

# VILLAGE of PALATINE



Fall 2011

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE OCT. 1

Visitors at the Palatine Fire Department Open House will have an opportunity to meet firefighters, tour the station and view fire and rescue vehicles, and equipment on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Throughout the day firefighters will demonstrate how they train to extinguish fires and set free accident



victims from vehicles. Representatives from area hospitals, the Police Department, and the Community Emergency Response Team also will be present to answer questions.

For those who may be considering a career path as a firefighter, the staff from Harper College Fire Science Program will be available with curriculum information.



### Fire Department Open House Events Fire Station 84, 220 W. Illinois Ave.

Vehicle/Equipment Displays and Station Tours	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Public Education Vehicle Display	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fire Extinguisher Operation	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Vehicle Extrication Demonstration	11 a.m.
Mr. Wizard Fire Behavior Demonstration	Noon
Flashover Room Demonstration	1 p.m.
Flight for Life Helicopter	11 a.m. (if available)

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## *Future* EVENTS

Now through October 29  
Farmers' Market

**October 1**  
Fire Department Open House

**October 19**  
Blood Drive

**October 31**  
Trick or Treating, 3-7 p.m.

**November 18-19**  
Downtown Merchants  
Holiday Open House

**November 19**  
Holiday Tree Lighting

For complete listing:  
[www.palatine.il.us/events](http://www.palatine.il.us/events)

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## VILLAGE HALL HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency .....911  
Village Hall.....358-7500  
TDD (Emergency) .....911  
TDD (Non-Emergency) .....359-9000  
Village Action Line .....705-5200  
Community Services .....359-9042  
Fire (Non-Emergency).....202-6340  
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*All phone numbers are (847) area code  
unless otherwise noted.*



## PALATINE HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE OCT. 19

Because the need for blood is constant and ongoing, the Board of Health and Palatine Medical Reserve Corps are hosting a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St., Meeting Room C. LifeSource, Chicagoland's blood center, will conduct the blood drive.

### Did You Know?

- Only five percent of the national population donates blood.
- If all blood donors gave two to four times a year, it would help prevent blood shortages.
- 4.5 million Americans would die each year without life-saving blood transfusions.
- Every three seconds someone needs blood.
- About three gallons of blood support the entire nation's blood needs for one minute.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact LifeSource at 803-7943 or visit [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org). Walk-ins are always welcome.



***Downtown Palatine — Open for Business!***  
***Palatine's downtown businesses would like to  
welcome their customers back.***

***Please visit [www.downtownpalatine.org](http://www.downtownpalatine.org) for special offers  
related to their "Welcome Back Shopping Pass"***  
***Clip, Surf and Save!***



## PalatinE-News

Sign up to receive the latest information on community events, news and alerts at [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

# STATE CODE, LOCAL INSPECTORS PROTECT RESIDENTS FROM UNSAFE FOOD

Residents can be assured that when it comes to the food they eat and purchase in Palatine, the Environmental Health Division has inspected and rated all food establishments to verify that each business complies with the Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code requirements.

The number of inspections at the nearly 250 specific types of businesses (restaurants, grocery stores, etc.) varies. For example, a full service restaurant or grocery store would be inspected three times a year while a business that sells only prepackaged foods would be inspected yearly.

The Health Division reviews a variety of issues related to the operations of each business to establish an inspection score. Each item is assigned a corresponding point value. Certain aspects of the inspection are weighted higher, such as food temperatures and employee hygiene, while others are weighted lower as they are less critical to ensuring customer health and safety. A perfect

inspection score is 100 points. The Village requires all food establishments to post the three most recent inspection scores.

While the inspection program and related scoring cannot provide an ongoing evaluation of a food establishment's overall operations, it does provide a periodic snapshot of how the business rates in regard to the applicable health regulations.

To review current inspection scores, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). For more information on the entire inspection program, please contact the Environmental Health Division, 359-9090.



## Andersen Appointed New Fire Chief; Falardeau Retires

Palatine Fire Chief Robert Falardeau has passed his badge to 20-year veteran Scott Andersen, the Village's new Fire Chief.



Scott Andersen

Andersen, the Fire Department's former deputy chief of operations was appointed to the top job on August 1 at a Village Council meeting. Falardeau, who had been with the fire department for the past 31 years, retired that evening to a room filled with family, friends and firefighters.

