

# VILLAGE of PALATINE

## PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 7



Have you ever wondered what a fire engine looks like up close, how to use a firehose, or what a fire station looks like? Now is your chance! Mark your calendar for the annual Palatine Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 10 am to 1:30 pm at Fire Station 84 located at 220 W. Illinois Ave.

Families are invited to watch demonstrations from the Fire Department, spray a firehose, see fire equipment up close, take pictures next to a fire engine, and watch how sprinklers can reduce the loss of property and life in a fire.

The Annual Fire Department Open House is an event the entire community can enjoy while learning valuable fire safety tips.

The Palatine Fire Department looks forward to seeing you there!



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## PLANNING PALATINE'S VISION

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SHARE YOUR OPINIONS - TAKE THE SURVEY [PalatineComprehensivePlan.com](#)

It will also consider planning strategies for sustainable growth, Village-wide beautification, diversification of its employment base, and the addition of new recreational and open space amenities.

The plan will be informed by community feedback, so please visit the website to share your opinions and take the survey. Get involved and help us create the building blocks for a vibrant future!

Additionally, the Village is hosting a Community Open House at Village Hall on September 27th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We'll have exhibits and activities to give more background on the Comprehensive Plan and allow more opportunities to share feedback and ideas for Palatine's future. Be sure to check out the **project website** and **sign up** for e-mail updates to stay up to date on future events.

Learn more at **PalatineComprehensivePlan.com**.

# VILLAGE OF PALATINE

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**VILLAGE HALL HOURS**  
8 am to 4 pm  
Monday through Friday

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

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TDD (Emergency).....911

Village Action Line .....705-5200

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## SCARECROWS ON PARADE

The 16th annual Scarecrows on Parade decorating contest, hosted by the Palatine Beautification Commission and sponsored by The Home Depot, will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023, as part of the Rotary Club's Oktoberfest! Any Palatine family, business, non-profit organization, school affiliate, sports affiliate, homeowners' association, faith or civic group are invited to participate in this event.

There are two judging categories with prizes awarded in each category. The **Youth** Category is for kids and youth groups with members 17 years old and younger. The **Adult** Category is for adults and adult organizations with members 18 years and older.

Pick up a scarecrow frame from now until Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Public Works office at 148 W. Illinois Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Participants should drop off and complete the final touch ups on their scarecrows at the Firefighters' Memorial, located at the corner of Slade and Brockway Streets, on Saturday, September 16, between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM. The awards ceremony will be held around 12:30 PM in the Oktoberfest Main Tent. All of the participating scarecrows will remain on display along the rail walk through early October for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to reserve your frame and start planning your creation!



## DISCOVERING COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

The Palatine Fire Department is dedicated to your safety through Community Risk Reduction (CRR). This proactive approach aims to prevent emergencies by identifying risks, promoting awareness, and fostering collaboration within our community.

### **What is CRR?**

Community Risk Reduction is a strategy that goes beyond traditional firefighting. It involves:

- Risk Assessment: Identifying potential hazards in our community.
- Education: Sharing vital safety information and tips.
- Partnerships: Collaborating with businesses, schools, and organizations.
- Prevention Programs: Installing smoke alarms, conducting safety inspections, etc.
- Data Analysis: Using past incidents to guide strategies

### **CRR Benefits:**

- Safety: Minimizing risks creates a safer environment.
- Unity: Joining together enhances community bonds.
- Cost-Efficiency: Fewer emergencies mean reduced costs.
- Lives Saved: Prevention is the ultimate lifesaver.
- Peace of Mind: Knowing measures are in place offers reassurance.

### **How Can You Help?**

- Stay Informed: Follow us for safety updates.
- Spread Awareness: Share safety knowledge.

Community Risk Reduction unites us in safeguarding our community. By identifying risks, educating, and collaborating, we're building a safer future for everyone.

For more information visit our [website](#).

## “ADOPT-A-HYDRANT” PROGRAM



The Palatine Fire Department is continuing its community-based safety program and needs your help. During winter months, heavy snowfall makes finding, let alone using fire hydrants very difficult. Fire doubles in size every 30 seconds so every second counts. The Palatine Fire Department is asking residents, business owners, and local civic groups to consider participating in our “Adopt-A-Hydrant” program.

