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WEEKLY E-NEWS

Community news, events and information important to our residents.

October 17, 2025

Downtown Public Realm Enhancements



In 2024, the Village collaborated with Design Workshop, Inc. to develop design concepts aimed at improving the streetscape, parking, public gathering spaces, and signage throughout the downtown area. These proposed enhancements, which feature a mix of active and passive public spaces, pedestrian upgrades, and remodeled public parking lots, were presented to the Village Council in May 2024.

Key elements of the conceptual improvements include:

- Enhanced features for downtown entry
- Upgraded streetscape and outdoor dining areas
- Improved parking and wayfinding signage
- Expansion of the downtown rail walk system
- Designated public gathering and event spaces

Current and Future Phases

The initial phase of the project is currently underway, involving a public-private partnership with Builtech LLC to reconfigure their parking lot located at 50 N. Brockway Street. This enhancement aims to provide additional public parking for downtown visitors during evenings, weekends, and

holidays. The project will also improve lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, and underground utilities, with completion expected by December 2025.

The next phase will focus on reconfiguring Slade Street to introduce more pedestrian-friendly and al fresco dining amenities, scheduled for Spring 2026.

Construction Alert: Maintenance Repairs Continue at the Gateway Center Parking Deck

Maintenance repairs continue at the Gateway Center Parking Deck located at 251 West Colfax Street. This past Wednesday, October 15, the east stair tower in the parking deck temporarily closed for floor repairs for approximately 1 month. Please use the west and north stair towers while the work in the east tower is being completed. The payment meters in the east tower have been moved to the east bridge connection to the train platform to accommodate the work. Please consider using the payment meters in the west stair tower or at the train station. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.



Palatine Police Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs October 25



On Saturday, October 25th 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 Road. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

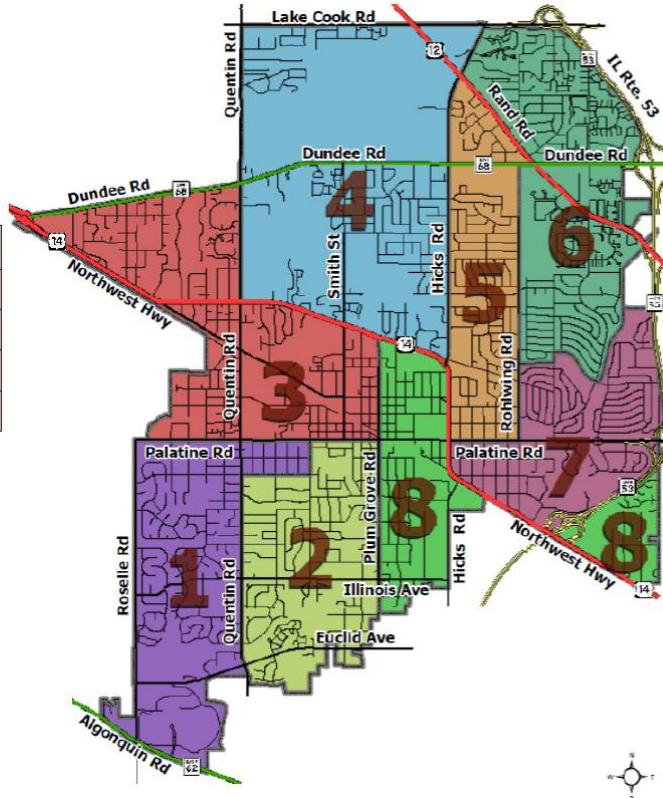
To ensure a quick and safe transaction, please do the following:

- Medication: All medication should be sealed in clear plastic zip-lock bag(s).
- Syringes: Although the DEA does not accept Syringes, Palatine Police will accept Syringes for disposal. Syringes must be capped and packaged separately from medication.
- Liquids: WILL NOT be accepted.
- Creams: UNOPENED creams only.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 26th Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com or call the Palatine Police Department at 847-359-9000.

Curbside Leaf Collection Begins the Week of October 27

ZONE	COLLECTION BEGINS
All Zones	October 27
1 - 4	November 3
5 - 8	November 10
All Zones	November 17



The Public Works Department will begin its annual Curbside Leaf Collection Program on Monday, October 27, 2025. Each single-family residence has three collections between the weeks of October 27 and November 17.

- Raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pickup no later than 7 a.m. on scheduled Mondays, but no earlier than 4 p.m. on the day prior to collection.
- Crews will start the pickups on Mondays and continue throughout the week until all the leaves have been collected in the scheduled zones.
- Only one pass will be made down each street during each collection week.
- Pickup on a certain day cannot be guaranteed. Collections are anticipated to finish by Thursdays each week, but may finish sooner depending on the volume of leaves.

To look up your collection dates and for collection guidelines, visit our [website](#) or call Public Works at (847) 705-5200.

Cook County Homeowner Relief Fund

If you are a Cook County homeowner who has experienced substantial property tax increases in recent years, you may qualify for \$1,000 in one-time assistance.



Homeowner Relief Fund

Eligibility requirements include:

- You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence.
- Your total household income must be at or below 100% of the Cook County Area Median Income (AMI).
- Your property tax bill must have increased by at least 30% in any of the 2021, 2022 or 2023 tax years.

Apply now through October 31, 2025 – funding is limited. Visit hrf.cookcountyil.gov

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Summer Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station

Saturday, October 18, 7:00 a.m.

Parent's Night Out

Rose Park Community Center

Friday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

Palatine Lego User Groups

Thrive Vineyard Church

Friday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

Paint and Craft Night

Twin Lakes Clubhouse

Friday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Palatine Plaza Fall Fun Fest

Palatine Plaza

Saturday, October 18, 11:00 a.m.

Trunk or Treat

Christ Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat with Pirate Pete

Palatine High School

Thursday, October 23, 5:00 p.m.

Family Pumpkin Carving Night

Immanuel Lutheran School

Thursday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.

Night of Worship

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

33 Little Pigs

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Family Bingo Night

Rose Park Community Center

Friday, October 24, 5:30 p.m.

Clayson House After Dark**Halloween Open House**

Palatine Historical Society

Friday, October 24, 6:00 p.m.

Halloween Hustle 5K

325 N. Eric Drive - Downtown Palatine

Saturday, October 25, 8:30 a.m.

Halloween Party

Palatine Park District

Saturday, October 25, 9:00 a.m.

DPBA Trick or Treat Event

Downtown Palatine Businesses

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.

Trunk-or-Treat & Community Meal

Immanuel Lutheran

Sunday, October 26, 2:00 p.m.

Halloween Party

Salt Creek Sports Center

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Haunted House

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

(click on the event name for more details)

Palatine Township & Lions Club

TEXTILE RECYCLING EVENT



Saturday, October 18

8 AM - 12 PM

Palatine Township

721 S. Quentin Road

(Enter via Illinois Avenue and exit via Quentin Road)



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Village Trick or Treat Hours

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

3 - 7 PM

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



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