



VILLAGE *of* PALATINE



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PALATINE REFERENDUM TO ASK RESIDENTS ABOUT OPTION TO LOWER ELECTRIC BILL

On the March 20 Primary Presidential ballot, the Village of Palatine will ask voters whether they approve the municipality's effort to save taxpayers money by seeking competitive pricing for provision of electricity to residents and small businesses.

The Village Council authorized a referendum question in its effort to combine electrical service for all individual customers into a single bid that will lower consumer electric bills. Through an inter-governmental agreement, Palatine would partner with Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Vernon Hills, and Wheeling to represent more than 260,000 residents.

The referendum question reads:

Shall the Village of Palatine have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

If the referendum is approved, the seven communities will seek competitive bids from certified wholesale electric suppliers. If bid rates are lower than current prices from ComEd, the Village Council would accept the best bid. The selected new electricity supplier would contact each electric customer.

Any resident not wanting to accept the new rates and supplier may "opt-out" of the program and stay

with his/her current supplier. If residents and small businesses already have a contract with an electric supplier other than ComEd, they could opt-in to the new program when their current contract expires.

The electricity aggregate initiative is the result of an August 2009 amendment to the Illinois Power Agency Act. Under state law, the only way the Village may undertake this initiative is through the passage of the referendum.

To learn more about this initiative, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: electric aggregation.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

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2012 VILLAGE BUDGET BALANCED WITH NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

For the first time in 25 years, the Village of Palatine Council approved a lower property tax levy as part of its \$105.8 million 2012 Annual Budget approved in December 2011.

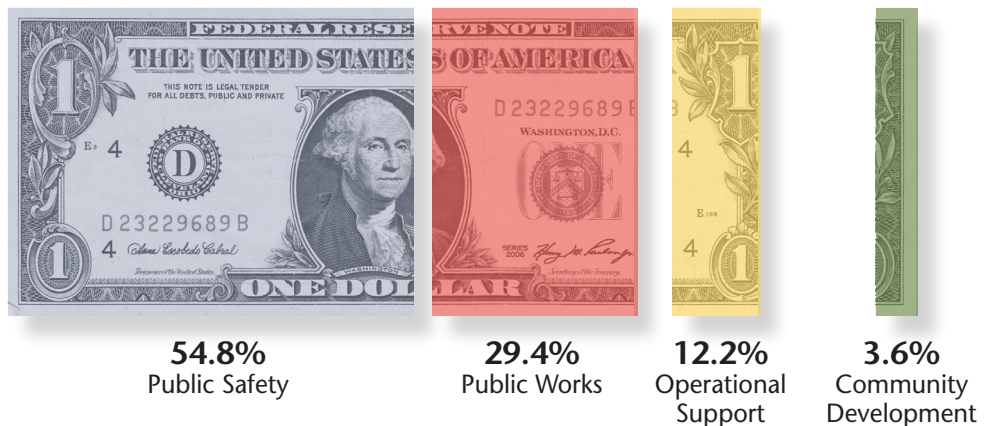
The Village tax levy will decrease by just over \$38,000 this year as compared to last year. The Village levy comprises a small portion of the total property tax bill that includes property taxes by school districts, park district, library, county and other agencies. "Property taxes are the revenue of last resort for the Village. We are very pleased to actually be able to have a slight reduction in the levy— the first in 25 years," said Reid Ottesen, Palatine Village Manager.

The Palatine property tax reduction is a result of decisions and cost containments of the past four years. Seventy-one percent of Palatine's operating revenues come from property taxes, sales taxes and state income taxes.

"We urge residents to shop locally to keep dollars within the Village," Ottesen said. "In 2011, increased sales tax revenues helped us maintain the budget," said Ottesen, "and we project higher sales tax revenue in 2012—the second time in five years. This helps offset the property tax levy"

The 2012 Annual Budget has increased by 3.4 percent although there are no new taxes or fees as part of the