To adopt a hydrant, go to our [online adopting system](#) and consider adopting one or two hydrants near your home, church, or business and commit to keeping them clear of snow.

When clearing a fire hydrant, snow should be removed about three (3) feet away from the hydrant in all directions with a pathway cleared between the hydrant and the roadway. Please exercise caution when shoveling because of the potential for vehicle traffic nearby. Do not stand in the street and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway.

The Village of Palatine has over 3,500 fire hydrants and we need your help making sure that they are accessible when we need them, but we can't do this alone.



# CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 16, 2023

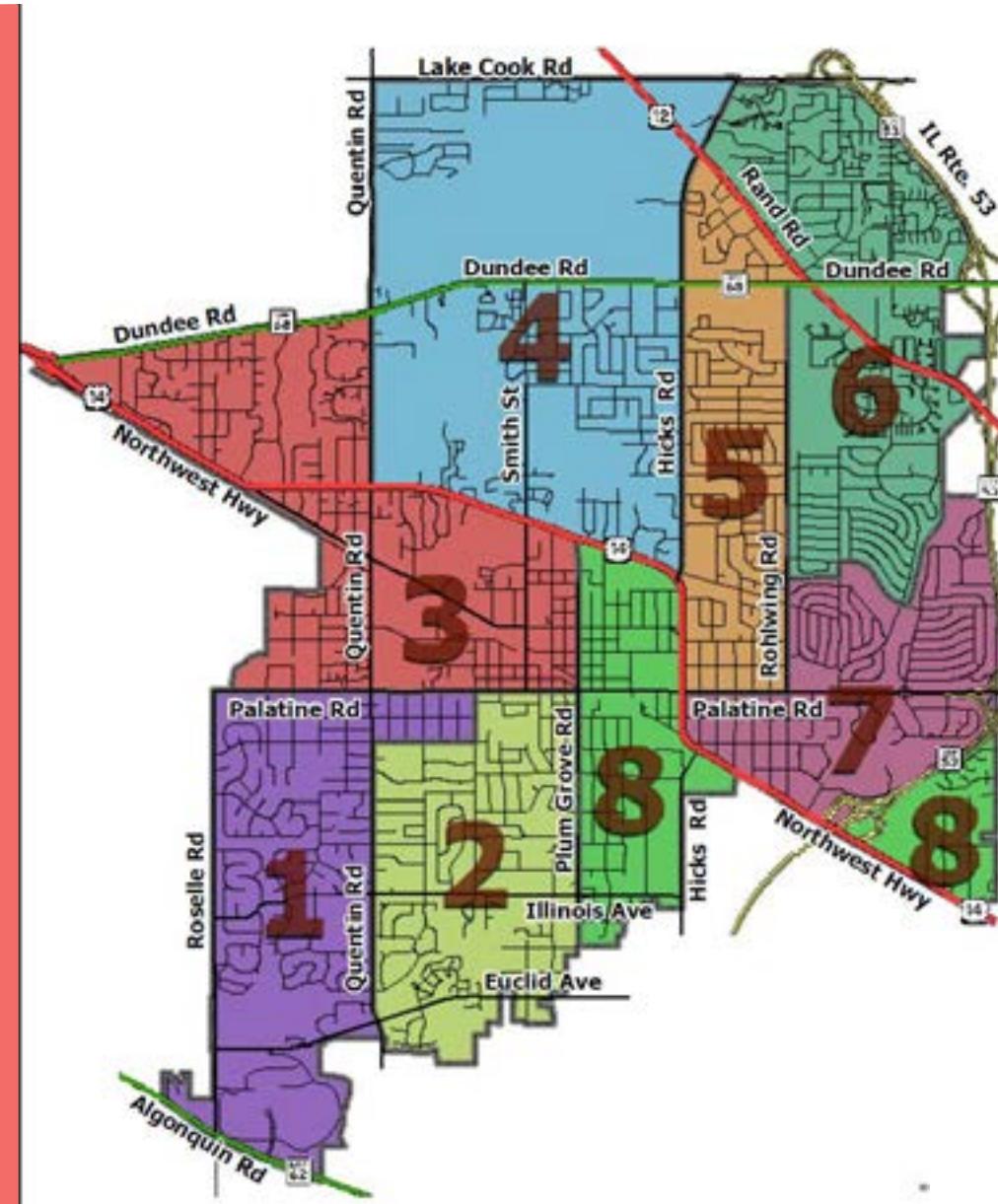
There will be two regular leaf collections scheduled between Monday, October 16, 2023, and Thursday, November 9, 2023 for each Palatine single-family residence. All raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pick up no later than 7 AM on scheduled days, but no earlier than 4 PM on the day prior to collection.

