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July 11, 2025

## Palatine Celebrates 30 Year Friendship with Fontenay-le-Comte, France



This past June, about 30 delegates from Palatine were hosted in Fontenay-le-Comte, France to mark 30 years of their Sister City Relationship. The trip was highlighted by a concert blending the voices of our Brotherhood of Harmony with the French Gospel singers, inspired from when they attended Chicago's House of Blues concert years ago. Their voices harmonized the favorites "Stand By Me" and "My Wild Irish Rose". The Sister Cities scholarship winner, Vibha Ranganathan, joined in the festivities as part of her scholarship.

Another focal point of the trip was a large community-wide quilt exhibition starring the mosaic quilt created in Palatine for the 2001 quilt exchange between the two cities. Palatine residents contributed cloth from wedding dresses, silk ties, and their favorite shirts that were incorporated into our quilt for Fontenay. Their quilt is a cityscape of Fontenay and can be found on permanent display in Palatine Village Hall's second floor.

Travel between our two cities was arranged through the Sister Cities Association of Palatine. Palatine Sister Cities representatives are also looking forward to hosting Mayor Hocbon and members of his city council in August during Street Fest. Make time to meet



them while you enjoy the 25th annual Street Fest, August 22-24, or the Farmers Market on August 23rd. For more information visit the Sister Cities **website** or email [info@palatinesistercities.org](mailto:info@palatinesistercities.org).

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## Gateway Center Parking Deck West Entrance Closure

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 in April and is nearing completion.



The west entrance to the parking deck is closed as of today, July 11, at 5:00 a.m. to allow for concrete slab replacements at the entry to the deck and will reopen on Monday, July 14. The other two entrances will remain open and all 5 levels will be accessible during this time.

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

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## Construction Update: Salt Creek Streambank Stabilization



Work continues on the Salt Creek Streambank Stabilization project. Grading and armor stone installation along the south bank are underway. Work on the south bank east of Clark Drive will continue for the next week, depending on weather.

American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding of \$1,000,000 is providing the majority of the

funds required to improve Salt Creek from west of Clark Drive to east of Williams Drive. The Village also received \$350,000 in grant funds through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This project includes grading and reshaping the banks; stone toe, cross vane, and gabion basket installation; seeding with floodplain tolerant native plants; and replacement of storm sewer outfall structures.

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

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## SWANCC Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event at Palatine High School

On Saturday, July 19, 2025, the Village of Palatine, Palatine Park District, and Palatine High School are partnering with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to host an Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction Event. The event will be held at Palatine High School, 1111 N Rohlwing Road from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All vehicles must enter campus at the N Rohlwing Rd and E Cunningham Rd entrance and follow the signs provided. No vehicles will be allowed to enter the event after 12:00 PM.



Residents from Palatine and other SWANCC communities are eligible to participate. IDs will be checked for verification of residency. Materials will not be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools, or institutions.

All participants must follow safety guidelines for the event. Participants must be in a vehicle and remain in their vehicle. No walk ups are allowed. Participants will be asked to unlock/open the trunk to allow staff to unload electronics and paper. Boxes will be returned.

There is a limit of seven (7) electronic items for recycling per vehicle. Items must be intact. Acceptable electronic materials include cable receivers, cell phones, computer monitors, computers, converter boxes, fax machines, keyboards, mice, MP3 players, portable digital assistants, printers, satellite receivers, scanners, televisions (all types), video game consoles, video recorders/players and zip drives. For a complete list of acceptable electronic materials visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) and search Electronics Recycling.

Bring only sensitive documents for shredding. There is a limit of six (6) file-size boxes or paper bags per vehicle. Remove all plastic spines/covers and metal clips/binders. Staples are ok. NO paper in plastic bags. NO magazines, newspapers, photos or books.

Please NO small appliances, stereo equipment, batteries, household chemical waste, medications, sharps, light bulbs, or other unacceptable materials. Do not drop off materials other than during the posted event date and times.

For more info on other **SWANCC one day events** and weekly drop off locations, visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) or contact 847-724-9205.

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## Nominate Properties for Hometown Pride Awards



Nominate properties in Palatine for the annual Hometown Pride Awards! The Village of Palatine's Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for the 2025 Hometown Pride Awards to recognize residential and business properties that display attractive landscaping and have exceptional curb appeal. Judges will evaluate entries based on overall appearance, design, maintenance, color and diversity.

To enter, submit one photo taken within the last 30 days and a nomination form to the Public Works Department. Nominations must be received by Friday, July 25, and judging will take place on Monday, July 28.

For more information and to download a nomination form, visit our **website** or call Public Works at (847) 705-5200.

## Upcoming Community Events

### **Palatine Summer Farmers' Market**

Palatine Train Station  
Saturday, July 12, 7:00 a.m.

### **Paint and Craft Night**

Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
Friday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

### **Sounds of Summer - Horizon**

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater  
Friday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

### **TropiCool Pool Party**

Family Aquatic Center  
Saturday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.

### **Zumba Pool Party**

Family Aquatic Center  
Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.

### **Palatine Concert Band**

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater  
Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

### **Palatine Children's Chorus**

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center  
Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

### **Parents Night Out**

Rose Park  
Friday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.

### **Rockin' the Lakes - Forget Hannah**

Twin Lakes Deck  
Friday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

### **Sounds of Summer - The Simple Remedy**

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater  
Friday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.

### **Todd Downing: Tall Tales & Silly Songs**

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater  
Tuesday, July 22, 12:00 p.m.

### **Canine Carnival**

Fred P. Hall Amphitheater  
Thursday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

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



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