

VILLAGE of PALATINE



Spring 2011

VILLAGE REDUCES 2011 BUDGET 20 PERCENT; KEEPS CORE SERVICES

Although Wall Street continues to make optimistic headlines based on substantial increases in the stock market, Main Street—located in every municipality—faces declines due to the poor job and housing markets. The Village of Palatine's 2011 budget reflects a "Main Street" outlook for the upcoming year.

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Working with the Village Council, the Budget Team was able to reduce the working budget by \$1.37 million through personnel reductions, benefit and contractual obligations, supplies and training programs.

"The economy is getting better, but the uncertainty we still face—coupled with

The 2011 budget represents a decrease of 20 percent over 2010. In order to maintain fiscal stability, the Village is committed to reducing costs wherever possible and to live within its means without impacting core police, fire and public works services.

rising costs—forced us to reprioritize all Village services to ensure that our community core programs addressing the public health, safety and welfare remain funded and delivered in an exemplary manner." said Reid Ottesen, Palatine Village Manager.

In 2010, the Village projected a shortfall of \$3.6 million for the general fund.

While 71 percent of the operating revenues come from property taxes, sales taxes and state income taxes,

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Operating Expenditures by Function



55.8%
Public Safety



29.3%
Public Works



11.1%
Operational Support



3.8%
Community Development

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VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE MAY 2

Passenger vehicle stickers for Palatine residents go on sale Monday, May 2 and must be displayed before July 1, 2011.

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 \$7 per animal with proof of current rabies vaccination number and must be purchased by July 1.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased by mailing in an application with payment or at the Palatine Village Hall, 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 5 due to the Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest.

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

PALATINE TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 6

The Palatine Board of Health and the Palatine Medical Reserve Corps will host a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 6, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St. in Meeting Room C. LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, will conduct the drive. The need for blood is ongoing and every blood donation saves the lives of three people.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact LifeSource, 803-7943, or visit www.lifesource.org. Walk-ins welcome.

PalatineE-News

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2011 Budget

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Palatine also has initiated an electricity utility tax for a new revenue source with an estimate of \$900,000 for the general fund.

The Village recognizes the important role the business community plays in maintaining a diverse property tax base. The sales tax generated by local businesses provides much needed relief to the property tax burden faced by all property owners.

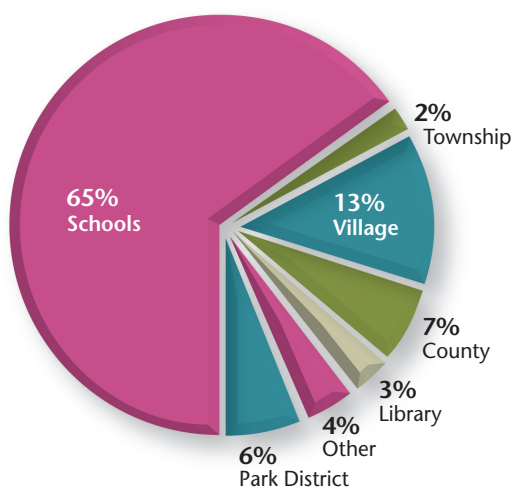
The Village anticipates an increase of almost four percent in the property tax levy, but 100 percent of this revenue will go to public safety pensions. Sales tax for 2011 will decrease 13.5 percent over the 2010 budget. This is why it is so important to shop local and keep sales tax revenues in our community.

Because of the economic downturn we still face serious financial problems. Illinois has had a decrease in income tax revenue which translates into a \$1.5 million shortfall of state funds

for the Village. The Village Council and the Budget Team will continue to maintain sound fiscal policies, smart austerity and creative management to provide good government for the people of Palatine.

For more information on the financial condition of the Village and the Adopted 2011 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Program, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: budget.

Where Each Property Tax Dollar Goes (Community Wide)



ILLINOIS DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES AT PALATINE VILLAGE HALL MAY 18

Secretary of State Jesse White's Driver Services Mobile Unit will be at the Village Hall in Council Chambers, 200 E. Wood St., on Wednesday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Palatine residents who would like to renew, correct or obtain a duplicate Illinois driver's license, apply for an Illinois identification card, or correct a current driver's license are encouraged to attend this convenient event. Vehicle license plate stickers also will be available that day.

An applicant renewing a current Illinois driver's license or identification card need only present a current valid driver's license or identification card. If an applicant is applying for either a duplicate or corrected driver's license or identification card, the applicant must present two forms of acceptable identification.

Persons 75 years and older must visit an Illinois Secretary of State facility to renew their license. Everyone 65 years and older is eligible for a free identification card with proper documentation.

For more information regarding acceptable identification documents and the fee structure, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_al751.pdf.



New Crosswalk Law Protects Pedestrians

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, cars hit more than 6,000 pedestrians each year, killing 170 people and seriously injuring more than 1,000.

In an effort to protect pedestrians from automobile accidents, Illinois lawmakers initiated a law, effective July 1, 2010, to make motorists more responsible at a pedestrian-occupied crosswalk. Unfortunately, many motorists are still unaware of the law or its consequences.

Drivers now must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks—even crosswalks that are unmarked or don't have a stop sign or a traffic signal. The new law also applies to instances when a pedestrian enters the crosswalk against a "Don't Walk" signal or a red light, as the old law required drivers to yield in such cases.