There will be only one pass down each street during scheduled collection days; the large volume of leaves makes it impossible for trucks to return a second time. Leaf collection is a two-step process. Crews collect leaves with a machine, then the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris. Street cleanup is longer than leaf pickup due to the slower pace of the sweeper machine.

Zone	Day/Date
1	MON., OCT. 16
	MON., OCT. 30
2	TUES., OCT. 17
	TUES., OCT. 31
3	WED., OCT. 18
	WED., Nov. 1
4	THUR., OCT. 19
	THUR., Nov. 2
5	MON., OCT. 23
	MON., Nov. 6
6	TUES., OCT. 24
	TUES., Nov. 7
7	WED., OCT. 25
	WED., Nov. 8
8	THURS., OCT. 26
	THURS., Nov. 9

## ALL ZONES FINAL PICKUP

WEEK OF MON., NOV. 13



Please refer to the map and schedule below to determine your zone and two-day schedule, or visit our [website](#) to use our interactive map. Residents may also lookup their address [here](#) to view their collection days.

Public Works has scheduled the week of Monday, November 13, 2023, as the final leaf pickup opportunity for all Village single-family residences. All zones must have the final collection of leaves out on the street by 7 AM on that day. Crews will start the final pickup on Monday and continue throughout the week until all the leaves have been collected. Again, only one pass will be made down each street.

## Important Reminders

- Avoid parking over a pile of leaves because a warm car can ignite leaves underneath it and create a fire hazard.
- Do not park on the street during pickup days because vehicles block the curb for leaf collection equipment.
- Do not rake leaves around the edges of cul-de-sac islands because the equipment cannot make small enough turns around the islands. Rake them to the residential curbside.
- Please clean leaves from neighborhood storm sewer inlets to help prevent flooding during rain. Rake leaves into the street about 12 inches from the curb to allow for drainage.
- Rake leaves into the street on the pavement. **Leaves raked just over the curb or on the parkway cannot be picked up.** Streets without curbs should have leaves piled as close to the shoulder of the road as possible, without hindering vehicular traffic.
- Do not include non-leaf material (grass clippings, branches, dirt, etc.) because they can damage equipment and cause safety issues. **Piles with any debris besides leaves will be left at the curb.**

## Timing is Everything

Do not rake leaves into the street too early. Piles left accumulating for several days before the scheduled pickup can be carried away by wind or rain, and block storm sewer inlets which could cause flooding in yards or basements. Please be patient if crews run behind schedule. Weather, equipment problems, and the amount of leaves to pick up may slow down the collection process, but crews will be there to pick up the leaves.

## Can You Schedule Later Pickups?

Timing of the Village leaf collection schedule is driven by when the equipment needs to be prepared for snow removal efforts. All trucks and end loaders that collect leaves are part of the front-line snow removal equipment fleet. It is a lengthy process to prepare the trucks, which includes installing the nose plow equipment, inspecting and modifying the underbelly plows under the trucks (which stay on year-round), applying liquid calcium to the road salt, and installing and calibrating the liquid calcium tanks and salt spreaders. The entire conversion takes as long as two weeks as there are more than 20 pieces of equipment to transition. Therefore, leaf pickups cannot be made any later than the current schedule. Crews begin converting the equipment during the week of Thanksgiving, after the final collection week of November 13. The Village will monitor the weather and announce if conditions allow for an additional all zone sweep.

## In Case of Snow or Ice

An early snowfall seriously hampers leaf collection efforts. Leaves raked to the curb will most likely be plowed back onto the parkway. Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves raked back into the street.

