

Village of Palatine

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

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Palatine's Vision and Investment in the Future Enables Services to Continue Uncompromised

Providing for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Palatine is an extraordinary business. It is a business where people are passionate about their work. The results of our efforts make a difference in everyday life. It is a business filled with tremendous opportunity for leadership and growth in the 21st century; a business where technology is opening the doors to more efficiently delivered services; a business where an organization with a strong vision, a culture of caring, and the resources to invest in the future has the opportunity to take public health, safety and welfare to a new level for its residents . . . and where such an organization can make a profound, positive difference for its customers, community, and shareholders. The Village of Palatine is uniquely positioned to be that organization.

The structural changes of the past five years have placed our organization in a stable financial position. While other communities are facing program reductions, elimination of services and personnel, those were steps that we undertook five years ago and we are a stronger and more efficient organization because of those actions. This fact was affirmed this past Fall when Standard & Poor's upgraded the Village's bond rating from AA to AA+. Not only does this affirm the Village's financial position, it also will save the Village more than one million dollars in future financing costs on its bond issues - Money that stays in the pockets of our stakeholders. *(continued on page 4)*

Coming Soon for You: Village's Website Offers Expanded Information, Easier Navigation

Looking for information on upcoming events, economic development, printable forms, or topics up for discussion at the next Council meeting? You'll find those things and more beginning in June on the Village's newly expanded and redesigned website. As an added bonus, you will find the website easier to navigate as well.

Here's a quick look at some of the many things that you can look forward to finding on the Village's website, www.palatine.il.us, in the future:



- Village event calendar
- Economic Development section
- Village Council agenda and minutes
- E-mail/E-Alert registration
- News and announcement center
- Department homepages
- Online forms
- Keyword search
- Quick links
- Careers section
- Printable pages
- Mobile access
- Photo galleries
- Village documents
- FAQs
- Video streaming

Upcoming Events

MAY

FARMERS MARKET

Opens May 2; see page 7

PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CEMETERY WALK

May 17
See page 3

JUNE

RELAY FOR LIFE

June 12, 13
See page 8

GREEKFEST

June 26, 27, 28

JULY

4TH of July FESTIVAL -

Carnival - July 1 to July 5
Fireworks - Friday, July 3
Parade - Saturday, July 4

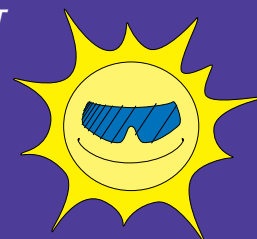
HOME TOWN AWARDS, date TBA

New category for 2009:
"Doors of Palatine"

AUGUST

STREETFEST

August
28, 29, 30
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Portions of 35 Streets May be Resurfaced in 2009

Smith Street

Euclid Avenue

The Village of Palatine has compiled a list of 35 streets targeted for resurfacing in 2009. If bids for the work come in higher than expected, some of the streets may have to be eliminated from this year's program. A total of \$2.28 million has been budgeted for street resurfacing this year.

Using both on-site visual inspections and computer projections, the Department of Public Works has recommended that sections of the 35 streets, listed at the right, should be resurfaced to keep them from deteriorating further and to extend their life an additional 12 to 15 years. Some of these streets have had extensive watermain and sewer repairs done in the last year, and because of this work, need resurfacing.

The average time from start to finish on any one street, not including pavement markings and landscaping, is 40 days. Improvements planned include the spot replacement of curb and gutter, adjustment of manholes and inlets, and asphalt overlay.

Work is expected to start in mid-March with an anticipated completion date of mid-July.



Street

Barrington Woods Rd.
Bedford Drive
Big Oaks Road
Bon Aire Drive
Bothwell Street
Cardinal Drive
Cardinal Drive
Carter Street
Clyde Avenue
Creekwood Drive
Dorothy Drive
Elm Street
Falkirk Place
Farm Gate Lane
Glencoe Road
Hampton Place
Hidden Brook Trail
Jarvis Court
Kenilworth Avenue
Kensington Court
Lynda Drive
Michele Drive
Middleton Avenue
Norman Drive
Oak Street
Peregrine Drive
Pompano Lane
Salem Court
Shady Lane Road
Skylark Drive
Smith Street
Sunset Road
Troons Crossing
Willow Walk Drive
Willmette Road

From

Creekwood Drive
Whitehall Drive
Shady Land Road
Bel Aire Terrace
Wilson Street
Old Virginia Drive
Old Virginia Drive
Cornell Avenue
Palatine Road
Sunset Road
Winston Drive
Illinois Drive
Troons Crossing
Country Lane
Rohlwing Road
Kenilworth Avenue
Windhill Drive
Diane Drive
Roselle Road
Whytecliff Road
Rand Road
Winston Drive
Hunting Drive
Winston Drive
Colfax Street
Falmore Drive
Stark Drive
Willowwood Drive
Sunset Road
Falmore Drive
Euclid Avenue
Creekwood Drive
Falkirk Place
Illinois Avenue
Elmwood Avenue

