

VILLAGE of PALATINE

SPRING CLEANUP WEEK MAY 3 - 8, 2024

Take advantage of Palatine's annual spring cleanup week by placing refuse out in advance of your collection day as early as Friday, May 3, 2024. Refuse will be collected the following week only on your scheduled collection day.

All refuse items placed at the curb must be prepared according to specifications for curbside pickup. Refuse that does not fit into the cart may be bagged or bundled. Each bag or bundle shall not exceed 50 lbs. Visit [Refuse & Recycling](#) for collection guidelines.

Bulk items that are too large to be put into the cart or bagged may be placed at the curb for collection. Examples of bulk items include furniture, mattress and box springs, bicycles, lawn mowers, grills, etc. Any gas and propane tanks must be removed. For collection of oversized bulk items greater than 50 lbs. or 4 feet in length contact Groot at **847-734-6400** to schedule a pickup at no additional charge.

Please note that construction debris must be properly bagged or bundled and is limited to a maximum volume of two cubic yards.

Items restricted from cleanup week include appliances, tires, paints, household chemical waste, electronics, earth, sod, rocks, concrete, commercial remodeling refuse, stumps and logs that exceed 4 inches in diameter, tires, liquid wastes, propane tanks, potentially infectious medical waste or other materials not permitted by law.

For more information, please call the Environmental Health Division at **(847)359-9042**.



IN this ISSUE

Proper Disposal of Paints.....	2
Yard Waste & Mulch.....	3
Election Information.....	4
Village Blood Drive.....	5
Clothes Dryer Safety.....	6
Dog Bite Prevention.....	7
Identity Theft.....	8
Fire Safety Apartment Bldgs....	9
Outdoor Warning Sirens.....	10
Caring for Grass Seed.....	11
Street Resurfacing.....	12
Sidewalk Replacement.....	14
Hydrant Flushing.....	15

LEAD AND GALVANIZED STEEL WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT COST SHARING PROGRAM

According to the EPA, Illinois accounts for one million of the nation's nine million total lead service lines, ranking second behind only Florida for the most lead service lines in the country. Exposure to lead through drinking water or other sources (e.g., lead paint, lead-contaminated food) can have a range of significant negative health and developmental effects, especially for children. The CDC estimates that as many as 500,000 U.S. children have elevated blood lead levels, though no level of lead exposure is considered safe.

As a result, municipal governments and drinking water providers nationwide face strict federal deadlines to inventory, and ultimately remove, all lead service lines in their communities, with \$15 billion included in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support these efforts. While many communities have limited data on residential service line materials, particularly on the homeowner side of the line, Palatine is ahead of the curve. The Village gathered service line data in 2015 and maintains an online map for residents to check their service line materials. While more than 95% of Palatine's nearly 19,000 service lines are made of safer materials like copper or iron, roughly 270 Palatine homes have lead service lines, and another roughly 360 are served by galvanized steel lines, which can also cause lead exposure over time.

In 2022, the Village announced a voluntary cost sharing program for residents seeking to replace their lead or galvanized steel service lines. Under the program, the Village will reimburse Palatine residents for 100% of the cost to replace the Village's side of the line, and 2/3rds of the cost to replace the homeowner's side of the line, up to a \$10,000 maximum reimbursement. Just recently the Village was also awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency(IEPA) to update its lead service line inventory.

Full program details can be found [here](#). To view the interactive map of the current water service line inventory, visit our [website](#).

VILLAGE OF PALATINE

200 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067
www.palatine.il.us
village@palatine.il.us

VILLAGE HALL HOURS
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday

VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....911
Village Hall.....358-7500
TDD (Emergency).....911
Village Action Line.....705-5200
Community Services.....359-9042
Fire (Non-Emergency)....202-6340
Police (Non-Emergency).....359-9000
Public Works.....705-5200

Mayor
Jim Schwantz.....359-9007
jschwantz@palatine.il.us

Village Clerk
Margaret R. Duer.....359-9051
mduer@palatine.il.us

District 1
Tim Millar.....894-0001
tmillar@palatine.il.us

District 2
Scott Lamerand.....894-0002
slamerand@palatine.il.us

District 3
Doug Myslinski.....894-0003
dmyslinski@palatine.il.us

District 4
Greg Solberg.....894-0004
gsolberg@palatine.il.us

District 5
Kollin Kozlowski.....894-0005
kkozlowski@palatine.il.us

District 6
Brad Helms894-0006
bhelms@palatine.il.us

Village Manager
Reid Ottesen.....359-9050
rottesen@palatine.il.us

All phone numbers are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF USED PAINT AND VEHICLE FLUIDS



Proper disposal of old used paint and vehicle fluids is essential for public safety. When it comes to used paint, it is crucial to avoid dumping it into regular household waste or pouring it down the drain. Instead, individuals should take the time to identify local hazardous waste disposal facilities where they can safely drop off old paint cans in an environmentally responsible manner. This helps prevent contamination of water sources and soil while ensuring that the chemicals present in old paint are handled and treated appropriately. For a list of drop-off locations, visit SWANCC's [website](#).

Similarly, used oil and other vehicle fluids pose a significant environmental threat if not disposed of correctly. It is crucial for vehicle owners to refrain from pouring used oil, transmission fluids, or brake fluids onto the ground or into storm drains. Local regulations often require proper containment and recycling of vehicle fluids to prevent soil and water contamination. By adhering to responsible disposal practices, individuals contribute to the protection of ecosystems, reduce the risk of pollution, and support the sustainable management of resources in their communities. Many automotive service centers and recycling facilities accept used oil for recycling. Use the [Reuse and Recycling Directory](#) to look up the nearest recycling facility.

To learn more about different ways to prevent water pollution, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [website](#).