Andersen, said he intends to be with the department for quite a while and even with budget constraints, is committed to delivering the highest level of service to the community.

## VILLAGE TRICK OR TREAT HOURS 3 TO 7 P.M. MONDAY, OCT. 31

Village Trick or Treat hours will be held 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Keep neighborhood ghosts and goblins safe:

- Go trick or treating with an adult.
- Stick to the designated trick or treat time. Stay in areas with many homes.
- Plan a safe route so you know where your children are at all times. Set a time for their return home.
- Stay together as a group. Be sure to let your parents know who you are with and where you are going.
- Do not eat any treats until they can be examined at home by an adult.
- Never enter a home, back or side yard of a stranger or get into a stranger's car. Call 9-1-1 or go to a neighbor's house for help.
- Carry a flashlight, glow stick or have reflective tape on costumes to make them more visible to cars.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant or have been treated with fire retardant spray.



- Avoid masks. They limit vision. Use make-up instead.

Homeowners remember to make Halloween a safe experience:

- Pick up objects in the yard, sidewalk, or driveway. Check hoses, flower pots and extension cords.
- Think "trick or treat safety." Use plug-in or battery-powered jack-o-lanterns.
- Keep the house well-lit and inviting.
- Be sure pets are secured and put away.

Damaging cars or houses is a crime. The police will arrest those who think that such behavior is "Halloween" fun.



## RAILROAD 'SHORT CUTS' BREAK FEDERAL LAW

One benefit of living in Palatine is easy access to commuter trains. The Federal Railroad Administration would like to remind everyone to be thoughtful when near or around railroad tracks. Taking a "short cut" across the tracks to save time is dangerous and is trespassing.



Residents are asked to follow these simple safety tips to **STAY OFF, STAY AWAY AND STAY ALIVE.**

The only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at a designated public crossing equipped with flashing red lights or a gate.

Railroad tracks, trestles, yards and equipment are private property. Trespassers are subject to arrest, criminal prosecution and a fine.

Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Trains can come from either direction. Wait until you can see clearly around the first train in both directions.

Flashing red lights indicate a train is approaching from either direction. It can take a mile or more to stop a train. Never walk around or behind lowered gates at a crossing and do not cross the tracks until the lights have stopped flashing.

To learn more about safety around railroads, visit Operation Lifesaver at [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

## VILLAGE FLOOD PROGRAMS RESOLVE DRAINAGE ISSUES

The Village has several assistance programs that residents may participate in to correct drainage problems. These solutions range from storm sewer extensions, small diameter sewer replacement and rain gardens to address yard drainage problems.

Palatine also offers a Basement Protection Program (BPP) for homeowners who want to upgrade their own plumbing and sewer service to prevent back-ups into the basement.

As part of the BPP, the Village will cost share with a homeowner for certain types of improvements and/or provide a low interest loan to cover the balance of the improvement cost or other improvements to the plumbing or sewer service line. Ten year loans vary from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and are not based on family income.

Improvements covered under the BPP include sewer backup check valves (manual check valves not eligible); overhead sewers including mandatory footing drain connection; replacement of sewer laterals from home to sanitary main; disconnections of sewer footing drains; replacement or repairs to footing drains; and replacement or installation of basement window well drain. Village cost sharing varies by project.

An application packet, including plumbing diagrams, construction standards and detailed loan information is available by calling the Village Engineer, 359-9045 or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: flood assistance programs.

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT WATER QUALITY?

It used to be that no one really thought much about water. It came out of the faucet and went down the drain. However, there are plenty of reasons to worry about water and water quality. Everyone expects to have crystal-clear, pure water for drinking, food production and recreation, yet water is used for waste disposal. NO aquatic system can absorb unlimited human pollution.

The need to prevent water pollution has been recognized for years. Clean Water Acts were passed in the early 1970s specifically to clean up discharges from industry and sewage treatment plants. But the problem is much more complicated. There are other types of water pollution called

"nonpoint source pollution" or "polluted runoff." These pollutants fall from the sky, wash from the land during rain storms, travel across the state in streams and rivers, and even get dumped into storm drains or directly into the water by individuals who don't realize that what they are doing causes water pollution. The Environmental Protection Agency now considers nonpoint source pollution the NUMBER ONE threat to water quality.

