

June 20

Palatine 4th of July Festival Celebrating 50 Years of Hometown Fun!

The 50th 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's a look at a few of the Festival highlights:

American English is back by popular demand, headlining the entertainment for Saturday night, June 30. Their music covers the entire Beatles career, from 1963 through 1970. With precise attention to every musical detail, along with costume changes, vintage instruments and special effects, American English creates "the complete Beatles tribute!"



The parade will feature more than 80 entrants. The Grand Marshall is the Palatine Jaycees - celebrating 50 years of Service to the Community. You'll also enjoy about a dozen entertainment acts including the Blue Sants Drum Corp, the Chicago Highlanders Pipe Band, and the South Shore Drill Team. Palatine Township will once again be collecting canned foods 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." Passes cost \$50 prior to the Festival, and \$60 during the first two days of the Festival. To purchase a Mega Pass prior to the Festival, call the Jaycees' hotline, 347) 604-0288. Leave a message and someone will return your call. Turn to page 3 of the newsletter for a complete schedule of events.

Palatine Welcomes Scott Lamerand as New District 2 Councilman

Scott Lamerand, who first moved to Palatine in 1994, and then returned in 2004, was elected as the District 2 Councilman in the April 17, 2007 election.



Scott Lamerand was sworn in as the District 2 Councilman on May 21.

"I originally moved to Palatine in 1994 and spent three years living in the Silver Lake apartment complex at Dundee and Highway 53," Lamerand said. "I returned to Palatine in 2004 and have lived across from Pleasant Hill Elementary School ever since. I've been married to my wife Sherri for eight years. We have two boys: Alex, 5, and Ryan, 3.

Lamerand holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemistry

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Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan

Earlier this month, the Palatine Village Council approved an implementation plan to address growing concerns about the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. This infestation has the potential of devastating roughly 20% of the Village's parkway trees as well as more than 20,000 trees on private property.

To learn more about what the Village is doing, see the article on page 6 of this newsletter. If you would like additional information about this subject you can go to the following websites:

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info>

<http://www.mortonarb.org/>

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/index.php?pg=0>

Nominate a Beautiful Palatine Property For 2007 Hometown Pride Award

The 2007 Hometown Pride Awards will recognize properties in Palatine that have beautiful landscaping and exceptional curb appeal. Perhaps your home, or the home of a friend or neighbor, should be entered in this year's competition. Don't be shy about entering any home that to the eye and an asset to the community!



In order to expedite the judging process, one 4 inch by 6 inch 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 one photograph, and return both to the Department of Public Works by **Friday, July 20, 2007**.

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 28. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter.

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

Village of Palatine Hometown Pride Award Nomination Form

Category

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



You must include a 4x6 current photo of the front yard of the home you are nominating

Address Location: _____

Contact person (if known) _____

Phone number (if known) _____

Return form with a current 4 inch by 6 inch summer photo of the FRONT yard by 4:30 PM, Friday, July 20, 2007 to:



Village of Palatine
Hometown Pride Award
148 W. Illinois Avenue
Palatine, IL 60067

REMEMBER: A photograph of the property must accompany this form in order for the property to be judged. We regret that photos will not be returned.

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from the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse. He graduated from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Business with an MBA in 2004.

"I've used my educational background in a variety of roles, including research and development, marketing, sales, and general management," he said. "I currently own and operate a dental materials company, Apex Dental Materials, Inc."

Lamerand grew up in Hartland, Wisconsin, just west of Milwaukee. "My parents, David and Shirley still live in Hartland. My father has spent his career as an accountant and financial consultant, my mother is the business manager for the local church. I have one sister who is an attorney and lives with her family in Burlington, Wisconsin."

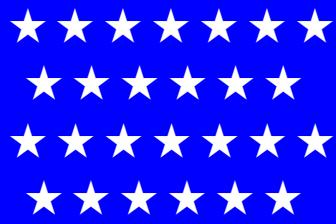
Lamerand looks forward to bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to his position as District 2 Councilman. "I look forward to doing the very best I can for the Village of Palatine," he said, "and to meeting and working with the residents of this great hometown community."

