

VILLAGE of PALATINE



Spring 2010

SEARS DEMOLITION CLEARS WAY FOR NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS

By the fall of 2011 the Palatine Police Department's 111 officers and 41 civilian personnel will depart their cramped quarters in the dark basement of Village Hall, and move into a brand new light-filled brick and glass police headquarters.

In the coming months, the former Sears Essentials building and adjacent shopping center, on Hicks Road just north of Northwest Highway, will be demolished and recycled to make way for the new 71,000 square-foot police headquarters. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for June with construction starting shortly thereafter.

The design of the new Police Headquarters incorporates sustainable concepts and efficiencies, such as recycling the old building's concrete and steel into

the new structure, while hazardous materials will be separated from the mix.

The new headquarters is designed for the future with many green initiatives.

Other energy-saving components will include native landscaping adapted to local ecology and storm water management; low flow plumbing fixtures throughout the building; high performance building materials to capture light but eliminate solar heat; high performance HVAC system; high performance lighting; locally manufactured and extracted components; low-emitting materials such as paints, carpet and wood products to improve the indoor air quality; and natural daylight within the building for the well-being of the staff.

Please visit the website for complete details of the new facility, including bidding information, site plans, project directory and construction updates.

www.palatine.il.us/construction/policestation



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Village Hall is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Village Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St., at 7 p.m. on the first, second and third Monday of each month.

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FRESH NEW LOOK FOR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Palatine Newsletter has a new contemporary design and is produced in full color. Digital technology and competitive pricing have made full color printing an affordable option for municipal newsletters. In fact, this inaugural issue cost 30 percent less than the former two-color newsletter editions. In addition, the Village Council reduced the number of newsletters from five to three per year, which provides a greater savings in mailing costs.

PalatinE-News

Sign up to receive the latest information on community events, news and alerts at www.palatine.il.us.



2010 BUDGET REFLECTS ECONOMIC CLIMATE

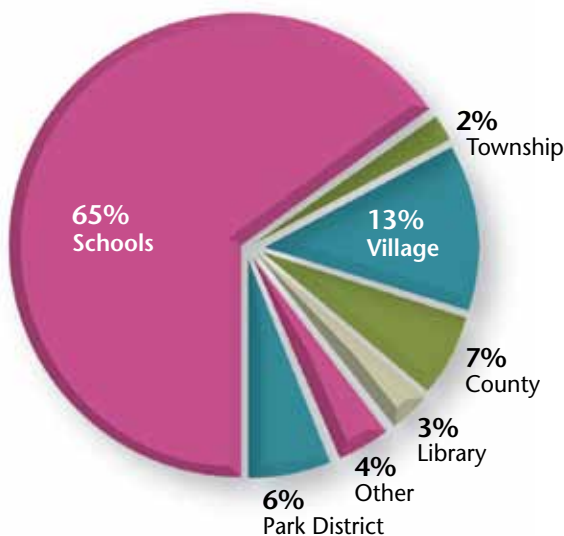
The Village of Palatine continues to navigate its way through the uncertain economic climate. Residents may remember that last year the Village Council adopted a budget that included a list of projects and programs that could be suspended and/or eliminated in an effort to keep expenditures in line with revenues.

In October, 2009 the Village Council formally eliminated \$2,392,707 in expenditures. The 2010 Budget continues to reflect the uncertain economic times. While there are some indicators suggesting the recovery has begun, other indications are a recovery is still in the future. Regardless, the Village is cognizant that the future clearly will be different from the past.

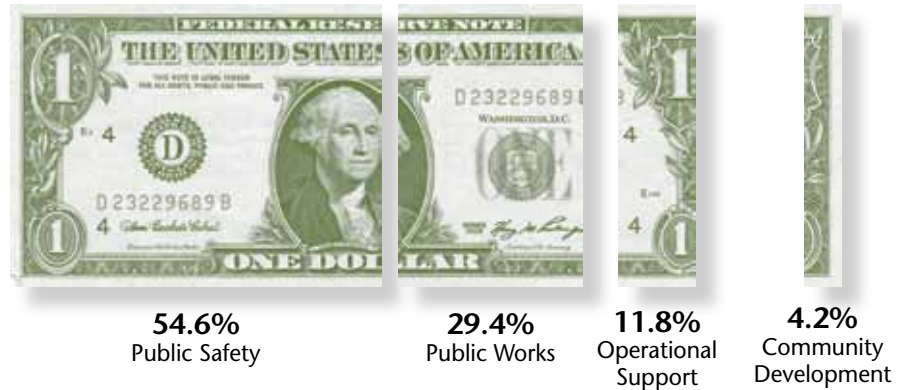
"The economic uncertainty was cause to reprioritize all Village services to make sure that the core programs addressing the public health, safety and welfare of our community remain funded and delivered in an exemplary manner." said Reid Ottesen, Palatine Village Manager.