Through everyday activities everyone causes water pollution. The exhaust and oil from driving cars, materials washed down drains or flushed down the toilet, pet wastes, fertilizers and pesticides used in yards, all contribute to water pollution.

Simple changes can help reduce some types of pollution. Conserving water both saves money and helps septic systems or the local sewage treatment plant remove pollutants more effectively. Choosing non-toxic alternatives for household cleaning products reduces water pollution, cleaning bills and exposure to hazardous materials. Rethinking landscaping and gardening practices reduces the need for pesticides, fertilizer, and irrigation.

Please take time to find out how to protect the world's most important natural resource—clean water. To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200.

# PALATINE'S FLOOD RATING EARNS LOWER PREMIUMS FOR RESIDENTS

Since 1993, Palatine residents have had an advantage of reduced flood insurance premiums due to the Village's participation in the nationally recognized Community Rating System (CRS). This program recognizes residents of communities whose floodplain regulations, management and flood risk information programs exceed the minimum standards required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The flood insurance premium reduction is based on the designated rating level a village earns.

Today the Village carries a seven rating based on ongoing flood reduction improvements for the last 18 years. This means residents are entitled to a 15 percent premium reduction for homes located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and a five percent reduction for homes outside the SFHA.

Because the Village is an NFIP participant, all residents and business owners may purchase flood insurance through the program whether they live in an SFHA or not. In fact about 30 percent of all claims paid by the NFIP nationally are for policies outside SFHAs.

Regardless of how many times a resident has flooded, this insurance is available at any time through the NFIP or through a Write Your Own (WYO) company. WYO companies

write and service policies on a non-risk bearing basis through a special arrangement with the Flood Insurance Administration. There is a 30-day waiting period after the application and premium payments are received before the policy becomes effective.

The NFIP also provides some coverage to below ground level areas. Basement coverage under an NFIP policy includes cleanup expenses and replacement and repairs of items used to service the building such as furnaces, hot water heaters, washers and dryers, air conditioners, freezers, utility connections, circuit breaker boxes, pumps and tanks used in solar energy systems.

The policy **DOES NOT COVER** the contents of a finished basement and improvements such as finished walls, floors and ceilings.

Flood insurance claims are paid even if a disaster is not declared by the President, and are paid with policyholder premiums, not taxpayer dollars. The cost of this insurance is low compared to the level of protection it can provide. For example, if a home is located in a low-risk area, a homeowner may be eligible for a policy covering the home and its contents for less than \$160 per year. For a schedule of premiums, visit the NFIP website at [www.fema.gov/business/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip).

For more information on NFIP flood insurance, ask your insurance agent or company, or call the NFIP toll-free number at 1-800-611-6123 ext.29. You may also call 1-888-427-5593 to obtain the name of an agent in the area.



## ACTION LINE 847-705-5200

### Action Line Connects Residents To Village for Non-Emergencies

Palatine's Action Line phone was barraged by resident calls in the early morning hours of July 23 when torrential rains caused havoc with power outages and flooding from Salt and Buffalo creeks and in other areas of the Village.

Village employees answered hundreds of calls for help during the height of the storm and Public Works personnel and equipment were on the streets assisting residents from midnight on.

The Action Line operates daily during normal business hours, but in July's off-hours emergency situation, Village personnel responded quickly to resident queries throughout the storm and its aftermath. Established 10 years ago, the Action Line allows residents to call the Village directly. The 9-1-1 phone is reserved for police, fire and medical emergencies.

### Change the Clock, Change the Batteries November 6

The Palatine Fire Department supports the "Change the Clock, Change the Batteries" campaign ordered by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and more than 6,200 fire departments nationwide.



# CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTIONS WILL BEGIN BY ZONE OCT. 10

There will be three leaf collections scheduled between Monday Oct. 10 and Monday, Nov. 21 for each residence. All raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pick up by 7 a.m. on scheduled days, but no EARLIER than 4 p.m. the day before the collection.

There is only one pass down a street during scheduled collection days. The large volume of leaves makes it impossible for trucks to return a second time.

Leaf collection is a two-step process.

Crews collect leaves with a leaf machine.

Next the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris.

Street cleanup takes longer than leaf pick up due to the slow pace of the machine.

Refer to the map and schedule to determine your zone and three-day schedule.