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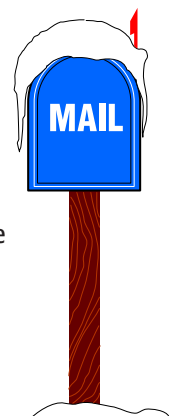
Lake Cook Road
Chatham Drive
Lake Cook Road
Pompano Lane
Colfax Street
Cunningham Drive
Cul-de-sac South
Cul-de-sac
Wilson Street
Barrington Woods Rd.
Richards Drive
Gilbert Avenue
Northumberland Pass
Hicks Road
Krista Lane
Kenilworth Avenue
Hidden Brook Trail
Cul-de-sac
Whitehall Drive
Cul-de-sac south
Diane Drive
Richards Drive
Whytecliff Road
Richards Drive
Robertson Street
Nightingale Drive
Rohlwing Road
Willowwood Drive
Barrington Woods Rd.
Peregrine Drive
Bryant Avenue
Shady Lane Road
Rosiland Drive
Spring Willow Bay
Rohlwing Road

Was Your Parkway or Mailbox Damaged During the Snowplowing Season?

If so, please call the Village's Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to report it. Public Works crews inspect every parkway in the Village to check for damage at the end of the snowplowing season. However, homeowners whose parkways or mailboxes have sustained damage are invited to call and make sure they are on the list.

Crews will repair damaged parkway areas with black dirt and seed. Please note that damage caused by salt is not included in the parkway repair program. In nearly all cases, grass damaged by salt will regrow, although sometimes more slowly than the homeowner would like.

Mailbox and post damage is usually caused by the force of wet, heavy snow being pushed against the post by the plow, rather than the post being struck by the plow itself. If you believe your curbside mailbox was damaged during snowplowing operations, call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200. The Village will replace damaged posts and/or mailboxes that meet Village Code. The Village's total liability is limited to the cost of replacing a standard metal mailbox and/or standard pre-treated wood post.



Palatine Residents

To Elect Mayor, Clerk, and Three Council Members on April 7

The following Offices in the Village of Palatine shall be elected at the Non-Partisan Consolidated Election to be held on April 7, 2009:

MAYOR to be elected at large	COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #1 to be elected by District #1 electors
VILLAGE CLERK to be elected at large	COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #4 to be elected by District #4 electors
	COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT #6 to be elected by District #6 electors

■ Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Individuals may register anywhere in the State of Illinois that offers Voter registration (i.e. Village/City Halls, Township Halls, 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.).

To verify if you are a registered voter and/or to find out where your polling place is, please call the Cook County Clerk's automated number at (312)603-0906 or you may visit www.voterinfonet.com

Ever Considered 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 for more information.

■ Grace Period Registration and Voting

Where: Only at Cook County Clerk's Office,
69 W. Washington St., Chicago
and Suburban Court Houses

When: March 11, 2009 through March 24, 2009

There is only one way to register to vote during the 14-day grace period. Unregistered voters must sign up to vote, in person, at the Cook County Clerk's downtown Chicago office: 69 W. Washington St., Room 500 or any of the suburban courthouses. You must show two pieces of identification to register.

Grace-period registrants are not allowed to vote at the polls on Election Day or vote at any early voting site.

■ Early Voting (no excuse or reason needed)

Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early from Monday, March 16, 2009 through Thursday, April 2, 2009, at any one of the early voting sites which are scattered across suburban Cook County, as well as downtown Chicago. The Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood Street, is one of the Early Voting sites. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday (March 21st & 28th) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Early voting will be conducted on touch screens that store every ballot style in the county, permitting any voter in suburban Cook to vote at any location. Early Voters must show a current government-issued photo ID (Illinois Driver's license, a State ID, or a Passport) to vote early. For a complete listing of early voting sites visit www.voterinfonet.com.

■ 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 for an absentee ballot at www.voterinfonet.com

For more information, visit our website at www.palatine.il.us or call the Village Clerk's Office at (847)359-9051.

Palatine Historical Society's Cemetery Walk Set for May 17

Palatine's rich history will come alive as never before on the Historical Society's hugely popular Cemetery Walk. Participants will have the opportunity to walk into Palatine's past as costumed characters portray the lives of some of the Village's earliest residents.

It's fun, it's informative, and it's for the entire family!

WHAT: Palatine Historical Society Cemetery Walk

WHEN: Sunday, May 17

WHERE: Hillside Cemetery, Smith Street north of Colfax Street

TIME: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for Historical Society members, \$2.00 for children under 16 years of age.

Experience Elegance of the Past at Annual Victorian Tea

No need to travel to a downtown Chicago hotel to experience a high tea. The Palatine Historical Society brings it all to you with scones, finger sandwiches, desserts, and, of course, tea. The event also includes an entertaining and informative program highlighting traditions of the past.

Dates for this year's event are Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, and 25 and 26. There are two seatings each day, noon and 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Tables for four and six are available.

The Victorian Tea is held at the Clayson House Museum, 224 E. Palatine Road.

