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April 18, 2025

Illinois Route 53 Improvement Projects

CONSTRUCTION ALERT: The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is improving Illinois Route 53 from Algonquin Road to Lake Cook Road. The work is separated into three projects, but progress will be made on each project simultaneously.

- The first project is to rehabilitate the bridge carrying Euclid Avenue over Route 53 and includes replacing the existing bridge decks, approaches, and expansion joints and drainage improvements.
- The second project consists of rehabilitation of the bridges over Kirchoff Road, Industrial Avenue, Northwest Highway, Palatine Road, and Anderson Drive; culvert repairs at Salt Creek; and retaining wall repairs.
- The third project includes rehabilitation of the bridges over Algonquin Road, Salt Creek, and Rand Road; installation of shared used paths under Route 53 at Rand and Algonquin Roads; and drainage improvements.



Pavement reconstruction and resurfacing, ramp repairs and resurfacing, traffic signal modernization, and lighting improvements throughout the entire corridor from Algonquin Road to Lake Cook Road are also included.

IDOT expects the Euclid Avenue bridge work to be completed in summer 2026 and all other improvements to be completed in late 2026.

Traffic delays are to be expected, including lane closures. At the Euclid Avenue section, Route 53 will be reduced from two lanes to one lane in both directions throughout the duration of the project. Through the other sections, three lanes in both directions will

remain open at all times, though lane shifts and occasional overnight closures are to be expected.

For more information regarding this public improvement project, visit IDOT's **website** or call IDOT's project contacts Maria Castaneda at (312) 447-1919 or Guy Tridgell at (312) 343-1731.

Gateway Center Parking Deck Repairs



The Village of Palatine contracted with Hammer Construction to perform maintenance repairs at the Gateway Center Parking Deck located at 251 West Colfax Street. Phase 1 of the project was completed last fall. Phase 2 began the week of April 7, 2025 and is anticipated to be complete by the end of June.

Portions of all 5 levels will be closed at various times to accommodate the work and parking will not be allowed in those areas. The parking closures will be for shorter durations and change more frequently compared to the fall.

The stairwells in towers 2 and 3 (on the south side closest to the railroad tracks) will be closed at times, but elevator access will always be maintained during the repairs.

For more information about this public improvement project, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.

First Time Home Buyer Mortgage Assistance Program

The Village of Palatine participates in the Assist Mortgage Credit Certificate ("MCC") program sponsored by the Town of Normal. This program helps first-time homebuyers meeting income limits and purchase price limits lower their effective interest rate with a federal income tax credit, which directly reduces their federal tax liability.



If you're a first time homebuyer or veteran and want to purchase a home as your primary residence and meet the income and purchase price guidelines, you could qualify for the Assist Mortgage Credit Certificate ("MCC") program. The MCC program reduces the homebuyer's ongoing cost of borrowing by giving them a federal income tax credit of 25% of the annual mortgage interest paid (up to \$2,000 per year).

MCC's are a federally authorized program created as an alternative to tax-exempt housing bonds to reduce effective interest costs for qualifying homebuyers. MCC's allow the homebuyer to qualify for a federal income tax credit equal to a percentage of the interest paid on their home loan each year.

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Free Trees from the MWRD



The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) provides free native tree saplings through their “**Restore the Canopy, Plant a Tree**” program. Native trees can help reduce flooding by soaking up rainwater. Trees also produce oxygen, keep neighborhoods cooler, provide habitat for wildlife, lower energy bills and store carbon dioxide to help address climate change.

Various kinds of native saplings (such as native red, pin, swamp white, bur, and chestnut oak) are available for free to Cook County residents, community groups and schools.

Visit **one of six water reclamation plants** to pick up your free saplings. Pickup is available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon from April through October.

For more information and to see the locations where saplings are available, visit the MWRD’s **website**.