The former crosswalk law required drivers to yield to pedestrians and stop **ONLY** when necessary. Failing to stop completely now will cost a motorist a citation and a fine ranging from \$50 to \$500.

Pedestrians also should be aware that the safest place to cross the road is in a marked crosswalk, especially with the implementation of this new law. Crossing the road at any place other than a crosswalk is illegal and may bring fines for the pedestrian of up to \$500.

ENHANCE WATER QUALITY WITH HOLISTIC LANDSCAPING

A yard provides a very personal place to observe the four seasons. The first bulbs of spring, summer vegetables in the garden, fiery autumn colors and winter snowfalls are important annual events. Each season also has its own landscape maintenance needs.

Sound landscape management impacts far beyond individual property lines because of the way landscapes are linked together by water moving through the environment. By recognizing how each landscape is connected to the environment as a whole and managing the landscape with this holistic approach, residents can contribute to the protection and restoration of natural resources, especially water quality.

Where to start? Small seasonal changes in daily landscape management can add up to very big changes in water quality protection.

Spring

- Recycle winter debris. Rake out leaves, twigs and branches deposited on lawns and gardens during winter storms. Use this material for a new compost pile base or chop it up with a lawn mower or shredder and re-mulch around foundations, under shrubs and trees, and in groundcover beds rather than purchasing bags of mulch. Don't dump brush and leaves into streams or wetland areas. They add excess nutrients to the system and may cause flooding by blocking water flow.
- Sweep up leftover sand from the road or driveway to keep it out of storm drains and local water courses. This sand may contain salt and other pollutants, so don't use it in vegetable gardens, sand boxes, or a

pile "out back." Sift it and store it in buckets for use next winter.

- Avoid "weed and feed" type products that mix pesticides and fertilizers. Why pay for unneeded chemicals that force you to start mowing earlier and more often? Fertilize in mid-May or apply a thin layer of compost to add organic material to the soil. It provides a more balanced dose of nutrients for healthy lawn growth.
- Cover bare soil. If lawn areas are bare or plantings have died over the winter, re-seed or mulch to prevent soil erosion. Consider dead plants as an opportunity to add native species with multiple season interest to the landscape.
- Start a landscaping log to write down what plants are growing well or having problems, what plants were eaten, and what yard chores take too much time. This log will help with next year's plans.

Summer

- Avoid wasting water. Invest in a rain gauge to keep track of weekly rainfall. Most plants and the lawn are happy with one inch of water per week. Keep the hose coiled up when rain has been plentiful.
- Prevent water evaporation with a two-inch layer or more of mulch in gardens, around shrubs and under trees. It keeps the ground cooler, plants happier and also inhibits weed seed germination. Don't over mulch heat-loving vegetables until the soil temperature is too high or they won't thrive. Organic mulches provide some nutrients as they decompose and reduce the need for fertilizers.



- Avoid lawn stress. Keep the lawn mower blade sharp, mow often enough that no more than one-third of the grass blade is cut off at a time. Mow when the grass is completely dry. A mulching mower blade recycles grass clippings while mowing, returns moisture and nutrients to the soil, and reduces the need for fertilizer.
- Cut down on chemicals or eliminate fertilizers. Upgrade the soil by adding composted organic matter. Chemicals may damage the natural microbial communities in the soil and promote pest problems. Use "Integrated Pest Management" or IPM strategies to reduce toxic pesticide use.

Protecting water quality and the environment just requires a little thought and a little care and provides big benefits for everyone.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps. To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200.

Source: Clean Water Fact Sheet, produced by Non-Point Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) and Sea Grant Connecticut.

FARMERS' MARKET WILL OPEN MAY 7 WITH FRESH PRODUCE, PLANTS, ADVICE

The Palatine Farmers' Market opens its 20th season on Saturday, May 7 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, breads, sweets and much more.

May markets will feature beautiful potted flowers, bedding plants of herbs, vegetables and flowers—just in time to get your gardens going and growing! Watch for the Palatine Garden Club's Special Event in May when members bring local perennials from their gardens to sell.

Several University of Illinois Master Gardeners will offer their expertise by answering questions regarding lawn, garden, tree and insect problems.

Be sure to look for environmental "green" soaps, lotions and cleaning products that will be available along with whimsical pottery and hand-painted greeting cards.

Local musicians will entertain shoppers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market, located in the train station parking lot at Wood and Smith streets, will be open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday until October 30.

For updated information, visit www.palatine.il.us.



VILLAGE OFFERS FREE MULCH FOR HOMEOWNER LANDSCAPING

Palatine residents have come to enjoy the double ground wood chips the Village has provided for the past several years. This "green" initiative allows the Village to recycle wood from trees removed throughout the year. Although most of the mulch is used for Village landscaping beds, there also is enough mulch for residents.

A layer of mulch can enhance and protect plants, shrubs and trees by reducing root damage caused by temperature extremes. Mulch can also inhibit weeds, control soil erosion, prevent soil compaction and help prevent soil splashing on to buildings.

Because this is such a popular program, residents are encouraged to call in March to schedule a delivery appointment for April with the Public Works Department by calling 705-5200. The cost is just \$12 per cubic yard. There is a three cubic yard minimum and residents are limited to ten cubic yards per household.

