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VILLAGE OF PALATINE



December 19, 2025



Refuse and Recycling: No Changes for Upcoming Holidays

The will be no changes to Village's refuse and recycling collection during the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Please remember to place garbage and recycling at the curb for collection by 6:30 am and do not place Groot carts in the street.



Christmas trees and wreaths can be placed at the curb on your regular collection day during December and January.

For more info visit Refuse & Recycling or contact Environmental Health at 847-359-9042.

Exciting News! The Village is Now Offering Recurring Payment Option

The Village of Palatine has implemented a new Recurring Payment option for online utility payments. Residents can now schedule automatic payments using either a credit card or E-check. Please note that Credit Card payments will be assessed additional processing fees, E-check payments have no associated fees. All recurring payments will be processed on the due date of your utility bill.

To enroll in recurring payments visit our [website](#), select [Online Payments](#), and click on [Utility Bills](#). The Credit Card Enrollment option can be found under the Payments tab, where you will be prompted to enter all required information. Recurring payments will become effective on your Next billing cycle.

If you have any questions about the new payment option or need assistance with enrollment, please contact the Utility Billing Department at (847)-359-9082 or email UB@Palatine.il.us.

Cheer on the Operation North Pole Holiday Train Tomorrow, December 20th!



The Village of Palatine invites the community to help spread holiday joy on Saturday, December 20, as the Operation North Pole Holiday Train passes through town!

This specially decorated Metra train carries families with seriously ill children on a magical trip to the "North Pole." The train is scheduled to pass the Palatine Metra

Palatine firefighters and police officers will be on the platform cheering, and we invite residents of all ages to join us! Wear holiday attire, bring signs or bells, and help make this a memorable moment for these brave families.

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NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea and cases are on the rise. There are many steps you can take to decrease your chances of infection, with the most important prevention measure being to wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

People of all ages can get infected and sick with norovirus. It is sometimes called the "stomach flu" or the "stomach bug." However, norovirus illness is not related to the flu. The flu is caused by the influenza virus.

How Norovirus Spreads

- You can get norovirus from sick people and through contaminated food, water, or surfaces.
- Most people with norovirus illness get better within 1 to 3 days; but they can still spread the virus for a few days after.
- You are most contagious when you have symptoms of norovirus illness or during the few days after you feel better.



Signs and Symptoms

- A person usually develops symptoms 12 to 48 hours after being exposed to norovirus.
- Most common symptoms: Diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, and stomach pain. Other symptoms: Fever, headache and body aches.
- Norovirus illness can lead to dehydration due to the loss of bodily fluids. Watch for dehydration and drink plenty of liquids.

How To Prevent Norovirus

- Wash hands well with soap and water; hand sanitizer alone does not work well against norovirus.
- Do not prepare, handle food, or care for others when you are sick.

For more info visit [IDPH Noroviruses](#) and [CDC Norovirus](#).

Palatine Police Host Shop with a Cop 2025



This past Saturday, December 13, the Palatine Police Department proudly hosted their 2025 Shop with a Cop event—and it was another incredible success!

Thanks to the generosity and support of the officers, Police Department social workers Kimberly Quintanilla and Danielle Di Cristofano, and community partners, they were able to make the holiday season extra special for local children and their families.

