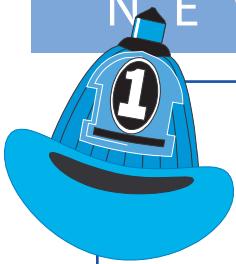


Village of Palatine

OCTOBER 2008



NEWSLETTER

Bring the Whole Family for Everyone's Favorite Fall Event: The Palatine Fire Department's Open House on October 11!

Bring the cameras and the kids to the Palatine Fire Department's annual open house on Saturday, October 11. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 84, located at 220 W. Illinois Avenue.

This family-friendly, interactive event, will feature fire and rescue vehicles and equipment on display, station tours and refreshments. Our Dive Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and Bike Medic teams will also have their equipment on display.

Fire extinguisher training, vehicle extrication demonstrations, representatives from local hospitals, representatives from the Palatine Police Department and the Palatine Emergency Management Agency (including the Palatine Community Emergency Response Team), the Harper College fire science program and the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Trailer will be present throughout the day.

In addition, there will be a flashover room demonstration, a fire behavior demonstration by "Mr. Wizard," and the Flight For Life helicopter.



Tentative schedule of events:

Vehicle/Equipment Displays and Station Tours	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Public Education Trailer Display	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Fire Extinguisher Operation	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Vehicle Extrication Demonstration	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Mr. Wizard Fire Behavior Demonstration	11:00 a.m.
Flashover Room Demonstration	12:00 p.m.
Flight For Life Helicopter	1:00 p.m.

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The Emerald Ash Borer Is Coming Ever Closer To Palatine

The Emerald Ash Borer EAB), which has killed over 75 million trees to date, has been discovered in Cook, DuPage, Kane, McHenry, LaSalle, and Will counties, and most recently in Huntley and Algonquin. While Palatine has not discovered the borer in our Village trees yet, the borer has been confirmed east, west, and south of Palatine.

Signs of a possible EAB Infestation on an ash tree are:

- (1) The borer itself, which is bright, metallic green, one half-inch long and one-eighth of one inch wide with a long flattened back.
- (2) Dieback of the crown of the tree (the top).
- (3) Aggressive growing suckers sprouting from the base of the tree.
- (4) One-eighth inch "D" shaped exit hole in the bark on the trunk and branches or vertical splits in the bark.
- (5) Increased woodpecker activity -- they like to feed on the EAB larvae.

The Village has implemented a pro-active approach by checking on suspect trees, and bark striping to look for larvae. We have also implemented an ash tree reduction program to remove ash trees that are in poor and declining condition and replace them with a diverse variety of species to reduce the potential of future pest devastation.

If you believe there may be an EAB infestation in your tree, contact the Forestry Team at the Department of Public Works, 847-705-5200.

One of the biggest ways to help contain this pest is by not transporting logs for fire wood from other states or areas. EAB likes to hitch-hike on fire wood. Usually fire wood that is sold at local retail stores or nursery stock is safe to buy.

Here's What You Need to Know About Voting Options for Presidential Election

General Election - November 4, 2008

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

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

(ONLY AT COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 69 W. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, AND SUBURBAN COURTHOUSES) OCTOBER 8, 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2008

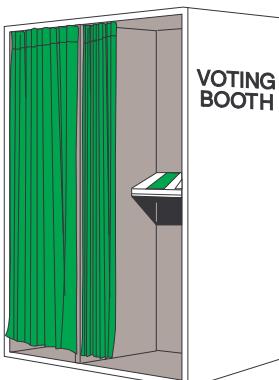
There is only one way and one place to register to vote during the 14-day grace period. Unregistered voters must sign up to vote, in person, at the Cook County Clerk's downtown Chicago office: 69 W. Washington St., Room 500, and suburban courthouses. You must show two pieces of identification to register.

Grace-period voters must vote absentee. You can: 1) vote in person at the Cook County Clerk's office immediately after signing up to vote; or 2) receive an absentee ballot by mail that you can complete at home and return to the Cook County Clerk's office before Election Day.

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, October 13, 2008, through Thursday, October 30, 2008, 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, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday (October 18th & 25th) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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.



IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

(ONLY AT COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES)
(must provide a reason)

In-Person Absentee Voting will take place on Friday, October 31, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Saturday, November 1, 2008 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, November 2, 2008 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon), and Monday, November 3, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), only at the Cook County Clerk's five suburban courthouses and their downtown office.

MAIL IN ABSENTEE VOTING

(must provide a reason)

If you prefer to vote absentee by mail, or if you have children away at school who wish to vote absentee, you may pick up an application at Village Hall or download the application at www.voterinfonet.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION AND/OR POLLING PLACE INFORMATION

To confirm that you are a registered voter and/or to check your precinct # and polling place, please call the Cook County Clerk's office automated number at (312)603-0906 or you may visit their website at www.voterinfonet.com

ELECTION JUDGES

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.

For additional information, please visit www.palatine.il.us.

Check New Flood Insurance Rate Maps to See If Flood Insurance Is Required for Your Home

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has republished the Federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for all of Cook County. These new maps became effective on August 19, 2008. These are the maps used by both the Village to regulate development in floodplains and by lending institutions to determine if a home is within a Flood Hazard Area and the homeowner needs to carry flood insurance when they obtain a mortgage or refinance their home.

The Base Flood Elevations and the boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Area are essentially the same as on the previous maps. The boundaries may be slightly different in some areas because a more current ground elevation survey was used in its preparation. More importantly the maps are easier to use because the flood plain boundaries are overlaid on a 2005 aerial photograph.

These new maps are available for viewing in the reference section of the Palatine Public Library located at 700 N. North Court, or in the Village's Engineering Department at the Village Hall located at 200 E. Wood Street. They can also be viewed on FEMA's web site at <http://msc.fema.gov>.

Though the maps are a more accurate depiction, extreme care still needs to be used in determining if a property is in the floodplain. Because of the scale of the maps and because a topographic survey of such a

large area cannot be totally accurate, the Village and most lenders will err on the side of caution when a structure or property looks to be near a flood hazard area. Flood insurance is required by law and cannot be waived once the lender determines that a structure is in the Flood Hazard Area. However, there is a process to correct the maps when it can be demonstrated there is an error. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can issue a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) stating that the structure is not located in the floodplain. To obtain a LOMA the homeowner must submit to FEMA elevation information certifying that the lowest adjacent ground elevation next to the home, as well as the lowest floor elevation (this includes the basement floor or the elevation of the crawl space if there is no basement) are both above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

The FIRM's for the Palatine area only depicts the floodplain adjacent to Salt and Buffalo Creeks. Other areas within the village such as low lying depression areas may be classified as floodplain per village ordinance. The Village Engineering Department can assist you in determining whether your property is located in a flood hazard area. They can also help you in determining whether an elevation certificate is available for your property or can assist you in preparing one if your flood insurance carrier requests one. To obtain flood hazard (floodplain) information, call (847) 359-9044.

Cost-Sharing Programs Help with Flood Prevention

To assist with the repair or rehabilitation of residential sewers, as well as other flood related issues, the Village of Palatine has established a variety programs for our residents. The types of improvements covered under the program include:

- Sewer back-up check valves: Village to contribute 50% of cost to a maximum of \$750.
- Conversion to overhead sewers: Village to contribute 50% of cost to a maximum \$5,000.
- Disconnection of sewer footing drains: Village to contribute 50% of cost up to a maximum of \$2,500.
- Replacement of sewer laterals from home to sanitary main.
- Storm sewer hook-ups for sump pump discharge.
- Replacement or repairs of footing drains.
- Replacement or installation of basement window well drains.

To further reduce the costs associated with the projects outlined above, the Village will waive all applicable building permit and review fees. In an effort to help cover a resident's portion of the costs associated with the eligible improvements, the Village has also created a low interest loan program (eligibility is NOT based on income). The loan amount may range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and would have a term of 10 years.

For a copy of the Sewer Loan Program Application Procedures and Information Packet, please contact the Village's Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044.

Trick or Treat

Palatine
Trick or Treat
hours are
from
3:00-7:00 PM
on Friday,
October 31.



Trick or Treat only at
those homes where the
porch light is on.

Hope Starts with You!