## Bag Leaves for Pickup Option

Residents have the option to collect fallen leaves in paper yard waste bags and place them on the curbside for weekly household refuse pickup. This flexible option works well for those who do not want to commit to the scheduled leaf collection program. Final scheduled pickup for curbside bagged yard waste and bundled brush will occur the week of December 11, 2023.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call the Public Works Department at 847-705-5200.

## 2023 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD WINNERS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission recognized homes, businesses, subdivisions, and 'Doors' of Palatine with the 2023 Hometown Pride Awards. Entries were submitted by residents and business owners. Judging is based on overall curb appeal, design and maintenance. This year's winners are:

### 1ST PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

### 2ND PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

### 3RD PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



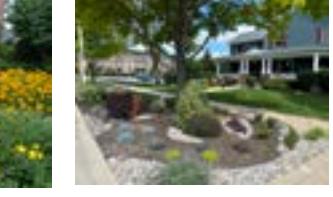
MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

#### SINGLE-FAMILY

1st Place: 708 N. Coolidge Avenue  
2nd Place: 712 S. White Willow Bay  
3rd Place: 177 S. Arlene Avenue

#### CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION

1st Place: Maple Grove HOA  
2nd Place: Bridge View West HOA  
3rd Place: Plum Grove Manor

#### BUSINESS

1st Place: Sikh Religious Society  
2nd Place: Emmett's Brewing Company  
3rd Place: Brandt Financial

#### MULTI-FAMILY

1st Place: 11 N. Rose Street  
2nd Place: Groves of Palatine  
3rd Place: 36 W. Fern Court

#### DOORS OF PALATINE

1st Place: 177 S. Arlene Avenue  
2nd Place: 712 S. White Willow Bay  
3rd Place: 1065 S. Brockway Street

## 2023-2024 HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the below holidays that will affect your solid waste collection. Save and post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year and save yourself from hauling the trash to the curb a day early or missing your collection entirely.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
December 25, 2023	Christmas Day	All collection one day later
January 1, 2024	New Year's Day	All collection one day later
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day	All collection one day later
September 2, 2024	Labor Day	All collection one day later
December 23, 2024	Christmas Day	Wednesday collection one day later.



Curbside collection of bagged and bundled yard waste ends the week of December 11, 2023 and resumes the week of April 1, 2024.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042.

# RECYCLE!

## Empty First!



### Glass Bottles



### Cans



### Cartons NO STRAWS!



### Plastic Bottles PUT CAPS BACK ON!



Think Before You Throw!



## NEW BUSINESSES

### A Mi Manera Mexican Cuisine LLC

1910 N. Rand Road  
847-496-4502  
Restaurant

**AllState**  
444 E. Dundee Road  
847-934-9480  
Insurance

**Ashland Container Corp.**  
1316 W. Northwest Highway  
847-670-1125  
Packaging Distributor

**Aspen Dental**  
968 E. Dundee Road  
847-221-0060  
Dental Office

**B&L Industries**  
451 W. Northwest Hwy - Unit C  
847-776-9292  
Vacuum Sales/Repair

**Belle Tire Distributors, Inc.**  
2021 N. Rand Road  
847-584-4350  
Tire Distributor

**Carediem Home Health**  
1540 E. Dundee Road, Suite 108  
847-221-8444  
Home Health Services

**Dallora Beauty LLC**  
110 W. Northwest Highway  
630-835-3094  
Beauty Services/Classes

**Empowerme Wellness**  
55 S. Greeley Street  
844-518-9663  
Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy

**GMET Communications**  
533 E. Dundee Road  
847-963-8070  
Retail - Phones

## STORMWATER SOURCES AND SOLUTIONS

In undeveloped areas, precipitation typically soaks into the ground. When buildings, parking lots, roads and other hard surfaces are added to the landscape, the ground cannot absorb the water. Water from rain or snow storms, known as stormwater, instead flows over streets, parking lots and roofs, collecting excess nutrients and pollutants before entering into a water body or storm drain. Because stormwater flows over hard surfaces directly into water bodies or storm drains, there is no opportunity for soil and plants or a water treatment facility to filter out pollutants.

