

# Village of Palatine

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 2008

### Look What's on Tap for This Year's Palatine 4th of July Festival!

The 51st Annual Palatine Jaycees' Hometown 4th of July Festival is just days away! Great carnival rides, fabulous entertainment, the traditional parade and fireworks are ready to delight every member of the family. Here is a look at a few of this year's highlights:

On Wednesday, July 2nd the Jaycees are holding an outdoor movie night. Starting at 8:30 p.m. or dusk, the Jaycees will be showing a family friendly movie called *The Bee Movie*. The following Saturday, July 5th at 3:00 p.m. will be the first Hometown Toss Corn Hole Tournament. For \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per team of two, participants will be able to compete for prizes and bragging rights throughout Palatine. The next day on Sunday, July 6th at 3:00 p.m. the Jaycees will hold the Palatine Idol Karaoke Contest. The competition is open to children and adults. Prizes will be awarded.

The parade will feature more than 80 entrants. You'll enjoy a dozen entertainment acts including the Kracker Jacks Drum Line, the Chicago Highlanders Pipe Band and the South Shore Drill Team. Palatine Township will once again be collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry about 15 minutes prior to the start of the parade.

Again this year, festival-goers will have the opportunity to purchase "Mega Passes," which are good all hours and days throughout the festival. The Jaycees will be selling passes on Thursday, June 26th at the Palatine Park District located at 250 E. Wood Street in Room 1F from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$55.00 and cash or checks will be accepted. Individuals will be given a certificate that can be turned in for a Mega Pass at Hometown Fest. Mega Passes will also be sold on the first day of the Festival, Wednesday, July 2nd from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. If passes are purchased at the Festival the price increases to \$65.00. Pick-up times for Mega Passes will be on Wednesday, July 2nd from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., and Thursday, July 3rd from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Festival grounds.

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### Village's 2008 Street Resurfacing Program Finished in Record Time

Motorists and residents who live in Palatine got an unexpected bonus this year — the Village's 2008 street resurfacing was completed well ahead of schedule with minimal disruption and inconvenience.

A total of seven miles of streets were resurfaced on 43 streets in front of 870 residences. Work included repairs to storm inlets, curb and gutter repair and improvements, replacement of the driving surface, striping and landscaping. This work was completed in 57 days, a record, with the average disruption to any one neighborhood being 38 days. The completion date of May 23 for placement of asphalt was one of the earliest ever recorded.

### Want to Catch the Council Meetings?

We make it easy. If it isn't convenient to watch the Council meetings when they are broadcast live on Monday nights, there are several other opportunities to catch them on cable television or the Village's radio station.

Council meetings are rebroadcast on cable TV channel 6 on:

Wednesday -- 7:00 p.m.

Friday -- 9:00 a.m.

Saturday -- 12:00 noon

Council meetings are also broadcast live on AM radio channel 1660.

Council meetings are held on the first, second and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

# Home Pickup Service Available for Computers and Other Electronics

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is once again offering residents a convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it is estimated that billions of consumer electronics will be scrapped during the rest of this decade. Because there are both potentially harmful and recoverable materials in computers and electronic equipment, recycling old equipment is the responsible thing to do. The At Home Computer Pick Up Program offers the option of having these items picked up from your front door rather than driving to a drop off location.

SWANCC's At Home Pick-up is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

**Step 1** – Schedule a pick-up by contacting SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 ext. 9 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during Monday through Friday.

**Step 2** – Place electronics and computer equipment without packaging on the front porch or steps by 7:30 am on the scheduled day of pick-up.

**Step 3** – Tag equipment with signage provided by SWANCC.

The program is available to single family and town home residences only. Residents will pay a fee of \$25.00 and can recycle up to 6 items per pick-up. Cell phones and calculators do not count as an "item". No individual item can exceed 50 pounds. For program questions, please e-mail [athome@swancc.org](mailto:athome@swancc.org).

## Acceptable Materials:

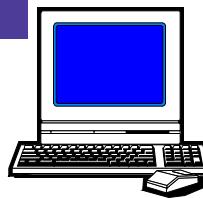
- Personal computer systems • monitor • CPU • printers • scanners • fax machines • electric typewriters • answering machines and telephones • shredders
- TVs (max 27" - no wood consoles) • VHS/DVD players • radios • stereo equipment • microwaves • cell phones • calculators

## Unacceptable Materials:

- TV's over 27" or wood consoles • air conditioners • copy machines • humidifiers
- small/large home appliances • power tools • software • disks • CDs or DVDs

Through reuse and recycling programs, these materials can be refurbished for reuse or demanufactured for recycling. By not putting your electronics in the trash, natural resources and energy are conserved, valuable and potentially harmful materials are recovered and landfill space is saved. For information on obtaining software to clear data from your computer prior to recycling visit [www.swancc.org/pdfs/recycling/donatecomputers.pdf](http://www.swancc.org/pdfs/recycling/donatecomputers.pdf).

For many other options regarding permanent drop-off locations, donation and mail in electronic and computer recycling programs visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or contact the Palatine Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.