Palatine's Community of Excellence Committee Sponsoring October 29 Breast Cancer Forum

The American Cancer Society estimates that 182,460 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in the United States and approximately 40,480 women will die of the disease. There is hope, but we must all do our part to beat the disease. Take charge of your breast health and support the fight against breast cancer by attending an upcoming public forum.

The Palatine Board of Health welcomes residents to a free Breast Cancer Forum – “Hope Starts With You!” – on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street.

The breast cancer forum is a continuing campaign and partnership with the Palatine Community of Excellence Committee, made

up of sixteen local organizations that are committed to educating residents about how to reduce the risk of cancer.

The forum will feature speakers from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from the American Cancer Society and Wellness Place. They will present information on breast cancer prevention and awareness and also local breast cancer resources. The Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council will present information on breast cancer and Medicare Parts B and D.

Before the speakers, MammaCare of the St. Alexius Medical Center will offer a free class on self breast exam from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. You will practice on life-like breast models and be able to perform a thorough breast exam. Early detection saves lives and is our best defense. All classes are taught by MammaCare certified registered nurses. Advance registration is required for the free class by calling the Palatine Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090. Class size is limited so please call today.



Throughout the forum, a Breast Cancer Resource Fair will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C. Stop by and obtain information and resources on breast cancer from area health professionals, agencies and organizations.

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

Join the Fun & Festivities at the Tree Lighting It's all Happening in Downtown Palatine On Saturday, November 22

The holiday season will officially arrive in Palatine on Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. when Rudolph and Santa will join Mayor Mullins in lighting the Holiday Tree at Towne Square.

Residents are invited to enjoy a variety of free activities both before and after the tree lighting, as well as entertainment and refreshments that will continue throughout the evening.

Downtown Merchants Host Open House November 21-22

The Downtown Merchant's 20th Annual Holiday Open House will kick off the weekend celebration the preceding evening, Friday, November 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with candlelight shopping and holiday treats. The downtown area will be brimming with holiday fun and activities!

Check the Village's website, www.palatine.il.us for further information.



Residential Licensing: What Landlords Need to Know!

Village ordinance specifies that residential rental dwellings be licensed annually. Multi-family apartment complexes, coach homes, condominiums, duplexes, town homes and single family homes are required to be licensed.

Since 1990 the rental program has proven successful in helping tenants and property owners maintain living conditions and property values. A list of currently licensed residential rental dwellings in Palatine can be viewed on the village website at <http://www.palatine.il.us/communityservices/neighservices> (click on Rental Licensing Program).

The process of obtaining a Rental Dwelling License starts with a phone call to the Neighborhood Services Division at (847) 202-6673.

'Cans for Cash' Challenge: A Great Opportunity to Recycle Aluminum Cans And Win a Cash Award For Palatine

The Village of Palatine will be participating in the Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge from October 1 – 31, 2008. This national contest rewards cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans.

All Palatine residents, businesses, schools, and community groups are encouraged to participate. Residents may place aluminum cans in their recycling carts for weekly curbside collection. There is no need to sort and separate aluminum cans from other recyclable materials. Participants who do not have curbside recycling collection may bring aluminum cans to the designated drop-off location in the south parking lot across from Village Hall at 200 E. Wood Street.



Awards will be presented to the city that collects the most cans and has the most innovative ideas for collection. Any awards received will be used to further recycling efforts and education in Palatine.

For further information, or if your business, school or community group would like to participate, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit www.palatine.il.us.



Possible Revisions to Village's Sign Ordinance To be Discussed on November 10

In 2006, the Village Council approved a number of amendments to Palatine's temporary sign regulations. These amendments included restrictions regarding signs located within the public right-of-way (such as event signs for garage sales and open houses, and political signs). These amendments were drafted to address the visual clutter and related safety hazards that result from the installation of temporary signs within the right-of-way.

The Council is again reviewing this issue to determine if additional restrictions should be adopted, up to and including a ban on temporary event signs and political signs within the right-of-way. To obtain public input the Council held a hearing on September 2, 2008, and will conduct an additional hearing during their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers on November 10, 2008.

Anyone interested in this issue is invited to attend the November 10th meeting and offer testimony. In addition, please feel free to send your comments to the Village via e-mail at signs@palatine.il.us or by regular mail to the Village of Palatine, Attn: Administration, 200 E. Wood Street, Palatine, IL 60067.

