

VILLAGE *of* PALATINE

AGGREGATION PROGRAM SAVES COMMUNITY OVER \$7 MILLION

Following the passage of a voter referendum in March 2012, the Village of Palatine established an electric aggregation savings program with the goal of securing electricity at a lower price for residents and small businesses as compared to ComEd pricing.

So far this program has proven to be a major success. As of September 2015, participating households have saved \$334 for a cumulative Village-wide savings of \$7.4 million.

Since the renewal of the program back in May 2014, the Village has received its electric supply from Constellation, an Exelon Company, who was selected via a competitive bidding process. As part of the current three-year program, Constellation will continue providing a fixed rate of 6.621 cents per kWh until May 2017. This compares to ComEd's September 2015 rate of 6.591 cents per kWh. Additionally, 100 percent of electric supply consumed by program participants supports renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydro in Palatine. To date, the renewable program has reduced CO2 output by 311,800 tons.

Just as a reminder, all eligible residential and small business customers who are not currently enrolled in this program may do so by calling Constellation at 877-585-3431. There are never any additional fees for enrollment, switching, or early termination.

If you would like more information or have any questions on the Village's aggregation program, please contact the Village's electric aggregation consultant, NIMEC, at (800) 727-3820 or visit the Village's website at www.palatine.il.us, search: *electric aggregation*.



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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Ensuring the safety of our children as they travel to and from school is one of the highest priorities of the Village of Palatine. The Palatine Police Department dedicates a considerable portion of its resources toward that goal with extra patrols in the school areas, educational efforts, and proactive traffic enforcement. However, our children's safety is the responsibility of not only the Police Department, but our entire community as well.

Traffic Safety

Children's behavior is always unpredictable, and drivers need to be more cautious when they are near schools. Drivers should always slow down and watch for children where school traffic safety signs are posted. Illinois law requires all drivers to stop for school buses that have the stop sign extended, lights flashing, and are loading or unloading children (except when approaching the school bus from the opposite direction on a 4 lane road with 2 lanes for travel in opposing directions). Drivers must remain stopped until the stop sign is retracted and the warning lights are off. Drivers must come to a complete stop when crossing guards have a stop sign or flag displayed. Drivers must keep in mind that pedestrians have the right-of-way.



Traveling To and From School

School safety begins before children arrive at school, and it doesn't end until they arrive safely back home. Here are some tips for the different ways your child might get to and from school.

Walking to School

- Carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route. Use intersections with crossing guards whenever available.
- Warn your children against crossing in the middle of the block, from between parked vehicles, or without looking

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Monday through Friday



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in both directions for approaching vehicles. If there are no sidewalks available, children should walk facing vehicle traffic at a reasonable distance away from the street and passing vehicles.

- See if there are other neighborhood children your child can walk with. There is safety in numbers.

Taking the School Bus

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Never move toward the bus until it has come to a complete stop, the door has opened, and its safety lights are flashing.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street.

- Always stay within the bus driver's view. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.

Riding a Bike

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- All bicycle riders should follow the basic rules of the road: ride with traffic; stop and look both ways before entering the street; stop at all intersections, whether marked or unmarked; and before turning, use hand signals and look in every direction.
- Obeying these traffic laws and safety tips will help ensure a safe return to school for children while also preventing injuries to pedestrians. Have a great 2015-2016 school year!

2015 HOMETOWN PRIDE WINNERS



The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission recognized homes, businesses, subdivisions, and "Doors" of Palatine with 2015 Hometown Pride Awards. This year's winners are:

SINGLE-FAMILY

- 1st place: 709 Juniper Dr.
- 2nd place: 209 Russet Way
- 3rd place: 913 Sanborn Dr.

MULTI-FAMILY

- 1st place: 162 S. Stonington Dr.

SUBDIVISION/CUL DE SAC

- 1st place: Bridge View West
- 2nd place: Palatine Station
- 3rd place: Plum Grove Park Estates

DOORS OF PALATINE

- 1st place: 1036 S. Smith St.
- 2nd place: 905 N. Williams
- 3rd place: 1045 W. Yale Court

BUSINESS

- 1st place: Palatine Inn
- 2nd place: St. Joseph Home
- 3rd place: Palatine Bank and Trust

For a complete list of entries and to view the photo gallery, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: *hometown pride award*

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

SCARECROWS ON PARADE

Enter the 8th annual scarecrow decorating contest as part of the Palatine Rotary Club's 2015 Oktoberfest Festival. Home Depot in Palatine will provide 20 scarecrow skeletons, so don't wait. **Call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 to reserve one today!**

SCARECROW SKELETON PICK UP:
Starts Monday, August 24, 2015
Public Works Facility
148 W. Illinois Ave.
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

JUDGING AND AWARD CEREMONY:
Please drop off skeletons at the corner of Brockway and Slade Streets by 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19. Judging will take place at noon. The Award Ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Oktoberfest Main Tent. All of the participating scarecrows will remain on display along the rail walk fence.