To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES WEEK OF APRIL 1



Groot curbside bagged yard waste and bundled brush collection resumes the week of April 1, 2024.

Please note the following requirements for yard waste collection:

- All yard waste (grass or shrubbery clippings and leaves) shall be disposed of in two-ply brown paper yard waste bags. No plastic bags, boxes, or containers of any kind are permitted for yard waste disposal. Each paper bag shall not exceed 60 pounds in weight.
- Branches or limbs cannot exceed four inches in diameter and must be bundled not to exceed four feet in length. Bundles shall be secured with biodegradable cotton twine or rope. Bundles must not weigh more than 60 pounds each.
- Please have all yard waste at the curb no later than 6:30 AM on the scheduled collection day.

For further information, contact the Environmental Health Division at (847)359-9042 or visit [Refuse-Recycling](#).

LANDSCAPE MULCH AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS

Residents can take advantage of the Village's efforts to maintain a green environment with ground wood mulch created from trees removed throughout the Village.

A layer of mulch can enhance and protect plants, shrubs and trees by reducing root damage caused by temperature extremes. Mulch also helps soil retain moisture, inhibits weed growth, controls soil erosion and prevents soil compaction.



Call the Public Works Department in early March to schedule a delivery appointment. Deliveries will be made on Fridays in April to residents' driveway aprons. The cost is just \$16 per cubic yard, with a three cubic yard minimum order size and a maximum of ten cubic yards.

For smaller amounts of mulch, residents may visit the mulch bins at the holding center located at 550 N. Smith Street. Please bring your own shovel and containers. There is no charge to pick up your own mulch. For more information, visit our [website](#) or call Public Works at (847)705-5200.

PROPER MULCHING TECHNIQUES

Properly applied mulch can give landscapes a handsome, well-groomed appearance and is one of the most beneficial acts homeowners can do for the health of trees. However, over mulching can actually cause harm to trees and other landscape plants. Over mulching, or "mulch volcanoes", are excessive piles of mulch applied around the base of trees. The following problems are associated with improper mulching:

- Deep mulch can lead to excess moisture in the root zone, stressing the plant and causing root rot.
- Mulch piled high against the trunks of trees may create habitats for rodents that chew the bark and can girdle the trees.
- Piling mulch against the trunks or stems of plants can stress stem tissues and may lead to insect and disease problems.
- Thick blankets of fine mulch can become matted and may reduce the penetration of water and air.



The recommended mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches. Decomposition rates may vary, so if sufficient mulch is already present, do not add more mulch. To refresh the appearance, break up any matted layers with a rake. Pull mulch back several inches so the base of the trunk or stem is exposed to prevent stress to the stem tissues.

For more information regarding proper mulching, please contact the Public Works Department Forestry Division at (847)705-5200.

2024 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARDS

Do you put a lot of work into landscaping at your residence or know someone who does?



If the answer is "Yes!", put a place holder on your calendar this summer as the Village of Palatine Beautification Commission is again looking to recognize properties in Palatine with outstanding landscaping and curb appeal for the 2024 Hometown Pride Awards. Nominate yourself or any property in one of the five categories: single-family home, multi-family home, subdivision entrance/cul-de-sac island, business, or "Doors of Palatine". Nominations and judging will take place in July. To view last year's winners and for more information, visit our [website](#).

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 19, 2024

Early Voting for the upcoming Primary Election will take place March 4th through March 18th, including weekends, at 150 W. Wilson Street during the following hours:

Hours

Monday through Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 10 am to 4 pm

Voter Registration:

Non-registered voters can register to vote and cast their ballot at all early voting sites. Two forms of identification must be presented with one ID showing the voter's current address.

Election Day:

Polls are open on Election Day from 6 am to 7 pm at designated polling places. Non-registered voters can register to vote at their home precinct (**polling place**). Two forms of identification must be presented with one ID showing the voter's current address.

Please call the Village Clerk's office with any questions at (847)359-9050.

Village Hall is not a polling place. [FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE HERE.](#)

VILLAGE OF PALATINE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Palatine has kicked off a major update to its Comprehensive Plan. The current plan was adopted in 2011 and a lot has changed since then.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? It's a guiding document for the Village intended to guide policy over the next twenty years on important issues like:

- Commercial districts and corridors
- Transportation and mobility
- Residential neighborhoods and housing
- Open space and recreation
- Infrastructure and utilities

We want you to be involved! Stay tuned to our e-Newsletter, social media and Village website for links to documents, dates for open houses, public engagement exercises, and opportunities to share your voice and your vision for the Village of Palatine as we look ahead to the next twenty years.

BLOOD DRIVE



DONORS ARE VITAL!

SCAN HERE
TO SCHEDULE



**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**



Palatine Board of Health Community Blood Drive

Thursday, March 28

12 - 6 p.m.

Palatine Village Hall
Room Community B
200 E. Wood St., Palatine

To schedule an appointment call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [vitalant.org](#) and use group code: **ORD0A103** or scan QR code.

**Appointments recommended. Walk ins welcome.
Prepare: Eat Well, Hydrate, and Bring ID.**

For more information or to schedule a donation,
call 877.258.4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](#)
Find us @vitalant:

vitalant

**Presenting donors will receive
a coupon for a pint of frozen
custard from Culver's AND
are automatically entered for
a chance to win one of four
\$5,000 gift cards.* Gift cards
redeemable by email.***



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly grounded.

Check the **outdoor vent flap** to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

! The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.



DOG BITE PREVENTION

Dog bites pose a serious health risk to our communities and society. In the United States, each year more than 800,000 people receive medical attention for dog bites, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). At least half of those bitten are children. Any dog can bite: big or small, male or female, young or old. Even the cuddliest, fuzziest, sweetest, pet can bite if provoked. Most dog bites are preventable, and there are many things you can do at home and within your community to help prevent them.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT DOG BITES?

KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH – Per Palatine Ordinance Sec. 5-6. (Control of animals) it shall be unlawful to permit any dog or other domestic animal, whether licensed or not, to run at large within the village. A dog or other domestic animal shall be deemed to be "running at large" when off the premises of its owner, not on a leash, tether, chain, rope or the like, the overall length of which, including the hand grip, shall not exceed six (6) feet, held by its owner or other person able to control such dog or other animal.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP – Responsible pet ownership builds a solid foundation for dog bite prevention. Basics of responsible dog ownership that can help reduce the risk of dog bites include proper training, regular exercise, and keeping it leashed. If you witness an irresponsible pet owner walking their dog without being controlled on a leash, you should call 9-1-1 immediately to hopefully prevent the dog from biting someone. Be prepared to provide the 9-1-1 dispatcher with a description of the unleashed dog and its owner, as well as their last known location / direction of travel.

AVOID RISKY SITUATIONS – It is important to know how to avoid escalating risky situations and to understand when you should and should not interact with dogs. You should avoid petting, or even getting too close to someone's dog in these scenarios:

- If the dog is not with its owner / not on a leash
- If the dog is with its owner but the owner does not give permission to pet the dog
- If the dog is on the other side of a fence – don't reach through or over a fence to pet a dog - it may defend its territory
- If a dog is sleeping, eating or playing with a toy
- If a dog appears to be sick or injured

REPORT ALL DOG BITE INCIDENTS – By law, all dog bites of a person or domestic animal must be reported to the police. Dial 9-1-1 immediately and a member of the Palatine Police Department will respond to investigate and document the incident. The Palatine Police Animal Warden, along with the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Department, track all dog bite cases and follow up with the dog owners to help prevent future incidents.

Finally, National Dog Bite Prevention Week® takes place during the second full week of April each year and focuses on educating people about preventing dog bites. The dates in 2024 are April 7 – 13. For more details visit the **AMVA website**.

Source: American Veterinary Medical Association

IDENTITY THEFT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Identity theft is when someone uses your personal or financial information without your permission. They might steal your name and address, credit card, or bank account numbers, Social Security number, or medical insurance account numbers. They could use this information to buy things with your credit cards, get new credit cards in your name, open a phone/electricity/gas account in your name, steal your tax refund, use your health insurance to get medical care, or pretend to be you if they are arrested.

Taking steps to protect your personal information can help you avoid identity theft. Here is what you can do to stay ahead of identity thieves:

PROTECT DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Keep your financial records, Social Security and Medicare cards, and any other documents that have personal information in a safe place. When you decide to get rid of those documents, shred them before you throw them away. If you do not have a shredder, look for a local shred day, or use a marker to block out personal information. If you get statements with personal information in the mail, take your mail out of the mailbox as soon as you can.



ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE GIVING OUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Some organizations need your Social Security number to identify you. Those organizations include the IRS, your bank, and your employer. Organizations like these that do need your Social Security number will not call, email, or text you to ask for it. Other organizations that might ask you for your Social Security number might not really need it. Those organizations include a medical provider, a company, or your child's school. Ask these questions before giving your Social Security number:

- Why do you need it?
- How will you protect it?
- Can you use a different identifier?
- Can you use just the last four digits of my Social Security number?

PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION FROM SCAMMERS ONLINE AND ON YOUR PHONE

If you are logging in to an online account, use a strong password. Add multi-factor authentication for accounts that offer it. Multi-factor authentication offers extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log in to your account. The additional credentials you need to log in to your account fall into two categories: something you receive – like a pass code you get via text message or an authentication app, or something you have – like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face. Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password. Do not give your personal information to someone who calls, emails, or texts you. It could be a scammer trying to steal your information.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO DETECT IDENTITY THEFT

- Track what bills you owe and when they're due
- Review your bills
- Check your bank account statement
- Get and review your credit reports

Source: Federal Trade Commission



Fire Alarms in Apartment Buildings

Large apartment buildings are built to keep people safe from fire. Fire alarm systems detect smoke and fire. They will warn residents of danger.

- The fire alarm system has many parts that work together. Some of the parts are out of sight. In a fire, smoke detectors sense smoke and activate the fire alarm. Manual fire alarm boxes allow people to sound the alarm. When the fire alarm system activates it will warn residents of danger.
- Everyone in the building should know where to find the manual fire alarm boxes (alarm boxes on the wall with a pull bar). Most are found within five feet of an exit door.
- If there is a fire, pull the manual fire alarm box handle on your way out of the building.
- When the system senses smoke or fire, a loud horn or tone will sound. Everyone must know what this sound means and how to react.
- Leave the building right away if you hear the sound of a fire alarm. Stay outside at your meeting place until you are told the building is safe.
- Treat every fire alarm as an emergency. When the alarms sounds, get outside.
- Only use a manual fire alarm box if there is smoke or fire. Frequent false alarms are a problem. People might ignore the sound if they hear too many false alarms. False alarms also put firefighters at risk.

Escape 101

Know the locations of all exit stairs from your floor. If the nearest one is blocked by fire or smoke, you may have to use another exit.



If the fire alarm sounds feel the door before opening. If it is hot, use another way out. If it is cool, use this exit to leave.

Close all doors behind you as you leave. Take the key to your apartment in case you are not able to get out of the building.

If fire or smoke is blocking all exits, return or stay in your apartment. Keep the door closed. Cover cracks around the door with towels or tape. Call 9-1-1 and let the fire department know you are trapped. Signal from the window by waving a flashlight or light-colored cloth.