Look What You Can Find On The New & Expanded Village of Palatine Website!

Have you ever wondered if the construction down the street has a building permit? How about the most recent Health inspection score for your favorite food establishment? Does that property on the corner have a rental license?

If you ever had these questions or similar questions cross your mind, the answers will soon be easily accessible. Coming in July, this information will be made available on the Village of Palatine website. The latest food establishment scores, active building permits and rental licenses will all be available in a searchable PDF format. Names and other personal information will not be included, but you will be able to search for information by address for building permits or rental licenses and by restaurant name for food scores.

If you have questions about this new service, contact the Community Services Department at (847) 359-9042.



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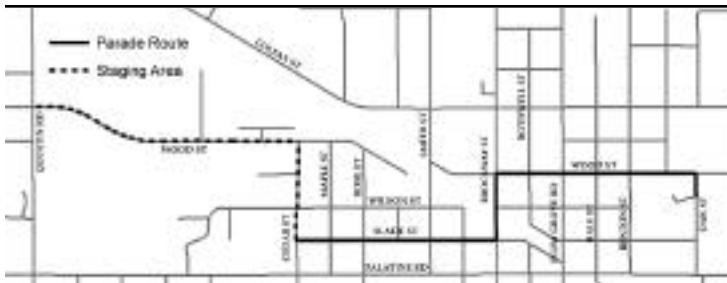
Community Park ★ June 29 - July 4 PARADE ON JUNE 30 ★ FIREWORKS ON JULY 3

Friday, June 29

Carnival, food,	
Glow item sales	5:00 pm - 12:00 am
Beer Tent (Last call at 11:30 pm)	5:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Deja Vu	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7th Heaven (Rock/Cover)	7:30 pm - 9:15 pm
Hairbanger's Ball (80's Hair Bands/Covers)	10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Saturday, June 30

Parade	10:00 am
Food, Entertainment,	
Glow item sales	11:00 am - 12:00 am
Beer Tent (Last call at 11:30 pm)	12:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Carnival	12:00 pm - 12:00 am
Carnival Wristbands	11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Arts & Crafts Fair/	
Business & Charity Expo	11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Paul and Jill	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Lisa Pellegrinetti (Acoustic Guitar)	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Crisis	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
New Invaders (60's)	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
American English (Beatles Cover Band)	10:00 pm - 12:00 am



PARADE ROUTE

Sunday, July 1

Food, Entertainment,	
Glow item sales	11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Beer Tent (Last Call at 10:30 pm)	11:00 am - 10:30 pm
Carnival	12:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Carnival Wristbands	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Arts & Crafts Fair/	
Business & Charity Expo	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Bingo	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
New Collossus	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Bopology	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
White Saddle Band (Country)	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Bottle of Justus (Rock)	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Monday, July 2

Special Needs Carnival	2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
(Check In Starts at 2:15 pm)	
(Due to safety reasons some rides	
may not be in operation)	
Food, Entertainment,	
Glow item sales	5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Beer Tent (Last Call at 10:30 pm)	5:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Carnival	5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Short Attention Span	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Dave Tamkin Trio (Acoustic Rock)	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Crash	9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
(Dave Mattews Cover Band)	



Tuesday, July 3

Food, Entertainment,	
Glow item sales	1:00 pm - 12:00 am
Beer Tent (Last Call at 11:30 pm)	1:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Carnival	1:00 pm - 12:00 am
Carnival Wristband	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Donation collection	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
LP-2-CD (Classic Rock)	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Goin' South (Southern Rock)	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Od Tapo Iml	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Paul Windsor Orchestra (60's - 90's)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Fireworks!