For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us and search: **scarecrows on parade**

Holidays on the Town

Friday, November 20 – 5 to 9 p.m.

Downtown Palatine Merchants

The Downtown Palatine Business Association invites you to come enjoy the many businesses in downtown Palatine as they offer wine samplings, goodie bags, hors d-oeuvres, and horse-drawn trolley rides. Cost is \$2 per person.



Winter Farmers' Market

Saturdays, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, and April 16 – 7 a.m. to Noon

Palatine Train Station

The Palatine Winter Market offers residents food items and services they have come to enjoy at the Farmers' Market.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 3

Have you ever wondered what a fire truck looks like up close, how to use a fire hose, or what a fire station looks like? Now is your chance! Families are invited to join members of the Palatine Fire Department at our Annual Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station 84 (220 W. Illinois Avenue).

Take a tour of the fire station, get up close with the equipment used to keep the citizens of Palatine safe, and take part in numerous fun and exciting activities like spraying a fire hose and using a fire extinguisher. This is a great opportunity to meet your local firefighters, witness live educational demonstrations, and to learn more about the services the department offers the community. A Flight for Life helicopter is even scheduled to land at the event.

Support agencies such as the Palatine Police Department, NICOR, ComEd, Northwest Community Hospital, St. Alexis Medical Center, Northwest Central Dispatch, and Palatine Emergency Management Agency among others that will also

Rotary Club of Palatine's Oktoberfest

Downtown Corner of Smith and Slade Streets

Friday, September 18	5 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, September 19	12 p.m. to Midnight
Sunday, September 20	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

- Authentic German music, food, and beer
- Activities for all ages
- Raffles to help support local charities and community projects

For a complete schedule of events or to learn more about the Rotary Club of Palatine visit www.palatinerotary.com/oktoberfest.



Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 21 – 5 p.m.

Towne Square

Do you want to help Mayor Schwantz and Santa light the holiday tree? Just submit a one page letter about the importance of the season by November 6 for a chance to be selected. Letters can be submitted to:



Tree Lighting – Village of Palatine
150 W. Wilson St.
Palatine, IL 60067

Come admire the beautiful lights while enjoying cookies and hot chocolate, listening to festive music, and taking pictures with Santa.



participate in the event as they also provide critical services to the Palatine community.

The Annual Fire Department Open House is an event the entire community will enjoy while learning valuable fire safety tips. We look forward to seeing you there.



NEW: GO ONLINE TO REQUEST OVERNIGHT PARKING

The Village of Palatine has developed a new program to allow you to request overnight parking online at www.palatine.il.us/ONP. This will allow you to enter in the required information, and if you have not requested over five days in the last month, you will be automatically approved.

The process is quick and easy. Just enter the "who, when and where" information and the request will be processed for approval.

Just as a reminder, it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any Village street, alley or parkway for a period of time longer than fifteen minutes between the hours of 1 to 6 a.m.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

2015 VILLAGE OF PALATINE TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS:

Saturday, October 31 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests, and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season, and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you. The Palatine Police Department would like parents and youngsters to keep some important safety tips in mind.

- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door-to-door. Go with them if you can.
- Instruct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been examined. Do not allow children to eat any homemade goodies or food they may have received.
- Check the treat wrappers for signs of tampering
- Call the police if there are any suspicious treats
- Make sure children's costumes fit, they are short enough to prevent tripping, and that they can see well. Remember, using face paint makes it easier to see than wearing a mask.
- Tell your children to trick or treat in their own neighborhood, and to stay on well-lit streets. Daylight hours are best!
- Teach your children not to go inside or in the back or side yard of any home
- If children are going to be out after dark make sure they carry a flashlight. Any amount of reflective clothing or tape is also a good idea.
- Know which friends your children will be with and which route they will be taking
- Leave your porch light on so children will know it is ok to visit your home
- Teach your children to use the sidewalks and to watch out for traffic
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and could become frightened.



