. This was not the case in the past. Absentee Ballot applications are available to all Pleasant Ridge registered voters. You must fill out an application for each and every election before a ballot can be mailed to you. 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 city 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.

Election 2019: On the Ballot

Voters will consider the following candidates at the polls:

City Commissioner: Vote for not more than two (2): Ann Perry • Christopher Budnik

And the following proposals:

Operating Millage Renewal: Oakland Community College

This proposal authorizes Oakland Community College to continue to levy 0.7545 mill for operating purposes for 10 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2010, which expires with the 2021 tax levy. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable property within the Oakland Community

College district, State of Michigan, be renewed at a rate of 0.7545 mill (\$0.7545 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 through 2031, inclusive, to provide funds for College operating purposes? It is estimated that if the millage is approved and 0.7545 mill is levied in 2022, it would raise \$45,065,057 for the College.

Library Services Millage Renewal

Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge authorize a renewal of up to 0.5 mills for a period of five years, for years 2020 through 2024, inclusive, in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 31, Article IX, of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to provide library services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$80,106.64 in 2020.

Library Millage Renewal Information

Overview

The City Commission has placed a request for renewal of a 0.5 mill property tax to be levied over 5 years to pay for library services on the November 5, 2019 ballot. This millage would renew the City's existing library millage and would allow the City to continue our contractual relationship with the Huntington Woods library.

Approval of the millage will not change the property tax millage rate that residents already pay. This ballot proposal would renew the existing library millage with no increase.

What Services are Provided by the Millage?

The City of Pleasant Ridge has a contract with Huntington Woods that allows PR residents to obtain a Huntington Woods library card and to use the Huntington Woods library.

Huntington Woods library is also a member of the

Library Network, giving our residents reciprocal use privileges at all nearby libraries, including Ferndale, Royal Oak, Southfield, Oak Park, etc. This means that our residents can choose which library to use, even though Huntington Woods will continue to be our home library if the millage is renewed.

What Happens if the Millage is Not Renewed?

If the millage is not renewed, our contract with Huntington Woods will expire and Pleasant Ridge residents will no longer have access to Huntington Woods or any other library.

How Do Our Library Costs Compare?

Currently, Pleasant Ridge pays \$22 per capita for library services, while the average Oakland County community pays about \$42 per capita. This means that we pay about half as much as the average Oakland County community for library services on a per-person basis. This will continue to be the case if the library millage is renewed.

community **info & events****Gainsboro Park
Pathway Lighting Project**

Thank you to the PR Foundation for helping to fund the pathway lighting at Gainsboro Park. The 2019 Auction raised just over \$50,000 to help cover the Gainsboro Park lighting project.

**SAVE THE DATE
for the 2020
Auction & Gala!
Saturday,
May 16, 2020.**

**PR welcomes new
Assistant Rec Director!**

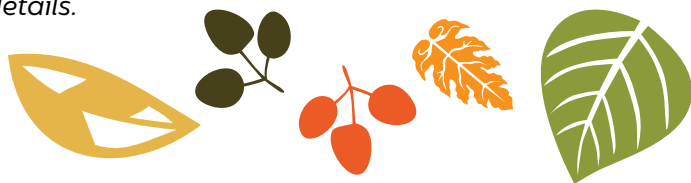
“Hello, my name is Greg Calbeck, I recently started as the new Assistant Recreation Director here in Pleasant Ridge. I’m coming over from Troy Recreation and am very excited to be involved in this community. My educational background is a Bachelor’s in kinesiology from Michigan State and a Master’s in sports management from the University of New Haven. Previously, I’ve worked in many different sports and recreation settings, from the Junior Olympics and campus recreation to professional baseball and municipal recreation. I’m hoping to bring new ideas and do all I can to make living in Pleasant Ridge even better.”

**Don't miss! Flu Shot Clinic**

Thu., Oct. 3, 1-5:30 p.m., Community Center

Walgreens will be administering the Quadrivalent Flu Vaccine*. The quadrivalent flu vaccine is designed to protect against four different flu viruses; two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.