Bucket #6	9:00 pm (when dark)
(60s to modern)	10:00 pm - 12:00 am



Wednesday, July 4

Family Day - Everyone is Welcome	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Food, Beverages,	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
and Entertainment	
Beer Tent (Last Call at 4:30 pm)	11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Carnival & Carnival Wristband	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Band & event schedules subject to change without notice

Meet the Vendors Who are Bringing the Finest in Fresh Produce, Breads, Teas, Pastries, Herbs, Nuts & More to the Palatine Farmers Market's 16th Season

The 16th season of the Palatine Farmers' Market brings the freshest produce to town—actually picked within 24 hours of the market—direct from the farmer to you! The Market is open every Saturday, (except June 30 due to the 4th of July parade and 5K run) through October 27. Meet the 2007 vendors.

Produce and flowers:

Mike Churchill is back with Michigan fruit including peaches, apricots, berries and apples—a full menu of the finest Michigan fruits. Michael Tichert and Daniel Phillips, known in Palatine as "the Indiana boys" open the season with potted plants and hanging baskets of unusual varieties, and early vegetables, followed by a full range of vegetables including heirloom varieties. New this year is Scott Koster, owner of Geneva Lakes Produce in Burlington, Wisconsin, initiating the season with potted herbs, flats of flowers and accent plants, asparagus, green house onions and tomatoes, broccoli, peas and lettuce. The farmers' assortments of fruits and vegetables will grow as the season progresses. Kathy Horn, master gardener of Celebrate Gardens in Lindenwood, brings plants and container gardens from her greenhouse along with fresh-cut flowers, herbs, decorative naturals from her fields. Be sure to stop at the Sister Cities booth to enter the weekly raffle for a sampling of products from every vendor. The lucky winner is called at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Sister Cities Association of Palatine.



Gourmet spices and condiments:

Yvette Jabeneau, of La Spiceria, adds the finest gourmet spices to the market with highest quality frequently used spices as well as unusual specialty spices requested by many professional chefs. Kathy Batdorf of The Tea Treasury in Palatine brings gourmet loose leaf teas from around the world, a variety of honey and tea accessories for the high tea connoisseur. Karen and Ron Szweda add to the gourmet selection a variety of Southwestern dips, mixes, sauces, soups and condiments. Greg Frederick, that Pickle Guy, returns with absolutely the best fresh pickles and relishes. Joanne and Ken Lukaszek with Nuttin's Impossible, return with their wide variety of flavored nuts and seeds from sweet to salty to spicy hot. New in the gourmet field is Rick Petroccello of The Olive Tap in Long Grove, bringing exotic oils from Italy. A special new treat to enjoy while strolling the Market is a freshly squeezed lemon, lime, or orangeade prepared with a flair by Randy LaBono. All the specialty foods are sure to be crowd pleasers in taste and elegance.



Meat, cheese, mushrooms:

Don Lester, the one and only true buffalo farmer from Wisconsin, is adding cheese and mushrooms to his selection of buffalo meat and pheasant pie. His granddaughter is assisting him with the very welcome addition of fine Wisconsin cheeses and selected fungi from River Valley Ranch. Be sure to try buffalo jerky or smoked buffalo sticks—both tasty snacks.



Breads and sweets:

A much larger variety of fresh breads are available at the market this year. Dean Fisher-Rohde of Breaking Bread is returning with his tasty assortment of breads and cookies. New to the Market is Marty VanDerKarr of Fulton Street Baking Company with a new line of healthy whole kernel breads and sweet treats. La Farine, a new bakery on Dundee Road in Palatine is supplying the Sister Cities booth with fresh French Bread in honor of Palatine's Sister City, Fontenay-le-Comte in France. The baker at LaFarine was raised and trained in the culinary arts just a short distance from Fontenay.



Pet treats:

Let's continue to frequent Barb Rosny's booth with pet treats for cats and dogs. Some kids claim to love them, too!