The Village has eliminated 11 positions and adjusted service levels in many programs in an effort to reduce costs. The 2010 budget represents a decrease of 13 percent over 2009. The budget also includes the construction of a new police headquarters and the relocation of a fire station to better serve residents and the business community. The present bidding environment should result in savings that approach \$1 million on these projects.

Where Each Property Tax Dollar Goes (Community Wide)



Operating Expenditures by Function



The Village is committed to cost reduction wherever possible and to live within its means. In order to avoid widespread program cuts with direct impact on the core police, fire and public works services, Palatine will need assistance from the Illinois General Assembly.

The 2010 budget includes an increase in pension funding in excess of \$1.8 million. Palatine continues to call upon elected leaders in Springfield to initiate reform to an antiquated public pension system statewide. The current system simply is not sustainable. The recent actions by the state are a start but only impact a small percentage of the future workforce.

During this coming year, the Village will embark on an outreach campaign to develop a closer working relationship with the business community. The Village understands the important role the business community plays in maintaining a diverse property tax base. The sales tax generated by local businesses provides a much needed relief to the property tax burden faced by all property owners.

The Village will implement a business retention program in which staff will meet with business owners to understand their needs and to discuss how the Village can best serve them. Palatine looks forward to learning from this key group of stakeholders.

The economic world has forever changed. The Village is committed to realign its organization and processes to fit within the new economy. Programs and projects have changed to reflect the revenues that exist and Palatine will continue to live within its means.

For more information on the financial condition of the Village and the Adopted 2010 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Program, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: budget.



AVOID STORM WATER POLLUTION; PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

Storm water sweeps across surfaces as it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and pollutants that will eventually flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into our valuable bodies of water. Polluted runoff is the greatest threat to clean water.

Practice healthy household habits and keep common pollutants out of storm water. Help protect our streams, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters.



AUTOMOTIVE

- Use a commercial car wash or wash cars on unpaved surfaces to minimize the amount of soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- Check vehicles, boats, machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Repair immediately. Clean up spilled fluids with absorbent material such as kitty litter or sand. Don't rinse spills into storm drains and properly dispose of absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and automotive fluids at participating service stations. Keep chemicals out of storm drains and out of trash cans.

LAWN AND GARDEN

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Follow recommendations. Avoid application on rainy days; chemicals will be washed into local streams.

- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. They require less water, fertilizer and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste.
- Don't overwater. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of landscaping dirt and mulch to prevent pollutants from blowing or washing off into local bodies of water. Vegetate bare spots to prevent erosion.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

- Before beginning outdoor projects, protect nearest storm drains from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible; follow label directions. Clean up spills immediately; dispose of waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of paint through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

- Reduce paved areas and increase vegetated areas in your yard. Use native plants for landscaping to reduce frequent watering. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns to increase infiltration and reduce runoff.

PET CARE

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain.

SWIMMING POOL AND SPA

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

SEPTIC SYSTEM USE AND MAINTENANCE

- Have your septic system professionally inspected at least every 3 years; have the septic tank pumped as necessary (3 to 5 years).
- Do not park or drive vehicles on a septic system drainfield. Only plant grass over and near the drainfield to avoid root damage.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing any household chemical can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items such as diapers, paper towels and cat litter can clog the septic system and potentially damage components.

Only rain down the drain! Storm drains connect to bodies of water! To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call Palatine Public Works at 705-5200.

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

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PALATINE PARADE, CEREMONY TO HONOR VETERANS MAY 31

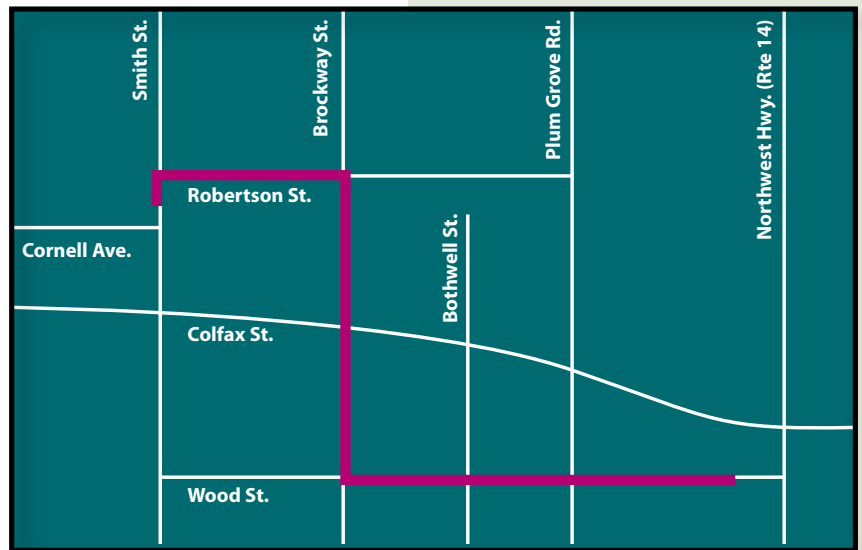
To remember all those who gave their lives in defense of their country, the American Legion Post 690 will host their Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 31.

The Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 10:15 a.m. with 40 marching units, 20 floats and vehicles, the Fremd High School Marching Band and the American Legion Color Guard and Rifle Squad.

Following the parade, a service will be held at the Veterans Memorial at Community Park (Northwest Highway and Wood Street) to honor the men and women who have served their country through military service.

Acting Legion Commander Barbara Christie, Sons of the Legion Commander Jeff Johnson, and Legion Auxiliary President Helen Johnson will welcome veterans, residents, elected officials and guests. A local veteran will give the keynote address.

After the ceremony, residents and guests are invited to the Legion Memorial Home, 122 W. Palatine Rd., for refreshments. For more information, contact American Legion liaison, Fred Hall, 359-1606.



Parade Route



Veterans Memorial

Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest 2010

July 1-5

Parade
Saturday, July 3

Fireworks
Sunday, July 4

For more information:
www.palatinejaycees.org



VETERANS POPPY DAYS

May 27-29

PALATINE FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS MAY 1 AT TRAIN STATION



The Palatine Farmers' Market opens its 19th season on Saturday, May 1 with 27 vendors who will be selling their fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables, organic meats and eggs, cheeses, olives, pickles, spices, pastas, mushrooms and much more.

Look for whimsical hand-thrown pottery, "green" soaps and cleaning products, fresh-cut flowers and potted plants. The University of Illinois master gardeners will also be on hand to answer lawn and garden questions and inspect problem plants.

Baked products such as focaccia, rosemary and sea salt breads will be plentiful this year. Local restaurants and vendors will offer homemade brownies, scrumptious coffeecakes, fresh donuts and decadent cheesecakes.

Once again, local musicians will be entertaining shoppers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every weekend.

The market, located in the train station parking lot at Wood and Smith streets, is open every Saturday, except July 3, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closes October 30.

FRENCH SISTER CITY TO HOST PALATINE VISITORS



Maison Chevolleau in Sister City of Fontenay, France

The Sister City Association of Palatine will celebrate its 15th anniversary this year when a group of 12 Palatine members leave May 21 to participate in a Biennial Celebration sponsored by Palatine's Sister City of Fontenay located in southwest France.

The group will enjoy the hospitality of Fontenay families for about five days. The bi-annual event features a huge parade of handmade floats that are later purchased by other cities for further use. The festival also celebrates Fontenay's five Sister Cities in Spain, Romania, Poland, Africa and the United States.

Throughout the year the Palatine organization meets to raise awareness of the different cultures the two cities share and to enjoy all things French.

Palatine's Sister City group sponsors an information booth at the Palatine Farmers' Market and raises funds by selling raffle tickets for market baskets to offset costs of hosting French visitors here, including transportation to Chicago and museum visits, event tickets and welcome parties.

For more information, visit www.palatinesistercities.org.

BEWARE OF DOORSTEP SCAMS

It is springtime, and con artist crimes are once again on the rise in the Chicago suburbs. This type of activity is most prevalent in the spring, but we have already seen an increase in activity over the winter.

These types of criminals prey on senior citizens and may push their way into homes under the pretense that they will perform some work.

Doorstep scams commonly include tree trimming, roofing or seal coating, but imposters have also been known to pose as utility workers or Village employees. Once one suspect has the attention of the homeowner, an accomplice will often ransack the home for cash and jewelry.

Imposters rely on the fact that many times victims are often poor eyewitnesses and are frequently reluctant to report that they fell for a scam. These criminals often use two-way radios to communicate with each other and travel in groups of three to four people. Most of them commonly wear baseball caps to make it more difficult to be identified.

The swindlers are generally uncooperative with law enforcement and rarely admit criminal involvement. It is important to treat all these types of crimes as residential burglaries.