For smaller amounts of mulch, residents may visit mulch bins at the holding center located at 550 N. Smith Street. Please provide your own shovel and containers.



Change the Clock, Change the Batteries

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m. It is a good reminder to replace the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure the alarm will sound in an emergency.

The Palatine Fire Department highly recommends that batteries be replaced twice a year. "Spring ahead" an hour in time and plan ahead for safety.



Jogging Safety Tips

Runners or joggers should never assume that they are in a “safe” neighborhood. Anyone may be a potential victim, which is why attackers often seek out areas where people do feel safe and secure. When you feel safe you instinctively let down your guard while walking or jogging.

Take precautions to avoid becoming a victim and always act as a Neighborhood Watch in motion! If you notice someone or something suspicious, trust your instincts. Dial 911 and alert the police. Follow these basic tips while staying fit!

- Jog with a friend.
- Stay alert to the surroundings, occasionally check behind you.
- Stay on busier streets.
- Do not use headphones—or just use one earphone with the volume on low.
- Be cautious of anyone who stops you to ask for directions, money, cigarettes, etc.
- Do not wear any jewelry.
- Carry a cell phone with an “In Case of an Emergency” contact.
- Change your route—patterns become noticeable.
- ALWAYS let someone know your route and your expected time back.
- Avoid night jogging if possible, or wear highly reflective clothing and shoes.
- Wear or carry a whistle.
- Avoid long hedge rows and empty parks.
- Consider a self-defense class.
- Items that you carry may be used against you.
- Dogs are great companions, but don’t exhaust a pet.
- Wear sunscreen.

DISPLAY HOUSE NUMBERS CORRECTLY FOR EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS

In an emergency, whether you need Police, Fire, or EMT personnel, minutes really do count for first responders. Oftentimes these critical minutes can be wasted when responding emergency personnel try to locate poorly marked or unmarked addresses.



Please provide public safety officers the time they need to perform their duty by properly displaying house or business address numbers in accordance with Palatine code. The Village Council, in cooperation with the Fire Prevention Department, designed the code with resident safety in mind. It is simple and inexpensive to comply.

All residences that are set back 50 feet or more from the street must display house numbers six inches high in contrasting colors above the front door. If a house is within 50 feet, numbers may be four inches high. All numbers must be standard lettering (no cursive or Roman numerals).

Corner residences must display house numbers on the front of the building and over the garage.

Although the U.S. Postal Service requires residents who have curbside mailboxes to post house numbers on the mailbox, the code still requires numbers on the house.

Businesses are also required to follow the same guidelines as residents for the height and contrasting colors for street numbers. In addition, businesses must post street numbers on the back door of the business location.

“A good rule of thumb is to wait until it’s dark out,” said Palatine Fire Marshal Jim Eriksen. “If you can’t see the house numbers, neither can we.”

Stay safe and display house numbers correctly. For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: house numbers.

**2010 U.S. Census:
68,557 Palatine Residents**

IT’S THE LAW: KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR

As Palatine residents venture outside to enjoy spring weather and longer days, please make room for pedestrians on the sidewalk. Village code prohibits vehicles parked in driveways to be on or extended over public sidewalks between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.



Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest 2011

Thursday, June 30-Monday, July 4

Parade • Saturday, July 2

Fireworks • Sunday, July 3

For more information: www.palatinejaycees.org



12th Annual Community Festival

August 26-28

For more information:
www.palatinestreetfest.com

CEREMONIES AND PARADE TO HONOR VETERANS MAY 30

American Legion Post 690 will sponsor Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 30. The day begins at 9:45 a.m. with a wreath laying ceremony at Hillside Cemetery on Smith Street.

At 10:15 a.m., the parade kicks off at Cornell Avenue and Smith Street and ends with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Community Park (Northwest Highway and Wood Street). Parade participants will include Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion color guards, the Palatine High School Marching Band and several community leaders and groups.

There will also be a brief service at the Legion Memorial in Towne Square, 150 W. Palatine Rd. at 12:15 p.m. Residents and guests are invited to the Legion Memorial Home, 122 W. Palatine Rd., for refreshments following all the ceremonies.

For more information, or if your group who would like to march in the parade, call the Legion at 359-1606 after 12 p.m. and leave a contact name and phone number.



Parade Route



Block Party Guidelines

The Village 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.

Block parties are the perfect opportunity for residents to take time to relax with their family and neighbors. It's a good way to meet new families on the block and learn what's going on within the neighborhood.

These events also encourage safety for homes and children as neighbors begin to look out for one another. It's helpful if neighbors (adults and kids) can spot a stranger on their street and know who to alert in the case of an emergency.

Police and Fire department personnel are usually available to attend the festivities to teach youngsters good safety habits.

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



Palatine Underwrites 2 Sidewalk Programs

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 serve basis.

To participate in the 50/50 Sidewalk Program, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hazardous Sidewalk Program

The Village's annual Hazardous Sidewalk Program is specifically designed to identify and eliminate the worst tripping hazards at no cost to the homeowner. The targeted geographic area this year is south of Baldwin and Palatine roads, north of Northwest Highway, east of Hicks Road, and west of Wilke Road.

For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: hazardous sidewalk program.

