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WEEKLY E-NEWS

Community news, events and information important to our residents.

April 4, 2025

50/50 Sidewalk Program



With the official arrival of spring, you may be spending more time outdoors and notice sidewalks that could use some attention. Sidewalk concerns should be reported to the Public Works Department as soon as they are noticed. Public Works staff will conduct an inspection, protect the area if necessary, and grind or patch the sidewalk with asphalt to eliminate the hazard.

While these asphalt-repaired sidewalks will be replaced when they are within the current year's Sidewalk Replacement Program area, Public Works also offers a 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program to allow homeowners to replace these sidewalks ahead of schedule or to address 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 each year.

To report a concern or for more information about the 50/50 and Sidewalk Replacement Programs, call Public Works at (847) 705-5200 or visit our [website](#).

April is National Safe Digging Month

April marks National Safe Digging Month, reminding homeowners and professional excavators to contact JULIE before every digging project, regardless of the size or depth. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the risk of striking underground utility lines and potentially causing environmental or property damage, costly delays or personal injury. Putting up a fence, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or patio and planting trees and shrubs are all examples of projects that require a notification to JULIE first, which is a free service.



Member utilities have three business days to respond to your request. So if you want to start your outdoor project on the weekend, contact JULIE on Wednesday to begin digging on Saturday. JULIE's call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 811 anytime to submit your locate request. A free, self-service option called E-Request is also available anytime [online](#).

Striking a buried utility line can cause injury, repair costs, penalties and inconvenient outages. Here are five important steps to follow before putting a shovel in the ground:

1. Pre-mark the dig site with white paint or flags.
2. Go to [JULIEBeforeYouDig.com](#) or call 811 to submit your locate request.
3. Wait the required amount of time (at least three days).
4. Respect the marks.
5. Dig with care.

For an explanation of the color-code markings, information about the process or to submit your locate request, visit [JULIEBeforeYouDig.com](#).

Discounted Rain Barrels Available from MWRD

For a limited time, MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District) rain barrels are available to residents of Cook County at a discounted price of \$21.50 and \$10.75 for seniors 65 and older. Limit two per residence.

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for later use. Rain barrels can help prevent basement backups, street flooding and sewer overflows by keeping rainwater out of the sewer system. You can use rain barrel water to water your lawn or garden and clean your work boots, tools and bikes.

Rain barrels can hold up to 55 gallons. The overflow opening lets you connect a hose to direct overflow away from your foundation or to connect several rain barrels. The rain barrels:

- Are made from durable high-density polyethylene.
- Come in four colors (black, blue, terra cotta and gray) and may have different shapes depending on the vendor.
- Include instructions, a leaf and mosquito filter screen, a flexible downspout connector, a spigot/tap, and an overflow hose.
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Barrel



Put the Phone Away or Pay

The Palatine Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state in recognition of April being Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"Distracted driving is dangerous, claiming 58 lives in Illinois in 2023. We need everyone's support in making our roads safer, which includes staying focused behind the wheel," said Commander Christopher Stearns. "We're excited to support IDOT's efforts in educating all road users about the importance of putting your phone away, setting your navigation before your trip begins and driving distraction-free."

"It has become all too common to see people driving down the road while looking at their phones," said Stearns. During April, you will see increased law enforcement



District 15 Registration for 2025-2026 is open!

Every student—new and returning—must register each year. Families can register their child(ren) on the District 15 website [here](#).

District 15 will be transitioning from Infinite Campus to PowerSchool in 2025-26. **All families will need to create their PowerSchool account in order to register for school for next year.**

We ask that families register their child(ren) as early as possible. Doing so helps us solidify staffing for our schools, allows your child(ren) to be placed on a class list, and allows your child(ren) to ride a bus to and from school.

Registration **MUST** be completed and student fees must be paid by July 15, 2025. **With close to 12,000 students to place in a classroom and on bus routes, we ask that you please do your part and register on or before July 15.**

Register

efforts as officers stop and ticket anyone who violates distracted driving and other Illinois motor vehicle laws.”

In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous, but also illegal. Put the phone away or pay.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station

Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.

K of C Lenten Fish Fry

St. Thomas of Villanova

Friday, April 4, 4:00 p.m.

The Wizard of Oz

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Free Self-Defense Workshop

Palatine Police Station

Sunday, April 6, 3:00 p.m.

2025 Lenten Soup Dinner

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.

OZ!

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Hound Egg Hunt

Palatine Park District

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Register deadline April 11.

Lunch with the Bunny

Twin Lakes Club House

Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m./1:00 p.m.

Pre-registration required.

Easter Egg Hunt

Immanuel Lutheran

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Golden Goose Chase

Thrive Vineyard Church

Saturday, April 12, 12:30 p.m.

Bingo

American Legion

Saturday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.

Firefighters Chili Cook-Off

Dury Nellies

Sunday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.

You've Been Egged

Salt Creek Park District

Monday, April 14, 3 - 6 p.m.

Pre-registration required.

Family Easter Egg Coloring Night

Immanuel Lutheran

Monday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Twin Lakes North Entrance

Wednesday, April 16, 7:45 p.m.

Pre-registration required.

Tales for Tots

Immanuel Lutheran

Thursday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

(click on the event name for more details)



10TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2025

11:30AM - 4:00PM

HOSTED BY:

DURTY NELLIE'S

180 N. SMITH ST.
PALATINE, IL 60067



LIVE PERFORMANCE



\$10 PER PERSON - KIDS FREE! (<13 Y.O.)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

RAFFLE PRIZES ~ 50/50 ~ VOTE FOR BEST CHILI

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT: THE PALATINE FOOD PANTRY

Clean & Green Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, April 19, 2025

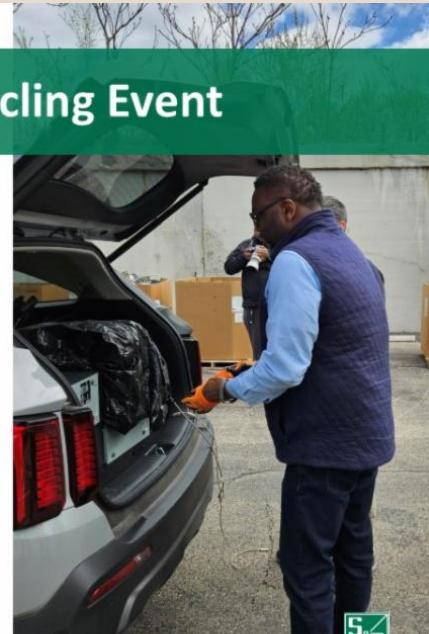
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

S&C Electric Company

South End Parking Lot

200 Sellstrom Dr., Palatine, IL, 60067

Questions? Contact: sustainability@sandc.com



Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp

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Spots fill fast—don't wait! Enroll today at bgcnws.org/summer, and let the summer adventures begin!



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- MECHANIC II

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

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