KEEP KIDS SAFE IN CARS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ILLINOIS CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION ACT

The Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all children under the age of 8 be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system, more commonly called a car seat. Car seats include infant seats, convertible seats (rear-facing and forward-facing), and booster seats that are used with the vehicle lap and shoulder belt system. However, children weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat of a motor vehicle while wearing only a lap belt if the back seat is not equipped with a lap and shoulder belt system. Violators of the Child Passenger Protection Act are subject to a \$75 fine for the first offense and are eligible for court supervision if they provide the court with documented proof from a child safety seat technician of a properly installed child restraint system and completion of an instructional course on the installation of that restraint system. A subsequent violation is a petty offense with a \$200 fine and not eligible for court supervision.

Child Safety Seat Guidelines Based on Age

Always read and follow the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's instructions for installation and height/weight guidelines. Here are some general guidelines:

Newborn-12 months

Children under age 1 and weighing less than 20 pounds should always ride in a rear-facing infant seat or a convertible seat used rear-facing.

Ages 1-4

Children should remain in a rear-facing safety seat until age 2, or until they are at the upper height or weight limit of the seat. When a child out-grows a rear-facing safety seat, he or she may transition to a forward-facing seat with a harness system.

Ages 4-8

Children should be secured in a forward-facing safety seat with an internal harness system until they reach the upper height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer. When a child outgrows the forward-facing seat, he or she may transition to a belt-positioning booster seat.

Ages 8-12

Children should stay in a belt-positioning booster seat until they are tall enough to properly fit in an adult lap/shoulder belt.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Palatine Police Department offers free Child Passenger Safety Seat inspections for Palatine residents. For an appointment call the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 359-9061.

The Palatine Police Dept. will be hosting a free car seat check event on Friday, September 18 from 12 to 3 p.m. No appointment needed.

AUTOMATED WATER METERS: INSTALLERS START WORK IN PALATINE

As reported in our spring newsletter, the Village has entered into an agreement with Siemens Industries Incorporated to replace 19,150 water meters with new automated meters. The first phase of the project, which included the installation of the antenna tower infrastructure and ancillary equipment, has been completed. The second phase includes the installation of up to 200 water meters to test the software system operation.

Between now and August 2016, Palatine water customers will be contacted by mail from Siemens Industries Incorporated in order to schedule an appointment to install a new water meter.

We ask that you provide easy and safe access to your inside water meter to make for a safe and efficient meter exchange.

Installers have completed a background



check, will be wearing a uniform with the "Siemens" logo, use a marked vehicle with a "Siemens" decal under the side front windows and carry a Village contractor ID card with his or her picture. The installer shall not ask for any personal information and will not request any payment.

If you have any concerns whether someone is acting in an official capacity or about any suspicious activity, contact the Palatine Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

Details of the water meter project can be found on the Village website at www.palatine.il.us/waterneters. You can also contact Siemens at (855) 620-7993.



Water meter installers start work in the field



The Palatine Fire Department supports the **Change the Clock, Change the Batteries** plan followed by more than 6,200 fire departments nationwide. While you're changing those clocks around your house on **November 1** when Daylight Savings Time comes to an end, be sure to change the batteries in all of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION UPDATES

Interested in following along with the progress of our Village Hall renovation?

You can do that by visiting <http://www.palatine.il.us/featured/villagehallrenovation.aspx>.

We provide pictures that outline each phase of the project.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE MAP

Wondering what kind of work the Village is doing right now? Visit www.palatine.il.us and click on the "Construction" button on the right side of the page. The Public Works and Engineering Departments maintain an interactive map of all active construction projects with information about each one.

NEW BUSINESSES

Retail/Restaurants

Boost Mobile

1709 N. Rand Rd., Suite 200
(773) 691-6951
Cellular Phone Sales

Chipotle Mexican Grill

781 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 934-4541
Restaurant/Mexican

Daisy's Malt Shoppe

807 N. Quentin Rd
(847) 485-7634
Ice Cream Shop

Drag-On E-Cigarettes & Juice

1613 N. Rand Rd.
E-Cigarettes/Tobacco

Jersey Mike's Subs

783 E. Dundee Rd.
(224) 801-6227
Restaurant/Sandwiches

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt

789 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 907-9306
Frozen Yogurt

Pie Five Pizza

787 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 934-4622
Restaurant/Pizza

Starbucks

1200 W. Algonquin Rd.
Building D
(847) 925-6573
Coffee Shop

Subway

243 W. Northwest Hwy.
(773) 908-9283
Restaurant/Sandwiches

The Vape House

401 N. Northwest Hwy.
(630) 279-8273
E-Cigarette Store

Yuliana's Boutique

1713 N. Rand Rd., Suite 100
(630) 222-8709
Boutique

Fitness

Palatine Athletic Club

1546 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 934-4900
Fitness Center

Services

Consolidated Mill Supply Inc.