**Vaccines are subject to availability. State, age, and health related restrictions may apply. Most insurance coverage is accepted, including Medicare Part B, Blue Cross, HAP & AARP. Check with your insurance company for coverage details.*

**SOCRRA Paper Shredding:**

**Sat., Oct. 12 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
PR City Hall Parking Lot.**

SOCRRA will be on site with a shredding truck. Residents can bring any and all documents that they need shredded. This is a FREE service.

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Fall 2019

TWO SALE DATES IN OCTOBER AT 92 AMHERST:

- **Sat., Oct. 5, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** 50% of proceeds will go to FernCare.
- **Sat., Oct. 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Regular Saturday sale.
- **Sat., Nov. 9 (weather dependent), 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Info t/c.

Please continue to support us through your shopping and donations.

Questions? Please call Sharon Barrett 248.548.6097 or Jodi McGuire 248.398.6404.



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/. Tree species are identified for each street in the manual.

The deadline to participate in this program is Thu., Feb. 13, 2020. 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. Contact City Hall at 248-541-2901 with any questions about participating in this program.

Large Room Rental

The Large Room at the Community Center is available to rent for your next event! Perfect for weddings, parties, meetings, etc. Thanks to the PR Foundation for helping make this vision a reality for the Community Center.

Room rental fees include table & chairs. Effective 1/1/2020, rental rates will be increased. Prior bookings are guaranteed at 2019 rates. Contact Shawnie Stamper to check on a particular date, email: ss@cityofpr.org.



Huntington Woods Public Library Fall, 2019 Hours

Mon. – Thu.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAY

Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Sun.: 1 – 5 p.m.

Phone: 248-543-9720

email: htwd@huntingtonwoodslib.org

www.huntingtonwoodslib.org

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fall leaf pickup

The City will be continuing 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.

City-wide curbside leaf collection begins at the end of 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 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 28: Zones 1, 2 & 3

Week of November 4: Zones 4 & 5

Week of November 11: Zones 1, 2 & 3

Week of November 18: Zones 4 & 5

Week of November 25: 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 for more information about how you can help us expedite the process.

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



50+ Club *Day Trips & Events*

Thursdays at the DIA

Thu., Oct. 3,
12 - 3:30 p.m., **FREE**

The Best of the Best Collection. Cookies & coffee included. Minimal walking is involved on this tour.



Detroit History Museum Tour

Detroit 67: Perspectives. Facilitated Experiences at Detroit Historical Museum

Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m.,
\$16. Cost includes docent-lead tour and transportation, lunch cost is on your own.



Ottawa Via
Thu., Oct. 10,
Bus leaves at 10:45 a.m., **\$6.**

Fee includes transportation; lunch cost is on your own.

Enjoy lunch and Bocce ball in the gardens. Fee

includes transportation & admission; lunch cost is on your own.

Kirk in the Hills Tour

Thu., Oct. 24,
9:20 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
\$11. Fee includes transportation & admission; lunch cost is on your own.



We will visit and take a one-and-a-half-hour docent-led tour of Kirk in the Hills, the dream and vision of Colonel Edwin S. George. Colonel George, a Detroit businessman, gifted his home and estate (Cedarholm) in 1947, intending the Kirk to be a community church serving the area. View the Pewabic ceramic tile, Marshall Fredrick's sculptures, and the tower which houses one of the world's largest carillon with 77 bells. The Gothic design church was patterned after the once-famous 13th century Melrose Abbey in Scotland and is one of the last truly Gothic structures built in America. Lunch on your own after at 5th Tavern.

Meadowbrook Hall Tour

Wed., Dec. 18,
8:20 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.,
\$18. Cost includes docent-lead tour and transportation, lunch cost is on your own.



A National Historic Landmark, Meadowbrook Hall is the historic home of one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Dodge's fortune not only built one of America's finest residences and country estates, but it also supported numerous Detroit charities and organizations and made possible the founding of Oakland University. Lunch on your own after at Finnegan's.