Meet with your landlord or building manager to learn about the fire safety features and plans in your building.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education ©NFPA 2016

Palatine Fire Department

www.palatine.il.us/firedepartment

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS/STORM SAFETY

The Village has upgraded its ten (10) Outdoor Warning Sirens. The upgraded sirens cover 100% of Palatine's geographical area. This new technology allows for the sirens to be monitored remotely to ensure they are working properly and allows for independent activation during severe weather events.

The Village performs a monthly siren test to ensure all sirens are functioning. The system is tested for 30 seconds at 10:00 am on the first Tuesday of every month.

Outdoor warning sirens are activated to alert those outside to seek shelter inside. If the sirens are activated - and it is not a monthly siren test - you should:

- Seek shelter immediately.
- Seek information (Radio, TV, Internet, etc.) to determine:
 - The type of emergency.
 - Instructions and recommendations on what to do during the emergency.



Listen to your local media for indications that the emergency is over. The siren will cycle for 5 minutes every 10 minutes until the warning is over.

Sirens can be activated due to The National Weather Service criteria for 75+ MPH winds and 1.75 inch+ hail as part of a severe thunderstorm warning or the issuance of a tornado warning.

When a Tornado Watch is issued by the National Weather Service, tornados are possible in our area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

When a Tornado Warning is issued by the National Weather Service, it means that a tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather.

STORM SAFETY TIPS

DURING THE STORM

- Avoid contact with metal, electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets or sinks, because electric currents from lightning can travel through wires and pipes.
- If you are outside, take cover in a stable facility. Avoid sheltering under trees.
- Tune in to local TV/radio channels for emergency advisories and instructions.
- Avoid walking through water that has seeped into your home; it may contain hazardous materials.



AFTER THE STORM

- Call the Public Works Department at **(847)705-5200** or Village Hall at **(847)359-9050** to report fallen trees or tree limbs, clogged catch basins or flooded streets.
- Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them by calling **9-1-1**.

CARING FOR NEW GRASS SEED

Snow plowing, water main breaks, and other emergency work can all take their toll on residents' lawns. If your turf was damaged due to Village activity, Public Works Department crews can restore it in the spring. Crews will level out any damaged areas and then apply grass seed. Residents that receive grass restoration should follow the below guidelines to help the new grass seed germinate and establish.

The best advice for watering new grass seed is to **keep it moist all the time**.

- The top inch of soil should stay moist at all times. This may take only 2-3 minutes of watering or 5-6 minutes (or sometimes longer), depending on your sprinkler system and the soil type.
- Watering should be repeated 2 or even 3 times each day if the weather is hot enough to require it. Frequent watering is the only way to maintain adequate surface moisture.
- After about 2-3 weeks of growth, watering can be shifted to every other day, and then to every 3 days later on.
- Quicker establishment allows fewer weeds to grow, so stay vigilant!

Once the grass has sprouted, filled in and reached a height of about 3-4 inches, it's ready to be cut. Wait to apply any weed control products until your newly seeded lawn has been mowed at least 2 times.

Residents who believe their grass was damaged by the Village should report it as soon as it is noticed to the **Public Works Department at (847)705-5200**.

PUBLIC WORKS SEEKS SEASONAL LABORERS FOR GROWING SEASON

The Public Works Department is accepting applications for seasonal laborers for the upcoming growing season. Laborers are needed to work primarily with the Forestry Division for mowing, landscape maintenance, and tree care. These positions are seasonal for a 6-9 month duration and require a high school diploma or equivalent. Possession of an Illinois

Class B Commercial Driver's License is a plus, and starting pay is \$16 per hour.

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply online. Positions are open until filled.



SCOOP THE POOP

Dog and cat waste left on the ground is more than smelly and unsightly... it pollutes our water and poses health risks for pets and people.

One pile of pet waste may not seem like a lot, but it adds up! The Village of Palatine currently has over 3,500 dogs registered in our system, generating roughly 2,000 pounds of waste every day.

As a common courtesy, and as required by the Village Code, please pick up your pet's waste from any public property.

Failure to comply with the Village's applicable animal control regulations could result in the issuance of a citation and fine to any violator.

NEW BUSINESSES

Action Behaviors Center LLC
1208 W. Northwest Highway
512-920-1030
ABA Therapy for Children with Autism

Aggressive Tires Company
659 W. Colfax Street
847-907-9459
Tire Sales & Repair

Alana Sanborn - Life Coach
675 N. North Court, Unit 260
360-919-0272
Wise Voice Life Coach

Bay Equity Home Loans
220 N. Smith Street, #102
847-722-8477
Residential Mortgage Lending Office

Bee Happy Club Palatine
1108 W. Northwest Highway
312-918-6466
Indoor Playground

Bruce Electric
915 N. Saratoga Drive
630-947-6775
Contractor - Electric

Club Pilates Palatine
784 E. Dundee Road
847-874-3100
Pilates Studio

Food Services Brand Group
220 N. Smith Street, #430
800-828-7033
Food Industry Service Provider

KMH Premier Carpentry LLC
1325 E. Virginia Drive
847-496-4365
Contractor - Carpentry

Korean Translation Network
800 E. Northwest Highway,
#731
847-845-7451
Korean Translation Services

Makki Grill
803 N. Quentin Road
224-801-8125
Restaurant

Mirk Group Inc.
773 & 779 N. Quentin Road
847-774-3628
Food Service Equipment Showroom

2024 STREET RESURFACING

Spring marks the start of street resurfacing and road repairs. Palatine relies on the Micro-PAVER software program to evaluate Village streets and rank them at or above an accepted standard. Streets selected for the 2024 resurfacing program include:

STREET NAME	FROM	TO
ASHLAND AVENUE	AMHERST STREET	CUNNINGHAM DRIVE
BEDFORD DRIVE	WHITEHALL DRIVE	CHATHAM DRIVE
CHEWINK COURT	BENTON STREET	DEAD END EAST
CLINTON COURT	BEDFORD DRIVE	CUL-DE-SAC
COACH ROAD	OLD HICKS ROAD	CASTLE COURT
COMFORT STREET	SMITH STREET	PLUM GROVE ROAD
COOPER DRIVE	WILLIAMS DRIVE	SANBORN DRIVE
EASY STREET	TOWER PLACE	CUL-DE-SAC NORTH
EASY STREET	COMFORT STREET	ROBERTSON STREET
FARM GATE LANE	PLUM GROVE ROAD	TIMBERLEA DRIVE
FOREST KNOLL DRIVE	HICKS ROAD	CUL-DE-SAC (WEST)
GROH COURT	PALATINE ROAD	CUL-DE-SAC
GULL COURT	MALLARD DRIVE	CUL-DE-SAC
HALEY'S HILL COURT	RUHL ROAD	NORTH CUL-DE-SAC
HALEY'S HILL COURT	NORTH CUL-DE-SAC	SOUTH CUL-DE-SAC
HAMSTEAD COURT	CUL-DE-SAC	BEDFORD DRIVE
HELEN ROAD	QUENTIN ROAD	CEDAR STREET
SOUTH HIDDENBROOK TRAIL	WINDHILL DRIVE	HIDDENBROOK TRAIL
LAKE LOUISE DRIVE	WILKE ROAD	CUL-DE-SAC
LEO COURT	LUKAS AVENUE	CUL-DE-SAC SOUTH
LUKAS AVENUE	PATRICK LANE	QUENTIN ROAD
MALLARD COURT	MALLARD DRIVE	CUL-DE-SAC
MAPLE STREET	WOOD STREET	SLADE STREET
MORRIS DRIVE	ROHLWING ROAD	CLARK DRIVE
NORTH STREET	FOREST AVENUE	GROVE AVENUE
NORTHUMBERLAND PASS	ROSILAND DRIVE	FALKIRK PLACE
OAK STREET	WASHINGTON STREET	DANIELS ROAD
OLD FORGE COURT	EUCLID AVENUE	CUL-DE-SAC SOUTH
OLD HICKS ROAD	ASTER AVENUE	COACH ROAD
PATRICK LANE	LUKAS AVENUE	CUL-DE-SAC SOUTH
PENNY LANE	WINNETKA STREET	COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE
PINTAIL COURT	MALLARD DRIVE	CUL-DE-SAC
PORTAGE AVENUE	DUNDEE ROAD	NORTH STREET
PRINCETON STREET	ASHLAND AVENUE	DELGADO DRIVE
ROSILAND DRIVE	RUHL ROAD	NORTHUMBERLAND PASS
RUHL ROAD	QUENTIN ROAD	ROSILAND DRIVE
SADDLE RIDGE COURT	STEEPLE CHASE LANE	CUL-DE-SAC
SKYLARK DRIVE	FALMORE DRIVE	PEREGRINE DRIVE
TERN DRIVE	MALLARD DRIVE	DEAD END
TOWER PLACE	SMITH STREET	EASY STREET
VICTORIA DRIVE	WILKE ROAD	CASTLE COURT
WEST BROOKLINE COURT	OLD FORGE COURT	CUL-DE-SAC WEST
WINDHILL DRIVE	HIDDENBROOK TRAIL	STEEPLE CHASE LANE
WINNETKA STREET	PALOS AVENUE	DEER AVENUE
WREN AVENUE	DEAD END NORTH	CHEWINK COURT

For more information about the street resurfacing program, visit our [website](#) or call the **Public Works Engineering Division** at (847)705-5200.

2024 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

STREET RECONSTRUCTION/ REHABILITATION:

- Illinois Avenue from Quentin Road to Plum Grove Road.
- Michigan Avenue from Cedar Street to Plum Grove Road.
- Brockway Street from Gilbert Road to Illinois Avenue.
- Tulip Way from Capri Drive to the dead end.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS:

- Rand Road from Lilly Lane to Capri Drive.
- Dundee Road from Aspen Court to Quentin Road.
- Benton Street from Northwest Highway to Comfort Lane.
- Cunningham Drive from Hicks Road to Ventura Drive.
- Wilke Road from Anderson Drive to Alison Drive.
- Palatine Road from Alison Drive to 1410 E. Palatine Road
- Peregrine Drive from Falmore Drive to Quentin Road.
- Linden Avenue from Robertson Street to Colfax Street, and Colfax Street from Linden Avenue to Ashland Avenue.

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS:

- Northwest Highway from Rohlwing Road to Route 53.
- Center Road from Quentin Road to the dead end.

BRIDGE/CREEK IMPROVEMENTS:

- Baldwin Road over Buffalo Creek culvert replacement.
- Salt Creek from Clark Drive to Williams Drive streambank stabilization.

To view an interactive map of all active and planned projects for this year, visit our [website](#). Weekly updates are provided in the notes section of each project location. For more information about these public improvement projects, please contact the Public Works Department Engineering Division at (847)705-5200.

