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June 6, 2025



Village Announces Retirement of Fire Chief and Appointment of New Fire Chief

The Village of Palatine is pleased to announce the selection of Scott Mackeben (pictured right) as the next Fire Chief. Village Manager Reid Ottesen will appoint current Deputy Fire Chief Scott Mackeben to replace retiring Chief Patrick Gratzianna (pictured left) as the next Chief of the Palatine Fire Department.

Gratianna recently announced his retirement following 30 years of service to the Palatine community.

Mackeben has been a member of the Palatine Fire Department since September, 2000 and has served as Deputy Chief since 2017. He previously served as the Division Chief for Training following many years in fire suppression attaining the rank of Captain. Chief Mackeben holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from Ball State University, in addition to earning Chief Fire Officer Certifications from the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. Prior to joining the Village, Chief Mackeben worked in financial services for a Fortune 500 company.

Gratianna will retire on September 16th and Mackeben will become Chief on September 17th.

Fire Hydrant Painting



Fire hydrant painting began last week. Contracted crews are removing layers of paint down to bare metal, priming, and painting selected fire hydrants. The area targeted for this year is roughly from Dundee and Rand Roads south to Northwest Highway and Lincoln Street between Smith Street and Rohlwing Road.

Don't be concerned if you see a white fire hydrant! The hydrants will temporarily be white after the primer is applied. After the selected fire hydrants have been prepared and primed, the contractor will paint them the traditional red color. By the middle of July, expect many of the fire hydrants in this area to look much improved.

For more information, call the Public Works Department Utilities Division at (847) 705-5200.



The Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony



Palatine Police Officer Receives Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor

Congratulations to Officer Shane Murray of the Palatine Police Department on receiving the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor—the highest award given to police officers in our state.

On March 5, 2024, Officer Murray responded to an urgent call for a man struggling to stay afloat in an icy pond. Without hesitation, he removed his vest and duty belt, entered the frigid water, and pulled the individual to safety—risking his own life in the process. His swift and heroic actions ensured the man was stabilized before severe hypothermia could set in.

Officer Murray's courage, quick thinking, and unwavering commitment to protecting life exemplify the very best of law enforcement service. Palatine is proud to have him serving our community. Well done, Officer Murray!

Pictured (center) is Officer Shane Murray with Chief William Nord (right) and Deputy Chief Brian Grownay (left) at the Medal of Honor Ceremony in Springfield, IL last week.

Palatine Fire Department Birthday Celebration June 14

On Saturday, June 14, at the Clayson House Museum (224 E. Palatine Road), from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m, the Palatine Fire Department is partnering with the Palatine Historical Society to commemorate the fire department's 138th Birthday.



The Palatine Deluge Company was formed on June 13, 1887 with a staff of 45 Palatine residents consisting of volunteers. At this event, the fire department will be on site to show off our historical relics of years past including an operational fire bell, pictures, uniforms, equipment, and the first fire pumper ever purchased in Palatine. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a “bucket brigade” demonstration, showing how residents extinguished fires before the fire department was established.

The Palatine Historical Society will also be celebrating Flag Day by hosting several area Color Guard Units. The program will honor the origin of Flag Day, and include a 21-gun salute, and a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The Palatine Historical Society will be accepting American flags for proper retirement.

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Summer Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, June 7, 7:00 a.m.

Libido Funk Circus

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater
Friday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Fishing Derby

Twin Lakes
Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.

Pal. Park District Fishing Derby

Plum Grove Reservoir
Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.

Buccaneer Bash

Birchwood Pool
Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Relay For Life

Winston Campus Running Track
Friday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.

Rockin' the Lakes - R Gang

Twin Lakes Deck
Friday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Sounds of Summer

Second Hand Soul Band
Fred P. Hall Amphitheater
Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Flag Day Celebration

Clayson House Museum
Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.

Sounds of Summer

ScribbleMonster
Fred P. Amphitheater
Tuesday, June 17, 12:00 p.m.

Music on the Deck

Twin Lakes Deck
Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m.

JP & Jenny

Towne Square
Thursday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.

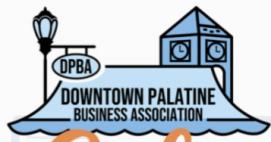
Parents Night Out - Pajama Theme

Rose Park
Friday, June 20, 6:00 p.m.

Paint and Craft Night - Blue Tree

Twin Lakes
Friday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

(click on the event name for more details)



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