50+ Club Movie Series

Third Thursday of the month. Movie begins at 12:15 & 6 p.m. Movies are TBA. **Please call 3 weeks before movie date for movie title.**

50+ Club Thanksgiving Day Bingo

Thursday, 11/21 6 p.m.; **\$3 per person. Includes turkey dinner, beverages, and BINGO! Registration deadline: 11/18.**

Payment is due at the time of registration. Recreation Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued for any cancellations within 7 days of the trip or activity. A refund will only be issued if we can fill your spot.



Fall at the WELLNESS CENTER

Pilates & Yoga with Pam Kampf, ACE

Mon. 9 a.m., Pilates Mat with “toys”

\$70 Session

Mon. 7 p.m., Yoga/Pilates Fusion Class

\$70 Session

Tue. 5 p.m., Pilates Ball Class \$80 Session

Pilates will change the way you look & feel by improving your posture, strength, flexibility balance and overall well-being. Plus we have FUN! \$10 drop-in fee.

Sit & Get Fit with Victoria Dickinson

Wed. & Fri., 8:30–9:30 a.m.

\$20 for a 10-visit punch card

Kids' Pilates with Pam Kampf, ACE

Grades 4–6: Mon. 6:15–7 p.m.,

\$25 for 4 sessions (10/7–28)

Grades K–3: Tue. 4:15–5 p.m.,

\$25 for 4 sessions (10/8–29)

Cardio • Strength • Flexibility

with Melanie Sevald

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 – 10 a.m.

Begins 11/4 – Ends 12/20

No Class 11/29. 7 weeks.

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

Drop-in: \$10 (to Melanie)

Open 5 a.m.– midnight • 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays!

Stop at the front desk during open hours to get your key fob. You must be a PR resident and at least 16 years of age. Effective 7/1: Wellness Center key fob replacement is \$10, Pool tag replacement is \$1.

A picture ID is required for all new and replacement key fobs.

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**Youth Trip to
Cedar Point**

Sat., 10/19,

7 a.m. – midnight

\$90 (6th grade & older)

HALLOWEENS



Naomi Alba's ready for the thrill of HalloWeekends!
Photo courtesy of Shawnie Stamper



**Congratulations to the
Pleasant Ridge Dodgers
on their undefeated
2019 Summer Minor League
Baseball Season!**



**Congratulations
2019 PR Adult
Volleyball Champions!**

Todd Huntley, Doug Verkeyn, Jason Dutra, Dan Keller, Beci Clark, Ann Zvibleman, Erica Ruegg.
2020 registration starts March, 2020!

It's EASY to register online for activities and sports teams:

**Visit www.cityofpleasantridge.org and click on
“Recreation Program Registration” under QUICK LINKS.**

*Payment is due at the time of registration. Recreation Refund Policy:
No refunds will be issued for any cancellations within 7 days of the trip or activity.
A refund will only be issued if we can fill your spot.*



Tips & Tricks for a Fun & Safe Halloween!

Trick or Treating

Thu., Oct. 31, 5 – 8 p.m.

Recommended hours for trick or treating are 5–8 p.m. and homeowners who plan to give out candy are urged to turn on their porch lights.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Wear light-reflective material or carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Ensure kids have a clear field of vision and can hear properly.
- A responsible adult should accompany trick-or-treaters.
- Normal street crossing and safety rules apply. All violators will be ticketed.
 - Please walk with your children (don't follow behind them in while driving)
 - Parking lots are located at the PR Community Center, Ferndale Lower, and City Hall.

Parents who check their children's candy and discover something that raises concerns may call the Police Department with questions.



1st 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:** Entries will be judged on creepiest and most original.
- **Best Decorated Pumpkins:** Entries will be judged on originality.
- **Scariest:** Entries will be judged on special effects and overall sense of fright!
- **Judges' favorite:** This category is decided by the judges.

All judging done by the PR Rec Commission.

Please email a picture of your decorated home and address to Greg at gcalbeck@cityofpleasantridge.org by Oct. 21.



Halloween

in the Ridge 2019



Halloween Hayride, 2018

Left: Barb and Eddie Stokes enjoying the pony rides.

Below: Olive and Lola Downey in the pumpkin patch. Photos courtesy of Shawnie Stamper



Family Halloween Movie Night in the Park

Fri., Oct. 25, seating begins at 6 p.m., movie begins at 6:30 p.m. at the park behind the Rec Center. Snacks will be sold for \$1 each.

