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April 25, 2025

Happy Arbor Day!

Today the Village of Palatine and the Palatine Park District are celebrating National Arbor Day with the planting of trees.

Each year, communities across the country observe Arbor Day by gathering for tree planting events. These Arbor Day celebrations promote cleaner air and water, protect wildlife in their natural habitats, and improve human health — all through planting and nurturing trees.



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Police Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs Saturday, 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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2025 Roadway Rehabilitation Improvements Project

CONSTRUCTION ALERT: Michigan Avenue, Brockway Street, Gilbert Road, Louise Lane, and Cornell Avenue will be rehabilitated and resurfaced this year. The Village received \$550,000 in grant funds through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), which will provide a majority of the funding required to rehabilitate the pavement and improve drainage on Michigan Avenue and Brockway Street. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and local funds will be used for the balance of the project.



The project limits are:

1. Michigan Avenue from Cedar Street to Plum Grove Road
2. Brockway Street from Gilbert Road to Illinois Avenue
3. Gilbert Road from Brockway Street to Plum Grove Road
4. Louise Lane from Dundee Road to the dead end
5. Cornell Avenue from Carter Street to Chestnut Street

Work is scheduled to begin the week of April 28, 2025 and is anticipated to be complete by August. The project includes pavement widening and resurfacing, spot full-depth pavement reconstruction, spot sidewalk and curb and gutter replacement, concrete edging installation, sidewalk installation to fill gaps, and sidewalk ramp upgrades to meet ADA requirements.

All of the streets will be accessible throughout the duration of the project, but access will be limited during working hours due to the construction activities.

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

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.

Annual Spring Clean-Up Week: May 2 - 7, 2025

Looking to de-clutter and get organized this Spring season? Take advantage of Palatine's annual Spring Clean-Up Week Friday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 7. During this time, Groot refuse and recycling carts, garbage bags and bulk items may be placed at the curb throughout the weekend, beginning Friday, in advance of your scheduled collection days. Refuse will be collected the following week only on your scheduled collection day.



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Free Trees from 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 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!

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.

- **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.

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Summer Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, May 3, 9:00 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)

 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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