Unique Hand-Crafted Items Available at Farmer's Market

For those who need hand crafted pots for their produce, breads and dips, Gill Davis and Gordon Bryan are back on alternating weeks with plenty of whimsical and functional pottery. Anne Gelzis offers her watercolors, greeting cards, hand knit scarves and other creative accessories, too. Kristine Davis is also bi-weekly with her home-grown, dried and creatively decorated gourds.

Enjoy Special Appearances from Experts And Not-for-Profits and Valuable Coupons for Downtown Shoppers

The Downtown Merchants' Association is offering weekly specials in selected shops. Find out about these terrific deals at the Market and continue shopping in downtown Palatine.

Biweekly, The League of Women Voters register voters and sell giant Georgia cashews, almonds, pecans and mixed nuts. University of Illinois Master Gardeners solve your lawn and garden problems by identifying the cause and recommending best solutions. In the fall, the Audubon Society will offer valuable information about our feathered friends and sell a variety of bird seeds while Susan Becker offers her hand crafted bird houses of various architectural designs. Greg Bartoshuk, the Lilly Master, makes a spring and fall appearance with all you want to know about lilies and hybrids. Initiating the "Dog Days of August" pets will be honored on August 4, with professional information, Tina Hammer's hand crafted pet accessories, treats from Barb Rozny, and a hearty welcome for all socialized pets. We hope for a special appearance by Crow, Palatine's own K-9 member of the Police Force.

The second Saturday of each month is dedicated to the arts with instructors and students from Positive Strokes Art School and Gallery in Palatine guiding customers in creative expression and Judy Gibbs from The Frame Corner with popular posters and advice on framing.

"It's a busy place at the Palatine Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings, rain or shine, but this is certain—knowledgeable vendors, top quality produce, community spirit," according to Marg Duer, Market Manager. "Come to the train station on Saturday mornings. Come with your family and neighbors. You are guaranteed to see old friends and make new ones while enjoying the samples from the friendly, informative vendors."

If You Are a Local Musician, Read On ...

Local musicians are invited to add their "home grown" talent to the 16th season of the Palatine Farmers' Market this summer. The Market is always bustling with a friendly, community spirit – a great place for musicians to find an appreciative audience.

Location: The Market is located in the parking lot on the east side of the Palatine Train Station (Smith and Wood Streets).

Day and time: The Market is open for business every Saturday morning from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. now through October. Street Musicians are requested to perform from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Musicians may begin earlier and may stay on until 1:00 P.M. Breaks may be taken as necessary.

Cost: There is no charge for musicians to perform, and no stipend. However, containers for donations, the sale of CD's and availability of cards/fliers with contact information for promotional purposes will be permitted.

Publicity: The performance schedule will be publicized with a brief description of the music and the musicians.

For more information email Margaret Duer, Palatine Farmers' Market Manager, at REDuer@AOL.com

Street Musicians' Application

Please print clearly:

Name(s) of performer(s) List main contact first:

Phone _____ email _____

Group name: _____

Type of music _____

Description of music/musicians _____

Circle or highlight the dates you are available.

Numerically rank 3 dates in order of preference.

July	___7	___14	___21	___28
August	___4	___11	___18	___25
September	___1	___8	___15	___22
October	___6	___13	___20	___27

Return to: Margaret Duer, Farmers' Market, 200 East Wood Street, Palatine, IL 60067

or e-mail to: REDuer@AOL.com

Subject: Farmers' Market Musicians



Emerald Ash Borer: The Green Menace, Part III



It might look small and innocent, but don't be fooled. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a very destructive beetle. Metallic green in color, its slender body

measures 1/2 inch in length and 1/8 inch wide. The average adult beetle can easily fit on a penny.

Native to China and eastern Asia, the EAB probably landed in North America hidden in wood packing materials. Although no one can say for sure when EAB arrived in southeastern Michigan, the beetle went undetected for up to 12 years, based on its widespread distribution and destruction. The EAB was officially identified in the summer of 2002.