Change Your Clock – Change Your Batteries

With the end of Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd, this is an ideal time to replace your old smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector battery with a fresh one that will be sure to sound the alarm. It is recommended that you change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector battery twice a year. Why not do it at the same time you change your clocks? It's sound advice from the Palatine Fire Department that could save your life.



Blood Donation Q & A: Answers To Your Questions About Giving the Gift of Life

The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, October 20, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. – 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.

The following are blood donation facts and common questions.....

- **Why should I donate blood?** About half of us will need donated blood in our lifetimes, yet only 5% of us actually donate blood.
- **Who can give blood?** You can if you are in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent).
- **Can I be on different medications and still donate blood?** Yes, you can be on different medications. If you have a medical question, please call (800) 486-0680.
- **Does it hurt to give blood?** Giving blood is no more painful than a slight pinch on the arm.
- **What happens to blood after it is donated?** LifeSource tests the blood and separates it into 2-3 components to meet specific patient needs. The blood is then distributed for patient transfusions in over 160 hospitals and home health agencies in the Chicagoland area.

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

Palatine Street Fest 2008

Hometown Fun Under the Sun!



Street Fest gets better every year! In its 9th year, Street Fest welcomed hundreds of Palatine residents as well as those from neighboring communities who enjoyed a weekend of great weather, fabulous food from more than a dozen Palatine restaurants, kiddie games, and terrific entertainment. Smash Mouth was a huge hit with the crowd. Street Fest 2008 was a true hometown event with something for everyone during the three day festival.

A big thank you goes to the more than 200 volunteers who helped to make Street Fest possible.

Thanks, too, to all the people who came out to support Street Fest this year.

We'll see you next year for another great event!!





2008 PIE EATING CONTEST

Sponsored by Zimmer Hardware

WINNERS OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE

1st Place Ellen Wheeler

2nd Place Erik Campbell

3rd Place Matt Skiba

WINNERS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

1st Place Ryan Porto

2nd Place Jacob Rowden

3rd Place Alec Stadler

2008 SWEET PEA PET PARADE

Sponsored by Fox Glove Cottage and The Music Room

Best Costume (home made):

Gracie, Saint Charles Spaniel owned by Julia Proctor

Best Costume (store bought):

Princess, dachshund, owned by Linda Satchell

Best Other (non-dog):

Mickey Mouse, owned by Jean Schonta

Best Sports Fan:

Hogan, Boxer, owned by Sheila Wichman

Longest Ears:

Cleo, Basset hound, owned by Carol Cook

Pet/Owner Look-alike:

Lucy and Ethel, Devon Rex Cats, owned by Candice Meilner

2008 CHILI COOK-OFF

Sponsored by Harris Bank

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

1st Place Linda Steck

2nd Place Jim Bennett

3rd Place Kenny Joerg

JUDGES' AWARD

1st Place Jim Bennett

2nd Place Kenny Joerg

3rd Place Rebecca Voss

The proceeds from the Chili Cook Off were donated to Palatine Township's Apple Tree Campaign.

Thanks, Street Fest Volunteers -- You Help Make This A Great Hometown Event!