1530 E. Dundee Rd., Suite 200
(847) 706-6715
Commodities Trading

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CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTIONS WILL BEGIN BY ZONE OCTOBER 19

There will be two regular leaf collections scheduled between Monday, October 19 and Friday, November 13 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 machine. Next the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris. Street cleanup is longer than leaf pick up due to the slow pace of the sweeper machine.

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

Public Works has scheduled Monday, November 16, as the final leaf pick up opportunity for all Village residences. All zones **MUST** have the final collection of leaves out on the street by 7 a.m. on Monday, November 16. 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 at (847) 705-5200, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or visit 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 days. Vehicles block the curb for equipment.

Please do not rake leaves around the edges of cul-de-sac islands. The equipment cannot make small enough turns around the 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, dirt, 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 will most likely be plowed back onto the parkway. Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves raked back into the street.

Timing is Everything

Please do not rake leaves too early. Piles 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.

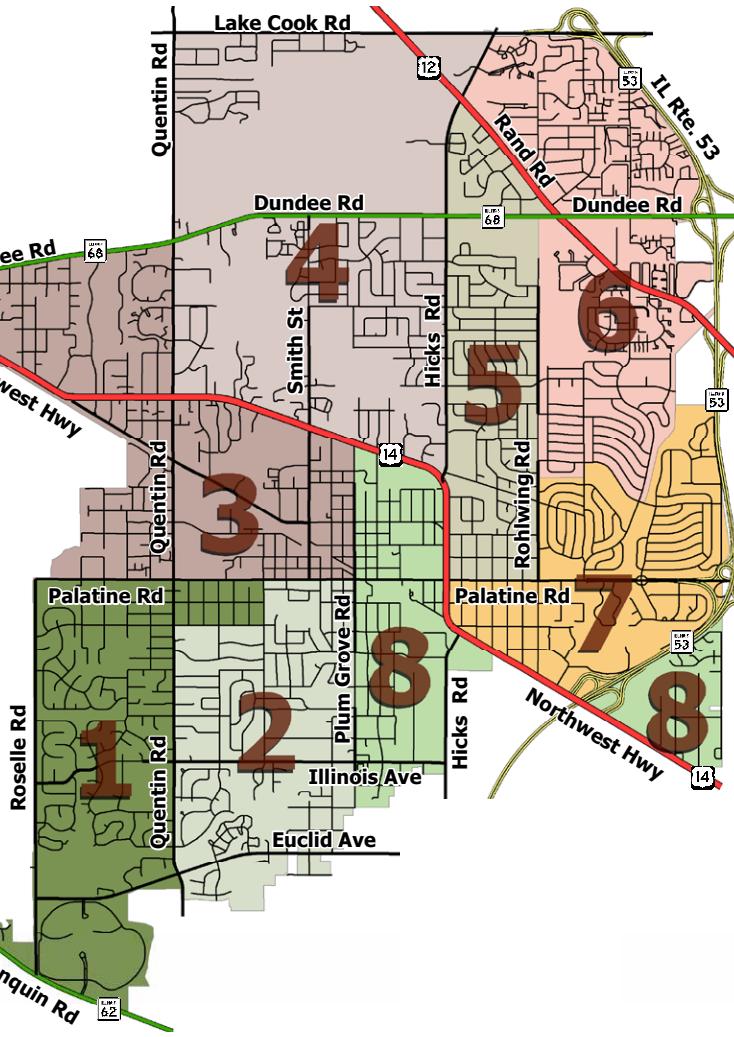
Bag Those Leaves for Pick Up Option

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 commit to the scheduled leaf collection program.

Final scheduled pick up for curbside yard waste and bundled brush will be the week of December 7. It is possible that Groot may conduct 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.

Zone Day/Date

1	Mon., Oct. 19 Mon., Nov. 2
2	Tues., Oct. 20 Tues., Nov. 3
3	Wed., Oct. 21 Wed., Nov. 4
4	Thurs., Oct. 22 Thurs., Nov. 5
5	Mon., Oct. 26 Mon., Nov. 9
6	Tues., Oct. 27 Tues., Nov. 10
7	Wed., Oct. 28 Thurs., Nov. 12
8	Thurs., Oct. 29 Fri., Nov. 13



CARBON MONOXIDE: THE INVISIBLE KILLER

What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)?

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products. These products include generators and faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

Know the Symptoms of CO Poisoning

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

• Headache	• Shortness of breath
• Fatigue	• Nausea/Dizziness
• Mental confusion	• Loss of consciousness
• Vomiting	• Loss of muscular coordination

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

Should anyone in your home experience any of these symptoms, immediately seek medical attention.