Operating Expenditures by Function



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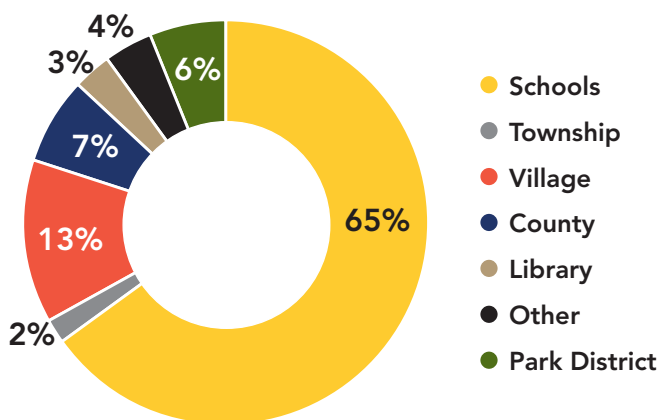
budget. The budget will maintain the operating services at last years level as well as continue to fund ongoing maintenance and capital projects. The 2012 Budget also reflects a reduction of seven full time employees. "We continue to prioritize personnel requirements, benefit and contractual obligations, supplies and training programs to protect our core programs of public health, safety and welfare for our community," noted Ottesen.

For the third year in a row, the Village will be distributing nearly \$3.6 million to the other local taxing bodies as a result of the successful development on Dundee Road. The Village will allocate \$1.25 million to the school districts, \$219,000 to the Palatine Park District and nearly \$100,000 to the Palatine Library District.

Looking back on 2011, the Village is expecting to close the books on a positive note. With the assistance of Senator Matt Murphy and Representative Tom Morrison, the Village received \$575,000 in state grant funds for the construction of the new fire station on Quentin Road. Additionally, the station came in approximately \$150,000 under the awarded contract price. Likewise, the Police Headquarters that opened on January 17th is tracking nearly \$1 million under contract.

For more information on the financial condition of the Village and the Adopted 2012 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Program, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: budget.

**Where Each Property Tax Dollar Goes
(Community Wide)**



Hydrant Flush Cleans Lines

In late March and early April, the Public Works Department will begin opening or "flushing" fire hydrants throughout the Village. This process moves water through the pipelines at a fast rate to clean the lines, clear stagnant water and ensure the water the Village delivers to homes is of the highest quality. Residents who perceive this as wasting water can be assured the department will only flush lines when deemed necessary as part of protecting public health by providing safe, quality consumable water.



Important Dates for March 20 Primary Election

Grace period registration and voting

- Wednesday, February 22 through Tuesday, March 13
- Only at Cook County downtown office – 69 W. Washington, 5th Floor, and suburban courthouses

Early voting

- Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 15
- For a list of early voting sites and hours, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com

Voting through the mail

- It is no longer necessary to provide a reason to vote through the mail.
- Download a "Mail Ballot Application" at www.cookcountyclerk.com or visit Village Hall (Clerk's Office).

Primary Election Day

- Tuesday, March 20

Presidential Election Day

- Tuesday, November 6

For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us or call 359-9051.



Lightning Detection System

Beginning March 1, 2012 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10:45 p.m., the Palatine Park District will be using a Lightning Detection System to provide early-warning of lightning throughout parks, pools, golf course and stables.

For more information and to listen to the warning sirens visit www.palatineparks.org/lightning.

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

3/11

Move Clocks Ahead Sunday, March 11 @ 2 a.m.

Spring ahead one hour and change the time from 2 to 3 a.m. It is also a good time to change batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure alarms will sound in an emergency.

3/17

Paint the Town Green Saturday, March 17

The festivities will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 starting with an Irish Market under a tent outside of Durty Nellie's from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Paint the Town Green family friendly event will also feature a parade at 11:00 a.m. and numerous activities in Downtown Palatine. For a complete schedule of events and activities, visit www.stpatspalatine.com.



4/7

Police Headquarters Open House

**Saturday, April 7
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Residents are invited to attend an open house to tour the new 70,000 sq. ft. Police Headquarters building at 595 N. Hicks Rd.

4/20
4/27



AARP Driver Safety Program

**Friday, April 20
Friday, April 27**

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest course for drivers age 50 and older. To register, call 358-3272. For more information, visit www.aarpdriversafety.org

4/27

Firefighter Challenge Blood Drive

**Friday, April 27,
Noon to 7:30 p.m.**

Palatine Firefighters will partner with the Board of Health and the Medical Reserve Corps for its annual blood drive at Fire Station 84, 220 W. Illinois Ave. LifeSource will conduct the drive. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 877-543-3768, or visit www.lifesource.org. Walk-ins welcome.