# Village of Palatine Vehicle Stickers Must Be Displayed by July 1

Residents within the corporate limits of the Village of Palatine are reminded that the 2008-2009 Vehicle Stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by June 30, 2008. The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning July 1, 2008. Stickers may be purchased in person, by mail, or by using the 24-hour drop box at the Village Hall.

## COST

The vehicle sticker covers the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The price if purchased during the month of June, for passenger cars is \$25.00. Purchased on July 1 and after, the price is \$35.00 per passenger vehicle.

## DISCOUNTS

A vehicle sticker is available at the reduced rate of \$5.00 if one qualifies as a disabled veteran (proof by vehicle registration), holder of handicapped license plates issued by the State of Illinois, (proof by authorization from the Secretary of State of Illinois) or as a senior, 65 years or older. There is only one reduced rate vehicle sticker per household.

## ANIMAL REGISTRATION TAGS

Village ordinance requires that all dogs and cats be registered and wear tags. Animal tags are \$6.00 per pet, and must also be purchased by July 1. A current rabies vaccination number is required for purchase.

## HOURS

Village of Palatine Office hours:

Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	(June only)

# Document Destruction Event Coming to Palatine on August 2

Prevent identity theft while cleaning out your files. The Village of Palatine and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be hosting a free document destruction event on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 9:00 -11:00 AM. The event will be held at the Palatine Public Works facility located at 148 W. Illinois Avenue. Paper documents will be shredded on site and then recycled. The following types of documents will be accepted for shredding: bank statements, medical forms, personal files, retired tax forms and receipts. Staples and

paper clips do not need to be removed, but please remove binders.

This event is open to residents that live in SWANCC-member towns only, including the Village of Palatine. Proof of residency will be required. No business waste will be accepted.

For more information, please call the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) and SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).





The Palatine Jaycees present the 51st annual

# 4TH OF JULY - "Hometown Fest"



Community Park ★ July 2 - July 6

FIREWORKS ON JULY 3 ★ PARADE ON JULY 5



## SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008

Parade	10:00 AM
Arts & Crafts Fair/Business & Charity Expo	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Bingo	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Food and Soda	
Adult Beverages (Last call at 11:30 PM)	Noon - Midnight
Carnival (Wristbands Noon – 5:00 PM)	Noon – Midnight
Corn Hole Tournament	3:00 PM
<b>Musical Entertainment:</b>	
20 Over	Noon – 2:00 PM
Scott Wesley Band	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Eleventh Hour	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Elvis 2000/Bluz Brothers	7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Think Floyd USA -	
The American Pink Floyd Show	10:00 PM - Midnight

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008

Carnival (Wristbands 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM)	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Movie Night -- The Bee Movie	8:30 PM (dusk)
Food and Soda	
Adult Beverages (Last call at 9:30 PM)	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

## THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2008

Special Needs Carnival	12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
Food and Soda	
Carnival	4:00 PM – Midnight
Adult Beverages (Last call at 11:30 PM)	4:00 PM – Midnight
Fireworks	9:30 PM
<b>Musical Entertainment:</b>	
Kevin Mileski	4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Paul Windsor Orchestra	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Bucket #6	10:00 PM - Midnight

## FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008

Arts & Crafts Fair / Business & Charity Expo	Noon – 8:00 PM
Food and Soda	
Carnival (Wristbands Noon – 5:00 PM)	Noon – Midnight
Adult Beverages (Last call at 11:30 PM)	Noon - Midnight
<b>Musical Entertainment:</b>	
New Colossus	Noon – 2:00 PM
Mojo Hand	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
The HighEnd Trio	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
South of Disorder	7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Wedding Banned	10:00 PM - Midnight



## PARADE ROUTE

## SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2008

Food and Soda	
Carnival (Wristbands Noon – 5:00 PM)	Noon – 5:00 PM
Adult Beverages (Last call at 4:30 PM)	Noon – 5:00 PM
Family Day	Noon – 3:00 PM
<b>Musical Entertainment:</b>	
Palatine Idol Karaoke	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Band & event schedules subject to change without notice



# Join the Fun

## August 22, 23, & 24

MAIN STAGE FEATURED MUSIC LINE-UP

**Fri. Aug. 22**



**Wedding Banned**

**Sat. Aug. 23**



**Smash Mouth**



**Justin Roberts**

**Plus More Family Fun!**

**Sun Aug. 24**



**Mike & Joe**

[www.palatine.il.us/streetfest](http://www.palatine.il.us/streetfest)

## Do You Have a Wet Spot in Your Yard? Why Not Try Creating a Rain Garden?

Do you have a persistently wet area in your yard where you just can't get the grass to grow? Instead of trying to get something to grow where it just doesn't want to, why not try plants that thrive in this type of environment? Homeowners throughout the Midwest are turning to rain gardens as a beautiful way to dealing with problem drainage areas in their yards. Rain gardens are landscape areas planted with attractive wild flowers and other native vegetation. They can provide a habitat for butterflies and birds. They fill with a few inches of water and allow the water to gradually soak into the ground. In many instances they can serve as an ideal area for the sump pump to discharge. They also can improve water quality by reducing run-off laden with sediment, fertilizer and other nutrients.