Know How to Protect Your Family from the Dangers of CO

- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Should the CO alarm activate, remove everyone from the home and call 9-1-1
- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home following manufacturer recommendations.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Remove vehicles from the garage immediately after starting.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month. Replace your CO alarm per manufacturer recommendations.

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

SMOKE ALARMS AT HOME

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Here are some safety tips to follow:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home, including in the basement. Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires.

Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.

- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

If you have any questions about how to properly place or test smoke alarms, contact the Palatine Fire Department at (847) 202-6340.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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. Please have all loose brush set out at the curb no later than 7 a.m.

Guidelines

- Brush must be 8 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. Please be patient. If amounts of brush are excessive, the project may take all week to finish.

NEW BUSINESSES

Services (continued from page 5)

Golden Hair Studio

208 W. Northwest Hwy., Suite 100
(224) 636-0933

Hair Stylist

NFM Lending

119 E. Palatine Rd., Suite 200
(847) 963-1000
Mortgage Lending

Options

212 W. Northwest Hwy.
(847) 991-1186
Hair Salon

Yoliz Hair Studio

208 W. Northwest Hwy.
(224) 800-2448
Hair Salon

Transportation

Chicago's Transportation Group LLC

1292 W. Northwest Hwy.
(847) 499-3555
Transportation Center

Hispano Taxi

1340 N. Rand Rd.
(224) 623-2156
Taxi Office

JK Transportation

800 E Northwest Hwy., Suite 426
(224) 588-9988
Transportation Office

Source One Logistics

201 E. Dundee Rd., Suite 15
(847) 496-4286
Shipping/Trucking

Star Way Lines Inc.

300 S. Hicks Rd.
Palatine, IL 60067
754-7007
Trucking Logistics/Repair

NEW ADDRESSES

Amplio Systems

578 W. Colfax St.
(800) 267-1437
Audio/Repair

Lexington Oaks

480 W. Northwest Hwy.
(847) 459-9900
Home Builder

Paul Davis Emergency Service

649 S. Vermont St.
(224) 333-1300
Emergency Services

AVOID A FIRE: HOW TO PROPERLY STORE AND DISPOSE OF OILY RAGS

The Palatine Fire Department has responded to several house fires over the last few months that were caused by improper storage and disposal of oily, stained soaked rags used in common remodeling projects such as refinishing wood trim and doors or hardwood floors. In some cases, the fires were caught early and remained relatively small, but in a few unfortunate instances, the fire almost destroyed the entire home.

Spontaneous combustion or spontaneous ignition, as it is often called, is the occurrence of fire without the application of an external heat source. Due to a chemical breakdown, combustible materials self-heat to a temperature high enough for ignition to occur. In some instances the fire occurs in minutes or hours but some have slow heated for several days before actually igniting. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an estimated 14,070 fires occur annually due to spontaneous ignition.

Oily rags have a long history of being a source of fire because people are generally not aware that the materials have the ability to combust and catch on fire under the right conditions. Some examples of these products include oil-based paints, stains, and sealers, varnishes, polyurethane finishes, and paint thinners to name a few. To avoid this type fire in your home, consider the following safety tips:

- Do NOT store wet, oil-soaked rags in a pile, in a sealed plastic bag or in your garbage cans.
- Hang soiled rags outside, out of direct sunlight to dry in a safe, well ventilated area or spread them out flat, making sure they are weighted down to prevent movement by wind. Once they are dry, hard and brittle, they can be safely disposed of normally.
- Many paint and stain manufacturers use different oils, with different disposal methods so you are urged to read and follow their directions on the labels.
- In the event of a fire... dial 9-1-1 immediately, evacuate everyone from the building, and stay outside waiting for the Fire Department.

FIRE SAFETY – WHAT SHOULD MY KIDS KNOW?

The Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division provides fire safety talks to elementary school students in cooperation with School District 15 and others. Firefighters visit elementary schools each school year and provide fire safety talks for students from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Topics include:

Stop Drop and Roll	Fire Safety Plans
Stay Low and Go	Fire Behavior
Feeling Doors for Heat	Fire Safety Checklist
Importance of a Meeting Place	First Aid
When and How to Call 911	Common Causes of Fire

CLEAR SNOWY HYDRANTS



Snowfall, combined with the snow plowed from the roadways, often impedes accessibility to fire hydrants. The Palatine Fire Department is asking residents and business owners to help keep some of the 3,557 fire hydrants clear of snow and accessible. During a fire, time is crucial. The extra minutes a firefighter spends digging out a hydrant makes a critical difference.