This beetle is currently known to be responsible for the death or decline of more than 15 million ash trees in a 20-county area around Detroit. Since 2002, the beetle has spread to neighboring states, including Illinois.

From May to August, adult Emerald Ash Borers emerge from under the bark of trees where they spent the winter. They mate, the females lay eggs in bark crevices, and the eggs hatch about 10 days later. The eggs develop into worm-like larvae (see illustration in the next column) which tunnel under the bark to feed and grow throughout the fall. This activity eventually kills the tree. Larvae lay dormant during the winter and emerge from trees as adults in May, leaving a unique D-shaped exit hole.

Signs and Symptoms

It is extremely difficult to determine whether or not an ash tree is infested because tree decline is usually gradual. Early symptoms of an infestation might include dead branches near the top of a tree, or perhaps wild, leafy shoots growing out from its lower trunk. D-shaped exit holes and bark splits exposing S-shaped tunnels are significant signs of EAB.

Planning a Garage Sale?

Spring cleaning often gets us thinking about having a garage sale. It's a great way to clean out the closets and make a few dollars ... and even meet your neighbors.

Remember that garage sales are limited to not more than 12 hours per day for a maximum of three consecutive days. Village ordinance also limits each residence to a maximum of three garage sales per year. No permit is required.

Emerald Ash Borer larvae shown actual size. They can be transported to new locations while hidden under the bark of firewood.



If a tree is infested with the EAB, tree removal is recommended as the most effective way to eliminate the beetles and prevent their spread. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service recommends felling infested trees, chipping them, and burning the chips. At best, a homeowner might only prolong a tree's decline. Every EAB-infested tree will eventually die.

The good news is that new treatment options are expected to become available in the near future. Therefore, homeowners with an infested tree are advised to talk to the local Extension Service or State Department of Agriculture to obtain the most up-to-date information.

You Can Help

- **Don't move firewood.** EAB larvae can survive hidden under the bark of firewood. Play it safe -- don't move any firewood and you won't move any beetles.
- **Visually inspect your trees.** If trees display any sign or symptom of EAB infestation, contact the State agriculture agency.
- **Spread the word.** Public awareness and education is an ongoing process. Talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- **Ask questions.** If you receive ash nursery stock, know its point of origin and your supplier. EAB larvae may be hiding under the tree bark.

Worried About Your Honey Locust Tree?

Honey Locust is a tree that has been planted as a street tree for quite some time. Honey Locust is a tough tree but has had some trouble with a pest called the Honey Locust Plant Bug. The plant bug eggs hatch soon after bud break and begin feeding on young sensitive foliage. The trees look unhealthy for a few weeks and sometimes are defoliated. Heavy plant bug infestations may cause premature leaf drop, but typically a second flush of leaves is produced and despite the damage to tree foliage, tree death rarely occurs. The Honey Locusts generally recover by early July and are fine the rest of the year. Honey Locust Plant Bug is not a pest that the Village treats.



No, You Can't Park There!

Parking a vehicle over a sidewalk is a violation of both the Illinois Vehicle Code and our Village Traffic Ordinance. Pedestrians and bicyclists face unnecessary hazards if they must maneuver around vehicles obstructing the sidewalk. When they are forced to move into the street, they are in peril due to the dangers posed by unsuspecting motorists in traffic.

Even though you may lack garage or driveway space for all your vehicles, you may not block the sidewalk. Village Ordinance specifies "parking is prohibited on any sidewalk, except that vehicles parked on private driveways will be permitted to overhang a sidewalk between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am and on those days when the snow removal ordinance is in effect, provided both axles of any such vehicle are located on private property." Vehicle(s) must be parked in driveways within the boundaries of the property lot lines, not on the sidewalk or parkway which are both public right-of-ways.

Recently citizen complaints of vehicles parking on sidewalks have increased. Remembering to be considerate of children, neighbors, dog walkers, joggers, bicyclists and other sidewalk users will reduce the problem of illegal parking. Owners of vehicles parked in violation of the ordinance are subject to citation (minimum \$20 fine) by the Police Department.

