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# VILLAGE OF PALATINE

## WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Community news, events and information important to our residents.*

December 5, 2025

## Final Collection of Curbside Yard Waste Week of December 8



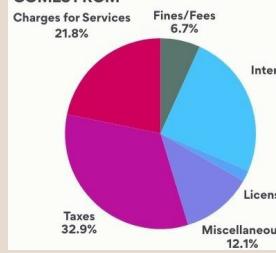
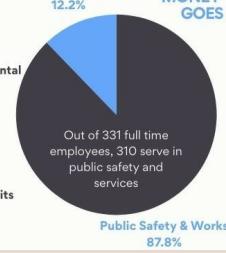
The final season's collection of bagged yard waste and bundled brush will end the week of December 8, 2025. Final bagged yard waste collection will take place on your regular garbage collection day. Please have yard waste at the curb by 6:30 AM on your collection day. Curbside yard waste collection will resume the week of March 30, 2026.

For yard waste collection guidelines, visit our [website](#) or call the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9042.

## Village Council Approves 2026 Budget

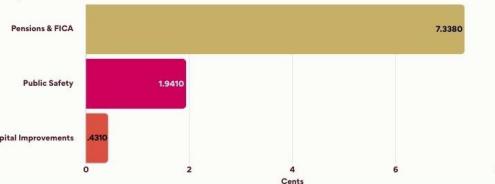
2026  
BUDGET  
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CY26 Budget4% DECREASE  
FROM CY25 TO CY26SCAN THE QR  
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THE FULL BUDGET  
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BALANCED BUDGET

NO NEW FEES OR  
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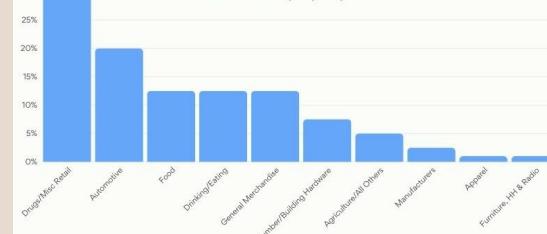
## WHERE DOES THE VILLAGE'S 9.71 CENTS OF A PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GO?

Property Taxes fund Public Safety (Police and Fire Protection), the Village's share of Retirement Plan funding (FICA, IMRF, Police and Firefighters' Pensions), and Capital Improvement.



## SALES TAX DIVERSIFICATION

The Village's strong and diverse sales tax base significantly reduces reliance on property taxes.



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The Village Council approved the 2026 Budget during Monday's Council meeting. The 2026 budget marks the seventh consecutive year of a stable or decreasing property tax levy. The 2026 budget does not include any new fees or taxes, no increase to the property tax levy, and marks another debt-free year. It makes significant investments in our water, sewer and flood control infrastructure as well as record spending on our road program.

Here are a few highlights included in the 2026 budget:

- No Increase to Property Tax Levy
- No Debt Levy
- Renewed Focus and Investment in Downtown District
- Continued Record Investment in Road Network and Water System
- Strategic Outsourcing to Enhance our Technology Functions

You can read the full 2026 budget on our [website](#).

## Keep the Wreath Red

The Palatine Fire Department is once again participating in "Keep the Wreath Red" safety campaign. From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, a wreath adorned with red lights will be displayed at all five of our fire stations. Each time they respond to a holiday-related call, one red light will be replaced with a white bulb. We encourage you to take notice of the wreaths and use this as a reminder to check for fire hazards in your home.



Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season from all of us at the Palatine Fire Department!



Each year the Palatine Township coordinates a number of programs which assist our neighbors in need. Helping families from our community is a wonderful way to celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season.

If you would like to help please consider the following options:

- Donate a [Gift Card](#)
- Donate to the [Food Pantry](#)
- Make a tax-deductible donation to the [Palatine Township Foundation](#)

Thank you for your generosity. For more information visit the Palatine Township [website](#).

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## 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!

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## A New Option to Recycle Leftover Paint



SWANCC is excited to announce that, as of December 1, 2025, Illinois has a new, easy option to recycle paint with [PaintCare](#) at more than 250 drop-off sites across the state.

The [PaintCare](#) program is Illinois's new initiative that makes it easier to recycle or safely dispose of leftover latex and oil-based household paint. Funded through a small fee added to the purchase of new paint, the program sets up **FREE**, convenient drop-off sites where residents and businesses can bring unused paint instead of throwing it away. Once collected, the paint is sorted, reused, recycled, or disposed of responsibly, helping reduce waste and protect the environment.

**Find a drop-off location near you** and recycle that old paint. Participating locations accept up to 5 gallons per visit (*some may take more*), contact your preferred location to confirm hours and requirements. You will not be charged to drop off acceptable paint at participating locations

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More

## It's National Influenza Vaccination Week



It's National Influenza Week, a good time to get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19. Children at least six months old and adults can get free flu and COVID shots at Cook County's vaccination clinics every Saturday through March 28.

Cook County Department of Public Health, in conjunction with Cook County Health and CountyCare, is offering vaccinations on rotating Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in five suburban Cook County locations. No appointment is needed.

A person's immigration status will not stop them from receiving immunizations. Insurance is not required, but community members are asked to bring an I.D. and insurance card, if available. Access the full schedule for the clinics [here](#).

## Upcoming Community Events

### Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

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

### Palatine Concert Band Holiday Concert

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

### PJ's and Pancakes

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

### Christmas Bible School

St. Thomas of Villanova Gym  
Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.

### Fremd Boosters Holiday Craft Fair

Fremd High School  
Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.

### Cookie Walk

Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

### Santa Paws

Clayson House Museum  
Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

### Christmas Musical Program

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
Sunday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.

### Pet Pictures with Santa

Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
Sunday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.

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.

**Tales for Tots**  
Immanuel Lutheran School  
Thursday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Winter Dreamin':**  
The Allegro Holiday Concert  
Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center  
Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.

**Christmas Concert**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

**Christmas Movie Night**  
Thrive Vineyard Church  
Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

**Family Holiday Puzzle Palooza**  
Twin Lakes Clubhouse  
Friday, December 19, 5:45 p.m.

**Parents Night Out**  
Rose Park Community Center  
Friday, December 19, 6:00 p.m.

**P-Town Paddle Battle**  
Community Center  
Saturday, December 20, 7:00 a.m.

(click on the event name for more details )



**Paint and Craft Night**  
Salt Creek Park District

Friday, December 12  
All Ages  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Twin Lakes Clubhouse



**American Legion  
Santa Breakfast**

Saturday, December 13  
American Legion  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Free Pictures with Santa!

# 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 13<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM-1PM

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



FOR FULL DETAILS & HOURS, VISIT [PALATINEJAYCEES.ORG](http://PALATINEJAYCEES.ORG)



## WE'RE HIRING!

- CIVIL ENGINEER I OR CIVIL ENGINEER II
- ELECTRICIAN
- ENGINEERING INTERN
- FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
- PART TIME SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Learn more at [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us)



Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

847-358-7500



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