To purchase tickets or for further information, call the Clayson House, (847) 991-6460, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



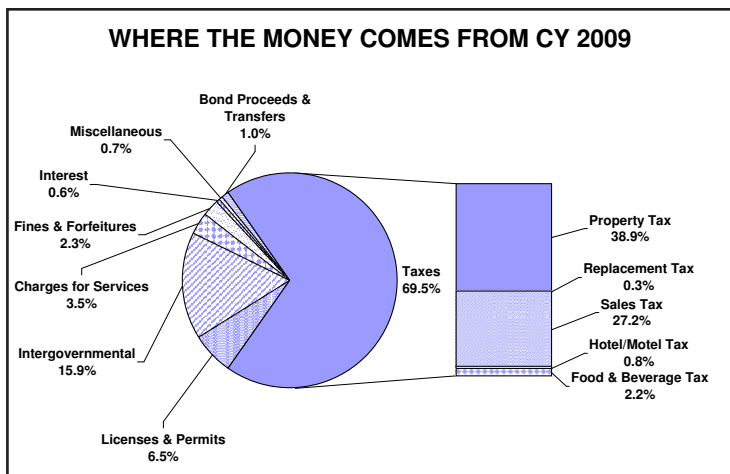
Quality of Village Services Uncompromised

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pockets of our stakeholders.

The 2009 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Plan reflects the uncertain economic climate that we all live and work within. It was developed with a theme of "Restrained Optimism," with the commitment to fund essential services to our residents and proceed with extreme caution on other programs and projects.

Revenues were projected on a very conservative basis given the current economic times. Property taxes were only increased by a modest 2.85% and the general fee schedule was scaled back from the statutory Municipal Cost Index increase of 8.1% to 3.5%. Sales tax projections included provision for new businesses as a result of the Village's economic development activities and for the unfortunate loss of businesses due to relocation and the economy.



Departmental operating budgets were created with a "maintenance of effort" approach. This was to assure that the quality services our stakeholders have come to expect would not be compromised. This is critical when considering the composition of our expenditures by function as shown below.

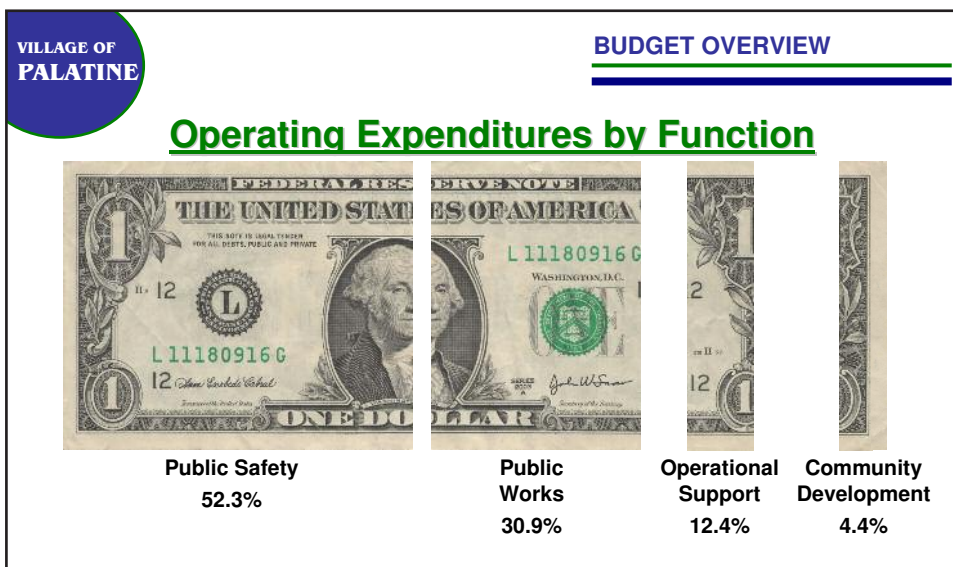
The adopted budget includes a list of items that are on a "hold list". These items, totaling approximately \$3.0 million, are on "hold" until a mid-year review of our financial situation. Should our revenue projections hold, they will be undertaken; however, if the economy continues to decline and revenues not come in as projected, they will not.

The following are key public health, safety, and welfare initiatives included in the operating budget for fiscal 2009:

- Addition of Part Time Police Assistant – The most economical solution to cover periods of heavy call volume to meet the demand for services.
- Operation IMPACT – Operation IMPACT (Immediate ManPower Against Criminal Threat) is an overtime program that targets designated areas of the Village to combat criminal threats and trends. Officers work in non-traditional patrol styles – in pairs, on foot, on bicycle.
- Additional K-9 Unit – The Village's K-9 unit continues to be an essential part of our police work. The demands for the unit expand every year. The Annual Budget includes funding for a second K-9 unit.
- Squad Car Cameras – Equip 50% of the marked fleet with cameras. This will assist in the successful prosecution of violators, deter false accusations and determine liability when accusations are made as well as provide for training opportunities for our officers.

Our Capital Investment Plan continues to focus on our infrastructure from street resurfacing and reconstruction to new water and sewer services. There are improvements to our creek system to help control storm water and upgrades to our technology systems to deliver the most efficient services possible.