The Village requires that all solicitors have a permit. Always ask to see identification. Follow these safeguards when approached by a doorstep solicitor:

- Call 911 if a solicitor refuses to show you a permit.
- Always talk to a solicitor through a closed locked door.
- Never let a solicitor step into your home.
- Never leave a solicitor alone at your door (to retrieve a phone, wallet, purse or any item requested); always shut and lock the main door before walking away from it.
- Never leave your home unlocked while you are out doing yard work.

Residents with questions should contact the Palatine Police Crime Prevention Unit at 359-9061.

For more tips on recognizing types of imposter burglaries and other scams, visit the Illinois State Police website at www.isp.state.il.us/crime/citizenscam.cfm.



IF SOMEONE KNOCKS...

Residents should beware of anyone who comes to the door and uses any of these ploys to enter the house:

"We are out of gas, or we need assistance." Remember, the goal is to get inside your home. If thieves can't enter from the front door, they will distract you long enough for others to enter through your back door or window.

"May we come in to check your water pressure or water quality?" The goal is to accompany you around your home while a second person sneaks in, attempting to steal your belongings.

"We owe you money from an overpayment." or "You owe us money." They may even threaten to call the police.

"We're from the gas company... electric company... water department" This is a classic distraction ploy.

"Can you come outside to show me your property line before I cut down these trees." This is an attempt to get you outside and keep you busy while someone else enters your home.

Always **CALL 911** to have the police come out and verify anything you may doubt.





EMERGENCY PHONE SYSTEM CONNECTS VILLAGE TO RESIDENTS

Emergencies can occur at anytime, whether it's a missing child alert, severe weather warning or boil water order. To provide residents with quick and accurate information during an emergency, the Village of Palatine has partnered with Everbridge, a leading global emergency notification system. Everbridge has the capability to send out a mass notification message to residents who may be affected during an emergency.

"We wanted a more efficient way to communicate emergency information to our residents. We were looking for technology that would allow us to rapidly reach our residents and business owners," said Commander Kurt Schroeder of the Palatine Police Department.

The system currently uses land-line phone numbers, listed and unlisted, from an existing 911 database. Emergency messages will automatically go to land-line phone numbers.

Residents cannot opt out of receiving emergency messages, but may add additional contact information such as cell and business phone numbers, e-mail addresses and text messages.

To enter additional contact information into the Everbridge system, visit www.palatine.il.us, and click on the following icon:



For questions, contact Northwest Central Dispatch at 398-1130.

The Everbridge system provides:

- **IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TO RESIDENTS:**
Immediately contacts residents; reports real-time message delivery and receipt confirmation.
- **IMPROVED RESPONSE CAPABILITY:**
Accelerates ability to successfully reach mass numbers of people via multiple contact paths and confirmed message receipts.
- **GEOGRAPHICALLY TARGETED NOTIFICATIONS:**
Accurately targets specific areas by zip code, street address or radius and notifies residents with updated information allowing first responders to focus on other mission-critical tasks and prevents alerting non-impacted residents.

2010 CENSUS AFFECTS LOCAL FUNDING

Thanks to the many Palatine residents who completed and returned the U.S. 2010 Census questionnaire. Individuals who did not return the questionnaire and have not been counted can expect a visit by an official U.S. census taker from now through July 2010.

Federal law protects privacy and keeps all answers on the questionnaire confidential.

The Village of Palatine urges all residents to participate in the census count because federal and state agencies often base funding awards for municipal projects on population totals. Census data is also used for redistricting local, state and federal legislative districts.

KEY DATES:

May - July 2010 – Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 31, 2010 – By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President of the United States.

March 2011 – By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census website at www.census.gov.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS SAFEGUARD PALATINE RESIDENTS

Why does the Village of Palatine require a permit just to replace a water heater or put up a fence? Village codes, zoning and safety standards protect homeowners from contractors and handymen who may want to cut corners to save consumers money, but consequently might not provide the promised end-product.

Whether planning an addition, replacing a fence or renovating a kitchen or bathroom, residents need a building permit to ensure that the hired contractor follows Village codes and safety standards.

Palatine offers two types of permits depending on the scope of the work.

Express permits cover small residential projects and are reviewed in three business days. Typically these projects include driveways, sidewalks, patios, decks, fences,

pools, sheds, sewer repairs, lawn sprinklers, furnace, A/C, water heaters, roof tear-offs and upgrading 100 amp service to 200 amp service.

Residents will need a standard permit before constructing a home, adding an addition, remodeling a basement, kitchen or bathroom. These projects will be reviewed in ten business days and require a pre-submittal meeting prior to submitting a permit.

Starting April 2010, all contractors renovating, repairing or painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes built before 1978 need to be certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Contact www.epa.gov for more information.