Though simple in concept, they must be properly constructed to achieve the maximum drainage benefit and visual effect. A rain garden is bowl or saucer shape with deep, loose soil, so as to collect and absorb the water. The existing soil must be dug out to a depth of about 3-feet. A layer of coarse gravel approximately a foot thick is placed at the bottom, then a mixture of topsoil and sand about a foot thick is added, finished off with about 6-inches of loose organic topsoil. The size of the rain garden is dependent upon how much water is expected to drain to it but should not be less than 100 square-feet or roughly 10 by 10 feet. If properly designed and constructed, the rain garden should not visibly hold

## Palatine Upcoming Community Events

June 20-21	<b>Greekfest</b> St. Nectarios Church, Palatine & Roselle Road Information: (847) 358-5170; <a href="http://www.stnectariosgoc.org">www.stnectariosgoc.org</a>
June 29	<b>Palatine Historical Society House Walk</b> Begins at Clayson House, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.; Information: (847) 991-6460;
July 1-6	<b>Palatine Jaycees 4th of July Fest</b> Community Park, Wood Street Fireworks, July 3, Parade, July 5 Information: (847) 604-0288 - hotline <a href="http://www.palatinejaycees.org/fourthofjuly/index">www.palatinejaycees.org/fourthofjuly/index</a>
Aug. 2	<b>Document Destruction Event</b> 9:00-11:00 a.m., Public Works Facility.
Aug. 22-24	<b>Downtown Palatine Street Fest</b> See headline entertainment at left
Sept. 12-13	<b>Oktoberfest</b> Information: <a href="http://www.palatinerotary.com">www.palatinerotary.com</a>
Sept. 13-14	<b>Art Fair Around the Square</b> Information: <a href="http://www.palatineinvernessarts.org">www.palatineinvernessarts.org</a>



water for much more than a day or two after a rain. This will not produce mosquitoes as they take 10 to 14 days to hatch. A good website to check out more about the details in constructing a rain garden is <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/home.rgmanual.pdf>. The types of plants to use in the rain garden will depend upon whether it will be located in a sunny or shady area. Some typical plants include Asters, Coneflowers, Bluestem, Blazing Star, Phlox, Wild Geranium, Columbine, and ferns. Certain shrubs like Dogwoods as well as native or ornamental grasses can also be used. For a more complete list of plants suitable for this area check out [http://www.standingupforillinois.org/cleanwater/rg\\_native.php](http://www.standingupforillinois.org/cleanwater/rg_native.php). Once established a rain garden should need little maintenance beyond light weeding and cleaning.

If you would like more information regarding rain gardens and if it might be a help to your problem drainage area you can contact the Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044. In certain situations this may be a lower cost alternative to the Village's 50/50 Storm Sewer Extension Program and its construction may be eligible for village funding.

## Rotary Club of Palatine Presents: Oktoberfest!

When: Friday, September 12th  
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 13th,  
Noon - 11:00 p.m.

Where: Fireman's Memorial Parking Lot  
Downtown Palatine.

Information: Call (847) 217-1845 for details.



## Travel Plans Include a Foreign Country? Apply for a Passport at Village Clerk's Office

**A**re you planning on traveling abroad this year? For U.S. citizens, a passport is now required when traveling by air to all foreign countries, including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Children and infants need passports as well.



The Village Clerk's office accepts passport applications on Monday mornings and Friday mornings from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Applications are available in the Clerk's office and on the internet at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). The application requires you to submit a certified copy of your birth certificate or naturalization certificate, which will be returned to you by the U.S. Department of State upon issuance of your passport. Two passport photos, a valid government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license), and a check or money order to the U.S. Department of State are also required. The cost is \$75 for adults age 16 and over, and \$60 for those under 16. There is a separate execution fee of \$25 per application, payable to the Village of Palatine.

Everyone applying for a passport, including children and infants, must appear in person before the acceptance agent. Passports for children under 16 require the personal appearances and signatures of both parents and/or legal guardians. Exceptions are made in certain circumstances and require additional paperwork.

If your U.S. passport is about to expire, visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and download form #DS-82 to determine if you are eligible for renewal. If you qualify for renewal, you do not need to appear before an acceptance agent or pay the execution fee.

The U.S. Department of State will mail your passport to you within four to six weeks after you apply. For additional information, please visit [www.palatine.il.us/clerk/passport.htm](http://www.palatine.il.us/clerk/passport.htm) or call the Village Clerk's office at (847) 359-9051.

## It's Road Construction Season — Time To Slow Down And Expect the Unexpected

**C**onstruction season is in full swing, both in Chicagoland and in other areas where you may be travelling. Keeping both your family and the construction crews safe is priority one, so here are some important things to keep in mind as your drive through road construction zones:

- **Slow down - drive 45.** Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone accidents. Reduced speed limits are in effect even when workers are not present.
- **Keep a safe distance** between your vehicle and the construction workers and their equipment.
- **Pay attention to the signs.** Roadways can take unexpected turns within the construction zone.
- **Stay alert and minimize distractions.** Avoid talking on your cell phone in construction zones.
- **Obey road crew flaggers.** They will direct you as necessary.
- **Be patient and stay calm.** Remember today's road work will positively impact your future travel times.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Lanes change, people working close by, or normal speed limits may be reduced.
- **Know before you go!** Check your travel time before you hit the road. Up-to-date travel info is available through GCM Travel or set up daily alerts from the Internet.