## Zone Day/Date

1	Mon., Oct. 10
	Mon., Oct. 24
	Mon., Nov. 7
2	Tues., Oct. 11
	Tues., Oct. 25
	Tues., Nov. 8
3	Wed., Oct. 12
	Wed., Oct. 26
	Wed., Nov. 9
4	Thurs., Oct. 13
	Thurs., Oct. 27
	Thurs., Nov. 10
5	Mon., Oct. 17
	Mon., Oct. 31
	Mon., Nov. 14
6	Tues., Oct. 18
	Tues., Nov. 1
	Tues., Nov. 15
7	Wed., Oct. 19
	Wed., Nov. 2
	Wed., Nov. 16
8	Thurs., Oct. 20
	Thurs., Nov. 3
	Thurs., Nov. 17

## ALL ZONES

Mon., Nov. 21



Visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) and click on the Property Information Look-Up icon for detailed information.

Public Works has scheduled the week of November 21 as the final leaf pick up opportunity for all Village residences. All zones MUST have the final collection of leaves out on the street, Monday, Nov. 21 by 7 a.m. Crews will start the final pick up on Monday and continue throughout the week until all the leaves have been collected.

For more information, contact Public Works, 705-5200, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: leaf collection.



## Important Reminders

- Parking over a pile of leaves can create a fire hazard—a warm car may ignite leaves underneath it.
- Please do not park on the street during pick up day. Vehicles block the curb for equipment.
- Please do not rake leaves around the edges of cul-de-sac islands. Rake them to the residential curbside.
- Please clean the neighborhood storm sewer inlets to help prevent flooding during rain. Rake leaves into the street about 12 inches from the curb to allow for drainage.
- Please rake leaves into the street on the pavement. Leaves raked just over the curb or on the parkway cannot be picked up. Streets without curbs should have leaves piled as close to the shoulder of the road as possible without hindering vehicular traffic.
- Please do not include non-leaf material (grass clippings, branches, etc.) during the leaf collection to prevent equipment and safety issues. Piles with any other debris will be left at the curb.



## In Case of Snow

An early snowfall seriously hampers leaf collection efforts. Leaves raked to the curb most likely will be plowed back onto the parkway. Public works will make every attempt to collect leaves raked back into the street.

## Timing Is Everything

Please don't rake leaves too early. Leaves left accumulating for several days before the scheduled pick up may be carried by wind or rain down the curb line and block storm sewer inlets. The backup may flood yards and basements.

Please be patient if crews run behind schedule. Weather, equipment problems and the amount of leaves may slow down the collection process, but crews will be there to pick up the leaves.



## Bag Those Leaves For Pick Up Option

Residents have the option to collect fallen leaves in yard waste bags and place them curbside for household refuse pick up. This flexible option works well for those who do not want to be committed to the scheduled leaf collection program.

Final pick up for curbside yard waste and bundled brush will be the week of November 28. If Groot conducts additional curbside collections in December, information will be posted on the Village website and Palatine Television, Xfinity channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse channel 99.

## Curbside Brush Pick Up Scheduled for February

A curbside brush pick up will occur **ONLY ONCE** during the winter season beginning the first Monday in February at 7 a.m. Please have all loose brush at the curb.

### Guidelines

- Brush must be eight inches or less in diameter to accommodate the chipper.
- Firewood or tree stumps are not accepted because of the potential damage to the chipper.
- Cut ends must face the curb with branches as long as possible.

Crews will pass through the Village just once. Be patient, if amounts of brush are excessive, the project may take all week to finish.



## Farmers' Market Offers Fall Produce Until Oct. 29

This fall look for home-grown vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, pumpkins, squash, leeks, beans, sweet potatoes and tomatoes at the Palatine Farmers' Market—perfect ingredients to create hearty soups and stews. Apples also will be at their best while pears, peaches and raspberries will still be available.

It's not too late to discover several produce vendors who are certified organic growers along with Scott Hasselman's no-pesticide, no-hormone, free range eggs, chickens and meats.

Vendors also will continue to offer a wide variety of specialty items throughout the fall season — breakfast sandwiches, coffee, pastas and sauces, nuts, gourmet pomegranate spreads, spices, flowers, cheese cakes, chips, salsa, pet treats, bakery goods, bison steaks, cheese, and donuts flash-fried on site. Sweet and savory crepes are made to order.

Just a few weeks are left to have your knives, lawn mower, tools and scissors sharpened by Kris Southerland.