Curb and Gutter Work Begins on First Bank Drive in July

Beginning in the latter half of July, the roadway between Northwest Highway and Hicks Road will be rehabilitated with new curb and gutter along the roadway perimeter and median, the existing asphalt surface will be removed, pavement will be selectively patched, and a new asphalt surface will be installed.

Traffic will be maintained in all directions, but lane reductions should be expected.

Weekly updates tracking the current status of this project will be posted on the Village homepage: www.palatine.il.us

If you have questions, contact the Village's Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044.

Loaner Life Vests for the Whole Family Available from 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 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!"**



Palatine Adopts New Single-family Residential Zoning Regulations

After a series of public hearings and presentations before the Plan Commission and Village Council, the Village of Palatine has drafted and adopted new residential zoning regulations related to building coverage, lot coverage, and building height restrictions within the single-family residential zoning districts in Palatine. The purpose of these amendments is to address residential redevelopment within the Village of Palatine and outline specific measures to ensure that all new construction and building additions adhere to constraints and maintain the certain size and bulk limitations. Additionally, the Village wanted to take an active role in identifying specific issues and proposed alternatives to recent residential development trends, particularly as they relate to teardown or infill development in mature neighborhoods.

As a result, all of the single-family residential zoning districts now have midpoint (2.5 stories, not to exceed 30 feet in all single-family residential zoning districts) and peak height limitations (from 36 feet in most single-family residential districts to 40 feet only within the R-1 single-family residential zoning district).

Also, the Village adopted specific guidelines to measure and control the square footage of structures (e.g. houses, detached garages, sheds or similar buildings) on a given single-family residential lot. This is referred to as building coverage and calculates a percentage determined by taking the total square footage of all buildings in relation to the total square footage of a residential lot. Another component to the building coverage limitation is the lot coverage restriction. Lot coverage is a calculated percentage that includes both building coverage and all impervious surfaces on a single-family residential lot (including such things as patios, paved parking and driveways, private sidewalks, and paved recreation areas). The following table describes the building and lot coverage percentages allowed within the single-family residential zoning districts:

Zoning District	Building coverage limitation	Lot coverage limitation
R-1	25%	35%
R-1 A	30%	40%
R-1 B	30%	40%
R-1 C	25%	35%
R-2	35%	45%

Please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at (847) 359-9047 for additional information related to these newly adopted ordinances



Paint-A-Thon Seeking Volunteer Painters, Homes of Senior or Disabled Residents in Need of Painting

The 20th Annual Community Paint-A-Thon will take place on September 8, 2007 (rain date September 15). The goal of the Paint-A-Thon is to assist financially limited older adults and persons with disabilities in keeping up the appearance of their houses. The Paint-A-Thon enhances our community, while in turn helping those individuals who don't have the financial means or the ability to do the work themselves.



For many years, Catholic Charities has put together a Paint-A-Thon which has been sponsored by north/northwest suburban social service agencies, villages and cities, companies and corporations, churches, community hospitals and many individual volunteers. Valspar Corporation has generously donated the paint for the 2007 Paint-A-Thon.

The Village of Palatine's Neighborhood Services Division is taking part by recruiting Paint Volunteers. Both skilled and unskilled Volunteer Painters are welcome to participate. Carpenters and skilled painters are needed for homes with specific needs. In addition, we are looking for homes throughout Palatine that are in need of assistance. Homes must be single-family homes; not more than two stories; structurally sound and not in major disrepair.

Application Process:

Applications are available at the Village Hall or by calling Catholic Charities at (847) 253-5500. The application deadline is July 1, 2007.

For your convenience, the Village has posted the application form on its website, www.palatine.il.us for you to download and fill out. Volunteers can sign up by calling the Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago at (847) 228-1320.

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with this program, or if you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Linda Blair at (847) 357-4120 or Sue Ellen Burlini at (847) 259-7730.