Joe Aichholzer	Dick Fonte	Colleen Johnson	Brooke Opitz	Terry Stilling
Bonnie Alcaro	Dulcy Fonte	Fred Johnson	Bryan Opitz	Laurie Stock
Kevin Alcaro	Jeff Forsberg	Matt Johnson	Edie Opitz	Alan Stoeckel
Brandon Allen	John Forsberg	Annette Kandell	Reid Ottesen	Amanda Stoeckel
Matt Amato	Julie Forsberg	Tom Kearns	D. Panek	Andy Stoeckel
Scott Andersen	Mary Fox	Linda Kielas	Rudy Perocho	Allison Stoeckel
Kevin Anderson	Bob Franz	Mary Kirby	Cris Petykowski	Cindy Stoeckel
TJ Andrew	Brian Freese	Fred Kleeburg	Dan Petykowski	Susan Stoga
Mike Ballenger	Erin Freese	Rob Kluzek	Joe Petykowski	Debby Szewczyk
Karen Balough	Mike Freese	Andrea Koenemann	Julie Petykowski	Marty Szewczyk
Neil Baltz	Nancy Freese	Shane Koenemann	Joe Pezdirtz	Anastasia Tagris
Matt Barry	Kristen Frerichs	Marge Komora	Irene Pezdirtz	Steve Terzic
Sue Bartels	Wayde Frerichs	Greg Koniecki	Carol Pfister	Tracy Thrun
Terry Bartels	Randy Freise	Pat Koniecki	Kevin Piasecki	Diane Tom
Jennifer Bartels	Dave Gable	Elizabeth Konz	Sherry Piasecki	Anna Toth
Nellie Beckner	John Garby	Elias Koutas	Becky Piliponis	Chuck Towner
Stan Bednarek	Tony Garcia	Jean Koutas	Darald Piliponis	Ron Tragrasz
Adam Begale	Diane Gartner	Laura Kowalski	Sherri Piwowarczyk	Linda Trilling
Jen Bemis	Kathy Gartner	John Koziol	Bob Pizek	Neal Trilling
Norm Bemis	Jodi Gaski	Chad Kurka	Sue Podgorski	Steve Trilling
Bonnie Bennett	Ron Gbur	Beth Laing	Bill Pohlman	Dave Tuegel
Judy Bennett	Lesia Gemelli	Steve Laing	Rich Portmann	Diane Tuegel
Carol Bernardi	Sarah Glumm	Dorothy Lance	Denise Prehm	Mike Vargas
Rhonda Besander	Steve Glumm	Joe Lance	Larry Pyzik	Jim Vlcek
Mike Bianca	Mary Goluszka	Deb Landers	Dorothy Raef	Laurie Vlcek
Nancy Bluver	Michael Goluszka	Marla Laurin	Matt Rauen	Dan Vrbancic
Jennifer Boeckelman	Tom Gordon	Vicky Laures	Laurie Rayborn	Tracey Vrenios
Chris Brady	Joan Gordon	Terry Leightly	Dennis Rice	Ben Vyverberg
Cathy Brandel	Mary Gorecki	Jim Lennon	Christine Rice	Hugh Waddington
Larry Brandel	Nick Grasso	Matt Genning	Ed Richter	Jodi Waddington
Betsy Brink	Nicole Gratzianna	Brad Grossman	Kevin Roberts	Julie Wahl
Christa Burris	Pat Gratzianna	Grant Grossman	Betty Rocha	Ken Wahl
Kevin Burris	Matt Genning	Bob Haas	Herb Rocha	Paul Wallis
Jeff Butterfield	Brad Grossman	Diane Haas	Judith Rock	Carol Warnstedt
Matt Buzzard	Grant Grossman	Mike Haduch	Dan Ruppert	Ron Warnstedt
Marc Campise	Bob Haas	Jane Haduch	George Ruppert	Breanna Webb
Kathy Carter-Mc Lin	Diane Haas	Bill Hall	Tom Ruppert	Diane Webb
Robin Cipri	Mike Haduch	Janee Hallahan	Meg Ruscheinski	Matt Webb
Roy Cipri	Jane Haduch	Jeff Hallahan	Doris Sadik	Nicole Weglarz
Kelly Clegg	Bill Hall	Linda Hallett	Jim Samack	Danae Weiler
Troy Coleman	Janee Hallahan	Mark Hallett	Sue Samack	Philip Weisenberger
Sue Conn	Jeff Hallahan	Bob Hanson	Barb Santi	Matt Wempe
Joe Corso	Linda Hallett	Mary Hanson	Rick Santi	Ernie Wickstrom
Debbie Danecki	Mark Hallett	Karen Harold	Ken Schroeder	Carolyn Williams
Michael Danecki	Bob Hanson	Kate Harris	Jon Schmidt	Charlene Wilson
Rick Dawson	Mary Hanson	Brian Harrison	Larry Schroth	Jim Wilson
Janet Derken	Karen Harold	John Helpap	Mike Seebacher	Nikki Winikates
Joe Duer	Kate Harris	Dave Huemann	Carol Sellner	Jan Wood
Jen Deutchmann	Brian Harrison	Lisa Huemann	Joe Siciliano	John Wood
Zach Deutchmann	John Helpap	Tricia Huber	Don Skinner	Dylan Sean Woods
Mark Dubinski	Dave Huemann	Sandy Hustedt	Jeff Murrell	Don Wolta
Chris Durkin	Lisa Huemann	Pam Jackson	Matt Nagy	Sonia Zavolokoff
Dennis Dwyer	Tricia Huber	Brigid Jacobs	Tara Nagy	Don Zipse
Jim Eiden	Sandy Hustedt	Michael Jacobs	Todd Neicekowski	
Jim Epert	Pam Jackson	Chris Jacobsen	Eric Nevers	
Alyssa Engelbrecht	Brigid Jacobs	Doug Jarvis	Jennifer Nevers	
Kurt Engelbrecht	Michael Jacobs	Bill Jennings	Liz Noe	
Jim Erickson	Chris Jacobsen	Connie Jennings	Jack O'Connor	
James Erickson, Jr.	Doug Jarvis	Carrie Jodelka		
Jennifer Erickson	Bill Jennings	David Jodelka		
Rick Evans	Connie Jennings			
Bob Falardeau	Carrie Jodelka			
Mark Fink	David Jodelka			