Visit www.palatine.il.us/departments/buildingpermits to learn more about the permit process.

VILLAGE CONTINUES SIDEWALK REPAIRS

50/50 Sidewalk Program

The Village of Palatine annually partners with homeowners for infrastructure repairs with its 50/50 Sidewalk Program. If sidewalks are uneven, severely cracked or deteriorated and meet specific safety standards, residents may qualify for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program.

The homeowner's cost is approximately \$58 for a typical sidewalk square. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To participate in the program, call Public Works at 705-5200 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hazardous Sidewalk Program

This annual program is specifically designed to identify and eliminate the worst tripping hazards at no cost to the homeowner. The target area this year is south of Northwest Highway, north of Illinois Avenue, east of Plum Grove Road, and west of Hicks Road. For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: hazardous sidewalk program.



GARAGE SALE PLANS?

Books, toys, tools and lamps are just some of the "treasures" that can easily turn into cash at a garage sale. The Village of Palatine offers a few garage sale guidelines for residents to follow in their neighborhood.

Holding a garage sale does not require a permit, but residents are limited to only three sales per year.

Signs promoting garage sales may be posted only on the day of the sale.

Garage sale days may not exceed 12 hours or run for more than three consecutive days.

OUTDOOR AMPLIFICATION REQUIRES VILLAGE PERMIT

Outdoor celebrations, get-togethers and gatherings with amplified music and entertainment are sure to be fun and memorable for guests. Just remember that before the disc jockey plays his first tune, residents need to apply for an amplification permit from the Village seven days in advance of the event.

Contact the Administration Department at 359-9050 or download the form at www.palatine.il.us. Search: amplification permit.



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE OFFERS HOMEOWNERS DAMAGE PROTECTION

Everyone lives in a flood zone. The rapid accumulation of rain or melting snow can initiate a flood situation even in low-risk areas. Recent rains in Georgia, snowmelts in North Dakota and spring rains in Rhode Island have cost residents millions of dollars in water damage.

Without flood insurance, the only relief flood victims receive from federal disaster assistance is a low interest loan to help pay for damages, not compensation for losses.

Because the Village of Palatine participates in a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), residents are eligible for a reduced rate for flood insurance. Flood insurance is available for all village buildings including family homes, townhomes, condominiums, and non-residential and commercial buildings. Even residents who rent may apply for flood insurance that would cover the loss of their possessions.

How much damage can a few inches of water cause to a residence? According to the NFIP, if measured in inches, just two inches of water can cost as much as \$7,800.

Clean up, materials	\$1,000
Replace carpet and flooring	\$2,700
Replace baseboard molding	\$2,250
Replace Drywall	\$1,350
Replace bookshelves	\$ 500
Total	\$7,800

If a basement floods, it is important to know what flood insurance covers. Under basic coverage, NFIP will pay for structural damage, staircases, unpainted drywall, insulation, electrical outlets, switches, circuit breaker boxes, furnaces, central air conditioners, hot water heaters, water softeners and sump pumps. Optional content coverage will also pay for washers, dryers, freezers and food, portable and window air conditioners.

Flood damage due to sewer backups is only covered if the backup is a direct result of flooding. If the backup is caused by some other problem such as tree roots, the damage is not covered.

Residents who live in a designated flood hazard area and carry federal or federally related mortgages, by law, must carry flood insurance. Homes in Palatine that are located in low-risk areas are eligible for a Preferred Risk Policy through the NFIP for as little as \$119 per year. The NFIP has an arrangement with private insurance companies to sell and service flood insurance policies.

Contact an insurance agent to find out more about federal flood insurance or to view the Standard Flood Insurance Policies and what is covered, visit www.fema.gov/nfip/sfip.

FLOOD FACTS

Flooding is the nation's #1 disaster affecting every state; causing millions of dollars in damages yearly.

25 percent of all businesses that close their doors after a flood never reopen.

Nearly 25 percent of flood insurance claims come from low-to-moderate risk areas.

In a high-risk area, residents have a 26 percent chance of being flooded during a 30-year mortgage, compared to a 9 percent chance of fire.

www.floodsmart.gov

STEP INTO RECYCLING

Since 1990 over 25 million pairs of shoes have been collected through Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program worldwide. The Palatine Environmental Health Division, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, supports this sustainable program and is collecting worn out athletic shoes.

Drop off shoes in the Reuse-a-Shoe collection box located on the main floor lobby of Village Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 14, 2010.

Any brand of athletic shoe is acceptable (running, tennis, basketball, sneakers, etc). Please, no dress, flip-flops, sandals, pool or water shoes, boots, or shoes with metal or cleats. Wet, muddy or shoes with laces tied together will not be accepted.