April is National Safe Digging Month



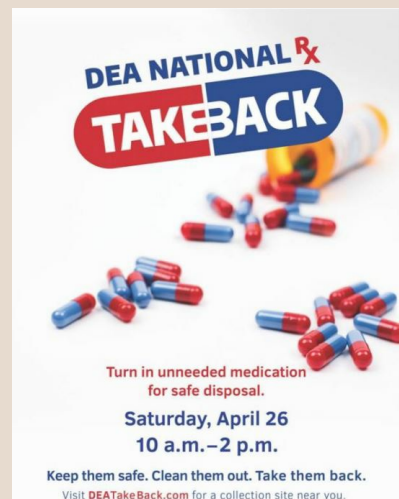
April marks National Safe Digging Month, reminding homeowners and professional excavators to contact JULIE before every digging project, regardless of the size or depth. The goal of this initiative is to reduce the risk of striking underground utility lines and potentially causing environmental or property 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.

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Police Spring Beat Meetings

Join the Palatine Police Department at their upcoming Spring Police Beat Meetings!



Police Taking Back Unwanted

These community gatherings are a great opportunity to meet the officers who serve your neighborhoods, share concerns, and ask questions about traffic, safety, and other local issues.

- **8110** - April 23, 9 - 11 a.m., Dunking Donuts (231 W. Northwest Highway)
- **8150** - May 8, 5 - 7 p.m., Sundling Middle School, BOE Room, (1100 N. Smith Street)
- **8100** - May 30, 1 - 3 p.m., Palatine Senior Center (505 S. Quentin Road)

For more information visit the Palatine Police **website** or call 847-359-9000.

Prescription Drugs April 26

On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Palatine Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills and patches for disposal to the Palatine Police Headquarters located at 595 N. Hicks Rd. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.

Meet the Easter Bunny

Palatine Plaza
Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Palatine Jaycees Egg Hunt

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater
Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.

Vaisakhi Celebration

Partners of our Community (POC)
Thursday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.

Arbor Day Celebration

Birchwood Park
Friday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.

Early Childhood Family Gym Night

Immanuel Lutheran
Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.

Allegro Spring Performance

Cutting Hall
Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

BSA Troop 209 Pancake Breakfast

First United Methodist Church
Saturday, April 26, 7:00 a.m.

New & Used Clothing Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.

UPC Wellness Resource Fair

Buehler YMCA
Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.

Bingo

American Legion
Saturday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.

Palatine Senior Center Fundraiser

Top Golf - Schaumburg
Sunday, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Get to Know Your Sikh American Neighbor

Palatine Library
Sunday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.

Palatine Concert Band Spring Concert

Cutting Hall
Sunday, April 27, 3:30 p.m.

Benefit Concert with Michael Bridge

Harper College
Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.

Tales for Tots

Immanuel Lutheran
Thursday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Trunk Sale

Twin Lakes
Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m.

All Abilities Vendor Fair

Christ Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.

Big Trucks

Family Aquatic Center
Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.

Palatine Children's Chorus Spring Concert

Immanuel Lutheran
Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.

(click on the event name for more details)



CLEAN & GREEN ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

S&C Electric Company will host an outdoor electronics recycling drop-and-go station. There will be limited giveaways for participants.

List of acceptable items: Printers, computers, video game consoles, scanners, cell phones, tablets, televisions, cables and cords, fax machines, electronic mice, etc.

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

Post Through April 19, 2025



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 **United Palatine Coalition's
3rd Annual**

WELLNESS RESOURCE FAIR

In partnership with Buehler YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, come to this **FREE** community event to learn about local organizations and their wellness resources.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

**Buehler YMCA, 1400 W.
Northwest Hwy, Palatine**
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Learn more at upcoalition.org

Event Highlights

- Educational workshops
- Local community organizations
- Health screenings
- CPR demonstrations
- Raffle prizes and giveaways
- Emotional-support dogs

Questions about the event?
Reach out to Beth at
bsousa@palatinelibrary.org

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