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VILLAGE OF PALATINE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Community news, events and information important to our residents.

November 21, 2025



Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, December 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Tomorrow!

The holiday season arrives with a visit from Santa at Towne Square Park, 150 W. Palatine Road, for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting! Join us tomorrow, November 22, at 4:45 p.m., and enjoy holiday music, hot chocolate, and pictures with Santa in the Towne Square gazebo.

Families are also invited to bring donations for the Helping Hands Pantry Food Drive, which supports K-8 students facing food insecurity by providing nutritious school-day snacks and easy-to-prepare weekend meals. [View a list of](#)



Curbside Leaf Collection Program Update



Public Works Department crews will complete the final pickup of the Curbside Leaf Collection Program today.

Our community-wide last leaf pickup is planned to allow time to switch out our equipment to be prepared for snow and ice control events. Almost all the trucks involved in collecting leaves are part of our frontline snow and ice control fleet. As such, we need time to convert the equipment used in snow removal. We complete as much as possible the week of Thanksgiving to be prepared for any late November snow or ice events.

Public Works continues to monitor the weather and will announce on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, if conditions allow for an additional all zone collection.

Residents may continue to bag fallen leaves for their household yard waste pickup. Curbside bagged and bundled yard waste collection ends the week of December 8, 2025.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call Public Works at (847) 705-5200.

Palatine Police Thanksgiving Campaign for Safe and Sober Driving

This Thanksgiving, Palatine Police is joining the Illinois State Police and local partners to keep holiday travel safe. Our "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaigns run from Nov. 21 to Dec. 2.



Officers will be looking for seat-belt violations, speeding, distracted driving and impaired driving due to alcohol or drugs, including cannabis.

"Thanksgiving brings more vehicles, longer trips and more festivities," said Commander Christopher Stearns. "Seat belts remain one of the simplest and most effective ways to save your life in a crash. We're asking every driver and passenger to buckle up, every trip, every time — and to make a plan for a sober ride before the celebrations begin. If you drink alcohol or use cannabis, don't drive."

Plan ahead with these tips:

- Before you go out, choose a sober driver or plan to use a taxi, public transit or a rideshare service (Uber, Lyft, etc.).
- If you host, offer alcohol free beverages and help guests arrange sober transportation.
- If you've used cannabis, do not drive. Effects can be delayed and impair reaction time and judgment.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over safely and call 911.
- Make sure everyone in the vehicle wears a seat belt. It's your best defense

against an impaired driver.

This Thanksgiving enforcement effort is supported by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and aligns with Illinois' statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Click It or Ticket" and "It's Not a Game" campaigns.

Thanksgiving Holiday Overnight Parking



The Village is granting Village-wide overnight parking permission during the Thanksgiving holiday, Friday, November 21 through 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 2. You may park vehicles on the street overnight during this time.

This holiday parking permission DOES NOT include commercial vehicles. The Village's Code of Ordinances defines commercial vehicles as "any motor vehicle used by or for a business or service which may or may not bear any sort of advertising for that business or service."

Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Village of Palatine, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling, is pleased to offer a Holiday Light Recycling Program now until January 31, 2026.

Holiday string lights can be dropped off at the Palatine Village Hall, Village Services Counter (first floor), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**HOLIDAY LIGHT
RECYCLE PROGRAM**

Accepted Items:

- Holiday string lighting (minilight, C7 & C9, rope, and LED)
- Extension cords

Not Accepted:

- Wreaths, garlands, or other holiday decorations

Important: Do not place string lights or extension cords in your recycling cart. For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042. Help reduce waste this holiday season!

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station
Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

Tales for Tots

Immanuel Lutheran School
Thursday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.

Parents Night Out

Rose Park Community Center
Friday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

Palatine Concert Band Holiday Concert

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center
Friday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

New & Used Clothing Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Church

PJ's and Pancakes

Saturday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.

Pop-Up Teacher Book Sale

Palatine Library

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.

Many Paws Global Adoption Event

Lamplighter Inn Tavern & Grille

Saturday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.

Bingo

American Legion

Saturday, November 22, 6:00 p.m.

Turkey Trot & Sammy Scurry

Harper College

Thursday, November 27, 8:00 a.m.

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Palatine Park District

Available Now - December 1

Salt Creek PD Adult Trip

Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum

Wednesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Thrive Vineyard Church

Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

Palatine Dance Winter Dance Showcase

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Saturday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.

Holiday Craft Family Workshop

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Saturday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

Palatine Children's Chorus

"Holiday Rush" Winter Concert

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

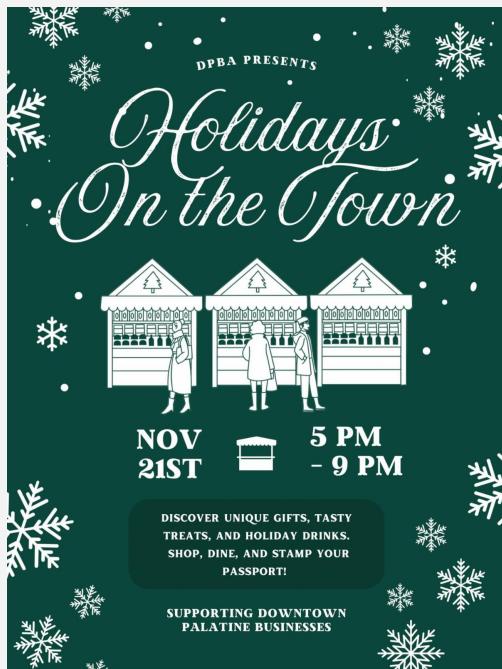
Saturday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.

Family Gingerbread House Decorating

Birchwood Recreation Center

Sunday, December 7, 12:30 p.m.

(click on the event name for more details)



Holidays on the Town November 21

The annual DPBA (*Downtown Palatine Business Association*) Holidays on the Town is tomorrow! Enjoy an evening of local shopping, dining, community, and holiday cheer on Friday, November 21, 5 - 9 PM.

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Light the Way Home Adoption Event November 22

Many Paws Global Rescue presents "Light the Way Home" adoption event Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Lamplighter Inn Tavern & Grill, 60 N. Bothwell Street.

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**PALATINE JAYCEES
ANNUAL TREE & WREATH SALE**

EVERY FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, NOV 28 - DEC 21
(PENDING INVENTORY)

**FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER PARKING LOT:
340 E PALATINE RD**

FRI: 6PM-8PM
SAT: 9AM-8PM
SUN: 10AM-5PM

PHOTOS WITH SANTA
DECEMBER 13TH
10AM-1PM

DROP YOUR LETTERS IN SANTA'S MAILBOX NOV 28 - DEC 14!

FOR FULL DETAILS & HOURS, VISIT PALATINEJAYCEES.ORG





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- **PART TIME SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

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



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