5/4
5/9

Spring Clean-up Week Friday, May 4 through Wednesday, May 9

Take advantage of Palatine's annual spring clean-up by placing garbage bags and other refuse items in advance of scheduled collection days. All refuse will be collected on scheduled days with the exception of appliances, tires, paints, chemical waste, e-waste and bulk items exceeding 60 pounds. Construction debris must be bundled and not exceed two cubic yards. For more information, call 359-9090, or visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: spring clean-up.



plants, flowers and advice from the University of Illinois Master Gardeners. Local musicians will entertain from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located in the train station parking lot at Wood and Smith streets. For updated information, visit www.palatine.il.us.

5/13
5/19

Law Enforcement Week Sunday, May 13 through Saturday, May 19

5/5
10/27

Farmers' Market May 5 to October 27

Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit the 21st season of the Palatine Farmers' Market stocked with fresh-from-the-farm produce, organic meats and eggs, cheeses, pickles, olives, mushrooms, breads, crepes, cakes and more. May markets bring bedding

5/28

Memorial Day Parade, Ceremonies Monday, May 28

American Legion Post 690 will honor fallen veterans on this Memorial Day at a wreath laying ceremony at Hillside Cemetery at 9:45 a.m. A parade will follow at

10:15 a.m. at Cornell Avenue and Smith Street and end with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Community Park (Northwest Highway and Wood Street). At 12:15 p.m. there also will be a short memorial service at the Legion Memorial in Towne Square, 150 W. Palatine Rd. For more information or if your group would like to participate in the parade, call the American Legion, 359-1606, after 12 p.m.

6/1

Palatine Police "Cop on Top"

Friday, June 1

5 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dunkin Donuts,
801 E. Dundee Rd.

Cop on Top of Dunkin Donuts is a statewide fundraising event for the Law Enforcement Torch Run that raises awareness for Illinois Special Olympics athletes. Contact Officer Julieann Ferraro 963-6237 or jferraro@palatine.il.us

6/15

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Friday, June 15

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Inverness, will hold its annual overnight event at Sundling Junior High School, 1100 N. Smith St. Teams within the community raise funds—prior to and at the event—to support cancer research and local programs. For more information, call Rachel at 368-1166 or visit www.relayforlife.org/prmiil.



**6/29
7/4**

Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest 2012

Friday, June 29 to

Wednesday, July 4

Parade: Saturday, June 30

Fireworks: Tuesday, July 3

Food, fun, fireworks and a parade. For more information, visit www.palatinejaycees.org

**8/24
8/26**



Downtown Street Fest

Friday, August 24 to

Sunday, August 26

For more information, visit www.palatinstreetfest.com



All Fire Department Vehicles Carry Medical Equipment

In 1972, the Palatine Fire Department became one of the first departments in Illinois to provide residents with Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and trained paramedics. Today, 80 licensed paramedics respond to over 5,000 medical assistance calls per year.

All four front-line ambulances—with an additional reserved vehicle—are staffed with two firefighter/paramedics and a large complement of state-of-the-art ALS medical equipment. Since all paramedics are cross trained as firefighters, ALS ambulances also carry basic forcible entry tools, structural firefighting gear and self-contained breathing apparatus.



If there is a car accident or another medical emergency and the assigned ambulance is on another call, all fire department vehicles are equipped to respond to the call. Engines and Quints (75 ft. aerial ladders), the workhorses of the Department's first response vehicles, carry ALS equipment and medical gear including oxygen and airway maintenance equipment; trauma supplies; basic medications and IV fluids; and an Automated External Defibrillator. More specialized vehicles such as the 95 ft. Ladder Tower and Rescue Squad carry additional equipment to deal with hazardous materials, structural collapse, above and below grade rescues and dive emergencies but also carry all the same medical equipment as other vehicles.



When I call an ambulance, why does the fire engine arrive at my house?

To provide the quickest response to a medical emergency, ALL firefighters and some officers are licensed paramedics. When a fire engine arrives before an ambulance, its crew is trained and equipped to provide the same level of emergency care until the ambulance arrives.



Reduce Storm Water Pollution; Protect Clean Water Supply

Few of us give much thought to the thousands of catch basins (drains) located throughout the Village. These drains empty the roadways, driveways, yards and parking areas to downstream pipes and ditches and discharge untreated water into our region's streams and rivers.

Untreated storm water passes along garbage, silt, sand, oils, fertilizers, soaps and other debris and chemicals.

In an effort to reduce the amount of pollutants entering local water bodies, federal and state regulations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System require municipalities that operate surface water drainage systems to educate the public about effects of storm water discharge on the environment.