The Market is open every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October at the Palatine Train Station, Smith and Wood streets.

## VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

### AUTOMOBILE

**Arlington Luxury  
& Classic Cars**  
2019 N. Rand Rd.  
394-5100  
*Vehicle Sales*

**Foreign Car Parts Inc.**  
711 S. Vermont St.  
963-0300  
*Wholesale Auto Parts*

**Palatine Complete  
Automotive LLC**  
623 W. Colfax St.  
221-5061  
*Auto Repair*

### CONTRACTORS

**Construction  
Technology & Design**  
248 W. Northwest Hwy.  
963-1356  
*Construction Management*

### HAIRSTYLING/NAILS

**Boda Hair Salon**  
1577 N. Quentin Rd.  
845-0006  
*Hair Salon*

### RESTAURANTS/RETAIL

**Airtime by Andy**  
1713 N. Rand Rd., #200  
*Cell Phone Store*

**Batteries Plus**  
780 E. Dundee Rd.  
705-7000  
*Battery Store*

**BFD Blue Moon Footwear**  
43 W. Slade St.  
934-9188  
*Retail/Shoe*

**Brandi's Banquets**  
1170 E. Dundee Rd.  
714-5590  
*Banquet Hall*

**Health and Energy Club**  
1546 E. Dundee Rd.  
863-2386  
*Nutrition Shakes/Sales*

**Pinky's Gifts and Flowers**  
1220 E. Dundee Rd.  
776-8951  
*Flowers/Gifts/Jewelry*

### SERVICES/

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Atman Well Being**  
19 E. Northwest Hwy., #1A  
989-4261  
*Massage Therapy*

**Classic Creations**  
1108 W. Northwest Hwy.  
382-2121  
*Tailor*

**Clarity Resource Group LP**  
415 S. Creekside Dr., #105  
305-5802  
*IT Consulting*

**Clever Container  
Company**  
1216 W. Northwest Hwy.  
358-7060  
*Direct Sales*

**The Edge Dance Academy**  
768 W. Euclid Ave.  
630-529-6807  
*Dance Studio*

**Govvas Healthcare  
Services Inc.**  
670 N. First Bank Dr.  
496-4715  
*Home Health Care Agency*

**LBE LTD**  
805 E. Palatine Rd.  
907-4959  
*Energy Consultant*

**Liquidware Labs Inc.**  
630 N. North Ct., #200  
678-397-0450  
*Software Development*

**Palatine Wellness**  
473 W. Northwest Hwy.,  
#2A&B  
221-5899  
*Network Marketing/  
Nutrition Sales*

**Property Maintenance  
& Construction LLC**  
261 N. Woodwork Ln.  
934-3700  
*Maintenance*

**Town and Country Claim**  
835 N. Sterling Ave., #105  
202-4834  
*Insurance Adjuster/Field Work*

**WSP Holdings Company**  
200 E. Daniels Rd.  
224-836-2773  
*Office/Restaurant Real Estate*

**1 800 Got Junk**  
426 N. Wanda Ln.  
705-0662  
*Dry Goods Storage*

## RELOCATED BUSINESSES

**City Limits  
Harley Davidson**  
2015 N. Rand Rd.  
358-2112  
*Motorcycle Sales/Service*

**MAW Chicago LLC**  
830 W. Northwest Hwy.  
359-3591  
*Contractor*

**Northwest Stationers Inc.**  
428 S. Vermont St.  
221-5901  
*Office Supplies*

**Vintage Violins**  
134 W. Slade St., #2  
991-3936  
*String Instruments  
Repair/Rental*

## CONTRACTORS: REGISTER WITH VILLAGE, PROVIDE SURETY BOND

All contractors conducting work in the Village must be registered with the Building and Inspections Services Division. To register, a contractor must fill out a registration form and pay an annual fee. In cases where the contractor is under the jurisdiction of the county or state, registration involves submitting proof of agency licensing or registration.

All contractors not under the jurisdiction of another agency must provide a completion and compliance surety bond. This bond provides a minimal level of insurance against work that fails to comply with required codes or completion per approved plans.

Homeowners should not solely rely on the surety bond, but be certain that their contractor has the required personal liability, property damage, and workers' compensation insurance for his or her workers and subcontractors. Always obtain copies of the contractor's proof of insurance, check your homeowner's insurance policy to ensure coverage for any injury or damage that may occur, and always verify contractor complaint records with the Illinois Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau before signing into any agreement.