# Building Inspection Process Made Simple

It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores, and other buildings safe for public use. Your safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends, and your investment. Be sure to get the Building Department involved with your project, because we can be an important ally, from start to finish. As discussed in our last newsletter, building permits are the first step in the Village of Palatine's building approval process. Inspections are the second step. Inspections are required throughout the course of a project to ensure that construction meets the minimum standards required by Village codes, that the project scope is in agreement with approved plans and that the structure does not encroach on other properties or utility easements.

## WHAT IS AN INSPECTION?

A building inspection is a process in which a trained professional checks footings, foundation, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural frame, insulation, drywall, etc. to ensure they meet all Village codes. Through this process, the Village also ensures that new and remodeled buildings are constructed according to the approved plans.

## WHEN IS AN INSPECTION REQUIRED?

Inspections are required at numerous stages of the construction process. Inspections must be conducted when the work to be inspected is complete and readily accessible to the inspector. For a complete list of required inspections, visit the Building and Inspection Services website at <http://www.palatine.il.us/permits/index.htm> or call (847) 776-4745 for more information.

## HOW MUCH DOES AN INSPECTION COST?

In most cases the cost for each building inspection is \$50.00 and is included in the permit fee. However, there is a re-inspection fee of \$50.00 charged if an inspection is scheduled but the work is not ready for inspection. A re-inspection fee will also be charged if the approved plans are not available on site or the inspector cannot gain access to the site to perform the inspection.

## HOW DO I REQUEST AN INSPECTION?

It is the duty of the permit holder or their agent as noted on the permit application to notify the Village that the work is ready

for inspection. This is very often the general contractor or the owner. It is the responsibility of the individual requesting the inspection to have the following information ready when calling for an inspection:

- The permit number
- The address of the inspection as it appears on the permit
- Type of inspection requested
- The request for either an a.m. or p.m. inspection

A minimum 24-hour notice is required for all inspections. Inspection requests are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the following inspection request lines to schedule your inspection.

Building Inspections	847-776-4745
Environmental Health Inspections	847-359-9090
Engineering Inspections	847-359-9044
Fire Prevention Inspections	847-359-9029



## HOW DO I KNOW IF MY INSPECTION WAS APPROVED?

Inspectors leave written reports on the job site indicating if the work has been approved or disapproved. In addition, you can call the inspection hotline at 847-776-4745 to get your inspection results (typically after 3:30 PM on the day of the inspection).

## FINAL APPROVAL

The Building Department will provide documentation when construction is complete and code compliance is determined. You will then have the personal satisfaction of a job done right. Enjoy your new surroundings with the peace of mind and the knowledge that they meet the safety standards of the Village of Palatine.

# Protect Your Family's Health: Free Radon Test Kits Available

Have you tested your home for radon yet? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Radon is a colorless, odorless, invisible gas that is found naturally in the soil. It can come into homes through cracks and openings in the foundation. Radon decays quickly, giving off tiny radio-active particles that when inhaled can damage the cells in the lungs. This lung damage can lead to lung cancer.

Almost 50% of the homes in Illinois and nearly 30% of the homes in Cook County that were tested by professionals had radon levels higher than what is recommended by the US EPA, according to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. The amount of radon in the air is

measured by "picocuries per liter of air" or pCi/L. Radon reduction or mitigation is recommended for a radon test that exceeds 4.0 pCi/L. Long-term exposure to radon at this level poses a lung cancer risk.

The only way to know if you have radon in your home is by testing. The US EPA recommends testing all homes below the third floor for radon. A free radon test kit and packet of information can be obtained from the Cook County Radon Information Hotline by calling (708) 865-6177. Call today to request a test kit, as supplies are limited. If a home does have high radon levels, Cook County will provide information on licensed mitigation professionals that are trained to reduce radon levels.

## Want to Kick the Habit? Check Out Upcoming Free Freedom From Smoking Classes

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is offering Palatine residents Freedom From Smoking®, a no cost seven week program produced by the American Lung Association to provide the support and skills needed to quit smoking.

Classes will be held on Thursdays evenings during July 10, 2008 to August 28, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Palatine Village Hall, Meeting Room C, 200 E Wood Street.

A trained facilitator, who understands the unique challenges of quitting, will lead the sessions. Session topics include: Week 1 - On the Road To Freedom, Week 2 - Wanting to Quit, Week 3 - Quit Day, Week 4 - Winning Strategies, Week 5 - The New You, Week 6 - Staying Off, and Week 7 - Celebration!

For further information and to register for this free program contact (708) 492-2152.

The CCDPH Tobacco and Substance Abuse Prevention Unit is dedicated to creating tobacco-free communities in suburban Cook County through advocacy, education, prevention and cessation. Funding for this program is made possible by the Illinois Department of Public Health.