NEW BUSINESSES (continued)

Paint Life
541 S. Vermont Street
847-507-5111
Painting Company

Prime Smoke
157 W. Northwest Highway
224-539-8918
Tobacco Shop

Royalblue Renovations Inc.
2048 N. Ginger Creek Drive
773-270-7660
Contractor

Sodexo Operations LLC
433 S. Vermont Street
847-253-2070
Office - Food Service Division

Supreme Adjusting LLC
670 E. Northwest Highway
630-642-6130
Public Adjusting Firm

Team Rehab IL 19 LLC
315 E. Northwest Highway
Unit 25
847-701-1930
Physical and Occupational Therapy

Technical Doctor LLC
1216 W. Northwest Highway
630-433-7453
Technical Consulting

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
@VILLAGEOFPALATINE



SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Public Works Department conducts three sidewalk programs each year: the Sidewalk Replacement Program, the 50/50 Sidewalk Program and the Sidewalk Cutting Program. Construction for these programs typically begins late spring to early fall.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

This program is intended to identify and replace sidewalk squares with qualifying offsets and cycles through a different section of the Village each year. The target areas this year are roughly from Lake Cook Road south to Carpenter Drive between Hicks Road and Route 53, and from Carpenter Drive south to Palatine Road between Clark Drive and Route 53. Due to additional funding, replacements may also be made in the 2025 area. The 2025 target areas are roughly from Dundee Road south to Northwest Highway between Quentin Road and Hicks Road, and from Carpenter Drive south to Baldwin Road from Hicks Road to Clark Drive. Click [here](#) to view a map of the current replacement schedule.

50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

This program addresses sidewalks that are uneven, severely cracked or deteriorated, and meet specific safety standards. The cost is shared on a 50/50 basis, with the Village and homeowner each contributing half of the replacement cost. The homeowner's cost is approximately \$95 for a typical sidewalk square. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and the deadline for submission is June 1st. To obtain a copy of the 50/50 application, visit our [website](#).

SIDEWALK CUTTING PROGRAM

The Sidewalk Cutting Program will continue to address heaved sidewalk squares with vertical displacements of up to two inches. This process uses a machine to "cut" the raised portion of concrete down to reestablish a smooth surface and is much more cost effective than removal and replacement. For more information about these programs, click [here](#) or call Public Works at (847)705-5200.

POLICE FOCUS ON EDUCATION, THEN ENFORCEMENT



The Palatine Police Department promotes safety through Education first, followed by Enforcement. As winter weather fades and the thought of warmer weather is right around the corner, do not forget about safety first! Over the next four months, Palatine Officers will use focused enforcement to address the following initiatives that affect the safety of Palatine residents.

HANDS-FREE WHILE DRIVING: TALKING AND TEXTING

On January 1, 2014 Illinois banned the use of all hand-held electronic devices while driving (625 ILCS 5/12-610.2). A motorist who violates this section shall be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$125 for a third offense, and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense. Only hands-free technology such as speakerphones and headsets are permitted. Did you also know that all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone and construction zone? As the weather warms up, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will significantly increase the odds of a potential tragedy. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving claimed 3,142 lives in 2020 alone. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing. Aggressive initiatives such as Safety Zone Enforcement Areas will be established to send distracted drivers a clear message: "Drive Distracted; You Got Our Attention!"

SPECIAL MATERIALS DROP OFF AT THE VILLAGE



The Village of Palatine offers a Special Materials Drop Off Program in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This **FREE** drop off program is for residentially generated special materials including: needles (sharps), fluorescent light bulbs and mercury containing items. Only residents that live in a SWANCC member community (Palatine included) are eligible to participate. No waste is allowed from businesses, schools, or institutions.

NEEDLES

Bring needles (sharps) in a red biohazard container or a rigid plastic laundry detergent bottle with a lid. All needles must be put into containers at home. No loose or bagged needles will be accepted. The Environmental Health Division provides free 1-quart or 1-gallon sharps containers to residents who administer home-injections, while supplies last. When the sharps container is full, the resident should bring the container back for proper disposal.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS AND MERCURY CONTAINING ITEMS

Bring light bulbs that contain mercury, such as compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. Bring fluorescent light tubes up to 4 feet in length. Do not bring any incandescent or LED bulbs, as they contain no mercury and can be disposed of in the garbage. No broken light bulbs or tubes. Bring mercury containing items such as thermometers, thermostats and wall switches. All light bulbs, tubes and mercury containing items shall be brought in a sealed plastic bag.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The Village of Palatine's collection and disposal program for unwanted medications ended as of December 29, 2023. Medications are no longer accepted for collection at Village Hall. For alternative disposal resources, please visit the Cook County Sheriff's [website](#) and search Prescription Drug Takeback Program. You will find resources for governmental and private sector participants, including pharmacies, by address and zip code. For more info, contact the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Takeback Hotline at (844) 688-7379.

**Drop Off Location: Village of Palatine
200 E. Wood Street - Village Services Counter - First Floor
Monday - Friday: 8 am - 4 pm**

For more information visit our [website](#)
or contact the Environmental Health Division at (847)359-9042.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING DRAINAGE ISSUES

While spring brings warmer temperatures and fairer weather, rain and melting snow can wreak havoc by flooding residents' yards. The following tips can help you alleviate wet areas on your property.

What can I do if I have standing water on my property?

1. Recognize that every spring we experience the results of melting snow, rain, and frozen ground that doesn't absorb runoff. Once the ground thaws, it can remain saturated and soggy for some time before warmer, dryer weather prevails and dries things out.
2. See if there are obstructions to the drainage flow through your property. Subdivision drainage is typically designed to flow across the rear yards and side yards and in some instances from the back yard to the front yard, in drainage swales, to the street or to a drain at a low point. Consider re-grading to provide positive drainage. You may need to work with your neighbors depending on the conditions. Work with a landscaper/design professional to assist with a grading plan to restore proper drainage.
3. Relocate sump pump discharge pipes away from saturated areas to other locations in your yard, but not right up to your neighbor's yard.
4. If drainage issues cannot be remedied by grading improvements, contact Public Works for an evaluation to see if one of our drainage assistance cost sharing programs might provide a solution. Visit our **website** to learn more about our drainage programs.

What shouldn't I do to address drainage problems?