We'll Buy Back Your Gas Lawn Mower for \$150 to Help Protect the Environment

Again, this year, in keeping with the Village's commitment to doing all we can to protect the environment, residents are urged to take advantage of the Lawn Care Buyback and Gas Can Replacement Program.



This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 30 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 148 W. Illinois Avenue. Only homeowners in Cook and surrounding counties are eligible. No contractors or businesses, please.

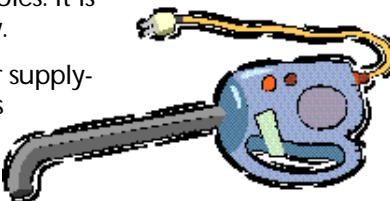
Through this program, homeowners may receive a rebate of \$150 toward the purchase of an electric (cord or battery) lawn mower or push type reel mower when a gasoline mower is turned in. In addition, a rebate of \$50 each will be offered for small gasoline operated equipment (leaf blower, trimmer, edger, or chain saw) that is turned in. These items will be destroyed and sold for scrap.

We'll Replace Your Gas Can Free of Charge . . . While Supplies Last

The second part of this program is a free replacement of your current portable gas can with an environmentally-friendly gas can that features a shut-off valve to reduce harmful vapors by as much as 75%. Emissions from gas cans occur due to leaks in the can, from overfilling or spillage during refilling, and escape of fumes through vent holes. It is these fumes that affect health and safety.

Our thanks to Palatine Ace Hardware for supplying the environmentally-friendly gas cans being given out as part of this program.

Further information is available from program coordinator Bob Franz. He may be reached at (847) 705-5200, or email rfranz@palatine.il.us



Palatine Animal Warden Rescues Endangered Species

On May 25, a keen-eyed resident of the Hidden Creek subdivision observed an injured crane. When Village of Palatine Animal Warden Dora Mecko responded to the call, she treated the bird and transported it to the animal rescue facility, Flint Creek Wildlife in Lake Barrington.

The wildlife professionals determined that the bird was an endangered species, a Black-crowned Night Heron. Its native breeding ground is here in Illinois and lower Wisconsin. The Heron was in full breeding plumage when it was rescued. Upon rehabilitation at the Flint Creek Wildlife facility, the heron was released to its natural habitat.

For more information about the rescue facility, visit <http://www.flintcreekwildlife.org/index.html>



2007-2008 Village Vehicle Sticker Must be Displayed by July 1

Village vehicle stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by June 30, 2007. Late fees will be charged beginning July 1, 2007.

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.

One vehicle sticker per household is available at the reduced rate of \$5.00 for disabled veterans, holders of handicapped license plates issued by the State of Illinois, or senior citizens, 65 years or older.

Remember that 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.

HOURS

Village of Palatine office hours:
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat. (June only) 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Questions? Call the Village of Palatine Finance Department at (847) 359-9079.

Planning on Staking a Sign In Your Yard or Parkway?

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 am to 5:00 pm 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.

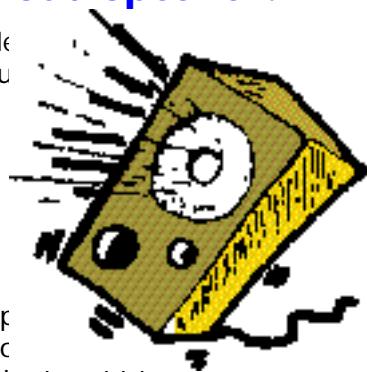
Planning a Party or Other Event Where You Will Be Using a Loud Speaker?

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.



Do you Know Who is Knocking At Your Door?

The Village of Palatine requires that every individual and organization wishing to engage in door-to-door soliciting must make a written application for a certificate of registration.

If the application is approved, the solicitor is required to wear, at all times, the Village-issued badge which shows their name, photo and the organization for which they are soliciting.

As a resident, you have the right (for safety reasons) to ask any solicitor for his/her identification and permit to solicit.