## SPECIAL CENSUS WORKERS NEEDED NOW

- ★ Help your community
- ★ Temporary FULL-TIME work
- ★ 20 to 25 days of employment
- ★ Pay: \$15.50 per hour plus reimbursable mileage
- ★ Must be 18 years of age
- ★ Have valid driver's license and access to working automobile

For additional hiring requirements, information and to receive an application, visit Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St. [www.palatine.il.us/specialcensus](http://www.palatine.il.us/specialcensus)

## Fresh Pasta, Sauces, Spices & More at Palatine Farmers' Market

The Palatine Farmers' Market opened early in May this year with Spring asparagus, rhubarb, hanging baskets, bedding plants, container plants from our produce vendors who are preparing to bring much anticipated fresh produce in June. All the vendors have returned with the addition of four new ones who have broadened the variety and maintained top quality products.

Every Saturday morning is enhanced by live entertainment by local street musicians and special events. On June 14, Palatine's CERT Director Tom Smith will be on hand to inform residents of the emergency management/Citizens' Corps. The second Saturday of each month showcases the local Audubon Society and Suzie Becker with hand crafted bird houses. The third Saturday of each month is dedicated to pets with information on adoption, agility and therapy training, grooming and health. August 2, the League of Women Voters will register voters while all local elected officials are invited to be on hand to answer questions about local issues with schools, library, parks, village and township. On August 23, the Palatine Lions Club will be offering free hearing screening at the Market.

In addition to the returning vendors, new to the Market are Susan Valentin of "Pasta by Sue" with a variety of herbed pastas and sauces; Paula Brocardi of "Olives 4 You" with a variety of olives; Coli Hunt with fresh squeezed lemonade; and Dean Pine of "Las Villas Bakery" with sugar free fruit turnovers. The Buffalo man, Ron Lester has added a full line of Wisconsin cheeses to his booth.

The regulars returning include Michael and Daniel from Richart/Phillips Farms, Indiana; Jordan from Geneva Lakes Produce, Wisconsin; Mike from Churchill Orchards, Michigan; Karen and Ron with southwest mixes;

Ron of Lester's Bison Farm, with buffalo steaks and cheeses; Cathy of the "Tea Treasury" with exotic teas and honey; Greg, "That Pickle Guy;" Kathy of "Celebrate Gardens" with colorful cut flowers; Pierre of "La Spiceria" with international spices; Joanne and Ken of "Nuttin's Impossible" with flavored nuts; and Marty of "Fulton Street Bakery" with whole grain breads and bakery goods. Kris has new gourd designs just as Gil has new colorful pottery. And, of course, Barb of "Maggie's Munchies" has treats for our regular Saturday morning pet customers. Each week a member of the University of Illinois Master Gardeners will be on hand to trouble shoot any gardener's problem.

The Palatine Farmers' Market is in the train station parking lot on Wood Street every Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until October 25. In honor of the Independence Day parade, there will not be a Market July 5.



## FREE Loaner Life Vests Available For the Kids in the Family from the Palatine Fire Department

Many of us like to stay cool and have a good time by getting away to a lake, river or beach during the summer. This can, unfortunately, also lead to tragedy for those unprepared for that environment. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children and young adults. Even being a strong swimmer is no guarantee of safety; injury from boating accidents, hypothermia, and currents can all contribute to drowning. The best defense on the water is to wear a properly-fitted life vest, called a Personal Flotation Device, or PFD. These not only help you stay afloat, but they can also help keep you warmer in cold water. PFDs need to be Coast Guard approved, and need to be properly fitted for the wearer. Inflatable toys and "water wings" are NOT PFDs. While wearing a PFD on a boat is required for children 12 and under, it's a good idea for everyone to wear a vest while boating. Kids learn by watching their parents, so it's important to set a good example.

The Palatine Fire Department, in cooperation with the BOAT/US Foundation provides Coast Guard approved PFDs in a range of children's sizes for short-term loan at no cost. These are available to fit children up to 90 lbs with a chest size up to 29". Some basic information, including a driver's license number is all that's needed to check out a vest for up to two weeks. Remember to bring your child(ren) with you if possible to ensure they're properly fitted. If you only need a vest once or twice a year, this is a great alternative to purchasing a vest!

For more information on the program, call the Fire Department at (847) 202-6340 during regular business hours. For more information on water safety in general, call our Public Education office at (847) 202-6302. Vests are available at the following locations:

- ◆ Fire Station 82, 1475 N. Hicks Rd.
- ◆ Fire Station 83, 987 E. Palatine Rd.
- ◆ Fire Station 84, 220 W. Illinois Ave.
- ◆ Fire Station 85, 39 E. Colfax St.

Have fun this summer, and stay safe at the same time. Wear your PFD on or around the water.

**Remember, "They float, you don't!"**



## Be a Dog-Gone Good Neighbor

Do you have a tail-wagging four-legged family member? If so, here's a reminder that Palatine ordinance requires that you pick up after your pet and properly dispose of all waste.

Village ordinance also requires that dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times when off of the owner's property.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Village of Palatine Animal Control Officer at (847) 359-9000.