1. Do not build up drainage swales/drainage easements with dirt fill, landscape retaining blocks, trees, mulch, landscape timbers, sheds, gardens or other obstructions. These items block the flow of water.
2. Do not use dirt to "level" the yard. Many drainage problems exist due to excess fill brought in that has caused a dam, filled a swale or flattened design slopes. In many cases, soil needs to be removed to restore swales to the original subdivision grading.
3. Do not extend sump pump discharge lines or downspouts/pop-up drains to your property line, public sidewalks or the street.

Sump Pump Considerations

Sump pumps are a necessary part of your home's drainage system, which are installed to discharge water from the drainage tiles around your home's foundation. Many sump pumps are quite active, especially in the spring.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING DRAINAGE ISSUES (CONTINUED)

1. Check the grading of the ground or pavement surfaces adjacent to the foundation and correct the condition if it is not sloping away from the foundation. Clean gutters and downspouts to reduce the chance of gutter overflows. Adjust settled downspout splash blocks so that they are sloping away from the foundation. These steps can reduce the amount of storm runoff getting to the home's footing drains.
2. If discharge from an overactive sump pump is an issue, consider the following strategies: redirect the discharge point periodically to different points in the yard, construct a rain garden to receive sump discharge, install a seepage field, or connect to the public storm sewer system, if available. Sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer system are not allowed.
3. Do not direct sump pump discharges to the public sidewalk, street or adjacent properties. It is not allowed by Village Code. Sump pump discharges can create hazardous conditions year-round and can be a cause of ice on sidewalks or streets.
4. Perform sump pump maintenance periodically. Clean out the sump pit and pump, check float switches, test operation by pouring some water in the sump pit, replace old pumps, or consider a battery backup system.



For more information about flood prevention, visit our **website** or call the Public Works Department Engineering Division at (847) 705-5200.

HYDRANT FLUSHING HELPS ENSURE WATER QUALITY

The Public Works Department will conduct its annual "flushing" of fire hydrants throughout the Village in April, depending on the weather. This process moves water through the pipelines at a fast rate to clean the lines, clear stagnant water, identify broken hydrants, and ensure water delivered to homes and businesses is of the highest quality. Residents who are concerned that this process wastes water can be assured that the Department only flushes lines when necessary as part of protecting public health by providing safe, high quality, consumable water.



For questions about hydrant flushing, call the Public Works Utilities Division at (847)705-5200.

PALATINE SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET OPENS MAY 4

Here we come! The Palatine Farmers' Market opens its 33rd season on Saturday, May 4, at 7 AM



with Cinco de Mayo festivities. Taste on-site delights of Raul's tamales, tacos and Mexican corn, Smokin' Sully's breakfast sandwiches, Açaí bowls, kettle corn, Joe 'N Dough's coffee and mini donuts, and Elsie Mae's homemade pies while enjoying the sounds of local musicians. While at the Market, have Dave or Amanda, of Sharpening by Dave, perfect small nail scissors, lawn mower blades and anything in between. New this year, enjoy the full assortment of mushrooms and mushroom products from River Valley Ranch, growing their varieties in a controlled environment.

Farmers have been busy preparing starter vegetables, herbs, flowering plants and hanging baskets. They are required to grow their own fruits, flowers, and vegetables and to pick them within 24 hours of the Market to ensure the freshest produce for customers. In May, we're thinking grilled asparagus, rhubarb pie, strawberry shortcake, beet salad, leafy greens, and snap peas. More produce comes in season each week. Enjoy microgreens, garlic, authentic pierogis and Polish sausage, coffee, breads, baked goods, specialty cheeses, pickles, fish, honey, sauces and blends.

To bring the best from further away, Maria, with Greek olive oil and olives from her family's fourth generation olive groves in Sparta, and Melissa, of Zachi Chocolates, has special chocolates from her family in Ecuador. Every week Malia is in her "cabana" creating balloon fantasies, and Barb is greeting every four-legged friend from Maggie's Munchies Dog Treats. Enjoy the market from 7 AM to 1 PM each week through October. For more information visit the **Sister Cities Association of Palatine**.

CPR CLASSES

According to the American Heart Association(AMA), approximately 436,000 Americans die each year from cardiac arrest with more than 350,000 occurring outside of the hospital. The three most common locations for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are in homes/residences (73.4%), followed by a public setting (16.3%), and nursing homes (10.3%). CPR administered immediately after cardiac arrest can double or triple a person's chance of survival.



The Palatine Fire Department is proud to offer CPR classes to individuals, groups, companies, and organizations. Public classes for individuals are offered four to five times a year and require registration in advance. Group classes of up to ten (10) people are also offered and can be scheduled through the department's CPR Coordinator at 847-202-6340 or by email at smckillip@palatine.il.us.

Participants who complete the training will receive a CPR certification card from the American Heart Association. We offer Basic Life Support, Heartsaver/AED, and Health Care Provider classes. For more information on class dates and fees visit our [website](#).

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Put in Recycling Cart LOOSE! - Empty & Clean



DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!





PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX PROGRAMS

WHAT IS A KNOX BOX?

A Knox Box is a high-security key safe that is constructed of steel with a high strength lock core that is UL listed and approved. Only firefighter/paramedics can access them in the event of an emergency. Knox Boxes have been used for decades in buildings equipped with fire alarm systems to allow the fire department quick and non-destructive access into the building.

In an emergency seconds count when the Fire Department is responding. With a Knox HomeBox, firefighter/paramedics have immediate access to a household in the event of a medical emergency. This is especially useful for residents with limited mobility, those recuperating from a hospital stay, or who use an electronic medical alert device. The Knox HomeBox can contain a single key to the residence and is secured directly to the residence or mounted over the top of an entry door.

RESIDENTIAL SHORT TERM LOANER PROGRAM

The Palatine Fire Department, along with Palatine Firefighters Local 4588 has a limited supply of residential Knox HomeBoxes available for short-term use. These Knox HomeBoxes are available for Village of Palatine residents with limited mobility or underlying medical conditions who are unable to purchase a Knox HomeBox. Qualifying residents may borrow a Knox HomeBox for up to six (6) months at no cost. Please contact the Fire Prevention Division at 847-359-9029 to learn more.