To help reduce pollution within our streams and rivers, the Village is asking residents to consider the following:

- Remember "only rain goes down the storm drain."
- Reduce or eliminate pesticide and fertilizer use.
- Sweep up grass clippings after mowing to keep them from entering storm drains.
- Report non-storm water discharges to the Village.

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

To report possible illegal discharges into the storm drain system, contact the Public Works Department, 705-5200.



PALATINE REMOVES, REPLACES TREES INFECTED BY EMERALD ASH BORER

The Palatine Public Works Department first discovered the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the Winston Park area three years ago. Since then, EAB have aggressively appeared throughout the Village. The EAB is relatively small, just 1/2 inch long by 1/8 inch wide and is metallic green in color as an adult.

The adults emerge through "D" shaped holes on the ash tree's bark in May and mate and lay eggs in crevices of the bark through August. The eggs hatch within 10 days and develop into wormlike larvae that tunnel under the tree's bark causing "S" shaped galleries. This is the EAB stage that causes the majority of damage to trees. The tunneling under the bark destroys the tree's ability to move nutrients and water to the upper level of the tree.

Signs of infestation include: "D" shaped 1/4 inch holes in the tree's bark, excessive sucker sprouts, splitting bark, dying limbs on the top of the canopy and woodpecker damage. In light of these indicators, the EAB is very hard to find and once identified, has typically harmed the tree to the point that it cannot return to normal health. The best indicator so far is woodpecker damage. Woodpeckers remove portions of the bark while feeding on the larvae. EAB only affects ash trees which

presently make up approximately 20 percent of the Village parkway trees.

In 2008, the Village initiated an Ash Tree Reduction Program that focuses on the removal and replacement of affected trees in neighborhoods with high concentrations. To date, the Village has removed and replaced over 355 ash trees throughout Palatine.

Last year the Illinois Forest Restoration awarded Palatine a \$7,000 grant to replace parkway ash trees. Recognizing the continued decline of ash trees, the Village has allocated funding this year for the removal and replacement of another 300 unhealthy ash trees.

Questions are periodically raised regarding chemical treatments instead of tree removal. Currently, the Village is not treating ash trees because of the high cost and ineffectiveness of the procedures. Trees often require annual or biannual treatments. On a case-by-case basis, individual residents have funded chemical treatments on a trial basis.

Please contact the Department of Public Works, 705-5200, for additional information on the management of the EAB on parkway ash trees or visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: EAB

2012 Waste Collection Schedule

Curbside yard waste collection resumes April 2 through November 28. Residents with adjacent driveways are encouraged to place refuse and recyclables next to each other to expedite pick-ups.

Save and post this handy holiday collection schedule for reference throughout the year:

Week of	Holiday	Collection
May 28	Memorial Day	All one day later
July 2	Independence Day	Wed. one day later
September 3	Labor Day	All one day later
December 24	Christmas	Tues./Wed. one day later

For more information, call 359-9090.



Mailbox Damaged?

Curbside mailboxes hit by Village snowplows or trucks will be replaced by the Village at no charge. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged during snowplowing if the mailboxes do not meet Village Code.

The Village also 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 a standard pre-treated post.

If you believe your curbside mailbox or parkway was damaged by a Village snowplow, contact Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. All damage needs to be reported as soon as it is noticed.

Landscape Mulch Available

Residents can take advantage of the Village's efforts to maintain a green environment with ground wood chips created from trees removed throughout the Village.

A layer of ground wood mulch can enhance and protect gardens and shrubs by reducing root damage caused by temperature extremes. Mulch inhibits weeds and protects and keeps the soil healthy. Contact Public Works Department, 705-5200, in early March to schedule an April delivery. There is a three cubic yard minimum and a ten cubic yard maximum. Cost is just \$12 per cubic yard.

For smaller amounts, visit mulch bins at 550 N. Smith St. Please provide your own shovel and containers.



Purchase Vehicle Stickers

Passenger vehicle stickers for Palatine residents go on sale Tuesday, May 1 and must be displayed before July 1, 2012. The cost is just \$30 for each passenger car until June 30. Stickers purchased after the deadline will incur a \$20 late payment penalty for a total 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 limited to one per household.

Animal tags must be purchased by July 1 for \$7.

VEHICLE STICKERS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE THIS YEAR, by mail with the application and payment or in person at Village Hall, 200 E. Wood St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays in June from 8:30 a.m. until noon. A night drop box on the second floor of Village Hall and a drive-up box near the tennis courts on Wood St. are also available.