Stormwater runoff is often worsened by human activities and can contain nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants from fertilizers, pet and yard waste. Urban and suburban areas produce much more stormwater runoff due to the high amount of paved and hard surfaces.

Green infrastructure can be used to address stormwater runoff problems. Green infrastructure works by slowing down the runoff, spreading it out over the land, and slowly soaking it into the ground, or in some cases reusing the water onsite. Green infrastructure is also sometimes referred to as low impact development. These techniques also help to remove pollutants from runoff, by allowing plants to filter out pollutants as the water slowly infiltrates into the ground. Some examples of green infrastructure techniques include rain gardens, pervious pavement, rain barrels, and green roofs

For more information, visit the EPA's [website](#). **To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.**

### PALATINE-NEWSLETTER

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY INFO ON COMMUNITY EVENTS, NEWS & ALERTS AT [PALATINE.IL.US](http://PALATINE.IL.US) UNDER 'Notify Me'.



## PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

The Palatine Fire Department is excited to announce our no-cost, needs-based Smoke Alarm Program. The goal of this program is to ensure that our most at-risk residents are adequately protected in the event of a fire. This program is focused on providing worry-free smoke alarms to those Palatine residents with limited financial means, disabilities, seniors sixty-five (65) and over, and residents who are unable to install their alarms because of physical limitations.

To participate in this program, call our SMOKE ALARM HOTLINE at (847) 202-6310. Please leave your name, address, and phone number and your call will be returned to schedule your installation. Palatine residents can also email [smokealarms@palatine.il.us](mailto:smokealarms@palatine.il.us) to participate. This program is available at no cost to qualifying Palatine residents while supplies last.

The Palatine Fire Department wishes to thank the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, The Home Depot, and Palatine Firefighters IAFF Local 4588 for their generous contributions to this program.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What type of smoke alarm will be installed with the program?

A 10-year sealed battery ionization technology smoke alarm. These smoke alarms have a non-replaceable sealed-in battery so there is no need to ever replace the battery. These smoke alarms will need to be replaced after 10 years.

#### How long will the installation take?

Installation time will depend on how much planning is required and how many alarms will need to be installed. The typical installation will take about ten (10) minutes per alarm.

#### I have hard-wired smoke alarms. Are these included in the program?

No. Hard-wired smoke alarms are not included in this program. This program provides stand-alone, battery-operated smoke alarms.

For more information on fire safety visit our [website](#), [ifsa.org](http://ifsa.org), or [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org).



## VILLAGE SEEKS CDL DRIVERS FOR SNOW PLOWING SEASON

Experienced CDL drivers who hold a valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license with air brakes endorsement are needed to assist the Public Works Department with snow plowing during the winter season. Candidates must be available to work flexible hours. These positions are temporary and require a high school diploma or equivalent. Snow plowing experience is a plus, and starting pay is \$26 per hour.

Apply online on our [website](#). Positions are open until filled.

## NEW BUSINESSES

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**Hairy Cari**  
220 N. Smith Street, Suite 117X  
708-415-3617  
Hair Salon

**India Foodie Lounge**  
383 W. Northwest Highway  
224-801-6147  
Restaurant

**Karen Truck Repair Inc.**  
250 E. Illinois Avenue  
331-627-5526  
Truck/Trailer Repair

**Lee and Company Salon**  
220 N. Smith Street, #117GG  
847-977-5912  
Salon

**Palatine Liquidators**  
407 W. Colfax Street  
224-801-1472  
Liquidator

**Peak Yoga and Wellness, LLC**  
1 N. Bothwell Street  
847-701-4124  
Yoga Studio/Wellness Center

**Restaurant El Tio Ramos Inc.**  
1160 E. Dundee Road  
847-496-4855  
Restaurant

**SERVPRO**  
629 S. Vermont Street  
847-250-977  
Water Damage Restoration

**Stay Sharp Grooming Studio**  
220 N. Smith Street, #117Y  
512-704-4726  
Barber Shop/Grooming Studio

**Wicked Quick Car Wash**  
1220 N. Rand Road  
847-496-5314  
Car Wash

## BACKYARD RECREATIONAL FIRES

As patio fire pits and outdoor fireplaces grow in popularity, so does backyard burning. Homeowners enjoy fire pits and outdoor fireplaces for warmth, recreation, and cooking.