Help the world reduce its footprint, one step at a time. To learn more about Nike's green program visit www.nikereuseashoe.com. For collection information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090 or www.palatine.il.us. Search: nike grind.



SWANCC OFFERS CONVENIENT ELECTRONICS RECYCLING OPTIONS

Every year 40 million computers and televisions are recycled nationwide. In May the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will start its popular, seasonal At Home Pickup Program that allows residents to recycle up to six electronic items for just \$25. Visit www.swancc.org to schedule a pick up.

As a more sustainable solution, SWANCC has established four permanent locations for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost.

The drop-off locations include Glenview (Public Works), Hoffman Estates (Village Hall), Morton Grove (Public Works) and Winnetka (Public Works). For hours of operation and a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, visit www.swancc.org.



SHRED DOCUMENTS JUNE 26

Prevent identity theft while cleaning out files. The Village, in conjunction with SWANCC, is sponsoring a free document destruction event for residents on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m to 11 a.m. at the Public Works facility, 148 W. Illinois Ave., Palatine.

Paper documents will be shredded on site and then recycled. Take advantage of this opportunity to shred old bank statements,

medical forms, personal files, retired tax forms and receipts. Staples and paper are okay but binders will not be accepted.

This event is only open to residents of SWANCC-member towns, which includes Palatine. Proof of residency is required. Business documents will not be accepted.

For more information, contact SWANCC at 724-9205 or www.swancc.org, or Palatine Environmental Health at 359-9090 or www.palatine.il.us. Search: shred documents.



PASSENGER VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE MAY 3

Passenger vehicle stickers for Palatine residents go on sale Monday, May 3 and must be displayed before July 1, 2010.

The cost for each passenger car sticker is \$30 until June 30. Stickers purchased July 1 and later will incur a late payment penalty of \$20 for a total fee of \$50 per vehicle.

Special status stickers are available for \$6 for senior citizens, holders of handicapped license plates, disabled veterans and active military personnel, but are limited to one per household.

Animal tags also must be purchased for \$6 per animal with proof of current rabies vaccination number and must also be purchased by July 1.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased by mailing in an application with payment or at the Palatine Community Center, 200 E. Wood St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays (only in June) from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

For your convenience, a night drop box is available on the second floor of Village Hall and a drive-up drop box is located adjacent to the Village Hall building near the Park District tennis courts.

Reminder: Wood Street in front of the Village Hall will be closed to vehicles from June 29 to July 6 due to the Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest.

For information, please visit www.palatine.il.us.
Search: vehicle stickers.

Historical Society Plans May 16 Tour of Hillside Cemetery

The Palatine Historical Society will host its popular Cemetery Walk Sunday, May 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hillside Cemetery on Smith Street just north of Colfax Street.

Costumed actors will describe lives of early Palatine residents during a fun, informative tour for the entire family. Tickets, purchased at the cemetery, will cost \$5, adults; \$4, Historical Society members; and \$2 for youth under 16 years. For further information, call 991-9490.



SCOTT'S LAW SAYS 'MOVE OVER'

When faced with an emergency vehicle while driving, remember Scott's law.

Also known as the "Move Over Law," Scott's Law requires motorists to yield to moving emergency and highway maintenance vehicles that display oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

Scott's Law also requires drivers to change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle (if safe to do so) or reduce speed and proceed with caution when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying flashing warning lights.

Pull off to the right side of the road when approaching emergency vehicles that are using audible and visual signals.

At an intersection, remain stopped until the emergency vehicle passes.

The law also pertains to construction zones and maintenance areas on highways.

Scott's Law was enacted in memory of Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department, who was struck and killed in 2000 by an intoxicated driver on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

Failure to comply with Scott's Law can result in fines up to \$10,000 and a 90-day to two-year driver's license suspension. For more information about traffic laws, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: traffic laws.



DRIVER ALERT: NEW PHONE LAWS

According to studies conducted by the auto insurance industry, the leading cause of vehicle crashes is driver distraction due to talking and texting while driving. Four out of five vehicle crashes are attributed to drivers being distracted.

In an effort to combat the dangerous actions of the inattentive driver, the State of Illinois enacted two new laws which took effect January 1, 2010.

Texting: "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication

device to compose, send, or read an electronic message."

Cell Phone Use in School Zones:

"A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone. A hands-free voice activated device such as Bluetooth is acceptable."

For additional information related to Illinois Driving Laws, visit the Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Search: new cell phone laws.