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

Nominate Beautiful Properties

Palatine residents are encouraged to walk through neighborhoods and nominate any property location whose curb appeal is an asset to the appearance of the community. The Palatine Beautification



Commission will recognize individuals who work hard to beautify properties with the Hometown Pride Award. You can help by submitting a nomination.

Information and an application form are available at www.palatine.il.us. Search: hometown pride award.



New Electronic Disposal Regulations

Recently, Governor Patrick Quinn signed legislation that makes extensive changes to the Illinois Electronic Product Recycling and Reuse Act by expanding the number of covered electronic products (listed below) and prohibiting them from being thrown away in the garbage as of January 1, 2012.

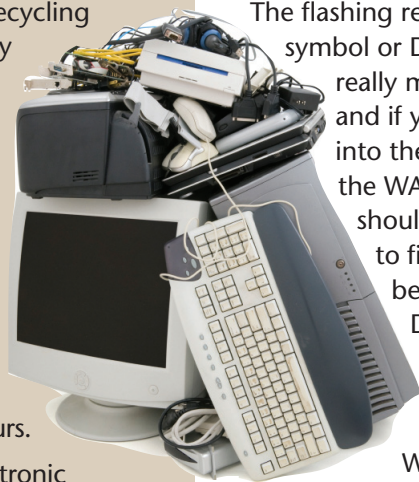
Banned Electronic Products

Televisions
Monitors
Printers
Computers (including tablets)
Electronic Keyboards
Facsimile Machines
Videocassette Recorders
Portable Digital Music Players
Digital Video Disc Players
Video Game Consoles
Small Scale Servers
Scanners
Electronic Mice
Digital Converter Boxes
Cable Receivers
Satellite Receivers
Digital Video Disc Recorders

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) works with its member communities to provide environmentally-sound recycling for end-of-life residentially generated electronics through permanent locations, seasonal one-day events, and the agency's At Home Program that runs May through September. Additionally, residents may use many retail store drop-offs during evening and weekend hours.

For a complete list of electronic waste recycling options, visit www.swancc.org or call 724-9205.

For more information on the act, visit www.epa.state.il.us or call the Environmental Health Division, 359-9090.



VILLAGE URGES WALKER, CYCLIST SAFETY

There are new laws in Illinois protecting pedestrians. Drivers always must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks—even crosswalks that are unmarked or don't have a stop sign or traffic signal. Whether the pedestrian has a WALK or DON'T WALK signal, the pedestrian has the right of way over vehicular traffic.

Time Street Crossings

Sometimes pedestrians are confused because the flashing DON'T WALK display appears before they finish crossing the street. Usually, there is nothing wrong with the traffic signal timing. There may be a misunderstanding about what the pedestrian signal means. The WALKING PERSON symbol or WALK signal really means that it is the pedestrians' turn to start crossing. However, pedestrians should always be on the lookout for motorists who are turning right or left across their crosswalk, or who may run the red light.

The flashing red UPRaised HAND symbol or DON'T WALK signal, really means "Don't Start," and if you have stepped into the street during the WALK interval, there should be enough time to finish your crossing before the steady DON'T WALK appears and the signal turns green for the cross traffic.

When the steady DON'T WALK appears you should not begin crossing, and should not be in the street.

Traffic signals typically provide enough flashing DON'T WALK time for a person to cross the street at a walking pace of four

feet per second or more. In some cases it may be best for pedestrians to wait for the next green light and WALK signal before crossing just to be safe. The following are some helpful reminders:

- Pedestrians must be diligent about watching the crosswalk signal and following the WALK and DON'T WALK instructions.
- Pedestrians should use crosswalks when available and look both ways when entering the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians should wear light colored or reflective clothing when going out for a walk after dark.
- Drivers should look both ways before driving through a crosswalk.
- Drivers stopping for a traffic signal or stop sign should stop before the crosswalk.
- All passengers must Buckle Up.
- All passengers travelling inside a vehicle must be properly restrained. The law does not apply to backseats of taxi cabs, authorized emergency vehicles or those issued a medical exemption.



Keep Sidewalks Clear

Please make room for pedestrians and bicyclists 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.

Just a reminder, hand held mobile devices are prohibited in all construction zones and school zones. In 2012, anyone driving a commercial motor vehicle is prohibited from using hand held mobile devices.