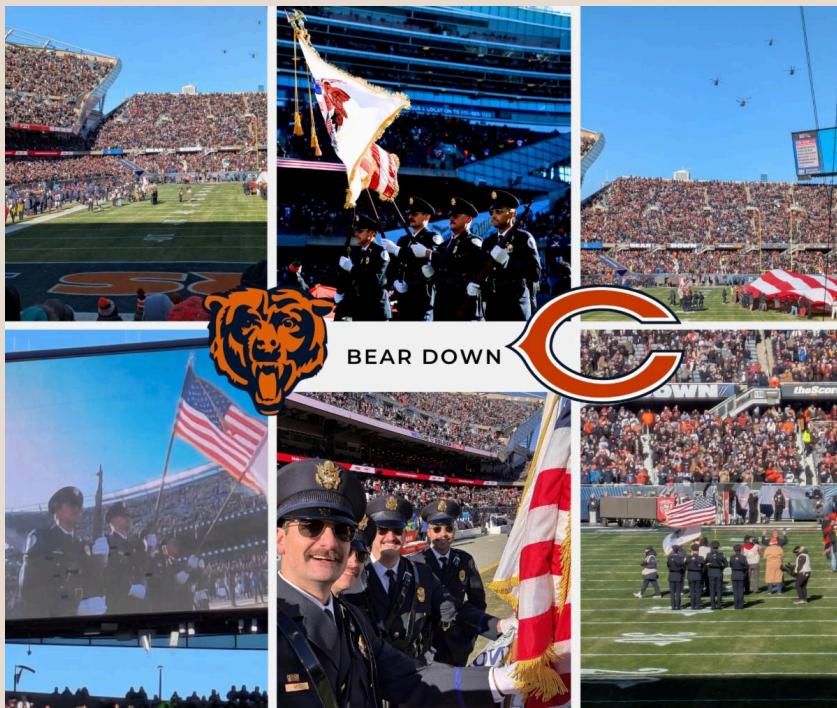
The police would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Club of Palatine for funding the event. Their generosity made this experience possible and helped create lasting memories for the families the police serve.

They are also grateful to the amazing partners who helped bring the day together:

- Target Store (Palatine) – for hosting and creating a welcoming space for the families.
- Palatine Citizen's Police Academy for their incredible support of our department and community.
- Harvest Bible Chapel volunteers for donating their time and talent to wrap gifts and spread holiday cheer.

Together, meaningful connections and unforgettable memories were made. Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in this special event. They couldn't do it without you! ❤️

Local Honor Guard at Soldier Field



Last Sunday, the Palatine Police Department Honor Guard had the privilege of presenting the colors at Soldier Field before the Chicago Bears vs. Cleveland Browns football game. Outstanding job by the Honor Guard members—representing the Palatine Police Department and Village of Palatine with professionalism, precision, and pride on a national stage. Thank you for your service and dedication.  Go Bears!



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Holiday Light Recycling Program

The Village of Palatine 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.

Upcoming Community Events

Palatine Winter Farmers' Market
Palatine Train Station
Saturday, December 20, 9:00 a.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.

All Saints Living Nativity
All Saints Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

Caroling in the Neighborhood
DeerGrove Covenant Church
Sunday, December 21, 1:00 p.m.

Noon Years Eve Party
Salt Creek Sports Center
Wednesday, December 31, 10:30 a.m.

(click on the event name for more details)

Palatine Library Winter Reading Challenge

Winter Reading Challenge 2025

YETI, SET, READ!

Monday, December 15 – Saturday, January 31

Sign up begins 12/15.
For Palatine cardholders only.

All Ages!



Palatine LIBRARY District
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Dog Park Memberships

Dog Park Memberships for 2026 are available for Palatine Park District's Dog Park located at Plum Grove Reservoir, located on the Harper College Campus.

The fenced-in dog park is 2.2 acres in size and can be found on Algonquin Road, south of Harper College. It has separate areas for large and small dogs. The dog park season begins in January and lasts through December for the year. Registration is accepted year-round and registration forms can be downloaded online or obtained from Birchwood Recreation Center, Community Center, and Falcon Park Recreation Center.

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Park District Outdoor Ice Rink

The Palatine Park District Outdoor Ice Rink, located on the basketball court closest to the amphitheater, is open weather permitting during the months of December, January and February.

Monday-Friday

Free Skating: 9AM-7PM
Hockey: 7PM-10:30PM

Saturday-Sunday

Free Skating: 9AM-6PM
Hockey: 6PM-10:30PM

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847-358-7500



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