Palatine consistently ranks as one of the most efficient municipal governments when it comes to cost of government per capita. Based upon a survey of comparable communities:



Palatine ranks #1 in Fewest Employees Per 1,000 Population

Palatine = 5.83 Employees Per 1,000

Average = 7.41 Employees Per 1,000

Palatine ranks #2 in Lowest Operating Expenditures Per Capita

Palatine = \$967.71 per capita

Average = \$1,290.87 per capita

The 2009 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Plan will serve as a strategic guide for the Village in the coming year. It reflects the services expected by our residents, provides dedicated revenues to support our long term infrastructure and equipment needs and lives within our financial means. The budget prioritizes our core services and administrative functions. Our employees continue to be the key to

operational and financial success. Palatine remains committed to providing the highest quality services at one of the lowest costs.

Isolated Problems Remain, But Significant Progress Made in Neighborhoods Prone to Flooding

Following two exceptionally heavy rainfalls in the fall of 2001, the Village Council adopted an aggressive program to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding in areas where property damage was occurring. Four areas of the Village – Palanoid Park, Buffalo Creek, Winston Park and the South Central neighborhoods -- were identified as needing improvements to prevent flooding following heavy rainfalls.

Studies by four independent consultants identified \$20 million in needed flood improvements. Ten million was bonded to cover the cost of the critical improvements under Phase 1 of a two phase program. By the fall of 2004, most of the Phase 1 flood mitigation improvements had been completed in the Palanoid Park, Buffalo Creek, Winston Park and the South Central neighborhoods. The remaining Phase 2 improvements were integrated into the Village's annual Capital Improvement Program to be implemented over a series of years.

Following severe rain events in 2007, the Village Council authorized the funds to expedite the Phase 2 flood control improvements. By developing alternate solutions and incorporating improvements that were completed between 2004 and 2007, the total amount of the Phase 2 flood control efforts are estimated at 50% of the cost originally contemplated in 2001.

During the course of 2008 and 2009, over \$4 million in flood control improvements are targeted.

Work completed during 2008 includes:

- Pleasant Hill Boulevard between Salt Creek and Plum Grove Road: Relief Storm Sewer.
- Helen Road between Plum Grove Road and Benton Street: New Storm Sewer.
- Helen Road at Elm Street: New Storm Sewer and Drantile Replacement



- Doe Road: New Storm Sewer and Roadway Adjustment
- North Street at Park Avenue: Drantile Replacement with Storm Sewer
- Williams at Jane Addams: Intersection Reconstruction and Ditch Improvement

Work targeted for 2009 includes:

- Garden Avenue at Del Mar: Relief Storm Sewer and Regrading
- King George at King Edward: Relief Storm Sewer
- Buffalo Creek East of Capri Drive: Rehabilitation of Channel Profile and Bank Stabilization
- Williams Drive at Paddock Drive: Relief Storm Sewer
- Williams Drive at Clark Drive: Relief Storm Sewer
- Hale Street between Gilbert and Glade: Storm Water Lift Station
- Fairgrounds Park: New Storm Sewer

Areas affected by flood control improvement work will be notified before work begins.

If you have questions relating to the implementation or timing of any of these projects, please contact the Department of Engineering at (847) 359-9044.

Here's a Bright Idea: Recycle Your Compact Fluorescent Bulbs at the Village

The Village of Palatine's Environmental Health Division is now offering residents a new drop off program for recycling Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL) and fluorescent light bulbs up to 4 feet in length. This free program is being sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Those bringing fluorescent bulbs to the Village for recycling will be asked to show identification for proof of residency. Please note that this program is for residentially-generated CFLs only. No commercial or institutional waste will be accepted.

Collection Dates, Locations and Times

Village of Palatine - Environmental Health Division
200 E. Wood Street, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Residents should bring CFLs for recycling in sealed plastic bags. This program offers residents an environmentally responsible recycling option for CFLs as an alternative to putting them in the garbage. Each CFL contains a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing, and therefore should not be disposed of in the garbage.

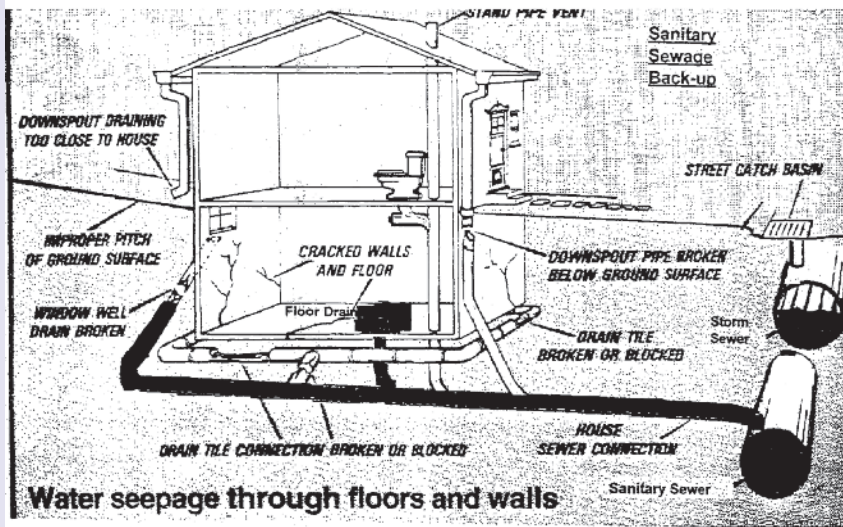
Program brochures and additional information are available online at www.palatine.il.us and www.swancc.org or by contacting Environmental Health at (847) 359-9090 and SWANCC at (847) 724-9205.