Bicycle Safety

The days are getting longer and more residents are taking their bicycles out to enjoy the miles of bike trails throughout the Village. Be smart and practice good bicycle safety.



Always wear a bicycle helmet. A helmet can reduce the risk of a serious head injury. The helmet should fit snugly and always be secure. Loose helmets are rendered useless and will fall off when the head makes an impact with any object.

Conduct a bicycle safety check list. Be sure the bicycle is in good working order and the proper size for the rider. All tires should have correct air pressure, handlebars should be secure, the seat should be the right height and the chain should be tight and in good working order.

Wear appropriate clothing. Wear bright or reflective clothing especially at night. Secure pant legs from getting caught in the chain. Always wear shoes (no sandals or flip-flops) while riding a bicycle.

Obey all traffic signals and signs. Bicyclists are responsible for following vehicle code just like motor vehicles. A bicyclist is not a pedestrian and does not automatically have the right of way.

Be observant. Always pay attention to what is happening; watch out for vehicles and people. Use voice and hand signals to inform others of intentions to stop or turn.

Prevent bicycle theft. Always park a bicycle in a safe place and secure it with a lock. Register all bicycles with the Palatine Police Department or register at www.palatine.il.us.

If you are joining a riding club or engaging in a new hobby, the Crime Prevention Unit offers presentations to organizations on bike safety. For more information, call 359-9061.

FOLLOW EVERYDAY SAFEGUARDS; AVOID DOORSTEP, PHONE SCAMS

The Palatine Police Crime Prevention Unit warns all residents to be aware of doorstep and telephone burglars. The Village requires that all solicitors have a permit. Always ask for identification and follow these safeguards:

Everyday Safety

Call 9-1-1 if a solicitor refuses to show a permit

Always talk to a solicitor through a closed locked door

Never let anyone in your house

Call 9-1-1 if strangers are canvassing the neighborhood

Never leave your home unlocked—even if gardening

Carry a cell phone to call the police anytime, anywhere

Call 9-1-1 if a stranger asks for help

Refuse unsolicited blood pressure screenings

Keep large amounts of money and valuables in a bank safe deposit box

Doorstep Safety

Residents should be aware of anyone who comes to the door and uses these common ploys:

Needs to use a phone

Writes a note for a neighbor

Looking for a lost pet

Nurse taking blood pressure

Checking water pressure

Works for the utility company

Asks to see your property line

Wants to share found money or lottery tickets

Doorstep burglars get unsuspecting elderly victims to let them in the house or push their way into the



house. They keep victims distracted and confined to one room, usually the kitchen, while others secretly enter the house and burglarize the home. Many times the house is left as it was prior to the burglary (i.e., no drawers left open, no mess, etc.) so it may take days or weeks for the victim to even know items are missing.

Telephone Safety

Everyone is susceptible to telephone scams. Stay alert and control phone conversations. Common scams include:

Prize Distribution Centers claiming you are a winner in a sweepstakes or lottery

A family member is in crisis and needs money wired to them

Fake bank alert scams claiming there are problems with your accounts

Residents who receive a suspicious phone call should call the Crime Prevention Unit at 359-9061.



VILLAGE TARGETS STREETS FOR 2012 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.

Proposed streets selected for the 2012 resurfacing program include:

Street Name	From	To
Aldridge Avenue	Dead End West	Smith Street
Ashland Avenue	Robertson Street	Lincoln Street
Bryant Avenue	South Vermont Street	Plum Grove Road
Cady Drive	Baldwin Road	Babcock Drive
Capri Drive	Rand Road	Denise Drive
Carmel Drive	Mill Valley Road	Monterey Road
Coolidge Avenue	Myrtle Street	Northwest Highway
Eric Drive	Cornell Avenue	Colfax Street
Fairway Court	Fairway Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Fairway Drive	Reseda Parkway	Carpenter Drive
Glenwood Street	Palatine Road	Parallel Street
Hamstead Court	Cul-De-Sac	Bedford Drive
Hart Street	Wilson Avenue	Slade Street
Hill Road	Quentin Road	Village Limits East
Illinois Avenue	Roselle Road	Mallard Drive
Kathleen Drive	Quentin Road	Dead End West
Lee Court	Diane Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Mac Arthur Drive	Baldwin Road	Elmwood Avenue
Maple Street	Hellen Road	West Glade Avenue
South Oak Court	Palatine Road	Cul-De-Sac South
Oak Street	Washington Street	Daniels Road
Oak Street	Helen Road	Dead End South
Oak Street	Gilbert Road	Dead End North
Old Hicks Road	Rand Road	Aster Avenue
Olde Virginia Drive	Cunningham Drive	Cardinal Drive
Pleasant Hill Boulevard	Bennett Avenue	Cedar Street
Plum Grove Road	Northwest Highway	Colfax Street
Providence Road	Hicks Road	Willow Wood Drive
Quail Hollow Lane	Hiddenbrook Trail	Dead-End
Ravine Hills Court	Windhill Drive	Cul-De-Sac
Roanoke Court	Quentin Road	Cul-De-Sac
Robertson Street	Northwest Highway	Marion Street
Royal Court	Imperial Court	Bothwell Street
Sutton Court	Coolidge Avenue	Cul-De-Sac
Terrace Court	Park Place Drive	Cul De Sac
Willow Wood Drive	Providence Road	Salt Creek Bridge
Woodland Street	Quentin Road	Suthers Lane