Halloween Hayride at Gainsboro Park

Sat., Oct. 26, 3:30 - 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. Tarot by Paul will be an added offering at this year's event! Paul will give short tarot readings to all interested (18 and over only please). Concessions will be available for purchase (cash/credit) from Hunter House Food Truck. Hayrides begin at Gainsboro Park and stop at Ameriprise for face painting! Free cider & donuts sponsored by Robert Campbell.

Halloween Boo-Bash

Sat., Oct. 26, 10 to 11:15 a.m., \$3 per person, must be pre-registered by 10/20.



Pleasant Ridge will again be collecting surplus Halloween candy for donation to our troops (via Operation Gratitude) in time for Veterans Day. If you end up having bought too much, or your kids bring home too much, please drop your excess in the bin at 4 Ridge. The bin will appear after Halloween, and the last day for donations will be Wed., November 6 - the day after Election Day - why not bring your candy when you vote, and drop it off then?

In 2015 we were able to collect 82 pounds of candy, 99 pounds in 2016, 136.3 pounds in 2017, and a whopping 318 pounds last year! Can we get even more this year? We have plenty of bins to hold it! Thank you in advance, for any candy that you are able to donate. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Mom Prom

Sat., Nov. 23,
7:30 - 11 p.m.

H. Woods Rec. Center
26325 Scotia

Pull out your old prom dress, bridesmaid dress or consignment store find, get your hair nice and high and you're ready for the MOM PROM! *All women (mom mom, dog mom, plant mom, any mom or non mom is welcome - doesn't matter), 21 yrs+ are welcome! Bring a bottle to share. DJ, munchies, water and prizes included.

Sign up at the Pleasant Ridge Rec

Center. DON'T WAIT (You know Shawnie'll be in a crazy panic if everyone waits to register - don't do that to me :)! Grab your squad (Uber over?) and make a night of it! We are hoping for all the (fun) women of Pleasant Ridge & Huntington Woods - to make it EXTRA EXTRA! Cost: \$40 before October 31, \$45 beginning Nov. 1 and \$50 at the door. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

There's no place like PR for the holidays!



Photo courtesy of Shawnie Stamper

holiday greens *workshop*

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

Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., Fee: \$35

Enjoy a raffle, door prizes, appetizers, dessert & wine punch. Register early, seating is limited! Bring scissors /hand clippers. Registration deadline: 11/25/19, or until sold out. 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 and names of people attending, plus amount enclosed. \$35 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. 14, 6:30 p.m., \$100 per ticket

For more info or ticket purchase, please contact Robert Campbell at: Campbell4homes@me.com.

Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

Mon., Dec. 2, 6 p.m. at Memorial Park • FREE EVENT!

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.

Breakfast with Santa

Sat., Dec. 14, 10 a.m., \$3 per person

Enjoy breakfast with Santa! Please pre-register by Dec. 9.

Letters to Santa

Deadline to submit letters: Fri., Dec. 13

Open to PR residents only. Hi Kids! Every year Santa looks forward to hearing from his friends in Pleasant Ridge. Mailboxes will be located at the Community Center and City Hall to receive your letters. Include your name and address on the letter so that Santa can write back! Get wishing!

Gingerbread House Making

Mon., Dec. 23, 10 a.m. - noon, \$15 pp.

Please register by 12/16.

Join us for a festive morning learning how to make your very own gingerbread house! Every participant gets to keep their decorated house at the end. With holiday tunes playing and hot cocoa flowing, spread the holiday spirit by inviting friends to join you for this special event!

***This is a drop-off event for kids K-6.**



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Celebrate Fall

in Pleasant Ridge

This time of year there are so many fun events and activities for the whole family in Pleasant Ridge. Walk through **the parks** to take in Fall's beauty, get out on a **day trip** or catch a movie, hit the **Wellness Center** for a class, don't miss the **Halloween Hayride**, **tree lighting**, or **breakfast with Santa...** just to name a few. *You don't have to look very far to find fun in PR!*

See inside for all the details.