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**February 13, 2026**

### **Village Hall Closed February 16**

Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026 in observance of Presidents' Day. Village Hall will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Garbage and Recycling Collection:**

Please note that garbage and recycling will be collected as scheduled the week of February 16, 2026. There will be no changes to garbage and recycling collection by Groot due to the Presidents' Day holiday.



### **Ben Franklin Memorial February 23**

On Monday, February 23, 2026, at 9 a.m., the Palatine Fire Department will be hosting a brief ceremony to honor the service and sacrifice of Palatine volunteer firefighters John Wilson, Richard Freeman, and Warren Ahlgrim, who lost their lives fighting a fire at the Ben Franklin Store in 1973.

# Wood Mulch Delivery Program



The Village's popular wood mulch delivery program returns this year with a new online ordering system. The new system offers a more convenient way to schedule an appointment online and streamlines the payment process by adding the delivery fee to the utility bill.

Delivery appointments can be scheduled, online, beginning Monday, March 2. Scheduling will be available online only and the link to access the ordering system will be active on our website starting at 8:00 a.m. that day. Deliveries will be made on Fridays to residents' driveway aprons and will take place on April 10, April 17, April 24, May 1, and May 8. Appointments will be available on a first come, first served basis and fill quickly. This program is only available to single-family residences within Village limits.

There is a delivery fee of \$51 per 3 cubic yard load and residents can request deliveries of 3, 6, or 9 cubic yards. The delivery fee will be billed to the Utility Services account associated with the address entered in the ordering system, so prepayment will no longer be required. This method allows for payments to be made by E-Check, credit card, cash, and check. Please note that credit card payments will be assessed additional processing fees whether they are made in-person at Village Hall or online.

For smaller amounts of mulch, residents may visit the mulch bins at the holding center located at 550 North Smith Street. Please bring your own shovel and containers. There is no charge to pick up your own mulch.

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

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## Early Voting for the Gubernatorial Primary Election Runs March 2 - 16

Early voting for the 2026 Gubernatorial Election will take place March 2nd through March 16th, including weekends, at 150 W. Wilson Street (Park District) during the following hours:

- Monday through Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

**Voter Registration:**



Non-registered voters can **register to vote** and cast their ballot at all **early voting sites**. Two forms of identification must be presented with one ID showing the voter's current address.

### **Election Day:**

Polls are open on Election Day from 6 am to 7 pm at designated polling places. Non-registered voters can register to vote at their home precinct (**polling place**). Two forms of identification must be presented with one ID showing the voter's current address

Please call the Village Clerk's office with any questions at (847) 359-9050.

**Please note: VILLAGE HALL IS NOT A POLLING PLACE.**

[Find Your Polling Place](#)

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## State of the Village Wednesday, March 4

Join the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce with Mayor Jim Schwantz and Village Manager Reid Ottesen, as they provide Village of Palatine initiatives and goals for 2026. Learn about what is on the horizon for the Village as well as an update on the status of our business community.

A blue rectangular poster with white text. At the top, it says "VILLAGE of PALATINE" in a small, sans-serif font. Below that, "State of the Village 2026" is written in a large, elegant script font. The date and time "Wednesday, March 4, 2026 8 am- 9 am" are in a medium sans-serif font. The location "Palatine Village Hall 200 E Wood St, Council Chambers" is at the bottom in a smaller sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there are two logos: the "VILLAGE OF PALATINE Est. 1866" logo on the left and the "PALATINE Area Chamber of Commerce" logo on the right. Below these logos, it says "SPONSOR PALATINE BANK &amp; TRUST A WINTHROP COMMUNITY BANK" in a small font.

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## Palatine St. Patrick's Parade March 14

A green rectangular poster with white and red text. At the top, there are three logos: "JL's PIZZA &amp; SPORTS BAR" on the left, "TJ O'BRIEN'S Bar &amp; Grill" in the center, and "DURTY NELLIE'S" on the right. Below the logos, the text "Palatine St. Patrick's Parade, Festivities and Celebrations! Saturday, March 14th" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says "Parade | Epic After Parties" in a smaller font.

The Palatine St. Patrick's Parade returns Saturday, March 14, with the step-off at 11 a.m.! The parade begins at Wood and Oak streets and travels west to Smith and Wood streets where it ends - bringing a morning of Irish pride, music, and community celebration to downtown.

Now's the time to claim your spot in the parade lineup! Businesses, nonprofits, houses of

worship, youth sports teams, and neighborhood groups are invited to register as entries and show thousands of spectators who you are and what you do. It's a fun, high-energy way to celebrate while putting your organization in the spotlight alongside presenting sponsors **JL's Pizza & Sports Bar**, **Tap House Grill**, **TJ O'Brien's Bar & Grill**, and parade founder **Durty Nellie's**.



Want to join the excitement in other ways? Nominate the Parade Queen, King, or the Royal Court! Register your entry, submit Royal Court nominations, and explore sponsorship opportunities at [StPatsPalatine.com](http://StPatsPalatine.com).

## Upcoming Community Events

### Palatine Winter Farmers' Market

Palatine Train Station  
Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.

### Paint & Craft Night - 3D Heart

Twin Lakes  
Friday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.  
*Pre-registration required.*

### "Arthur & Friends Make a Musical"

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center  
Saturday, Feb. 14, 1:30 & 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 15, 1:30 & 5:00 p.m.

### Illinois State House District 52 Candidate Forum

Barrington Area Library  
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m.

### A Sweetheart's Dance

Good News in the Neighborhood  
Saturday, February 14, 4:00 p.m.

### Bingo

American Legion  
Saturday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.

### School's Day Out

Salt Creek Park District  
Monday, February 16  
Tuesday, February 17  
*Pre-registration required.*

### No School Basketball Camps

Palatine Park District  
Monday, February 16  
Tuesday, February 17

### Puzzle Palooza

Twin Lakes  
Wednesday, February 18, 5:45 p.m.

### Senator Darby Hills

Palatine Library  
Thursday, February 19, 5:00 p.m.

### Parents Night Out

Rose Park  
Friday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

### 5th Congressional District Republican Candidate Forum

Barrington Area Library  
Saturday, February 21, 10:00 a.m.

### PHS Musical: "Chicago: Teen Edition"

Palatine High School  
Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Sat., February 28, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

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

## Bite Into Local February 20 - 28

The Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to **Bite Into Local** February 20-28. Enjoy Bites ALL Week Long from over 15 LOCAL Restaurants in Palatine, Arlington Heights and Rolling Meadows! Discover new favorites and support local dining.



[Learn More](#)



**the great CHILI COOK OFF OF PALATINE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
1-4PM  
TAP HOUSE GRILL

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

LOCAL RESTAURANTS - GREAT CHILI - YOU BE THE JUDGE!

**PALATINE**  
Area Chamber of Commerce

## The Great Chili Cook Off of Palatine February 22

Join the Palatine Chamber's 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off-- a battle amongst local Palatine restaurants competing for the BEST chili in town! Voting is decided by YOU and a panel of local Palatine celebrities!

[Learn More](#)



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

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