Cleanup Guidelines for Broken CFLs

Research indicates that there is no immediate health risk to you or your family from the small amount of mercury in CFLs, should a bulb break. You can minimize any risks by following these proper clean-up and disposal guidelines:

1. Open the window to ventilate the room if the weather permits.
2. Use rubber gloves if available and wash hands when finished. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or wet wipes and place in plastic bag and seal.
3. Do not use a vacuum or broom for clean up. On hard surfaces, scoop up glass fragments and fine particles with cardboard. On carpeting, use tape to collect glass fragments and fine particles. Place in a plastic bag for disposal.
4. Double bag and seal all clean up materials and then dispose of in the garbage.

If Basement Flooding is a Problem, We Can Help with the Solution



The record rainfall of August 23, 2007 is a nearly forgotten event for some, but a vivid memory for those whose basements took on inches of water and/or raw sewage that day.

In response to that flood event and the number of Palatine homes affected, the Village Council expanded the Sanitary Sewer Low Interest Loan Program to also provide Village funding to encourage homeowners to upgrade their gravity sanitary sewer services to either overhead plumbing or the installation of a back-water valve. Both methods can reduce the likelihood of sewer backups, although the overhead plumbing provides the higher level of protection.

With this expansion of the Sanitary Sewer Low Interest Loan Program, the Village is offering loans and/or cost-sharing to assist residents in making improvements to protect their basements from back-ups. The types of improvements covered under the program include:

- **Sewer backwater valves.** The Village will contribute 50% of the cost to a maximum of \$750.
- **Conversion to overhead plumbing.** The Village will contribute 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$5,000, including required disconnection of footing drains.
- **Disconnection of gravity footing drains from the sewer service.** The Village will contribute 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$2,500. If you don't have a footing drain sump pump, this should be done as you still may have basement flooding with a check valve as the footing drain water will have no where to go when the check-valve closes. Disconnection of the footing drains also eliminates the major source of

excess storm water that overloads the Village's sanitary sewer system which causes the basement back-ups in the first place. Disconnection of footing drains is necessary to receive the Village contribution for installation of a backwater valve or overhead plumbing.

- Replacement of the sewer service laterals from the house to the sanitary sewer main.
- Replacement or repairs of foundation footing drains.
- Replacement or installation of basement window well drains.

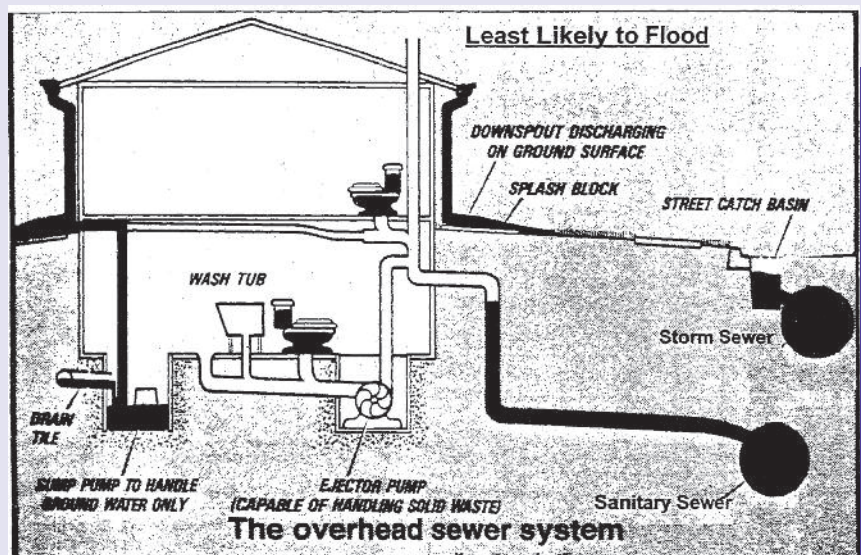
All of these improvements are eligible for a grant and a low interest loan that can easily be applied for through the Village. The loan amount ranges from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and have a term of 10

years. The interest rate is determined yearly based upon the State Treasurer's rate. To further reduce the costs associated with these projects, the Village will waive all applicable building permit and review fees. Inspection fees apply.

The Good News Is – It Works

As a testament to the success of converting to overhead plumbing or installing backwater valves, a survey of those homeowners who installed these improvements after the August 23, 2007 extreme rain event and prior to either the September 13 or December 27, 2008 events reported they did not experience sanitary sewer back-up.