**2010
STREET FEST
August 27-29**

10 Years Strong

Music

Food

Entertainment

**For more information:
www.palatinestreetfest.org**

HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD

The Village of Palatine is putting out a call for nominations of residences and businesses that are the envy of the block.

The Palatine Hometown Pride Award honors architecturally pleasing properties with outstanding curb appeal. Nominated properties are judged by the Palatine Beautification Commissioners. Winners receive a certificate and are recognized at a Village Council meeting.

More information and an application form will be forthcoming in the summer edition of the Palatine Newsletter or residents may download an application form at www.palatine.il.us. Search: hometown pride award.





DOWNTOWN PARKING EXPANSION TO EASE CUSTOMER DEMAND

Construction is now underway to expand retail parking in downtown Palatine. A small parking lot located at Wilson, Wood and Bothwell streets will be expanded onto adjacent village property. When completed, the renovated lot will have surface parking for nearly 100 vehicles.

During the expansion, construction crews will install new drainage, lighting, curbs and gutters. New landscaping and trees will be added to complete the project.

The lot is closed during construction and will reopen by July 1, 2010. Parking will be free for shoppers visiting the downtown area.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS THIS SUMMER

Block parties provide the perfect opportunity for neighbors to socialize. Take some time to slow down and relax with your family and neighbors. What better way to educate yourself on the happenings in your neighborhood.

These events encourage safety for homes and children when neighbors look out for one another. It's helpful if neighbors (adults and kids) can spot

a stranger on the street and know where they can turn in the case of an emergency.

The Village of Palatine encourages neighbors to enjoy the summer at organized block parties. The first step is to apply for a block party permit, at least two weeks prior to the event. The permit allows neighbors to close off a designated street until 11 p.m.

Police and fire department personnel are usually available to attend these events to teach youngsters good safety habits.

Contact the Village Manager's office at 359-9050 for more information or download a permit application at www.palatine.il.us. Search: block party permit.

SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS MAY 14

Residents looking to de-clutter and get organized this season may welcome a boost from the Village of Palatine during its annual Spring Clean-Up May 14 through May 19.

During this time garbage bags and other refuse items may be placed at the curb throughout the weekend in advance of scheduled collection days without ordinance violations. Refuse will be collected only on the regular collection day.

All refuse placed at the curb must be prepared according to standard specifications. Prohibited items include appliances, tires, paints, household chemical waste and bulk items exceeding 60 pounds. Construction debris must be properly bundled and is limited to a maximum volume of two cubic yards.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090 or www.palatine.il.us. Search: spring clean-up.



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

RETAIL STORES/SERVICES

Cookie Cards Inc
10 N. Bothwell St.
496-7929
Cookie/Cake Bakery

Princesas Boutique
1935 W. Dundee Rd.
359-8018
Clothing/Accessories

National Gold Experts Inc
1742 N. Rand Rd.
566-0404
Gold Purchasers

Randolph Floral
2070 N. Rand Rd.
241-1207
Florist

Rockow Dist
1300 W. Northwest Hwy.
815-814-4430
Vacuum Sales

Smart Express
1226 W. Northwest Hwy.
910-6071
Internet Reseller

Vintage Brick Salvage LLC
317 W. Colfax St., #109
714-3652
Wholesale Materials

Wolff's Flea Market
1775 N. Rand Rd.
524-9590
Flea Market

Kitchen Xperts
2387 N. Hicks Rd.
705-9300
Granite Showroom

Oncore
865 E. Wilmette Rd., Ste. B
773-598-8310
Wireless Equipment Products

SERVICES/ SERVICE PROVIDERS

Criquet
533 E. Dundee Rd.
963-8070
Wireless/Cell Phone

Longview Financial Group
110 N. Brockway St., #310
485-1000
Financial Service

Manifest Management Academy
110 N. Brockway St., #320
888-270-4622
Management/Consultant

McElroys Martial Arts
323 W. Colfax St.
776-5425
Martial Arts/Fitness

Mothers Helpers
800 E. Northwest Hwy., #807
202-9100
Babysitting Referral Service

Spanish Language Center Inc
675 N. North Ct., #222
773-665-9887
Spanish/English

Certified Driving School Inc
786 W. Euclid Ave.
830-9949
Driving School

Accel Mortgage Inc
830 W. Northwest Hwy., #6
843-0003
Mortgage Broker

AAB Logistics LLC
201 E. Dundee Rd., #2
496-5320
Transportation Office

Midwest Plastic Solutions
453 S. Vermont, Unit H
202-6479
Manifold Cleaning

Palatine Executive Suites LLC
800 E. Northwest Hwy., #700
705-3800
Real Estate Mgmt