TREE-LINED STREETS REQUIRE PARTNERSHIP WITH VILLAGE

Palatine is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. To achieve this worthwhile status, the Village and residents participate in the 50/50 Tree Planting Program which allows the Village to plant deciduous trees in parkways by equally sharing the cost with residents.

The Public Works Department plants all parkway trees, which come with a one-year guarantee and one replacement, if necessary. Plantings are available in the spring and fall. In addition to standard sized trees, several varieties also are available for planting under power lines to avoid severe pruning at maturity.

The Village Forester will approve and review all planting locations. Trees will be ordered on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority on tree choice



will be determined by time and date of receipt of order and payment.

Parkway trees removed by the Village will be replaced at no charge to the resident. However, if a resident wants a particular species of tree, he or she will be required to pay half the cost as in the 50/50 Program.

For more information, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GOT CURB APPEAL? 'PRIDE AWARD' MAY BE YOURS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission is looking forward to rewarding residents and business owners for all their landscaping efforts throughout the spring and summer with its annual Hometown Pride Awards program. Residents are invited to nominate any property—yours, a neighbor's or a business location whose curb appeal is an asset to the appearance of the community.

The Palatine Hometown Pride Award categories include residential properties, multi-family dwellings, subdivision entrance/cul-de-sac islands, businesses and "Doors of Palatine." Nominated properties are judged by the Beautification Commission. Winners receive a certificate and recognition at a Village Council meeting.

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



VILLAGE TARGETS STREETS FOR 2011 RESURFACING PROGRAM

Spring marks the start of street resurfacing and road repairs. Palatine relies on the state-of-the-art Micro-PAVER software program to evaluate all streets and rank them at or above an accepted standard.

Within a two-year span, the Village's engineering staff rates the quality of streets and enters the collected data into the Micro-PAVER program. Streets rated below "good" are then considered for resurfacing.

Proposed streets selected for the 2011 resurfacing program include:

Street Name	From	To
Benton Street	Heron Drive	Chewink Court
Bishop Court	Hunting Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Brentwood Drive	Brentwood Drive	East Cul-De-Sac (North)
Brentwood Drive	Brentwood Drive	West Cul-De-Sac (North)
Brentwood Drive	Westwood Lane	Dee Lane
Burno Drive	Stuart Lane	Bennett Avenue
Greenwood Court	Greenwood Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Heron Drive	Dead End West	Dead End East
Irene Drive	Lake Cook Road	Brentwood Drive
Joan Drive	Winston Drive	Richards Drive
Lenwood Drive	Lake Cook Road	Brentwood Drive
MacArthur Drive	Tahoe Trail	Baldwin Drive
Malibu Lane	Stark Drive	Bel Aire Terrace
Michigan Avenue	Plum Grove Road	Benton Street
Michigan Avenue	Benton Street	Oak Street
Middleton Court	Middleton Avenue	Cul-De-Sac
Monterey Road	Topanga Drive	Carmel Drive
Morris Drive	MacArthur Drive	Rohlwing Road
Olde Virginia Court	Olde Virginia Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Parkside Drive	Euclid Avenue (West)	Euclid Avenue (East)
Pratt Drive	Robinson Drive	Williams Drive
Reseda Parkway	Hicks Road	Topanga Drive
Richards Drive	Anderson Drive	Norman Drive
Robertson Street	Oak Street	Schubert Street
Rosalie Lane	Westwood Lane	Lenwood Drive
Rose Street	Palatine Road	Johnson Street
Rose Street	Wilson Street	Palatine Road
Topanga Drive	Mill Valley Road	Monterey Road
Trailside Court	Dundee Road	Cul-De-Sac South
Westwood Lane	Rosalie Lane	Dead End (South)
Whispering Oaks Drive	Old Hicks Road	Cul-De-Sac West
Wilson Street	Cedar Street	Smith Street
Yale Court	Harvard Drive	Cul-De-Sac

For more information about the resurfacing program, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: annual street resurfacing program.



Village To Renew Street Surfaces

Palatine has enacted a street preservation program to keep its roads in good shape. The Micro-Surfacing Street Program is a preventive maintenance activity designed to take relatively new streets (three to five years old) and extend their useful life.

Street preservation is designed to maintain and/or restore street surfaces that are in good condition to their original condition. **Street resurfacing** involves repairing damaged streets or those streets that need repair due to age.

As streets age, UV rays oxidize oils at the surface. The result is a loss of surface lines and aggregate materials. Micro-surfacing slows the loss of surface oils, provides skid resistance, prevents rutting and provides a smooth driving surface.

Proposed streets selected for micro-surfacing are:

Elmwood Avenue from Lincoln Street to Palatine Road

Elmwood Avenue from Palatine Road to Northwest Highway

Helen Road from Cedar Street to Salt Creek Bridge

Helen Road from Salt Creek Bridge to Plum Grove Road

Holly Way from Aster Avenue to Capri Drive



Palatine Road Work Will Resume In March

Palatine Road construction—nearly 70 percent complete—will resume in March. Last summer, labor issues and unexpected utility glitches delayed the \$11.7 million project, funded by the Federal Highway Authority and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, for several weeks.

When work resumes, residents can expect two-way traffic on Palatine Road to be shifted onto the new south-side pavement from Smith Street to Plum Grove Road while crews reconstruct the road's north side. Two-way traffic will be maintained from Smith Street to Plum Grove Road.