### Village Adopts New Building Codes

The Building Permits and Inspection Division adopted the 2009 edition of the International Code Council building codes on July 18. During the process, the Village worked closely with local builders and developers to gain valuable and constructive information.

It has always been the Village's goal to maintain codes that best serve residents and support the use of new products. These newly adopted codes continue to ensure Palatine's positive rating with the Insurance Services Offices, which in turn helps residents acquire and maintain lower insurance rates.

For more information, contact the Building and Inspection Division, 359-9042, or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).



### Resident Shares Talent at Sister City Music Festival

Dennis Florine, local poet and musician, represented the Village of Palatine at the Fontenay-le-Comte International Music Festival held this past July. Palatine and Fontenay-le-Comte have been sister cities since 1995.

At the request of Mayor Schwantz, Dennis joined other talented artists from throughout Europe who shared their music and dance talents at the annual event.

The Sister City organization welcomes new members. For more information, visit [www.palatinesisercities.org](http://www.palatinesisercities.org) or Facebook.

# HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD WINNERS BEAUTIFY VILLAGE

Congratulations to all residents, business owners and organizations whose properties have delighted Village residents with endless displays of flowers, lush shrubs and perfectly edged walkways. To pay homage to these outdoor living spaces, the Village of Palatine, with the guidance of the Beautification Commission, has awarded first place Hometown Pride Awards to the following entrants.

## Single Family Home

Kevin and Brooke Delzell, 151 N. Ashland

## Multi-Family Home

Mary Winch, 108 W. Wood St.

## Entrance/Cul-de-sac Island

Ron Warnstedt, Bridgeview West Subdivision

## Business

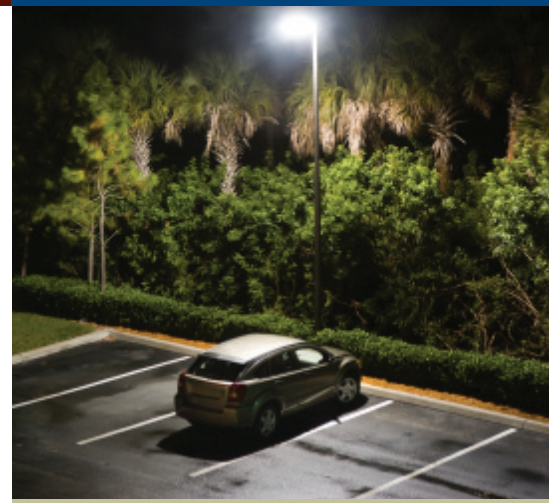
John Sarantopolous, Palatine Inn Restaurant

## Doors of Palatine

Doris and Tom Grgin, 714 N. Bon Aire Dr.



For a complete list of entries and to view the photo gallery, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: hometown pride award.



## Don't Stay In The Dark About Parking Safety

It is no secret that criminals like to work in the dark and lurk in the shadows. The Palatine Crime Prevention Unit would like to remind residents to be aware and plan ahead when parking their vehicles at night.

Follow these parking tips to stay safe:

- Always consider the travel route to and from the vehicle. Park in an area that will allow one to walk along the most well traveled and well lit sidewalks.
- Do not park in isolated locations or behind obstructions.
- Consider the return time when choosing a parking location. It may be dark at that hour.
- Be aware! Observe everything and look for things out of the ordinary. Also, check inside both front and back seats before entering.
- Have keys in hand as approaching the vehicle. Don't linger, get right in and then immediately lock the car.
- Trust instincts and seek help.
- Ask a friend to accompany you to the vehicle.
- Carry small loads, and keep hands free.
- Avoid parking beside large vehicles which can provide a convenient shield from eye-witnesses.
- Be aware of surroundings. Walk with confidence and purpose.
- Do not leave valuables or property visible inside a vehicle.

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

## ENJOY SAFE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The busy holiday season is a time when people may become careless and vulnerable to theft and other crimes.

Shoppers make perfect targets for burglars and thieves.

Distracted by children, in a rush to get home or simply carrying packages to the car while talking on a cell phone or digging for keys, shoppers are usually unaware of the surroundings and potentially unsafe situations.

The Palatine Crime Prevention Unit recommends that residents follow these safety awareness tips.