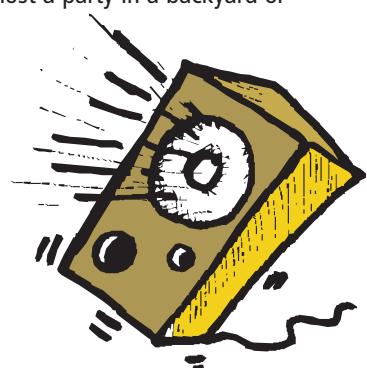


## Planning a Party or Other Event Where You Will Be Using a Loud Speaker?

If your summertime plans include any kind of gathering where you are planning to use a loud speaker or amplifier, you need to be aware that a Village permit is required.

Village ordinance specifies that "it is unlawful to maintain or operate any loud speaker or amplifier connected with any radio, phonograph, microphone or other device by which sounds are magnified and made heard over any public street or public place without first having secured a permit."

If you wish to host a party in a backyard or other outdoor area and plan on having loud music, microphones or other amplification devices, be sure you apply for a permit ahead of time.



Permit applications are available from the Administration Department. Permits must be applied for seven days in advance.

Questions? Call (847) 359-9050.

## Garage Sale, Open House & Other Yard Signs: Here's What You Need to Know About Palatine's Regulations

Village ordinance specifies that event signs for garage sales, open houses, yard sales, and other events may be posted in the parkway from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for no more than three consecutive days.

Signs may not be posted on lamp posts, utility posts, trees, or public buildings. For Sale By Owner signage is not permitted on any Village right of way.

Call the Village of Palatine Action Line at (847) 705-5200 if you have questions or need further information.

# Nominate a Beautiful Palatine Property for 2008 Hometown Pride Award

The 2008 Home Town Pride Award will honor properties in Palatine that have beautiful landscaping and exceptional curb appeal.

In order to expedite the judging process, one 4X6 photograph must accompany the nomination. Residents are invited to nominate any property – your own, a neighbor's, or a business whose curb appeal/landscaping is a real asset to the appearance of the community. Simply fill out the form below, enclose the photograph, and return both to the Department of Public Works by Friday, July 18, 2008. Judging will take place on Saturday, July 26th. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter.

**Please Note:** Judges are looking for "curb appeal", and will be considering ONLY the front of property visible from the street.

*You must include a current 4x6 summer photo of the FRONT yard of the home you are nominating*



## Village of Palatine Hometown Pride Award Nomination Form

### Category

- Single-family home
- Multi-family home
- Subdivision entrance/Cul-de-sac island
- Business

Address Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Return form with ONE current 4 inch by 6 inch summer photo of the FRONT yard by 4:00 PM, Friday, July 18, 2008 to:

Village of Palatine • Home Town Pride Award • 148 W. Illinois Avenue • Palatine, IL 60067

**REMEMBER:** A photograph of the property labeled on the back with the property owner's name and the address must accompany this form in order for the property to be judged. We regret that photos will not be returned.

## Enjoy All Things Greek at Greek Fest!

The community of St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church (located at Roselle and Palatine Roads) hosts a celebration of Greek hospitality and culture on June 20-22, featuring delicious Greek food, pastries, wine and beer. There is something for everyone - live music, dancing, kid games, Good Humor ice cream truck, shopping, raffles and more! Every summer, this event attracts thousands of guests who experience the wonderful fun, sights, sounds, smells and delicious tastes of the Greek culture.

If you can't stay for the fun, at least make a trip to the drive-thru. Delicious Greek food including gyros, Grecian chicken, grilled pork kabobs, pastisio (Greek lasagna) and Greek salad are some of the available entrees. Deserts including baklava, baklava ice cream and loukamades (fried dough drizzled with honey and cinnamon) are also served. Prices ranging from \$3-\$9. The drive-thru opens at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and remains open until 9:30 p.m.

## Enjoy Your Outdoor Fireplace . . . But Do It Safely

Summer evenings are a great time to enjoy an outdoor fire. The Palatine Fire Department would like to help make sure these times stay enjoyable, and remind you of a few important safety issues.

First, the only outside fires that are allowed within the Village are those contained within an enclosed outdoor fireplace, with proper screening all around. This prevents embers from being carried or blown out of the fireplace and starting a fire in the vicinity. Open fires are NOT permitted.

Make sure your fireplace is situated over a non-combustible area, and not on a wooden deck, as the deck could be ignited by the fire. Ensure that it is kept a safe distance from any structures or vehicles, and have a hose or bucket of water immediately available in case something unexpected happens.

As with any fireplace, only burn dry, seasoned wood; never building materials, scrap, or yardwaste such as leaves or garbage.



In fact, some lumber is treated with toxic compounds like arsenic which can be released if burned. If your fireplace makes too much smoke, caused by something such as burning improper or wet materials, you could be in violation of Village ordinances and cited by the Police Department.

You should also keep an eye on the weather when you burn. If the wind is too strong, embers can be blown around even with a screen in place, and damp, foggy conditions can cause smoke to hang close to the ground and not dissipate. It's best not to start a fire in such cases, to prevent any potential problems.