If you are interested in making any of the listed improvements, or would like additional information, contact the Village's Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044 or visit the Village's web-site at www.palatine.il.us.



Know the Score: Village's New Food Inspection Postings List Results of Last Three Inspections

While dining out at your favorite restaurant or shopping at the grocery store in Palatine, you may have noticed a change in the design of the food inspection scores posted by the Environmental Health Division.

Food establishments will now display the results of their last three routine inspections at the business entrance. Previous postings displayed the average of the year's inspections rather than the actual inspection score. A perfect food establishment inspection score is 100 points.

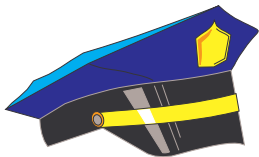
This change went in effect as of January 1, 2009 based on the recommendations of the Board of Health and approval by the Village Council. Please note that you may find food establishments with the previous posting design displayed until the new inspection for 2009 is conducted.

The Environmental Health Division staff conducts unannounced routine inspections of over 250 food establishments within the Village of Palatine. Inspections are conducted to verify that the establishments are operating in compliance with the requirements of the Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code. The last three routine inspection scores for Palatine's food establishments are also available on the Village's website at www.palatine.il.us.

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION SCORE HISTORY		PALATINE	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		Establishment Name: _____	
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		Type & Category: _____	
Inspection Date: ____/____/____		SCORING	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		90-100 – Excellent Excels in generally accepted food handling practices and overall food establishment maintenance.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		80-89 – Good Good performance in generally accepted food handling practices and overall food establishment maintenance.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		70-79 – Fair Fair performance in food handling practices and overall general food establishment maintenance.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		Below 70 – Poor Exhibits poor performance in food handling practices and overall general food establishment maintenance.	
Inspection Date: ____/____/____			
For additional information contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us			

For more information on the postings or the food establishment inspection program, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.

Career Opportunity with Police Department Interested in a Career in Law Enforcement?



The Palatine Police Department Is Now Accepting Applications

Have you considered a career in law enforcement? The time may be right for you to pursue a rewarding career opportunity with the Palatine Police Department. If after reviewing the information below, you have a desire to pursue a career with us, please stop by the police department, or visit our website at www.palatine.il.us to begin the application process.

WHY A PALATINE POLICE OFFICER?

- A nationally accredited Police Department
- Challenging career opportunities including Patrol, Investigations, Crime Prevention, Gang/Tac Units, etc.
- Current starting salary is \$57,499 with merit increases to \$80,199 after six years of service
- Excellent benefit package
- Outstanding pension benefits resulting in payouts of 50% of salary after 20 years of service and up to 75% after 30 years

APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

- Must be between 21 and 34 years of age
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college
- Vision: 20-40 in both eyes corrected/uncorrected
- Successfully complete a written exam and physical ability test

Applications will be available beginning Friday, January 30, 2009, at the Palatine Police Department, 200 E. Wood Street, Palatine, IL., or on our website, www.palatine.il.us. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The Fire and Police Commission will conduct the written examination on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at Palatine High School, 1111 N. Rohlwing Road. The Physical Ability Test will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. the same day at the same location.

The Freshest Flowers, Produce, Breads, Spices, Pastas and Pet Treats Are Just Weeks Away!

With the days getting longer and the sun warmer, thoughts turn to fresh produce and friendly gatherings at the Farmers' Market.

The 18th season of the Palatine Farmers' Market will begin May 2 with plants and flowering baskets galore, early produce, pasta, pickles, breads, spices, olives, teas, soaps, pottery, and pet treats, all accompanied by local musicians.

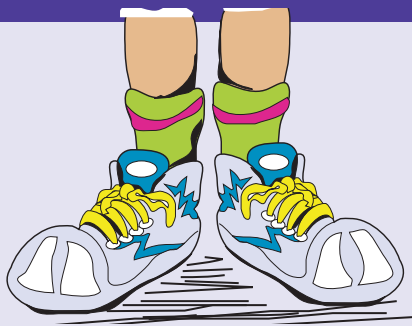
Mark your calendars for May 2nd to begin your Saturday morning ritual at the train station parking lot for all the best the area has to offer. Plan to visit the unique local shops and restaurants--all within walking distance from the Farmers' Market.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications are now being accepted for musical performers to entertain at the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from May thru October. See page 11 for the application.



Reuse-A-Shoe Gives Old Athletic Shoes

New Life as Running Tracks, Athletic Courts and More



The Environmental Health

Division is participating in Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of

Northern Cook County. Collected worn out athletic shoes will be transported to the Nike facility and recycled into "Nike Grind" material that goes into making running tracks and other athletic court surfaces.

The Reuse-A-Shoe collection box is located in the main floor lobby of the Village Hall. Drop off your athletic shoes Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Athletic shoe collection will take place until May 8, 2009.

Acceptable Shoes:

- ☐ Athletic shoes only (any brand)

Unacceptable Shoes:

- ☐ Shoes with metal eyelets, zippers, batteries, cleats or spikes.
- ☐ Flip flops, pool shoes, sandals, dress shoes, boots or slip-ons.
- ☐ Wet shoes or shoes with mud.
- ☐ Shoes with laces tied together or rubber banded.