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible or go with a friend at night.
- Dress casually, comfortably and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet.
- Always carry a driver's license or identification card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card.
- Stay alert to the surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a credit card.
- Keep cash in front pockets.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if a credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all credit card numbers in a safe place.
- Be extra careful if carrying a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded areas.
- Avoid being overloaded with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of approaching strangers. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distraction with the intention of taking one's money or belongings.





## Watch Palatine Television for Village News and Events

Comcast XFINITY TV and AT&T U-Verse TV broadcast Palatine Television, the Village's Government Access Station. Residents can watch live coverage of Village Council meetings along with public information programming.

Viewers can catch up on broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Palatine Television provides the community a wide variety of informational and educational programming about local government programs and services, school board meetings, public safety, arts and culture and the environment.

Tune in to Palatine Television on these channels:

**Comcast's XFINITY TV—Channel 6**

**AT&T U-Verse TV—Channel 99**

Select Palatine Community Television

For more information, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: Palatine television.

## SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Is your residence compliant with new fire safety codes? Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors must be installed within 15 feet of all bedrooms and one on each floor level of a home. New codes require smoke detectors in each bedroom.

In new home construction, smoke detectors must be wired into the household electrical current. However, many residents still rely on battery operated detectors, which operate efficiently provided the batteries are replaced on a regular basis.

### Install Smoke Alarms

- On every level of a home
- Outside of bedrooms or wherever people sleep
- Inside every bedroom
- Away from air vents or registers and other spaces with high air flow
- Best location: on the ceiling in the center of the room, at least 12 inches from any wall
- Second best location: on a wall 12 inches below the ceiling

### Maintain Smoke Alarms

- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Test alarms monthly
- Change batteries twice a year.
- Some smoke alarms come with 10-year batteries.

- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- Combination alarms may need to be replaced after seven years.



Before purchasing a smoke or CO detector, make sure it has been tested by a national testing laboratory. Most detectors powered by the household electric current have a battery back-up, in the event of a power failure.

### If a Smoke or CO Detector Sounds

- If it is an intermittent alarm, and the detector, is battery powered or has a battery back-up, check the battery.
- Detectors are designed to activate in this manner when the battery power is getting low.
- If it is a steady alarm, make sure everyone in the home is alert.
- If the source of the activation cannot be immediately identified, evacuate and dial 9-1-1.
- Never re-enter the house until the Fire Department has given permission.

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Division, 359-9020, or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: smoke/CO detectors.

## DID YOU RECEIVE A CRIME OPPORTUNITY CARD?

To ensure the safety and security of residences and businesses, Palatine Police officers continuously patrol and check for conditions that may increase the opportunity of criminal activity. They then alert residents and business owners of these unfavorable conditions that may result in a crime opportunity.

Some of the common conditions which officers may find through their patrolling for use of the Crime Prevention Opportunity Forms are, but not limited to:

- Open garage doors
- Newspapers or mail accumulated outside a location
- Obstructed view of premises
- Unlocked car doors/open windows
- No visible house numbers
- Valuables left in vehicle in plain view
- Bicycles left on lawn or unlocked at businesses
- Insecure businesses (open doors/windows)

\*\*\*\* [ ] CHECK HERE IF OPEN DOOR \*\*\*\*  
**YOU COULD STOP OR PREVENT A CRIME!**  
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY EXISTS HERE.

Date criminal opportunity observed \_\_\_\_\_  
Time criminal opportunity observed \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of opportunity \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Star \_\_\_\_\_

The police officers of the Palatine Police Department care about your safety and are concerned about the security of your home/business. A patrol officer observed an opportunity of criminal activity on your property and forwarded a copy of this card to the Crime Prevention Unit. The above is not a violation. We are simply alerting you of our concern in order to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. By working together we can reduce crime and increase safety. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this incident further please feel free to call the Crime Prevention Unit at 359-9061.

"Working together to promote a safer community"

## CLEAN FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY FOR SAFE WINTER WARMTH

Gathering around a fireplace can be a warm, cozy and even romantic experience. However, as quick as a spark, the ambiance can turn deadly and destroy a home, personal belongings and even lives! Consider these fireplace safety tips and rules:

- Service the fireplace and chimney annually by a certified chimney sweep.
- Burn only hard woods such as oak, maple or hickory. Soft woods like pine, lumber scraps, etc., leave soot and combustibles on the chimney lining which may cause a fire.
- Never use a flammable or combustible liquid to start or accelerate a fire.
- Secure screen or glass door covers at the opening to deter sparks from the fire box.
- Be certain that the fireplace assembly is in good structural condition.
- Clean ashes out of firebox prior to use, making sure there are no hidden embers.
- Use only metal containers with a properly fitted lid to store the ashes.
- Dispose of cold ashes correctly.