RESIDENTIAL PURCHASE PROGRAM

For those residents with limited mobility or underlying medical conditions who need the Knox HomeBox for longer than six (6) months or wish to purchase a Knox HomeBox, please [click here](#).

RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY KNOX BOX

Certain multi-family dwellings are equipped with a Knox Box designed for residents, capable of holding up to fifty (50) keys. Residents have the option to place a key to their unit in this box. Besides granting access to paramedics during medical emergencies, having a key in this Knox Box enables the Fire Department to investigate and mitigate emergency situations without damaging the door or frame. The expense of obtaining a key to place in this Knox Box is significantly lower compared to the replacement cost of a fire-rated corridor door. Visit our [Residential Knox Box Programs](#) for more information and to see a current list of equipped buildings.

Knox Home Box



Residential Multi-Family Knox Box



HELP EMERGENCY RESPONDERS FIND YOUR HOME

In an emergency, precious seconds could be lost if police, fire, or ambulance personnel are unable to identify an address properly. Firefighters, Paramedics, and Police Officers depend on clearly marked address numbers when responding to emergencies. Generally, house numbers should be at least 4 inches in height, in a well-lit area, and be visible from the street. Use numbers that contrast with the color of the house so that they stand out from the street. Stay with simple numerals and avoid fancy script numbers which are difficult for emergency responders to see and prohibited by Village ordinance. The house numbers should be placed near the main entrance of the building and not be obstructed by trees or shrubbery. If your home is on a corner you may choose to use an address plaque that contains both your house numbers and street name. If we can't find you, we can't help you.

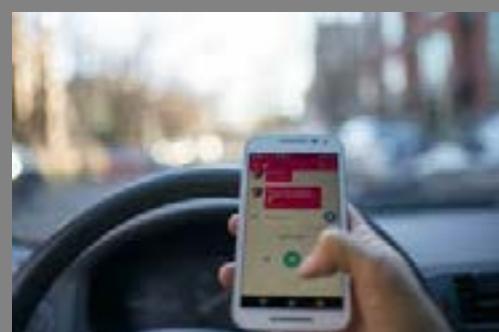


DISTRACTED DRIVING

Phone in one hand, ticket in the other!

The Palatine Police and Fire departments are joining forces to remind motorists to Drop It! And Drive! Distracted driving is dangerous and took the lives of 3,522 people and injured an estimated additional 362,415 in 2021 (NHSTA, May 2023). 16% of teen drivers involved in fatal accidents were distracted by their cell phones.

Illinois drivers now face more serious penalties for using a handheld mobile device while driving. Under state law, the use of these devices while driving will now be considered a moving violation. First-time moving violations carry a fine of \$75 which increases with each additional offense. Drivers who receive three moving violations in a year will see their license suspended. Don't believe the great multitasking lie, it's a myth, especially when it comes to cell phone use while driving.



So drop it and drive, and move to the right for sirens and lights. Safe driving is everyone's responsibility. Stop the Texts, Stop the Wrecks. You can find more safety messages at [palatine.il.us](#) or [nhtsa.gov](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dury Nellie's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Join the fun and shenanigans at the 12th annual Dury Nellie's St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 16th in downtown Palatine! The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Wood and Oak Streets.

Residents can also enjoy an Irish breakfast located at Dury Nellies from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For a complete schedule visit durystpats.com.



Winter Farmers' Market

Saturday, March 16, April 6 & 20, 2024

Palatine Train Station parking lot (137 W. Wood Street)

The Palatine Farmers' Market brings the highest quality local bread, meat, eggs, fish, mushrooms, garlic, honey, spice blends, pet treats, sweets, and hot tacos & tamales twice a month to the Palatine train station parking lot. We also welcome the finest Greek Olive Oil and Chocolates from Ecuador. The 2-hour Power Market from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. offers drive-thru and walk-up shopping March 16, April 6 and 20. The full **Summer Market Season opens May 4**, adding produce, açaí bowls, avocado toast, cheese, kettle corn, pies, and more—brought to you the Palatine Sister Cities Association. Visit us on [Facebook](#) or palatinesistercities.org.



SIGN-UP FOR WEEKLY E-NEWS ALERTS!



Swing into Spring

Friday, May 3, 2024

Downtown Palatine (Brockway Street and Slade Street)



The Downtown Palatine Business Association (DPBA) is hosting this Shop & Dine event in downtown Palatine. Merchants open their doors on this fun and festive Friday night and provide an opportunity for guests to experience all that the DPBA members have to offer. Event giveaways, specials and raffles are all part of the fun, along with hors d'oeuvres and wine tastings at select locations! More information to come soon, visit downtownpalatine.org.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies

Monday, May 27, 2024

Starts at Hillside Cemetery (Smith Street north of Colfax Street)



The American Legion Post 690 is sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade and other activities on Monday, May 27, 2024 beginning at 10 am with a service at Hillside Cemetery on Smith Street. The annual parade will start at 10:15 a.m. at Cornell Avenue and Smith Street. Following the parade at 11:00 a.m. there will be a short program at the Veterans Memorial in Community Park and another ceremony at the Legion Memorial in Towne Square beginning at 12:15 p.m. Community members are invited to the American Legion (across the street from Towne Square) following the ceremonies. For more info, or if your group would like to participate in the parade, call the American Legion weekdays after 1 p.m. at **847-359-1606** or e-mail bmunagian@comcast.net.

**All dates and times are subject to change.*



**WE ARE
hiring!**

For more information visit:
PALATINE.IL.US

Apply Here