

# Do you know what the Thor Guard lightning horn means?



Park Ridge residents sometimes hear alarm horns when outdoors in the warmer months, especially when skies begin to darken. Do you recall what the signals mean? Here's a quick overview about the system in place to protect the community.

From April to November, parks, athletic fields, pools, golf and baseball facilities, outdoor parks and property are protected by Thor Guard. The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System consists of sensors within the City of Park Ridge that measure electrostatic charges at ground level and in the atmosphere.



**When conditions indicate a lightning occurrence is probable, alarm horns provide an 8-12 minute warning to clear areas and seek shelter.**



**A warning horn will sound a 15-second blast when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching. CLEAR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK PROPER SHELTER.**



**Wait for the “all clear” – 3 short blasts – to resume activities.**

Here are the 18 locations protected by Thor Guard alarm horns:

- Maine East High School
- North Park
- Northwest Park (Franklin School)
- Oakton Pool
- Woodland Park
- Ni-Ridge Park
- Jefferson/Emerson School site
- Hodges Park
- Northeast Park (Field School)
- Maine Park
- Carpenter School
- Hinkley Park
- Centennial Park (Lincoln/Washington Schools)
- Maine South High School
- South Park (Roosevelt School)
- Jaycee Park
- Brickton Park
- Southwest Park