"No Solicitors Invited" three inch by five inch placards are available free of charge from the Finance Department. The placard may also be downloaded from the Village's website, www.palatine.il.us

Complete details about the provisions of Palatine's solicitor ordinance can be found in Ordinance 11-516 – 11-535, or by calling the Palatine Police Department's non-emergency number, (847) 359-9000.

Downtown Palatine Street Fest Celebrates It's 8th Year August 24-26

It's that time again, school is out, the weather is warm and summer festivals are in full swing. This year marks the 8th year that the Village of Palatine is hosting its annual Downtown Palatine Street Fest. Taking place on August 24th, 25th and 26th in Downtown Palatine at Brockway and Slade Streets, it promises to be the best year yet! Take a look at the Main stage lineup:

Friday Aug. 24th (5pm-midnight)

5pm- Murley Shertz
7pm- Sixteen Candles
9:30pm- The Freddy Jones Band

Saturday Aug. 25th (11am-midnight)

6pm- Too White Crew
8pm- Wedding Banned
10pm- The Gin Blossoms

Sunday Aug. 26th (11am-8pm)

4pm- Route 66
8pm- American English

As in years past, we will have over 15 local Palatine restaurants serving up their mouth watering cuisines, tons of moonwalks and kiddie games, Feet Fest and Palatine Police Bike Race, and so much more!!

Check our website regularly for the most up to date information at www.palatinestreetfest.com or if you have any questions, email streetfest@palatine.il.us.



Be the Solution to Storm Water Pollution

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters.

Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.

- Select native plants and grasses that are drought-and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing areas down. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.

- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

Home Repair & Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

Pet Care

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.



Swimming Pool and Spa

- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

Septic System Use & Maintenance

- Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years).
- Care for the septic system drainfield by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drainfield to avoid damage from roots.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can clog the septic system and potentially damage components.

Storm drains connect to waterbodies!

Remember: Only rain down the drain!

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Palatine Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.

(Source: USEPA)

Environmentally-Safe Prescription Drug and Sharps Disposal Program Now Available

The Village of Palatine Environmental Health Division is now offering a new prescription drug and sharps (needles/syringes) disposal program sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This program will ensure environmentally-safe disposal and guard against potential theft associated with disposing of old medications.

Collection Location, Dates and Times:

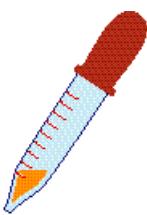
Where: Village of Palatine Environmental Health Division
200 E Wood Street

When: Tuesdays Only
From 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
May 1 – August 28, 2007

The program is offered to residents that live in one of SWANCC's 23 member communities, including the Village of Palatine. ID's will be checked for verification of residency. Residential waste accepted only. No waste will be accepted from businesses, schools or hospitals.

General Requirements:

Bring pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify contents. Personal information on label can be blackened out or label removed and contents written on container. Bring sharps only in a rigid container with a lid.



Containers must have a clear visible lid or be opened by resident upon request to view contents. No loose or bagged sharps will be accepted.

Acceptable Items:

Unused prescription medications
Expired prescription medications
Prescription cough syrup
Prescription eye drops
Expired over the counter medications
Residential sharps (needles/syringes)

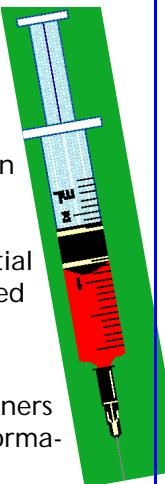


Unacceptable Items:

Institutional or business waste
Non-prescription liquids
Latex gloves
Household chemical waste



The Environmental Health Division will also provide a one-quart sharps container to residents who administer home-injections. When the sharps container is full, the resident should bring the container back to the Environmental Health Division on the scheduled collection day for proper disposal.



A Prescription Drug and Sharps Disposal Program brochure is also available to download online. For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us and SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit www.swancc.org.



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