Finally, when finished with your fire, make sure it's completely out. A fire left smoldering overnight can leave smoke hanging in the area, which can lead to irritation or even health problems for people in the area who are susceptible, such as those with asthma.

If you have any questions about outdoor fireplaces or regulations, call the Palatine Fire Department's Public Education office at (847) 202-6302.

# Presidential Election to be Held on November 4, 2008

## Voters will elect candidates for the following offices

FEDERAL OFFICES	U.S. President/Vice President U.S. Senate U.S. Representatives
STATE OFFICES	State Senators State Representatives
COUNTY OFFICES	Circuit Court Clerk Recorder of Deeds State's Attorney
JUDICIAL OFFICES	Supreme Court Appellate Judges Circuit Court Judges Resident Circuit Court Judges Subcircuit Judges (Vacancies, if any, will be filled)

### **Ever Thought About Being An Election Judge?**

If you are interested in being an Election Judge, please contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312)603-0965 or visit their website at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) for more information.

For additional information, please visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

### **NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE? DO IT BY OCTOBER 7**

The last day to register to vote for the November 4, 2008 General Election is October 7, 2008. Individuals may register anywhere in the State of Illinois that offers voter registration, including Village/City halls, Township Halls, and County Offices.

Two forms of identification are required, showing the applicant's name and current address (i.e. driver's license, checkbook, piece of mail, utility bill, etc.).

### **Grace Period Registration and Voting**

(Only at Cook County Clerk's Office,  
69 W. Washington St., Chicago)

First Day: October 8, 2008

Last Day: October 21, 2008

### **Early Voting**

First Day: October 14, 2008

Last Day: October 30, 2008

### **Mail In Absentee Voting**

If you prefer to vote absentee by mail, or if you have children away at school who wish to vote absentee, you may download an application (available approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the election) at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com).

## Planning to Enjoy Your Bike This Summer? Register it First!

**S**ummer is here, and that means it's time to break out that Summer Safety Checklist and mark off one more to-do item -- getting your bicycle registered! Palatine Police officers often take reports for lost or stolen bicycles in addition to found or recovered ones. When a bicycle is found or recovered and it has a bicycle registration sticker on it, finding the owner of the bike is fairly easy. Even bicycles that have registration stickers that have been scratched off will have a serial number associated with their registration. There are many ways to register your bicycle:

- Visit the village website and register on line at [www.palatine.il.us/police](http://www.palatine.il.us/police) (click on Crime Prevention Unit and then bike registration).
- Visit the Police Department front desk and request a registration form.
- Stop by one of the advertised events where officers will be registering bicycles. (watch for advertisements)

When registering your bicycle you will need the following information: make and model, serial number (usually located on the frame of the bicycle and engraved into the metal), your name, address, telephone number (for contact purposes if your bike is found), wheel size and

color of the bike. When placing the sticker on your bicycle it is always best to place it in a location where it can't be removed. For example, the seat can be removed but the frame is a solid piece. Make sure to register your current bicycle and any new ones as soon as possible and enjoy your summer riding.

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 359-9061.

### **Wondering Where You Can Park When Taking the Train To the Loop for the Day?**

**F**or those taking the train to a special event this summer, there are a number of convenient daily fee parking lots located within close proximity to Palatine's train station. The daily fee for the parking lots (between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.) is \$2.00, while nights and weekends are free. The most convenient daily fee parking lots include the parking deck and the train station parking lot (located directly east of the station).

For more information and a complete listing of the various parking lots, please visit the Parking Permit link within the Residential Services section of the Village's website, [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

# If Disaster Strikes in Palatine . . .

**D**o you belong to that group of people who believe that a disaster or emergency can't happen here in Palatine, and if it does it won't affect me? And if it does affect me, someone else will take care of me? If you are among that group we would like to get you to think differently.

Your Village needs you to participate in our disaster preparedness and emergency response program. Many volunteer opportunities are available. Sign up for our FREE Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes, and, on completion, volunteer with one of our various disaster response teams. Many opportunities exist, including:

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM:** Assist Police, Fire and Public Works personnel during a disaster/emergency.

**MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS:** Assist first responders with community health needs and medical emergencies.

**RACES/ARES TEAM:** The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service group provides emergency communications when all other forms fail.

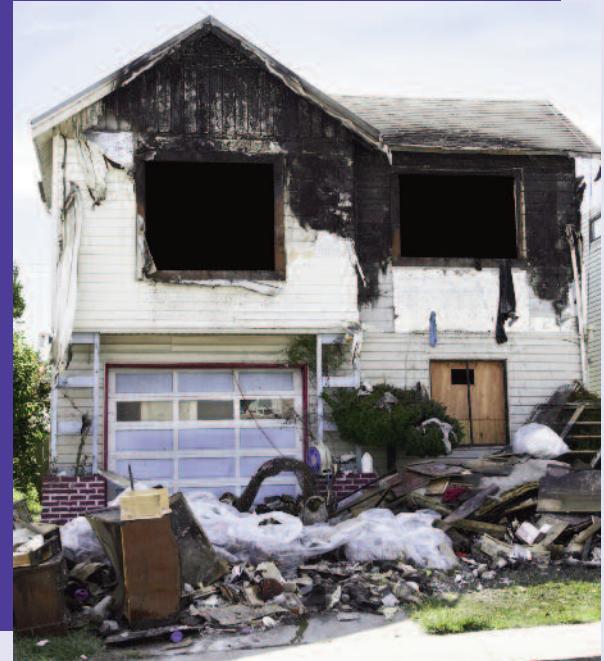
**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TEAM:** The pilot program in the state attends to the administration and management of spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers when they show up at a disaster scene.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING AND SUPPORT TEAM:** Disaster response planning for village personnel and volunteers is done by these volunteers along with professional planners.

