



December 13, 2024

## Toys for Tots Holiday Drive



A big thank you to our very generous community members and businesses for their support in this year's holiday toy drive! Thank you to the many fire and police volunteers who hauled boxes of toys to and from the Village Hall, and the Palatine Police and Fire Benevolent Association for organizing both the toy and monetary donations to the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Foundation. Their hard work and support each year make this program a success.

We cannot express enough gratitude for everyone's help in making this program a success year after year. Children will be delighted to find presents under their

tree this year and it is with your help that this is made possible.

## Drive Merry & Bright this Holiday Season

With the holiday season just around the corner, the Palatine Police Department has joined forces with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High, Get a DUI" enforcement campaign to ensure that festive gatherings don't end in tragedy.

From Dec. 13 through Jan. 2, law enforcement agencies across Illinois will adopt a zero-tolerance policy for impaired driving to keep our roads safe.

The Palatine Police Department urges everyone to take the following simple steps to prevent impaired driving:



- Plan ahead: Designate a sober driver, use public transportation or arrange for a ride-sharing service.
- Report dangers: If you spot an impaired driver, pull over safely and contact 911.
- Be a hero: Stop a friend from driving impaired by taking their keys and helping them get home safely.
- Buckle up: It's your best defense against impaired drivers.

*This campaign is made possible through federal highway safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration administered by IDOT.*



## Palatine Police Release Thanksgiving Enforcement Numbers

The Palatine Police Department conducted a traffic safety campaign from Nov. 22 to Dec. 2 aimed at reminding motorists to buckle up and drive sober. The “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” mobilization was carried out by the Palatine Police Department in collaboration with state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce fatalities.

During the campaign, Palatine Police reported the following enforcement outcomes:

- 44 speeding citations.
- 77 occupant restraint citations.
- 181 distracted driving citations.
- 77 other traffic citations.
- 13 traffic arrests.
- 9 criminal arrests.



## Holiday Overnight Parking

The Village is suspending its Village-wide overnight parking restrictions during the holiday period from Thursday evening, December 19, 2024 through the morning of Thursday, January 2, 2025. You may park vehicles on the street overnight during this time.

This holiday parking suspension DOES NOT include commercial vehicles. The Village’s Code of Ordinances defines commercial vehicles as “any motor vehicle used by or for a business or service which may or may not bear any sort of advertising for that business or service.”



## Holiday Light Recycling

The Village of Palatine, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling, is pleased to offer a Holiday Light Recycling Program now until January 31, 2025.

Holiday string lights can be dropped off at the Palatine Village Hall, Village Services Counter (first floor), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Upcoming Community Events

## Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station  
December 21

## Paint & Craft Night

Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
December 13

## Parent's Night Out

Rose Park Community Center  
December 13

## Cookie Walk

Presbyterian Church  
December 14

## Bingo

American Legion  
December 14

## Fremd Holiday Craft Fair

Fremd High School  
December 14

## Christmas Craft Fair

Christ Lutheran Church  
December 14

## Santa Paws

Twin Lakes Pro Shop  
December 15

## Family Holiday Puzzle Palooza

Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
December 20

*(click on the event name for more details )*



## Palatine Library's Winter Reading Challenge

Starting **this Sunday, December 15**, sign up for Palatine Library's Winter Reading Challenge! Palatine cardholders of all ages can sign up for the challenge through January 31 and get an awesome prize for meeting your reading requirements.

When we all read 12,000 books, the Palatine Historical Society will get a grand donation from our sponsors Napleton's Palatine Subaru and Palatine Bank & Trust.

**Sign Up  
Here**





Come enjoy a great breakfast and meet Santa Claus.

American Legion  
Post 690  
122 W Palatine Rd.  
Palatine, IL 60067

Adults - \$11  
Veterans - \$6  
Child (5-10) - \$6  
4 and Under -Free

\*All proceeds benefit local Veterans and Veteran organizations.



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Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
847-358-7500

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