Global Logistics Service
117 E. Palatine Rd., #205
425-3880
Shipping

Prime Logistics Corp
331 W. Northwest Hwy., #203
888-919-8181
Freight

October Three LLC
220 N. Smith St., #406
312-878-2440
Financial Consulting

JD Financial Solutions Corp
835 N. Sterling Ave., #235
301-4222
Consultant Serv

Affiliated Appraisals Inc
830 W. Northwest Hwy., #20
212-1390
Property Tax Service

Whiztek Corp
800 E. Northwest Hwy., #326
342-0688
IT Services

Rusto Brokerage Services
675 N. North Ct., #238
963-8122
Freight Transport

HAIR STYLING
Susan Wendy Salon
208 W. Northwest Hwy.
963-0029
Hair Salon

JB Salon & Spa
1128 W. Northwest Hwy.
358-0500
Hair Salon/Nail

Studio 62
1502 W. Algonquin Rd.
358-8000
Hair Salon

CONTRACTORS
R. Lederleitner Construction
500 S. Hicks Rd.
870-0287
Remodeling/Landscape

HOME GOODS & SERVICES
Arlington Rental
500 S. Hicks Rd.
394-8213
Rental/Party/Equipment

**RESTAURANTS/
FOOD SERVICES**
Sushi Togo
220 N. Smith St., #107
963-1249
Sushi

Mint Julep Room
117 W. Slade St., #108
934-3000
Restaurant

Stadium Café
545 S. Consumers Ave.
630-445-9927
Concession

Dulceria El Angel
1210 E. Dundee Rd.
224-201-3385
Candy Store

Intertrade USA Co
540 W. Colfax St., Ste. 1
322-7252
Beer/Wine Distributor

**AUTOMOBILE
SALES/SERVICES**
Penn Services Inc
800 E. Northwest Hwy., #700
705-3866
Trucking

American Muscle Cars
271 E. Helen Rd.
609-0064
On Line Auto Sales/Repairs

Speedriven Inc
651 S. Vermont St.
773-718-6661
Auto/Race/Fabrication Shop

Performance Autoworks
655 S. Vermont St.
496-7632
Auto Repair/Performance Parts

Hertz Local Edition
2095 N. Rand Rd.
991-0587
Auto Rental

Car City Inc
2232 N. Rand Rd., Unit A
Used Car Dealership

Arlington Toyota Inc
2095 N. Rand Rd.
394-5100
Auto Sales/Service

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change
1402 N. Rand Rd.
Oil Change

(847) area code unless noted.

SPEAK OUT! provides a way in which YOU can communicate with Village of Palatine elected officials and administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.

Date _____ As a citizen of Palatine, it is my opinion that: _____

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Mail to: SPEAK OUT!, Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood St., Palatine, IL 60067,
or complete the form online at www.palatine.il.us/speakout.



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PALATINE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

This season's construction enhancements are now in full swing. Keep track of Palatine's public works construction projects, such as street resurfacing, Palatine Road reconstruction, new police headquarters, flood control improvements, and other general infrastructure projects at www.palatine.il.us/construction.

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PALATINE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, LANE WIDENING TO START SOON

The long awaited Palatine Road widening and reconstruction project is scheduled to begin this summer with all new lanes open to traffic prior to this winter. The \$11.7 million construction project is primarily financed utilizing Federal Highway Authority funding, including \$5.2 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds.



For over two decades, the Palatine Road and Plum Grove Road intersection has not been serving commuters to today's standards. Because this intersection is so close to two railroad crossings, traffic congestion is a growing problem with increased traffic and additional train crossing gate times. Over 60 percent of the crashes at this intersection were rear-end collisions caused by congestion.

During construction, two-way traffic between Smith Street and Plum Grove Road will continue. Roadwork will reduce traffic to eastbound only from Plum Grove Road to Northwest Highway. Left hand turns will not be allowed at selected intersections. Drivers are asked to stay alert and watch out for workers and flaggers at all times.

What's now a three-lane cross section on Palatine Road at the Plum Grove Road intersection will be widened to five lanes. A center bi-directional left turn lane will be added to Palatine Road from Benton Street to Northwest Highway.

The Palatine Road Construction Project is going to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow and make driving on Palatine Road a more pleasant experience. The project will widen and reconstruct Palatine Road. New pavement will be put down along with new railroad crossings and traffic signals. Existing sidewalks will be replaced and landscaping will be restored. The two railroad crossings affected by the project will receive enhanced warning equipment and barriers will be put in place to deter motorists from driving around lowered gates.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.palatineroad.com for detailed exhibits, project updates and traffic alerts.