- Be sure the damper is operating correctly.
  - Keep the glass fireplace doors open while the fire is burning to allow the fire to extinguish before closing the doors.
  - Install only recommended doors on pre-fabricated fireplaces. Many fires have resulted from the installation of improper doors which can cause an excess of heat build-up and fires above and behind the fireplace wall.
  - ALWAYS BE CAREFUL!
- For more information, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: fireplace safety.



### Open House, Santa Visit Kick-off Holidays

Join Mayor Jim Schwantz, Council Members and even Santa Claus on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m for the Village's official tree lighting ceremony at Towne Square, Smith Street and Palatine Road.

Help Santa Claus and Mayor Schwantz light the holiday tree. Submit a one page letter to Santa and the Mayor about the importance of the holiday season. Letters should be submitted to "Tree Lighting, Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood St., Palatine, IL 60067" not later than Nov. 1. For more information, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: tree lighting.



The Downtown Palatine Business Association will host its annual Holiday Open House Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19. For more information, visit [www.downtownpalatine.org](http://www.downtownpalatine.org).

## 2012 WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULES

### HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendar for these holidays that will affect your solid waste collection. For those holidays not listed, solid waste collection will take place as regularly scheduled. 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.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
January 2	New Year's Day	all one day later
May 28	Memorial Day	all one day later
July 2	Independence Day	Wed. one day later
September 3	Labor Day	all one day later
December 24	Christmas	Tues./Wed. one day later

### CURBSIDE YARD WASTE

Curbside yard waste collection ends the week of November 28, 2011. It resumes April 2, 2012 through November 28, 2012. Residences that have driveways next to each other are encouraged to place refuse and recyclables next to each other to expedite pick ups.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division, 359-9090



### O'Hare Modernization Program Underway

In 2008, the City of Chicago began construction transforming O'Hare International Airport's airfield from a system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration, to reduce flight delays and increase flight operations well into the future.

With the reconfiguration of the runways, there has been a shift in aircraft noise impacting communities that surround O'Hare. For more information about the O'Hare Modernization Program and aircraft noise, visit [www.cityofchicago.org/omp](http://www.cityofchicago.org/omp) or [www.oharenoise.org](http://www.oharenoise.org).



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## Village Seeks CDL Drivers For Snow-Plowing Season

If you have experience driving large trucks, hold a valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brakes endorsement, can be available whenever needed and could use some extra money, the Department of Public Works wants you! These positions are temporary and require a high school diploma or equivalent

Applications are available online at [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) or call 705-5200. Please apply by Oct. 21.

## PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 AND FRIDAY, NOV. 25  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

MONDAY, DEC. 26  
IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, JAN. 2  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR



### Driver Safety Program

**For:** All car driving seniors age 50 and over

**Where:** Palatine Village Hall,  
200 E. Wood St., Room C  
(2nd floor)

**When:** Fridays, December 2 and 9

**Time:** 9 am to 1 pm (both Fridays)

**Cost:** AARP Member - \$12  
Non-AARP member - \$14

**To Register:** Call 358-3272

Attendance at both four hour classes may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest course for drivers age 50 and older.

For more information visit [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org)

## PALATINE ROAD PROJECT COMPLETE

Thousands of motorists now pass through the newly reconfigured intersection of Palatine and Plum Grove roads daily. The construction project cost \$11.7 million and was funded in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Federal Highway Authority and the Village of Palatine.

The most improved benefit for drivers is the added dedicated turn lanes which now ease traffic flow. In addition to new railroad crossings at the intersection, Hale Street also was reconfigured to end at the crossing for added safety and to ease congestion.

There are 52 new energy efficient decorative street lights, paved walkways and landscaped medians to enhance the appearance of both streets for merchants and residents alike.

"With added green space on the northwest and northeast corners, Palatine and Plum Grove roads form a new gateway to the downtown area," said Village Manager Reid Ottesen.