Increase your enjoyment of outdoor fires by knowing you're doing all you can to burn cleanly, safely, and responsibly for your family, neighbors, and community.



### Follow these Safety Tips While you Enjoy your Fire

- Never use a fire pit on a combustible surface like a deck or balcony.
- Approved fire pits shall be 15 feet from combustible material (house, deck, fence, or shed).
- Non-approved fire pits shall be 25 feet from combustible material with a maximum diameter of 3 feet with a maximum height of 2 feet.
- Have a garden hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher readily available to extinguish the fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Properly extinguish the fire when done.
- Visit the Village of Palatine's **website** for more tips.



## Generator Safety

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Portable generators are a temporary solution to power appliances. It's important to know that portable generators emit carbon monoxide (CO), a poisonous, deadly gas. [Use these tips to avoid CO exposure:](#)

- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 20 feet (7 metres) from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 20-foot (7 metre) distance from the generator to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

### Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

### FACT

! Portable generator exhaust is toxic and deadly. Do not stand or sit downwind of generator exhaust. If you can smell exhaust, you are inhaling it.

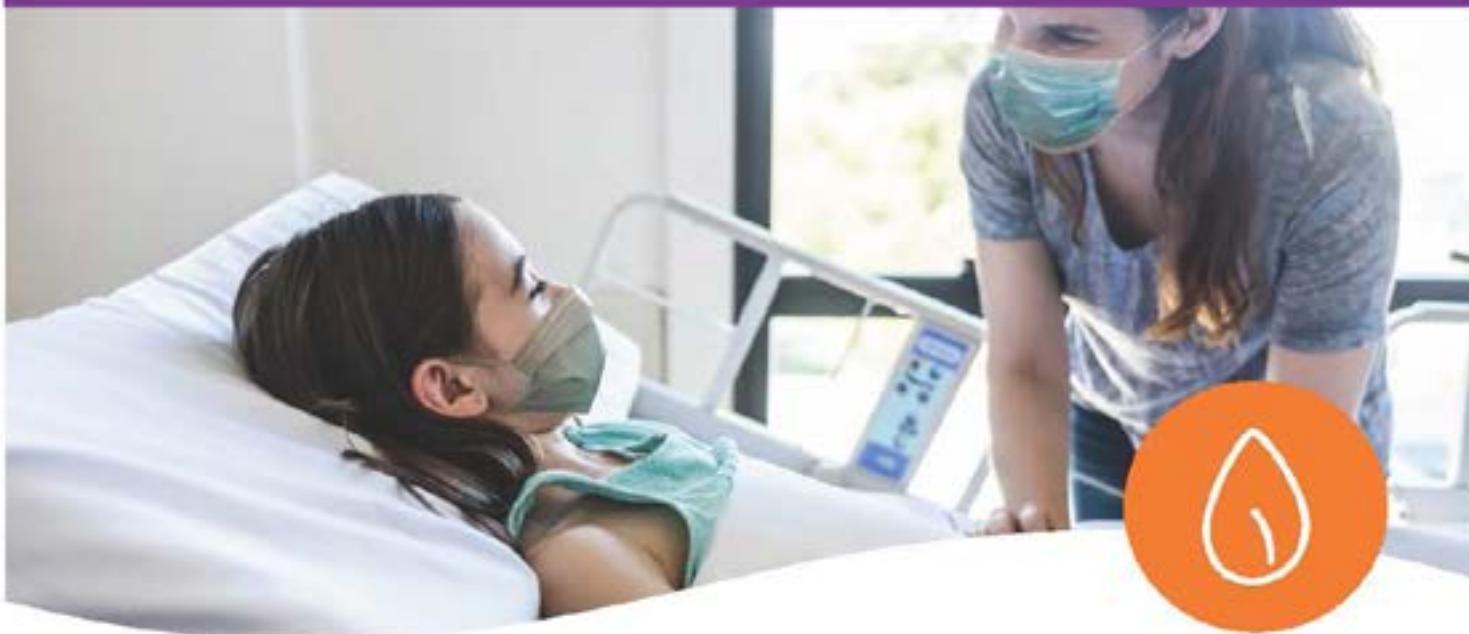


**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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# BLOOD DRIVE



## Palatine Board of Health Community Blood Drive

Thursday, October 19  
Noon to 6 P.M.  
Palatine Village Hall  
Room Community B  
200 E. Wood Street

To schedule an appointment contact  
Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org)  
and use group code: ORDOA103.