**FIRE REHAB TEAM:** Provides on-site support and rehabilitation of firefighters during an actual event or training.

**MASS CARE RESPONSE TEAM:** Volunteers are trained to provide shelter, feeding and care of victims after a disaster

**DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM:** This group of trained volunteers assists the Palatine Community Services Department in determining structural damage to buildings after a disaster.



Remember, disasters can strike anywhere at any time and it is important to be prepared. Over 450 volunteers have already taken the Community Emergency Response Team training. The flooding as a result of the August 23, 2007 storm saw 30 of our volunteers spring into action to assist first responders.

So no matter what your interest or skill level, the Village of Palatine needs your help in making us better prepared to be ready for, respond to and recover from a disaster or emergency. Come join us in this dynamic effort through having the training and knowledge to be able to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in a disaster.

For more information on how you can become involved in the Village of Palatine's Emergency Response capability, contact: Tom Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Palatine, (847) 359-9056; email [TSmith@palatine.il.us](mailto:TSmith@palatine.il.us), or visit our web site at [www.palatine-ema.org](http://www.palatine-ema.org) for more information.

## **Emergency Advisory Radio Station:**

In an emergency, your best source for local information is the Village of Palatine's Emergency Advisory Radio Station, broadcasting **at 1660 on your AM dial**. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day, providing public safety information, continuous weather updates, road closings and emergency announcements that may affect life, property, communication and travel in the Palatine area.

## **Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Tests:**

Palatine and many surrounding communities test their outdoor warning sirens on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The sirens are activated for approximately three minutes in order to determine that they are functioning properly. Should you hear the siren at any other time than Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m., this indicates that a tornado warning has been issued and you should immediately seek shelter. For more information about tornados and outdoor warning sirens, please visit the Palatine EMA website at [www.palatine-ema.org](http://www.palatine-ema.org).

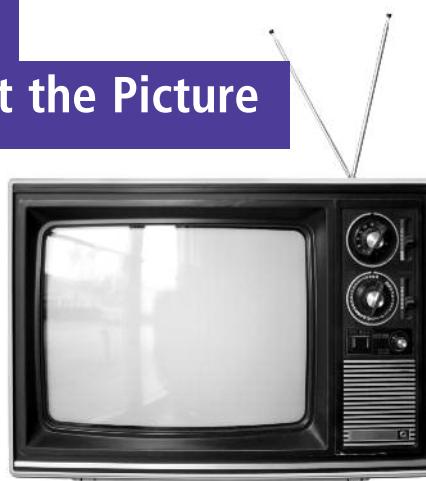


# Digital TV Is On Its Way — Prepare for the Switch to Get the Picture

**B**ig changes are coming in television broadcasting. On February 17, 2009, all full power television stations are required to stop broadcasting in analog and continue broadcasting in digital only. This is known as the DTV transition.

Some consumers are asking why they need to switch. First, all-digital broadcasting will give needed communications channels to police, fire and emergency rescue personnel. It will also allow for new wireless services for consumers. In addition, since digital is more efficient than analog, it allows stations to broadcast several programs at the same time, instead of just one program with analog. This means broadcasters can offer consumers more choices. Digital also allows broadcasters to offer improved picture and sound quality, including high definition (HDTV) programming.

It is also important to know that the end of analog broadcasting does not mean that consumers must purchase new TVs, and you certainly don't need an HDTV to watch digital broadcasts. If you currently receive over-the-air programming on an analog television using a broadcast antenna, either through "rabbit ears" on your set or an antenna on your roof, you will only need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue watching broadcast television on that set after February 17, 2009. These boxes will cost approximately \$40 to \$70, and will be available in stores beginning in early 2008.



To help defray the cost of digital-to-analog converter boxes, each U.S. household can request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of eligible boxes. This coupon program is being administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). For more information on the coupon program visit [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) or call 1-888-DTV-2009.

If you watch over-the-air programming on a DTV (a TV with a built-in digital tuner), you will not need a digital-to-analog converter box. Also, an antenna you use to receive analog broadcasts should work for receiving digital broadcasts, both on a DTV and on an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box.

If you subscribe to a paid television service such as cable or satellite TV, you will not need a digital-to-analog converter box, and the TVs connected to your paid service will continue to receive local broadcast programming. However, consumers are advised to check with their providers to see if they will need any additional equipment in the future.

For more information, call the FCC at 1-888-225-5322 (TTY: 1-888-835-5322) or visit their DTV website at [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov).

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