Eastbound traffic on Palatine Road, from Plum Grove Road to Northwest Highway, will be detoured at Plum Grove Road to Colfax Street. From Plum Grove Road to Kerwood Street, westbound traffic will be moved to the newly constructed westbound lane while crews work on the road's south side.

Drivers are cautioned to be alert at all times since lane widths will be reduced.

Crews are expected to place the final surface lift of hot mix asphalt on the entire project, complete traffic signals, finish roadway lighting, and stripe the final lane configuration by mid-2011.

For updates and complete details, visit www.palatineroad.com.

BARRY NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Barry, who served as Palatine's Assistant Village Engineer for ten years, has been appointed Public Works Director for the Village.

Barry, a long-time resident, will continue to focus on integrating the Village's engineering goals into the planning and administering of public works programs. "Matt knows this community," said Reid Ottesen, Village Manager. "His engineering and educational background will be instrumental as we embark on improving the infrastructure throughout Palatine."

Snow removal, street maintenance, tree planting and removal, and setting up for Village events are just some of the services that the Public Works Department provides to make Palatine a desirable community.

"I look forward to working with the dedicated Public Works staff who continue to provide the world-class services to residents daily," said Barry.

A Palatine High School graduate, Barry holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University, and a professional engineer's license.

He lives in Palatine with his wife, Tisa, and their one-year-old daughter, Meghan.



Matt Barry

WAS YOUR PARKWAY OR MAILBOX DAMAGED LAST WINTER?

During heavy snowfalls, it is very difficult to completely clear the snow without damaging some mailboxes or parkways. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing if the mailboxes do not meet Village Code. The Village will not repair mailboxes damaged by non-Village vehicles. The Village's total liability is limited to the cost of replacing a standard metal mailbox and/or standard pre-treated wood post.

When a mailbox is installed, it must be set back 12 inches from the back of the curb, or if there is no curb, 24 inches back from the hard surface of the pavement edge.

The bottom of the mailbox must be 48 inches above grade level. At this height and distance from the curb, the snow and snow plow blade should go under the mailbox and it will be the proper distance to allow the mail to be delivered from the mail truck.

A 4 x 4 inch wooden post or a 2.5 inch metal post can be set into the ground or anchored by a concrete slab set at grade level. The slab may not exceed 24 inches square nor be more than 18 inches deep. If you are planning to install a new mailbox, please install per these regulations.

If you believe your curbside mailbox or parkway was damaged by a Village snowplow, please call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



VILLAGE REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION FOR ALL DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS

This winter, three con artists burglarized a Palatine home by posing as water department employees who were interested in a possible "contamination" in the neighborhood. Two of the perpetrators lead the homeowners out of their home, engaged them in conversation while an accomplice ransacked the house for valuables and fled.



This type of scam activity knows no season and is becoming more prevalent year round. Residential burglars often prey on senior citizens and may even push their way into homes under the pretense that they will perform some handiwork.

Doorstep scams commonly include tree trimming, roofing or seal coating, but imposters have also been known to pose as utility workers or Village employees.

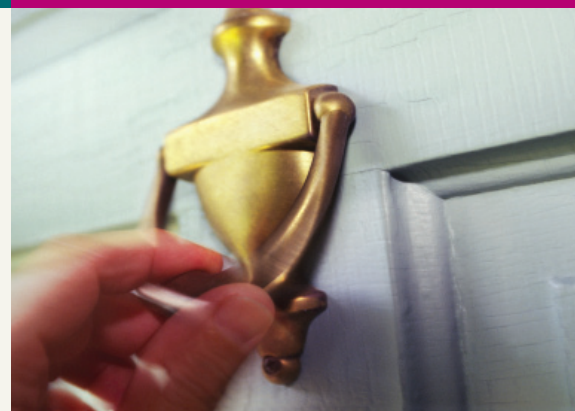
Imposters rely on the fact that victims are poor eyewitnesses and are frequently reluctant to report that they were duped. These swindlers are generally uncooperative with law enforcement and rarely admit criminal involvement.

THE VILLAGE REQUIRES THAT ALL SOLICITORS HAVE A PERMIT. Always ask for identification and 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 close and lock the main door before walking away from it.
- Never leave your home unlocked while you are out in the yard.
- Carry a cell phone to call the police anytime, anywhere.

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

For more information, contact the Palatine Police Crime Prevention Unit, 359-9061.



If Someone Knocks...

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

"We're in the neighborhood taking blood pressure readings." ***"We are out of gas and need assistance."***

Remember, the goal is to get inside your home. Thieves 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?"

"We're from the gas company... electric company...water department." The goal is to accompany you around your home while an accomplice sneaks in, attempting to steal your belongings.

"We owe you money from an overpayment." ***"You owe us money."*** ***"We've found some money...is it yours?"*** They may even threaten to call the police if you don't comply with them!

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

"I have a winning lottery ticket and want to share the money with you for some cash right now." Remember always call 911 to have the police come out and verify anything you may doubt.



VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

ACCOUNTING/ TAX PREPARATION

CAS Tax Service
1711 N. Rand Rd. • 776-1040
Tax Service

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service
1590 N. Rand Rd., Unit M
Tax Preparation

**Murph Accounting
& Tax Service**
46 W. Palatine Rd. • 963-1040
Tax Preparation

Nationwide Income Tax Service
2001 N. Rand Rd., Unit N
800-567-0757
Tax Service

AUTOMOBILE SALES/SERVICE
Castrol Premium Lube Express
1402 N. Rand Rd. • 815-403-3492
Auto Maintenance

Lake Cook AutoWash & Detail
2370 N. Hicks Rd. • 209-9160
Car Wash

Pemex Auto Sales Inc.
2222 N. Rand Rd., Ste. 100 • 496-7758
Used Cars

Xadotech LLC
1420 N. Rand Rd. • 911-1140
Wholesale/Auto Parts

BANKS/FINANCIAL SERVICES
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA
190 W. Northwest Hwy. • 963-6721
Bank

Ressler Financial Services
675 N. North Ct., Ste. 235 • 991-4851
Financial Services

CONSULTANTS
Benter Technology Co. LTD
212 W. Northwest Hwy.
312-618-8128
High Tech Consulting

Boger & Associates LLC
1296 W. Northwest Hwy. • 383-5525
Actuarial Consulting

Shawney Consulting
8 N. Bothwell St., 102 • 312-957-6110
Business Consulting

COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
Commercial Computer Service
1540 E. Dundee Rd., #104
224-232-5500
Computer Software

Green Computer
212 W. Northwest Hwy.
224-202-2519
Computer Repair

Uniquesoft LLC
1530 E. Dundee Rd., Ste. 100
963-1777
Software Development

**CONTRACTORS/
BUILDING MATERIAL**
BM Craft Inc.
542 W. Colfax St., #2 • 987-2638
Metal Craft

Contractors Material
2260 N. Rand Rd. • 202-9999
Brick/Stone Showroom

J Lohman Construction LLC
110 N. Brockway St., # 210
370-5416
Contractor Office

DANCE STUDIO
Dickenson's Little Vaudeville Inc.
11 E. Northwest Hwy. • 632-0890
Dance Studio

HAIR STYLING
Claudia's Hair Salon
1590 N. Rand Rd., Ste. F • 991-1986
Hair Salon

Great Clips
38 S. Northwest Hwy. • 991-1776
Hair Salon

Q Spa
1514 W. Algonquin Rd. • 485-7099
Beauty Salon

**LANDSCAPER/
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY**
American Sod Corporation
2239 N. Rand Rd., #102 • 358-0144
Landscape Supply

Geimer Landscape Service
2239 N. Rand Rd. • 358-6363
Landscape Services

MARKETING
ARS Interactive
220 N. Smith St., #310 • 598-2424
Advertising Agency

Integratrix Inc.
305 N. Eric Dr., Ste. E • 537-0067
Graphic Design/Marketing

Salani & Associates
616 N. North Ct., #110 • 496-5210
Graphic Design

PRINTING
KGn Digital Group Inc.
271 E. Helen Rd. • 221-2740
Printing/Fulfillment

RESTAURANTS/FOOD SERVICES
Bauers Brauhaus
45 W. Slade St. • 991-1040
Restaurant

Cupcakes & More by Kristine, Inc
10 N. Bothwell St. • 767-2782
Bakery/Cupcakes

El Torero
383 W. Northwest Hwy. • 358-2360
Restaurant

Hotshots Saloon Inc.
53 W. Slade St. • 468-7468
Restaurant/Bar

Indian Foods
776 E. Dundee Rd. • 963-6178
Grocery Store

Tacos Y Mariscos La Presa Inc.
319 S. Rohlwing Rd. • 221-5475
Restaurant

Tin Seng Chop Suey
801 N. Quentin Rd. • 991-4477
Restaurant/Carry-out

RETAIL/RESALE
Aesthetic Treasures Corp
403 N. Northwest Hwy. • 668-8496
Resale Shoppe

Amazing Closet
1613 N. Rand Rd. • 991-1919
Resale Shop

Family Treasures
1742 N. Rand Rd. • 774-9509
Resale Shop

Midwest Gold Buyers
1102 E. Dundee Rd. • 630-823-3099
Gold/Silver Purchasing

Shays Closet
21 W. Railroad Ave. • 571-6709
Resale/Collectibles

Solo Mart
1500 W. Algonquin Rd. • 608-9653
Clothing/Alterations

SERVICES/SERVICE PROVIDERS
Customized Clinical
Nutrition Weight Loss
630 E. Dundee Hwy. • 776-5101
Nutrition/Supplements

EV Interactive LLC
675 N. North Ct., Ste. 140 • 907-4689
Video Game Developer

Focus Vision Worldwide
1256 W. Northwest Hwy.
203-428-2448
Streaming Services

Giovannini Associates
19 S. Bothwell St., Ste. 101 • 963-9966
Executive Recruiter