For more information on Nike's program visit

www.nikereuseashoe.com. For collection information, contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us.

Every pair makes a difference. Let your worn out shoes play on.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
STREET FEST IS
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS !!!

Friday, Aug. 28 ★ Saturday, Aug. 29 ★ Sunday, Aug. 30

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

Sister Hazel



Ralph's World



BRITBEAT BEATLES TRIBUTE



Sixteen Candles

www.palatine.il.us/streetfest

Help Find the Cure: Join Palatine's Relay for Life on June 12-13

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is an overnight walk/run to raise money for cancer education, advocacy, awareness, support and research to help find a cure. This year's Palatine/Rolling Meadows/Inverness event will be held on June 12-13 at a local school.



An important part of the Relay For Life event is recognizing our cancer survivors. The Survivor Celebration takes place immediately following the opening ceremonies, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th. All survivors in attendance are asked to take the first lap with their caregivers. It is the most inspiring lap of the Relay event! The survivors are then invited to a dinner reception held in their honor on site.

If you or someone you know are a cancer survivor, please contact Taylor Bogdan at the American Cancer Society, (847) 368-1166 or visit www.relayforlifepmi.com for a registration form.

Girls on the Town

The Downtown Palatine Business Association is sponsoring "Girls on the Town" on Friday, April 24 from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The event will feature mini-workshops, handouts, special displays, raffles, gift certificates, and special sales, all geared to female shoppers.

Go to www.downtownpalatine.org for complete details.

Palatine News Briefs

HOW WOULD A NEW TREE LOOK IN YOUR PARKWAY?

Planting trees has multiple benefits for us all. They add beauty, charm, and stately maturity to a community, not to mention cleaner air and a better environment. That's why the Village of Palatine offers a 50/50 tree planting program to encourage residents to plant parkway trees in front of their homes. Through the 50/50 program, the Village and homeowner share the cost of the tree, which includes planting and a one year guarantee. The homeowner's share ranges from about \$110.00 to \$250.00, depending on the size and species of tree selected. Call the Department of Public

Works, (847) 705-5200, for an application for the spring 50/50 parkway tree program. The deadline for applying is **April 17**.

Please note: If the Village has removed a parkway tree within the last year, it will be replaced at no charge to the homeowner. Trees that were removed will be replaced with approved varieties according to availability.



THE PRICE IS RIGHT: FREE LANDSCAPING MULCH AVAILABLE

Yes, FREE! We'll even deliver it to you for the nominal fee of \$10.00 per cubic yard, with a three cubic yard minimum. The mulch will be dumped on the apron of your driveway. Call the Public Works Department, (847) 705-5200 after March 1 to schedule a delivery. Deliveries will begin in April.

Or if you prefer, you may pick up mulch from the bins in front of the fenced area at the Smith Street Recycling Center from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Bring a shovel and containers and help yourself.

While it is not considered landscape quality, the mulch is double ground and perfect for the area at the base of trees, around flower beds, and other places in your landscape design.

READY TO RIDE

The Village of Palatine is well on its way to becoming a more bicycle-friendly community with the recent creation of a Bicycle Task Force. The task force was initiated by residents who are interested in expanding safe bicycling options in Palatine.

Members of the Bicycle Task Force are committed to educating cyclists and motorists on the rules of the road; looking at options for creating a bicycle friendly infrastructure and policy; making bicycling safer; and finding ways to encourage people to ride.

If you are interested in joining the Bicycle Task Force or have ideas to share, contact Harry Spila at (847) 359-9027.



NEED A NEW SIDEWALK?

If the sidewalk in front of your home is uneven, severely cracked, or deteriorated in a way that meets specific safety standards, you can have it replaced for half the actual cost through the Village's 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program. The cost to the homeowner is approximately \$58.00 per sidewalk square. Requests for participation in the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program can be made by calling the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

The Village's Hazardous Sidewalk Program is designed to identify and eliminate the worst tripping hazards, at no cost to the homeowner. The area targeted for this year is west of Hicks Road, east of Quentin Road, south of Northwest highway, and north of Illinois Avenue.

Call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 for further information about the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program or the Hazardous Sidewalk Program.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AT APRIL 15 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street in Meeting Room C. The blood drive will be conducted by LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center. The need for blood is constant and ongoing. Every time you donate blood you can save the lives of three people.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact LifeSource at (847) 803-7943 or visit www.lsbrighten.org. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Become a Part of Palatine's History

Are you looking for a memorable way for you and your family to celebrate being a part of Palatine's history? Do you need an inspiration of how to honor someone special, or to celebrate an event?

Please consider purchasing a personalized Commemorative Brick to be installed at Volunteer Plaza located at Northwest Highway and Hicks Road. Installation takes place once in the spring and again in the fall. Commemorative Bricks may be purchased by mail using a personal check or money order, IN PERSON in the Finance Department of the Village Hall with payment by cash, check, money order, Visa or MasterCard.