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

50/50 Sidewalk Program

The Village annually partners with homeowners in its 50/50 Sidewalk Program for infrastructure repairs. Sidewalks that are uneven, severely cracked, or deteriorated and meet specific safety standards may qualify.

The homeowner's cost is approximately \$58 for a typical sidewalk square. Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Hazardous Sidewalk Program

A Hazardous Sidewalk Program is specifically designed to identify and eliminate the worst tripping hazards at no cost to the homeowner. The target area this year is north of Palatine Road, east of Hicks Road, south of Baldwin Road, west of Clark Street and Winston Park subdivision.

50/50 Tree Program

The Village and homeowners can partner to add deciduous trees to public parkways by equally sharing in the cost of the trees. In turn, The Village will plant the trees that come with a one year guarantee and one tree replacement option. In addition to standard sized trees, several varieties are available for planting under power lines.

The Village Forester will approve and review all planting locations. Trees will be ordered on a first come first serve 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 homeowner. 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 on all of the above programs, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit www.palatine.il.us.

Summer Construction Will Improve Drains, Water Mains, Roadways

In preparation for a busy summer construction season, the Palatine Engineering Department has worked with design consultants to develop and implement storm sewer extensions, water main improvements and roadway enhancements throughout the Village.

Drainage Improvements

- The drainage of the south Williams area has been problematic. In 2010, the Village reconstructed the ditch lines south of this area. Ditch re-shaping and storm sewer work will begin at south Williams Avenue from Olive to Thomas Street right-of-way in late summer.
- Capri Gardens, another area that has experienced flooding in the past, will also have storm sewer extensions constructed this summer.



Water Main Improvements

- Pleasant Hill Boulevard will have its existing water main replaced with a new 8 inch water main from Plum Grove Road to the creek. The replacement is necessary due to the age of the existing water main and the increasing severity and number of breaks on the line.
- The Village will be extending the water main north on Grove Street to West Hill and west on Hill to the dead end to improve fire protection to growing areas of Palatine.

Roadway Improvements

- As part of the effort to promote the downtown business district by improving and encouraging pedestrian access, refining aesthetics and enhancing overall business environment, Bothwell Street from Palatine Road to Slade/Railroad Avenue will have new parking and streetscapes.
- Palos Avenue will be constructed from Northwest Highway to Autumn Road

For more information, visit www.palatine.il.us.
Search: summer construction.

VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

AUTOMOTIVE SALES/SERVICE

Eaglerider
2200 N. Rand Rd.
358-2121
Motorcycle Rentals

Pepe Auto Repair
542 W. Colfax St.
496-7561
Auto Repair

BEAUTY SALONS/NAILS

Excellent Nails For You
1178 E. Dundee Rd.
322-5240
Nail Salon

RESTAURANTS/TAKE-OUT

AFC Sushi @ Joe Caputo's
2070 N. Rand Rd.
705-7200
Sushi Take-Out

Mega Bites Pizza Inc.
1506 W. Algonquin Rd.
221-5922
Restaurant/Pizza

Subway Sandwiches
745 W. Palatine Rd.
358-8700
Restaurant/Subs

RETAIL

Cricket
1242 E. Dundee Rd.
963-2906
Cellular Phones

Mariano's Fresh Market
545 N. Hicks Rd.
963-2807
Grocery Store

Premier Telecom/Cricket
533 E. Dundee Rd.
963-8070
Cellular Phone Sales

SCHOOLS

Soaring Eagle Kung Fu Inc.
291 N. Northwest Hwy.
773-556-3728
Martial Arts School