Jet Card Plus
19 S. Bothwell St., #205
888-538-6389
Sales Office

Kapoor & Associates
317 W. Colfax St., #106 • 963-6681
Trading Office

Korvantage
317 W. Colfax St., #108
800-445-2574
Appointment Scheduler

Miyama Ryu Midwest Dojo
37 E. Northwest Hwy. • 630-550-1384
Martial Arts

Nitelite Promotions
1286 W. Northwest Hwy. • 485-8010
Concert Promotions

Palatine Family Pet Care
1100 W. Northwest Hwy. • 496-5387
Veterinarian

Palatine Treatment
616 N. North Ct., #170
630-705-0556
Counseling

Wolverine Fire Protection Co.
578 W. Colfax St. • 810-686-4630
Fire Protection

RELOCATED BUSINESSES

Affordable Towing & Repair
255 N. Eric Dr. • 776-7633
Auto Repair

Club Tickets LLC
1292 W. Northwest Hwy. • 705-5630
Ticket Brokers

Fitness Together Palatine
1112 W. Northwest Hwy. • 776-7000
Personal Training

FMR Systems Inc.
37 N. Plum Grove Rd. • 934-5566
Software Development

Integrity Packaging Solution
1230 W. Northwest Hwy. • 991-1079
Packaging Broker

Inverness Cleaners & Tailors Inc.
735 W. Palatine Rd. • 358-1990
Dry Cleaners

Luna Carpet
734 S. Vermont St. • 241-1761
Carpet/Flooring

Mephram Tax & Accounting
530 E. Northwest Hwy. • 359-8787
Accounting

Mperial Asset Mgmt.
110 N. Brockway St., #310
757-7171
Project Management

Proshine Auto Detailing
1436 N. Rand Rd. • 202-0780
Auto Detailing

Remet Corp.
1530 E. Dundee Rd., #120 • 221-3553
Casting/Wax/Sales

Three Oaks Montessori
12 S. Linden Ave. • 358-2345
Montessori School

Buy Local

Did you know that for every dollar spent in Palatine, a penny goes to Village services? Studies have shown that when residents buy from independent, locally owned businesses, more of their money is used to make purchases from other local businesses, service providers, etc., thus continuing to strengthen the Village's economic base.

ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Palatine's online Business Directory provides residents with an easy, convenient guide to Village restaurants, shops and service providers. It reinforces the value of buying local, which generates sales taxes that support services throughout the community.

Residents are encouraged to go to the site often as more businesses take advantage of this helpful directory. Visit www.palatine.il.us/business.

ILLINOIS PREMISE ALERT PROGRAM PROTECTS SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS

Under the Illinois Premise Alert Program, residents with special needs are requested to provide information to local public safety agencies to allow first responders to deal with emergency situations in an appropriate manner involving special needs individuals.

Information provided to the Palatine Police and Fire departments is stored in a database and kept confidential to be used only by police, fire and emergency medical personnel responding to specified locations. This data will alert first responders to handle each specific emergency.

Residents will not receive any type of preferential treatment by providing

information to public safety agencies and first responders will not be held liable for duties relating to the reporting of the special needs individuals.

For more information how to protect a family member, neighbor or friend under the Illinois Premise Alert Program, or to download a notification form, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: premise alert.

Return completed forms to:
Palatine Police Department
Technical Services Supervisor
200 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067



Important Dates For April Election

Last day to register to vote

- Tuesday, March 8

Grace Period Voter Registration

(ONLY at Cook County Downtown

Office – 69 W. Washington,
Chicago 5th Floor and
suburban court houses)

- Wednesday, March 9
through Tuesday,
March 29

Early Voting

- Monday, March 14
through Thursday, March 31

Consolidated Election

- Tuesday, April 5

For more information, call the
Village Clerk's office, 359-9051,
or visit www.palatine.il.us.

POST 2011 HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Save and post this handy 2011 holiday schedule for future reference to end hauling trash to the curb a day early. For those holidays not listed, weekly collections will take place as regularly scheduled.

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

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE

Curbside yard waste collection will resume April 4 and continue through November 30.

COLLECTION TIME

All solid waste must be placed at the curb for pick-up no later than 6:30 a.m. on collection day.

REAR DOOR PICK-UP SERVICE

Residents have the option of rear door service for an additional charge. For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division, 359-9090.



Start Sorting Today For Spring Clean-Up Week

Residents looking to de-clutter and get organized this season may want to take advantage of Palatine's annual Spring Clean-Up Friday, May 13 through Wednesday, May 18.

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, 359-9090, or www.palatine.il.us. Search: spring clean-up.



Warm Weather Keeps Police Headquarters on Occupancy Schedule

A mild October and November helped construction crews catch up on the new Palatine Police Headquarters after a strike last summer by operating engineers delayed work for several weeks.

The 71,000 square-foot building, located on Hicks Road just north of Northwest Highway, is right on schedule for occupancy by late 2011.

Residents are invited to watch the building as it progresses through time-lapse photography at www.palatine.il.us/camera/timeline.aspx.

Palatine Honored Sister City Of Year

The Palatine chapter of the Illinois Sister Cities Association was named the 2010 Sister City of the Year for its relationship with Fontenay-le-Comte, France by the statewide association. It is the second time the Village has received the honor.

Palatine has been Fontenay's sister city for 15 years and participates in travel exchanges as well as respective projects with the French community.