Congratulations to Our 2008 —

Hometown Pride Award Winners!



**Subdivision/Cul de Sac
1st Place: 1045 Yale Court**

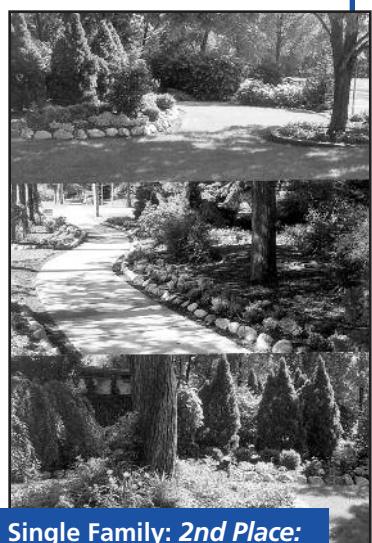
**Multi-family: 1st Place:
108 West Wood Street
Units C&D, Valissa
Hilligoss and Mary Winch**



**Business: 1st Place:
Digital Home Technologies
346 North Northwest Highway**



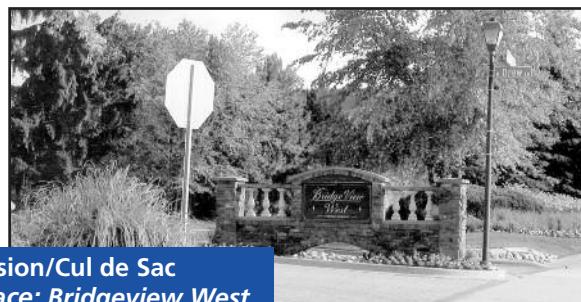
**Single Family: 1st Place:
1101 South Smith Street
Claudette Ligon**



**Single Family: 2nd Place:
824 West Dorset
Bruce and Emily Duncan**



**Multi-family: 2nd Place:
162 South Stonington Drive #474
Rich Scalzo**



**Subdivision/Cul de Sac
2nd Place: Bridgeview West,
Quentin Road at Drew Lane**



**Business: 2nd Place:
Palatine Inn,
95 West Northwest Highway**



**Single Family: 3rd Place:
1157 West Whytecliff Road
Arlene Krofel**

Plat of Survey: What Is It & When Do You Need One?

Q. What is a Plat of Survey and why is it so important?

A. A plat is a map, drawn to scale, showing how a piece of land is divided. Plats can also legally dedicate land for roads and other rights-of-way/easements. It basically shows your house on your lot with all of your lot lines, setbacks and easements. Important? ABSOLUTELY! Any outside work requiring a building permit will require a copy of the plat of survey.

Q. When would I have received one?

A. Typically, you would have received a plat of survey when you purchased your home. It is usually found in your mortgage documents. If you cannot locate it, then you will need to order a new one.

Q. Doesn't the Village have a copy?

A. The Village will only have a copy if you have provided it to us in the past for an outside project that required a building permit. However, a Village copy may be outdated and not accurately represent the current conditions.