**Appointments Recommended.  
Walk-ins Welcome.**

Please eat a good meal & drink extra water before donating.

**GIVE BLOOD TODAY | [vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org)**  
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

**vitalant**

SCAN HERE  
TO SCHEDULE



Presenting donors will receive  
a coupon for a free pint of  
frozen custard from Culver's.



## Basement Flooding

### What's Covered?

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) recommends purchasing both building and contents coverage for the broadest flood protection available. Basements, defined as **any area of a building with a floor that is below the ground level on all sides**, receive limited coverage. Refer to your policy for the complete list of covered items.



### BUILDING COVERAGE

Basement items are covered under Building Coverage if they are connected to power and installed. Examples include:



### CONTENTS COVERAGE

Basement items are covered under Contents Coverage if they are connected to a power source. Examples include:



### NOT COVERED

Items not specifically listed in the policy are not covered in a basement. Examples include:



To ensure a smooth claims process, photograph and document the **manufacturer, make, model, and serial number of building equipment and appliances** for your adjuster.



The Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) does not pay for removal of non-covered building or personal property items, even if the removal of these items facilitates cleanup of covered building repairs, such as the removal of carpet installed inside a basement.



For more in-depth information on basement coverage from the NFIP, visit: [Agents.FloodSmart.gov/marketing/resource-library](https://Agents.FloodSmart.gov/marketing/resource-library).

The NFIP, managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), aims to reduce future flood damage by providing people with flood insurance through the federal program and private insurance companies. Contact an agent to understand the coverages outlined in your homeowners insurance policy and identify where flood insurance can help. For flood insurance questions and to find a flood insurance provider, use our online tool at [FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance/providers](https://FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance/providers) or call FEMA Mapping and Insurance Exchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627.

This document is not intended to provide legal advice or guidance.

October 2021



**FEMA**



# PALATINE POLICE REMIND MOTORISTS TO STAY ALERT AS CHILDREN HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

## Traffic Safety

Back-to-School season means an increase in pedestrians and bicyclists in traffic during morning and afternoon commutes.

Not only are children walking to school and bus stops, they are also riding bicycles and crossing the street.

The Palatine Police are reminding the public about the importance of focusing on roadway safety as children across the state prepare to head back to school, especially laws specific to the safety of children in school zones and while boarding buses.

Drivers approaching a stopped school bus with lights activated and sign extended must stop their vehicle before reaching the school bus.

A first-time violation for failing to stop for a school bus while their lights are activated and stop arm extended can result in a mandatory \$300 fine and a three-month suspension of driving privileges.

## Curfew Violations

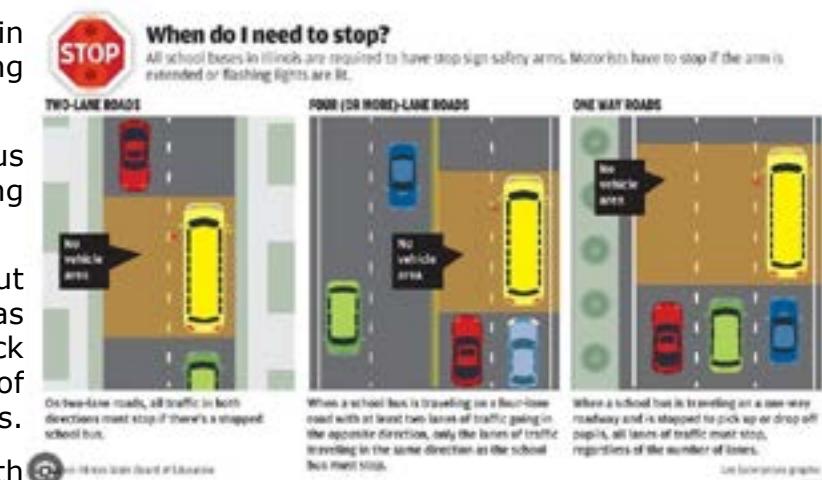
Now that many children are back in school, it is important that students are home by curfew time so they are able to focus on their studies and extracurricular activities. Summer break can be filled with fun-filled late nights, but many students forget about their responsibility to be home by 11 PM Sunday through Thursday and by midnight on Friday and Saturday. Palatine Police Department officers are often tasked with enforcing curfew violations to prevent potential criminal activity, to ensure that students are ready for school, and to avoid any unsafe situations. While the curfew ordinance is enforced year-round, it's especially important during the school year. If it's a school night - get home by 11 PM, but ideally earlier!