Please consider "adopting" a hydrant or two closest to a home or business this winter by keeping them clear of snow. Snow should be removed approximately three feet away from the hydrant in all directions with a pathway cleared between the hydrant and the roadway.

For residents who identify a damaged or leaking fire hydrant, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to report it.

When Seconds Count...



Which would you rather have to protect your home?

After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.



Public Education is very important to the Palatine Fire Department and we are committed to providing this education to your elementary school children. We have created a collection of fire safety videos that you can view with your children. These videos are available on the Village of Palatine website under the Fire Department section. You can also find them directly at:
<http://www.palatine.il.us/departments/fire/publiceducationvideos/introduction/introduction.aspx>

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CARTS

Residents have the option to rent a cart for garbage collection. Garbage carts are available in 35, 65 and 95 gallon sizes. The 2016 annual fee for garbage cart rental is \$33.00, which is billed by Groot Industries. To rent a garbage cart, contact Groot Industries at (800) 244-1977. Use of garbage carts is not required and residents may place an unlimited amount of bagged garbage at the curb for collection.

Recycling cart not large enough? Residents also have the option to upgrade the size of their recycling cart at no cost. To schedule delivery of a larger 65 or 95 gallon recycling cart, contact Groot Industries at (800) 244-1977.

Garbage and recycling carts must be placed at least four feet apart at the curb for automated collection. Please do not place any carts in the street for collection, especially during snowfall.

For more information on garbage and recycling, contact the Environmental Health Division, (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us.



WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Holidays

Mark your calendar for these holidays that will affect 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 trash to the curb a day early or missing collection entirely.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day	All one day later
July 4, 2016	Independence Day	All one day later
September 5, 2016	Labor Day	All one day later
December 26, 2016	Christmas	All one day later

PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM

The Environmental Health Division is offering free drop off disposal programs for prescription and non-prescription medications (no controlled substances) and sharps. These programs are sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).

Participation in these programs will ensure environmentally-safe disposal. Residential waste accepted only. No waste will be accepted from businesses, schools or hospitals.

Collection Location and Times:

Where: Village of Palatine
Environmental Health Division
150 W. Wilson Street

When: Monday - Friday
From 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

Before bringing in pharmaceuticals and sharps for drop off, please review the complete program information and guidelines by visiting www.palatine.il.us and search drop off disposal programs or contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.

SWANCC provides alternative drop-off locations for batteries, mercury thermometers and thermostats and compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs at surrounding municipalities. Palatine residents are eligible to participate in these SWANCC programs. For program information and locations, please visit www.swancc.org or contact SWANCC at (847) 724-9205.

Palatine Police Department to Participate in Drug Take-Back Day September 26

On Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Palatine Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to rid their medicine cabinets of expired, unused prescription drugs. Bring the unwanted medications, no questions asked, to the Palatine Police Department located at 595 N. Hicks Road for disposal.

To ensure a quick and safe transaction, please do the following;

- Medication: All medication should be sealed in clear plastic zip-lock bag(s).
- Liquids: Will not be accepted.

With the assistance of the DEA, the Palatine Police Department will continue to host prescription drug take-back events semi-annually for residents. For more information, visit www.dea.gov or call the Palatine Police Department at (847) 359-9000.

SNOW REMOVAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Public Works Department receives a variety of information requests from residents all through the year, especially during the winter when snow falls. Here are the most frequently asked questions with answers.

- **How many miles is Palatine Public Works responsible for plowing?** The Village is responsible for 167 center lane miles of snow and ice control.
- **How are those miles divided up to plow?** The 167 miles are divided into 11 sections with two trucks typically assigned to each section or route in a plowing event. Public Works is also responsible for plowing commuter, Fire Station, Police Department, and Village Hall parking lots.
- **Why are two trucks assigned to a route?** Tandem plows clear street pavement from center line to curb in one pass and expedite the time to clear streets.
- **Why don't the plows clear the whole street?** Drivers make a preliminary pass to open up the street. Final curb-to-curb clearing occurs after it stops snowing.
- **How long does it take to plow a route?** Depending on the type and amount of snowfall, it can take approximately 7 hours to clear 15 miles of streets. A typical route is 15 miles.
- **Are the same drivers assigned the same route each time they plow or salt a route?** Yes. There are two drivers assigned to each route for a plowing operation and one driver for a salting operation.
- **For some storms, plows are out for most of the day and night. Is the same driver out there that whole time?** Yes, the State and County are responsible for Quentin Road, Roselle Road, Rand Road, Dundee Road, Algonquin Road, Euclid Avenue, Route 53, Hicks Road north of Dundee road, and Colfax Street west of Quentin Road.
- **Where do drivers start plowing?** Major streets are plowed first, such as Northwest Highway, Palatine and Hicks Roads, followed by secondary and residential streets, including cul-de-sacs.
- **Are there roads Palatine does not plow?** Yes, the State and County are responsible for Quentin, Roselle, Rand, Dundee, and Algonquin Roads, Euclid Avenue, Route 53, and Hicks Road north of Dundee.
- **Some sidewalks are cleared but not all—why is that?** The Village Council designated certain sidewalks to be cleared