Sister Cities is a nonprofit organization started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower, who wanted to encourage citizen diplomacy. There are more than 40 Illinois municipalities partnered with 90-plus cities throughout the world.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT EASES INSPECTION PROCESS ONLINE

Requests for building inspections in Palatine are now available online. A valid request must include:

- **Permit number and address.**
- **Specific inspection requested.** Pick from the pull down list the inspection you wish to schedule.
- **Day and time request.** Inspections are performed Monday through Friday, early morning, 8–10 a.m., late morning, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. or afternoon, 1–3 p.m. The inspector will arrive any time within the requested timeframe.
- **A 24-hour notice for all inspection requests.** Once the Building Department receives the online request, it does its best to accommodate all



appointments. If a specific request is unavailable, the next open time slot will be provided.

The Building Department confirms all online inspection requests by sending confirmation e-mails.

For more information, call 776-4745 or visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: building inspection.

VILLAGE TO PENALIZE LANDLORDS OF UNKEMPT RENTAL PROPERTY

Starting April 1, landlords who are non-compliant or neglectful of their rental property within the Village will be subject to additional inspections and higher licensing fees based upon their ongoing and repeated property maintenance violations.

Under the revised rental inspection program approved by the Village Council, rental licensing fees will be based upon condition of the rental property. Property owners who maintain their rental property and have fewer violations will benefit by paying a base licensing fee.

Currently, residential rental dwellings in Palatine are inspected to ensure that properties are maintained to meet health and safety standards, but several problematic properties have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents and a negative impact on surrounding property values.

In an effort to better monitor the condition of these residential rental properties within the Village and to recognize landlords who consistently meet standards, the Village Council revised the rental inspection requirements that will be enforced by the Neighborhood Services Division.

For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: neighborhood services.



NEW FIRE STATION TO OPEN IN MAY

Construction of Palatine's newest fire station is scheduled for completion by May 1. Located on the corner of Echo Street and Quentin Road, the station is nearly 65 percent finished as crews continue to work on the building's interior.

The station will house a "jump crew" of one lieutenant and two firefighter paramedics who will respond to medical emergencies as well as fires and other critical situations. The team will work a 24-hour shift with 48 hours off.

Crews and their equipment currently stationed at 455 W. Dundee Rd. will relocate to the new fire house at 1215 N. Quentin Rd. to improve emergency response time for residents living in the northwest region of our community.

The Fire Department has five fire stations and responds to more than 7,000 calls per year.



STEP INTO RECYCLING WITH NIKE REUSE-A-SHOE



The Palatine Environmental Health Division, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, will support Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program by collecting worn out athletic shoes.

Collected shoes are shredded and turned into Regrind, a material that goes in to making new sports surfaces and athletic fields.

Residents may drop off any brand of athletic shoe (running, tennis, basketball, sneakers) 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. until May 16.

Please do not donate dress shoes, 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.

Visit www.nikereuseashoe.com to learn more about Nike's "green" program. For collection information, contact the Environmental Health Division, 359-9090, or visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: nike grind.



Garage Sale On The Horizon?

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

If outdoor celebrations and parties with amplified music and/or entertainment are on your calendar this year, remember that before the festivities begin, residents need to apply for a Village amplification permit seven days in advance of the event.

Contact the Administration Department, 359-9050, or download the form at www.palatine.il.us.

Search: amplification permit.





Village of Palatine
200 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067

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Saturday, March 12

Palatine Goes Irish March 12

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. This year, residents will be able to celebrate right in their own hometown at Palatine's first-ever "Paint the Town Green" community event on Saturday, March 12.

The day kicks off at 11 a.m. with a St. Patrick's Day Parade staging in front of Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St. An array of Irish dancers, musicians and bands will head west down Wood St., wind their way to Colfax and end near the Palatine train station.

An Irish market also will be open inside the train station from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. where residents can listen to Irish music, learn Irish dancing, purchase Celtic jewelry, cookies, cupcakes, green carnations and even book a trip to the Emerald Isle.

Durty Nellie's Pub will be serving Irish fare and entertainment. Starting at 12:30 p.m., Durty Nellie's Pub will provide a continuous schedule of entertainment throughout the evening.

Event sponsors include: Durty Nellie's Pub, Journal & Topics Newspapers, Budweiser, Hotel Indigo, Palatine Bank & Trust, Emmett's Tavern, and Martin C. Kelley of Kelley, Kelley and Kelley Law Firm.

Sponsors are asking residents to bring packaged food and paper products to the parade to benefit Journey from Pads to Hope in Palatine.

For a complete schedule of events and activities, visit www.stpatpalatine.com.

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 30
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Public Works Department Battles Blizzard of 2011



The National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning for Tuesday, February 1 at 3 p.m. They were right on the money.

Most residents heeded the warning, stayed off the streets and watched television news coverage from the comforts of home. Meanwhile, Public Works crews climbed into their trucks at 2:30 p.m., headed toward the Village's ten snow removal routes and plowed until the immediate blizzard response ended the following day at 7:30 p.m.

When the snow stopped falling, crews had plowed 350 miles of street lanes and expended 1,000 man hours. It took the crews just 8.5 hours

to clear and salt Village streets down to the bare pavement.

Public Works Director Matt Barry estimated that his crews expended over 2,000 man hours to complete several other snow removal projects within the Village.

"We didn't anticipate a blizzard of this proportion, but the department's salt acquisition and use coupled with some overtime were well within the snow removal budget," said Barry.

Crews continued their efforts for several days and removed snow piles at intersections, cleared snow from fire hydrants and improved conditions for mail delivery routes.