## See Something, Say Something

It is critical to report suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately. Palatine Police Department officers are available 24/7/365 to respond to and investigate suspicious activities. With the beginning of the school year, all families should be having discussions about being alert and reporting concerning activity. Whether a student overhears a threatening statement or is concerned that a classmate may harm themselves, it's important to report these concerns to a trusted adult immediately. Other examples of suspicious activity include unfamiliar individuals loitering in unusual areas, the sound of glass breaking in the middle of the night, or someone looking into cars or windows. Our police officers are available to investigate these concerns. Please call 9-1-1 to report suspicious or threatening activity immediately.

## Tech Safety

Adults and children alike are confronted by a variety of challenges when we interact with social media and technology in general. Adults should be warned to exercise caution when interacting with suspicious emails. Signs of a potentially suspicious email include spelling/grammar mistakes, pressure to send money within a certain timeframe, and requests to use links and attachments within the email. Children are especially encouraged to use caution and parents should have frequent conversations with their children regarding the use of social media. It is important to remember that someone we are chatting with online may not be who they say they are and may not have good intentions. When in doubt it is very important to talk to a trusted adult about any suspicious or threatening online activity.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Palatine Summer Farmers' Market

The Palatine Farmers' Market continues every Saturday morning through Halloween (October 28, 2023) in the train station parking lot from 7 am to 1 pm. Starting Saturday, November 4, the Winter Market will open from 10 am to 12 noon every first and third Saturday through April. Visit the Palatine Farmers' Market serving our community since 1991, year-round. For a list of winter vendors and contact information to place orders, visit our [website](#).



### 2023 Business Expo & Community Showcase

Saturday, September 23  
Falcon Park, 10 am - 2 pm



The Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2023 Business Expo & Community Showcase, featuring over 50 exhibitors, BBQ & ice cream food trucks, pet adoptions on site, petting zoo, animal show, entertainment, giveaways, and 50/50 cash raffle all provided by local area businesses and organizations. Something for all ages at this FREE to attend indoors/outdoors event! To learn more visit the [palatinechamber.com](#)

### Rotary Club of Palatine Oktoberfest



Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17

The Oktoberfest celebration is held in downtown Palatine at the corner of Smith and Slade Streets. Free admission, authentic German music and food and activities for all ages! Raffles will be held to support local charities and community projects.

- Friday, September 15, 5 pm to Midnight
- Saturday, September 16, Noon to Midnight
- Sunday, September 17, Noon to 6 pm

To view a complete schedule of events or for more information, visit [Palatine Rotary Club](#).



### Palatine's Cemetery Walk

Sunday, September 17

The Palatine Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk is Sunday, September 17, from 1 - 4 pm at Hillside Cemetery (on Smith Street between Colfax and Northwest Highway). Enjoy guided tours of Hillside Cemetery as costumed actors play the roles of Palatine residents of the past.

This year's theme is Early Settlers of the 1800s. Tours start every 10-15 minutes, with the last tour beginning at 3:30pm.

Cost: Adults \$10, Members \$8, School kids \$5, Preschoolers - free. Payment at the event, cash or check.

For more information, visit [palatinehistoricalsociety.com](#) or call 847-991-6460.

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## PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

**Friday, November 11, 2023**

In Observance of Veteran's Day

**Thursday, November 23 &**

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

In Observance of Thanksgiving

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

In Observance of Christmas

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

In Observance of New Year's Day