Please return form and a check payable to:
Village of Palatine
Attn: Administration
200 East Wood Street
Palatine, Illinois 60067

VOLUNTEER PLAZA • VILLAGE OF PALATINE • BRICK AND PAVER ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE# _____

\$25, Including Engraving

- ☐ BRICK (4" X 8") 3 LINES OF UPTO 13 CHARACTERS EACH

\$100, Including Engraving

- ☐ PAVER (8" X 8") 5 LINES OF UPTO 13 CHARACTERS EACH

Be Sure To Include Spaces:

Only fill out these additional two lines if you have purchased the (8"x8") paver

Thank you for supporting the Palatine Volunteer Plaza!

The Village of Palatine reserves the right to deny applications deemed to be inappropriate.
A portion of the proceeds is tax deductible. Revenue Code: 10034250





PALATINE FARMERS' MARKET



2009 STREET MUSICIANS' APPLICATION

Please print clearly:

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

Phone number

E-mail

Group name _____

Type of music _____

Circle or highlight the dates you are available. Numerically rank 3 dates in order of preference.

May
____ 2
____ 9
____ 16
____ 23
____ 30

June
____ 6
____ 13
____ 20
____ 27

July
____ 11
____ 18
____ 25

August
____ 1
____ 8
____ 15
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____ 29

September
____ 5
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____ 19
____ 26

October
____ 3
____ 10
____ 17
____ 24
____ 31

Affiliation: Harper, Palatine High School, Fremd High School, Park District, Music Room, Other _____

Please write a brief description of music and musicians: (continue on back if necessary)

Return to: MARGARET DUER, FARMERS' MARKET, 200 EAST WOOD STREET, PALATINE, IL 60067
or e-mail to: REDuer@AOL.com Subject: Farmers' Market Musicians



Holiday Refuse Pick Up Schedule for 2009

Mark your calendar for these holidays that will affect your solid waste collection. Save and post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year and save yourself from hauling the trash to the curb a day early or missing your collection entirely for the week.

Date

Mon., May 25, 2009
Sat., July 4, 2009
Mon., Sept. 7, 2009
Thurs., Nov. 26, 2009
Fri., Dec. 25, 2009
Fri., Jan. 1, 2010

Holiday

Memorial Day Observed
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

Pickup

ALL collections will be one day later than usual
No change in collection day
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IMPORTANT: Refuse should be placed at the curb **no sooner than 7:00 p.m.** on the day preceding pickup (4:00 p.m. during the winter months). Please remember to place all solid waste at the curb **by 6:30 a.m.** for your weekly collection.

Curbside yard waste collection resumes March 30, 2009 and continues through November 25, 2009.

For further information regarding solid waste collection, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us.

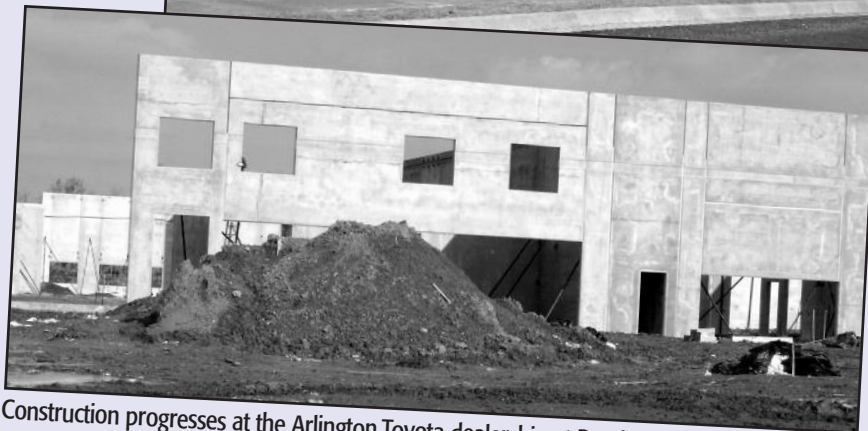


Look What's New in Palatine!

The new year is bringing a new look to the Rand Road corridor. The first quarter of 2009 has already brought a variety of exciting changes and welcome development to that area of Palatine. Here's a look at what's new:

- In mid January, **Tore & Luke's** restaurant celebrated the opening of their new facility at 1960 North Rand Road, near the intersection of Rand and Spruce.
- The relocation of Tore & Luke's helped to facilitate the development of the new **Arlington Toyota dealership** at the corner of Rand and Old Hicks roads. The Arlington Toyota dealership is under construction and should be completed by the end of the year.
- Another major development project within the Rand Road corridor is the relocation of **City Limits Harley-Davidson** to a new facility. The new dealership, to be located on Rand Road north of Old Hicks Road, has received all of its formal approvals and construction is expected to begin this summer.

We are pleased to welcome these new and expanded businesses to Palatine, and are excited about the many other projects now awaiting final approval. Be watching future issues of the Village of Palatine newsletter for continuing updates on projects occurring throughout the Village.



Construction progresses at the Arlington Toyota dealership at Rand and Old Hicks roads.

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