Q. Why are they required?

A. The Village has ordinances that govern the amount of your lot that can be covered by structures and impervious surfaces. The Zoning department will use your plat of survey to verify that your project does not require any special relief.

Q. How long does it take to create a plat of survey?

A. Most land surveys require a two week turnaround time from initial order to completion. A survey field crew will visit your property to measure and obtain the necessary data. This information is then turned into a computer generated plat of survey.

Q. What is a Land Surveyor?

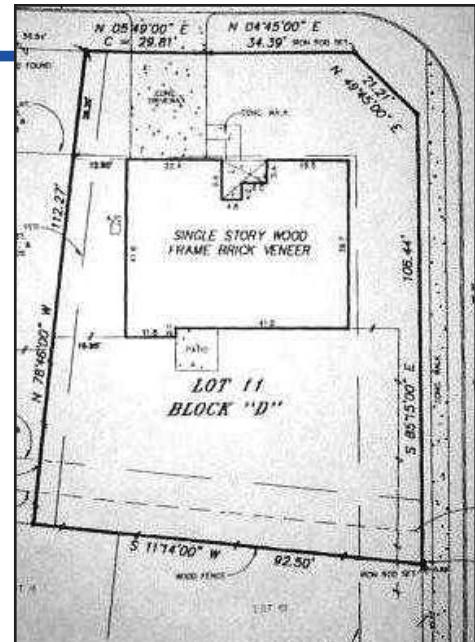
A. A Professional Land Surveyor is a person who is qualified by education and experience, and who has passed an examination for registration required by the State of Illinois to practice Land Surveying in Illinois.

Q. How can I obtain the services of a licensed Land Surveyor?

A. Ask someone who has employed a competent Land Surveyor. Consult with your attorney, realtor, banker, or title insurer. Look in the yellow pages under "Surveyor-Land." Obtain a list of Professional Land Surveyors in your area free of charge from the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor's Association • 203 South Walnut Street • P.O. Box 588 • Rochester, IL 62563 • Phone 217/498-8102 • Fax 217/498-8489; www.iplsa.org

Q. How much will a survey cost?

A. Fees of Surveyors are on a level with other professions. The Surveyor's fees are dependent upon the size of the land and other factors, including the terrain and vegetation, accessibility, and if reliable survey monuments exist in the area. Therefore, the Surveyor will estimate the approximate cost of the survey for you prior to commencing the work. However, do not depend on the lowest priced survey to be the best survey. Obtain the services of a reputable Surveyor.



It's Palatine's First-Ever 'Scarecrows on Parade' -- And You Can be Part of It!

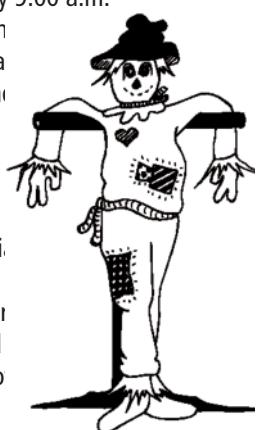
Apple cider, hayrides, pumpkins -- and scarecrows! They are all part of the fall season, and this year for the first time ever, the Village of Palatine, the Palatine Beautification Commission, and Palatine Home Depot are sponsoring a scarecrow decorating contest.

Any Palatine business, non-profit organization, school affiliate, sports affiliate, homeowners association, or ecumenical or civic group is invited to participate in this inaugural "Scarecrows on Parade" event. Twelve scarecrow "skeletons," built and donated by Palatine Home Depot, will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning at the end of September. Call the Public Works Department, (847) 705-5200 to check on availability if your group would like to participate. Representatives from participating groups will pick up their skeletons at the Public Works Facility, 148 W Illinois Avenue.

Each participating group will be responsible for bringing their scarecrow creation to the Farmers' Market by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Judging of the scarecrows will take place at 12:00 noon at the Farmers' Market. The winning entry will be named and presented with an award at that time.

After the judging, all of the participating scarecrows will be put on display along the rail walk fence next to the Firemen's Memorial.

Sound like fun? You bet! Call the Public Works Department today to say "Count us in!" and make plans to decorate the winning scarecrow.