SERVICES/SERVICE PROVIDERS

Hennessy Solutions & Services Group
1468 N. Hicks Rd.
630-975-1032
PC Software

High Point Entertainment LLC
1590 N. Rand Rd., #202
496-5417
Software Development/Art Assets

JTW Steel Company LLC
220 N. Smith St. #106
Metal Sales Office

Keais Records Service Inc.
835 N. Sterling Ave., #250
963-8551
Records Service

Lighthouse Credit Card Debt

835 N. Sterling Ave., #235
224-578-2507
Credit Card Debt Negotiations

Midwest Title Loans

1597 N. Rand Rd.
678-823-4700
Consumer Finance

National Telecom Inc.

420 S. Vermont St.
934-1300
Telecom Controller

Neptune Society

818 W. Northwest Hwy.
963-0215
Cremation Planning

Paul Davis Emergency Services

651 S. Vermont St.
912-3620
Emergency Service/Property Damage

Rifftek Inc.

1266 W. Northwest Hwy.
888-568-9649
Mail Order

Tap House Management Group

708 S. Vermont St.
485-8111
Management Office

RELOCATED BUSINESSES

Barrington Feed

830 W. Northwest Hwy., #12
840-0574
Animal Feed

Focus Vision Worldwide Inc.

1222 W. Northwest Hwy.
203-428-2448
Technical Services

Mohawk Stamp Company

285 E. Helen Rd.
991-0225
Rubber Stamps

SPI Restoration & Construction

321 W. Colfax St.
963-0246
Construction/Office

Towne Towing Inc.

509 S. Vermont St., Ste. B
705-1710
Towing Company

Waist Up Imprinted Sportswear

422 S. Vermont St.
963-1400
Clothing Apparel/Imprinted

Wholesale Nutrition

887 E. Wilmette Rd., Unit D
800-325-2664
Vitamin Sales/Online

All phone numbers are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

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.





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New Police Headquarters

Palatine Police Department is now operating out of their new headquarters located at 595 N. Hicks Road (by the intersection of Hicks Rd. and First Bank Dr.). Please join us April 7 at the open house.

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 28
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

How can the Village purchase electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses?

Under a recent state law, municipalities may now develop aggregation programs for the procurement of electricity supply to residential and small business customers. Electric aggregation combines the retail electric loads of customers in a community. By combining these loads, the Village can leverage the buying power for residents and business owners.

Will residents notice a difference in service?

No, the only difference is the energy received from the selected supplier. ComEd would continue to deliver energy, provide service, repair outages and send electric bills.

Can savings be guaranteed under an aggregation program?

Market fluctuations make it impossible to guarantee that bids will come in under the current energy rate paid by ComEd customers. The Village will not accept bids that are higher than ComEd.

What component of the electrical bill will aggregation effect?

Aggregation concerns only the supply component, which is typically 65 to 70 percent of the electricity bill. The

transmission and distribution parts of the bill will be unaffected by aggregation.

What if residents/small businesses don't want to participate?

Residents and small businesses may "opt-out" of the program if the referendum is passed.

Will customers be able to pursue clean, green or renewable energy?

Renewable, also known as green or clean energy, is energy which comes from natural resources such as sunlight and geothermal heat. The Village will include in its bid documents options for renewable energy.

What if customers have already purchased energy from retail electric suppliers?

The earliest the community aggregation program is likely to begin is summer 2012. Consumers who decide to switch to a retail electric supplier before should consider:

- Length of contract. Many retail suppliers require a minimum 1-year contract.
- Termination fees. Look at the cost of early termination.

What if customers already have a contract with an electric supplier?

Residents and small businesses may

"opt-in" to the Village's program when their contract expires.

So, what options do residents and small businesses have?

Subject to approval of the referendum, when the Village selects a supplier, the supplier will contact each resident and small business property regarding the program. Customers thereafter will have the following options:

- Opt-out – means the customer is not interested in the program.
- Renewable Energy – means the customer wishes to pursue clean or renewable energy; there may be an additional cost for this option.
- No action – all customers would automatically be enrolled into the electric supply program if no action is taken.

If voters approve the referendum, how long will it be before the program is implemented?

It is anticipated that the Village would have a program in the summer, 2012.

To learn more about this initiative, visit www.palatine.il.us. Search: electric aggregate.