when there is over 3 inches of snowfall. These sidewalks are the main routes to schools or on higher volume roads.

- **Are residents required to shovel the public sidewalk adjacent to their property?** No. However, the Village encourages all residents to clear their sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.
- **If residents choose to shovel the public sidewalk adjacent to their property, where can they put the snow?** Place the snow on the parkway in a manner to avoid injury or limited access to any person, animal, or property.
- **Can a resident put snow on a public sidewalk or street?** No. This includes the portion of the sidewalk that crosses over a driveway apron. Village ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, or shoveling of snow into the street, on the public sidewalk, or on a parkway across from your property. This action can create a hazardous condition for both motorist and pedestrians.
- **If a resident hires a snow plow contractor, who is responsible for notifying that contractor of the Village ordinances?** The property owner is responsible for the actions of their contractor. Non-owners of property should forward this information to the party responsible for conducting the snow plowing and snow removal operations.
- **The snow plow driver hit a mailbox. How does a resident get mail now?** It is very difficult, especially on cul-de-sacs, to completely clear the snow without risking damage to a mailbox or post. If a curbside mailbox or parkway is damaged by a Village snowplow, call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200, and the Village will either repair the box and parkway or bring out a temporary mailbox so residents can receive mail delivery. Keep in mind, the Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing if the boxes do not meet Village code.
- **Why does the snow plow driver always seem to fill driveways with snow after residents have cleared away the snow?** It's not done intentionally. The goal is to have safe roads for residents and other motorists traveling within the Village. Sometimes it is necessary to plow and/or salt after residents have cleared driveways.

For more frequently asked questions or a full description of Village ordinances, visit www.palatine.il.us.

Search: *snow plow facts*

VILLAGE SEEKS CDL DRIVERS FOR SNOW-PLOWING SEASON

If you are an experienced CDL driver and hold a valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license with air brakes endorsement, can be available to work flexible hours, 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. Snow plowing experience is a plus. Starting pay is \$20 per hour.

Applications are available online at www.palatine.il.us and positions are open until filled.

HOLIDAY FOOD SAFETY

A popular way to celebrate holidays or any party occasion is to invite friends and family to a buffet. However, this type of food service where foods are left out for long periods leave the door open for uninvited guests — bacteria that cause foodborne illness. Festive times for giving and sharing should not include sharing foodborne illness. Here are some tips from the USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline to help you have a safe holiday party.

Safe Food Handling

Always wash your hands before and after handling food. Keep your kitchen, dishes and utensils clean also. Always serve food on clean plates - not those previously holding raw meat and poultry. Otherwise, bacteria which may have been present in raw meat juices can cross contaminate the food to be served.

Cook Thoroughly

If you are cooking foods ahead of time for your party, be sure to cook foods thoroughly to safe minimum internal temperatures.

Cook all raw beef, pork, lamb, and veal steaks, chops, and roasts to a minimum internal temperature of 145 °F as measured with a food thermometer before removing meat from the heat source. For safety and quality, allow meat to rest for at least three minutes before carving or consuming. For

reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook meat to higher temperatures.

Cook all raw ground beef, pork, lamb, and veal to an internal temperature of 160 °F as measured with a food thermometer.

Cook all poultry to a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F as measured with a food thermometer.

Use Shallow Containers

Divide cooked foods into shallow containers to store in the refrigerator or freezer until serving. This encourages rapid, even cooling. Reheat hot foods to 165 °F. Arrange and serve food on several small platters rather than on one large platter. Keep the rest of the food hot in the oven (set at 200-250 °F) or cold in the refrigerator until serving time. This way food will be held at a safe temperature for a longer period of time. REPLACE empty platters rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already had food in it. Many people's hands may have been taking food from the dish, which has also been sitting out at room temperature.

The Two-Hour Rule

Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything there two hours or more.