Recycle That Old Computer, Printer, Camera, Cell Phone, Answering Machine & More On October 11

Motorola and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be hosting a computer and electronics recycling event free of charge on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Motorola's Schaumburg facility at 1301 E. Algonquin Road. Participants should enter at Gate A.

Only residentially-generated equipment will be accepted. Businesses, school districts and governmental institutions are prohibited from participating in the event.

Items Accepted for Collection Include:

Computers and Peripherals:

PC's, Monitors, Hard Drives, Modems, Printers, Mice, Keyboards, Scanners.

Office Equipment and Products:

Telephones, Typewriters, Answering Machines, Calculators, Fax Machines, Copy Machines, Shredders and Postage Machines.

Entertainment and Visual Equipment:

TV's (no consoles), VCR's, DVD Players, Stereo Equipment, Cameras, Camcorders, Video Game Players and Joysticks.

Cell phones and pagers will be collected for donation.

Please Do Not Bring:

Air Conditioners, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers, Microwaves, Large Home Appliances, Power Tools, Toasters or Toaster Ovens, Blenders, Software, Disks, CD's or DVD's.

Supply-Chain Services, Inc., (ISO 14001, ISO 9001, IAER and NAID certified), will recycle all computer/electronic materials in an environmentally responsible manner at its Lombard, IL facility. Cell phones will be collected for Motorola's Race to Recycle Program, which generates funds for K-12 schools. Because all electronics collected are recycled and not donated for reuse, tax receipts will not be distributed.

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

Green Pages Are Your Guide to Recycling Everything From Camcorders to Construction Debris

Looking for a local resource to recycle your latex paint, batteries, tires, propane tanks and all of those other items that are not collected curbside? The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides Green Pages, a useful resource for residents looking to get rid of items they no longer need.

Green Pages features sections on outlets for recycling appliances, batteries, construction debris, electronics, office machine cartridges,

metals, motor oil and many other items.

Green Pages also lists reuse opportunities for books, clothing, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials. Using Green Pages for items that can be

reused or recycled keeps a significant amount of waste from going to the landfill.

Residents can navigate through Green Pages online at www.swancc.org. The entire guide can be downloaded as well. Residents who do not have internet access can contact SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or the Palatine Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 for information.

In addition to Green Pages, residents may sign up for SWANCC's electronic mailing list (E-list) to receive information on upcoming SWANCC events. SWANCC's E-list will help you remember to attend recycling collections, household chemical waste collections and other fun events. The E-list also provides helpful information on waste reduction tips and practices. It's a great way to stay up to date with community events.

SWANCC promotes waste reduction and sustainability to assist in expanding the life of landfills, natural resources and a cleaner environment. Your green efforts do make a difference. Please take the initiative to get involved in their programs and spread the word to neighbors and friends in the SWANCC community.



Palatine Farmers' Market Reaches Peak Season Through October

Every Saturday morning at the train station the Palatine Farmers' Market offers the best of the fall season in fruits, vegetables and other gourmet products and special events.

Tis the season for warm soup and casseroles, fruit pies and cobblers. All the best leeks, turnips, onions, peppers, celery, squash and other fine ingredients for soups and casseroles are the freshest available at the Farmers' Market. A huge variety of fresh-from-the-tree apples, pears and peaches are on hand from Michigan for eating plain or baking into a family recipe. Add pure spices from La Spiceria.

For the season, pick out the perfect pumpkins, squashes, gourds, Indian corn, fresh and dried flowers and more for decorating. Don't miss the last few weeks of the Palatine Farmers' Market. Stock up for the winter ahead.

The friendly atmosphere at the Market is enhanced by local street musicians every Saturday morning. In addition to the Audubon Society appearing monthly, the U of I Master Gardeners are present every Saturday offering diagnosis and recommendations to solve

your gardening, lawn and tree problems. Fall is often the best time to treat your landscape for best results in the spring.

If you haven't stopped by "Journey to Greendom" our new vendor with natural solutions for cleaning, pest control, and skin care, don't miss your chance to meet Courtney and Denise Hamm. They offer terrific home remedies-free and natural!

The final Market of the Season is October 25, with trick or treating and games at the vendor booths. Children, adults, and pets are invited to wear costumes and enjoy the fun. The Market is open from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Check the Village of Palatine website www.palatine.il.us for more information.



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