Keep Hot Foods Hot and Cold Foods Cold

Hot foods should be held at 140 °F or warmer. On the buffet table you can keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, slow cookers, and warming trays. Cold foods should be held at 40 °F or colder. Keep foods cold by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Otherwise, use small serving trays and replace them.

Foodborne Bacteria

Bacteria are everywhere but a few types especially like to crash parties. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Clostridium perfringens* and *Listeria monocytogenes* frequent people's hands and steam tables. And unlike microorganisms that cause food to spoil, harmful or pathogenic bacteria cannot be smelled or tasted. Prevention is safe food handling.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture

FLU PREVENTION

Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.

1. Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

3. Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

WIPERS ON, HEADLIGHTS ON



Illinois law states that motorists must use their headlights from sunset to sunrise and when rain, snow, fog, or poor weather conditions require the use of windshield wipers. Headlights are legally required when objects 1,000 feet away from your vehicle are not visible. Your bright headlights must be dimmed 300 feet before you plan to pass another vehicle.

Motorcycles must be equipped with one headlight that shows objects 500 feet ahead. However, the motorcycle's headlight must remain on whenever the vehicle is in operation.

Source: DMV.org

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 11
In Observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27
In Observance of Thanksgiving

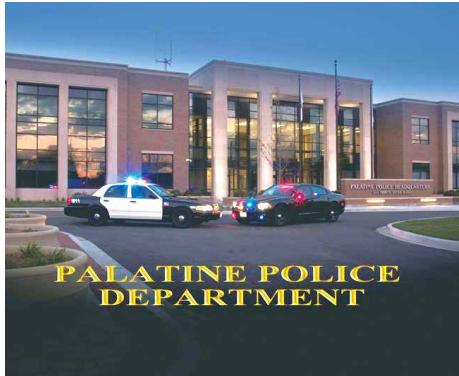
Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25
In Observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Friday, January 1
In Observance of New Year's Day

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2015 OPEN HOUSE PALATINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

595 N. HICKS ROAD

On October 17, 2015, the Palatine Police Department will be hosting an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We invite Palatine residents to sign up for a tour of the Palatine Police Headquarters. Palatine Police will guide residents on a one-hour tour of the building.

Space is limited for this event. For additional information and to reserve your time slot for the Open House, visit the Village of Palatine website at www.palatine.il.us.

The **Palatine Police Department** promotes safety through **Education** first, followed by **Enforcement**. Over the next four months, Palatine officers will use focused enforcement to address the following initiatives that address resident safety and quality of life issues in our community:

• **LIGHTS, CHECK!** Nothing is more irritating than being pulled over by the police for "nothing" right? Then the officer informs you why he pulled you over and it's a violation that police regularly receive complaints about; equipment violations. Are your brake lights, headlights and turn signals working? All drivers are responsible for the working condition of their motor vehicle. Airline pilots and train engineers not only make sure everything is working properly inside, but they always walk around the outside too. Motor vehicles aren't any different! Take an extra minute, walk around your vehicle and make sure your lights are working properly; it may save a life.

• **OBSTRUCTED WINDSHIELDS:** Don't you hate the extra time it takes to scrape the frost off your car windows in the late fall or brush off snow during the winter? Many drivers gamble by just using the windshield wipers and the defroster and begin driving right

away, only using a small clearing on the windshield to see when...CRASH! Because you were in a hurry, you just struck a parked car or even worse, a pedestrian. Don't make a mistake that will change your life and the lives of others forever. Take a moment and clean off your car's windows; it's your responsibility!

• **HOW ARE YOUR TIRES?** With winter fast approaching, the big question is: "Does my car need new tires?" The State of Illinois requires tires on cars to have a minimum tread groove depth of 2/32" and 1/32" for motorcycles. Take a penny, turn it upside down, and lower it into the tread groove. If part of Lincoln's head is always covered by the tread, you have more than 2/32" of tread depth remaining (www.tirerack.com). So, the question is now: "Is your life or the life of a loved one worth it?" If you are not sure about the conditions of your tires, visit one of the many businesses in town that sells tires.

• **PARKING ON THE STREET DURING WINTER MONTHS:** If you live in the Village of Palatine, you have already witnessed the incredible work the men and women of the Public Works Department do clearing the snow and ice off the streets each winter. However, their efforts are severely hindered when residents disobey Village Ordinance #19-91 (a) and leave their vehicles on the street after 2" or more of snow has fallen. This Village Ordinance prohibits any person or business from parking any vehicle on a public street for up to 24 hours after an accumulation of 2" or more of a snow. Give the snow plows a break; leave our vehicle in your driveway so they can clear the roads.

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