

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, May 25
In Observance of Memorial Day

Friday, July 3
In Observance of Fourth of July

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Pedestrian Safety at Crosswalks

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- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing to be sure that they see you.
- Cross within the marked crossing area. If crossing outside the marked area, recognize that drivers do not expect to see you there.
- Be predictable. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so.
- Use extra caution when crossing at night. A pedestrian should see a vehicle approaching sooner than the driver will see the pedestrian.
- Do not excuse your personal safety for a false sense of security that could be cultivated at crosswalks.

POLICE FOCUS ON EDUCATION, ENFORCEMENT

The Palatine Police Department promotes safety through **Education** first, followed by **Enforcement**. As winter weather fades and the thought of warmer weather is right around the corner, don't forget about safety first! Over the next four months, Palatine officers will use focused enforcement to address the following three initiatives that impact the safety of Palatine residents.

Railroad Safety: Trains vs. Pedestrians

According to the Federal Railroad Administration, from January 2014 through October 2014, there were 42 pedestrians killed by trains in Illinois. Did you know it takes the average train more than one mile to stop? In Illinois (625 ILCS 5/11-1011C), "no pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed. Furthermore, no pedestrian shall enter, remain upon or cross over a railroad grade crossing or pedestrian walkway crossing when an audible bell or clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device is operational giving warning of the presence, approach, passage, or departure of a railroad train. Pedestrians who violate this statute can face a minimum fine of \$250 for the first violation, and \$500 for second and subsequent violations, plus a must appear in court order." **Stop, Look, Listen and Wait** when railroad signals are activated; if you don't, it could cost you your life!

Vehicles Blocking Sidewalks

You decide to take your child for a walk in the stroller only to have your path blocked by a parked car. You maneuver the stroller through the grass around the car when the wheels of the stroller get wedged against the paved driveway, causing the stroller to tip forward, injuring your child. This was an actual case in the Village of Palatine. Village of Palatine Ordinance 18-81-12 prohibits persons from blocking the use of a sidewalk



between the hours of 7 a.m.-10 p.m. (\$30 fine). This violation may not seem important to some, but to many it is. **Do the right thing, be a good neighbor and don't block the sidewalk.**

Hands-Free While Driving: Talking and Texting

On January 1, 2014 Illinois banned the use of all hand-held electronic devices while driving. The violation carries a \$75 fine. Only hands-free technology such as speakerphones and headsets are permitted. Did you also know that all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone and construction zone? During 2014 alone, Palatine officers issued 1,968 citations to motorists for failing to abide by the new law. According to a 2012 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) report, there were more than 3,300 people killed in the United States due to distracted driving. As the weather warms up, pedestrian and bicycle traffic will significantly increase the odds of a potential tragedy. Aggressive initiatives such as Safety Zone Enforcement Areas will be established to send distracted drivers a clear message: **"Drive Distracted; You Got Our Attention!"**

VILLAGE of PALATINE

2015 BUDGET & CAPITAL PLAN

Palatine's recently adopted 2015 Annual Budget and Capital Investment Plan provides for a fourth consecutive decrease in the Village's property tax levy, resulting in a levy that is \$100,412 less than last year. Despite the decrease in the property tax levy, the Village plans several projects in 2015 that are aimed to benefit the community.

Through the utilization of an \$80,000 grant, the Village will review our Downtown Land Use Guide with a focus on identifying appropriate land uses for properties located on the fringe of the Village's downtown area. In addition, we will be reviewing the Village's signage regulations to determine if modifications are needed to address the unique issues related to downtown businesses.

The Village will implement a new commuter parking payment system. Improvements related to the temporary Village Hall location provided the infrastructure needed to convert from the existing pay boxes to an automated payment system. The new system will provide convenience for commuters as well as enhance efficiencies in the collection of daily commuter fees.

Later in 2015, the Village will begin a redesign of our website. This project will create a stronger mobile functionality for our website, further promote the sharing of information, and allow for more of the Village's services to be conducted via the internet. The ultimate goal of the Village's website is to further enhance our atmosphere of an open government with involved citizens.

Our Public Works Department will partake in several projects to improve operations and Village infrastructure. The Village will be constructing a larger salt storage facility, thus

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RENOVATED VILLAGE HALL COMING IN 2016

Village Hall, formerly Palatine High School, was originally built in 1952 and expanded in 1966. In the late '70s the Village Hall was relocated into this facility at 200 E. Wood Street. A partial remodel of the second floor was completed in the early '90s. The remainder of the building exists much as it did in the late '70s. An architectural and engineering study conducted in 2006 found that the building was showing significant signs of age and nearly all major building systems (mechanical, plumbing, electrical) having reached or surpassed their useful life expectancy. Additionally, the building's layout never provided for efficient operations and did not optimally serve our customers.

Following a review of options that ranged from new construction to a complete renovation, the Village Council approved the contract with Wold Architects and Engineers of Palatine for architectural and construction phase services in conjunction with the Village Hall Renovation. Renovation provided the most economical option and continued the longstanding relationship with the Palatine Park District at the Community Center.

Camossy Construction was awarded a contract in November 2014 to undertake the construction work on the project. Demolition began in December 2014

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

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Village Hall358-7500
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Renovated Village Hall

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and will continue for approximately 2.5 months. New construction is anticipated to be completed in early 2016.

Some highlights of the new Village Hall: In addition to a completely renovated and enlarged Council Chambers, there will be one community space on the main level adjacent to the main entrance that will seat approximately 25 people. On the upper level, there will be a larger community meeting room that will serve as overflow for the Council Chambers as well as a space to hold larger Village and community events. This room will hold up to approximately 120 people and will be equipped with audio visual equipment, seating and tables.

Until the completion of the renovation, residents seeking services at Village Hall should visit 150 W. Wilson Street (northeast corner of Wilson & Smith Streets, just south of the railroad tracks). Village Hall hours will remain consistent (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), the phone number will remain the same (358-7500), and mail can continue to be sent to 200 E. Wood Street.

Moreover, all Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Village Council meetings will be held at the Police Department Headquarters, 595 N. Hicks Road.

For pictures and updates on the latest step in our demolition/renovation process, please visit: www.palatine.il.us/featured/villagehallrenovation.aspx.



2015 Budget & Capital Plan

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reducing our annual salt purchase by approximately \$30,000. Funding of \$240,000 will be used towards the Village's hazardous sidewalk replacement and sidewalk extension program. The sidewalk extension proposed for 2015 is on Wilson Street between Harrison & Clyde Streets. The Public Works Department will also continue their efforts related to the Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal project, allowing for the timely planting of vibrant, healthy trees in their place.

Lastly, 35 segments of Village roads are scheduled to be resurfaced. The complete list can be found in the 2015 Street Resurfacing Table included in this newsletter.

The projects listed above are just some examples of the things planned for 2015 that will benefit the residents and businesses of Palatine. For more information on the Village's 2015 Budget, please visit www.palatine.il.us and search "budget."

SCAM ALERTS: WHAT TO KNOW AND DO ABOUT SCAMS IN THE NEWS

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow the headlines — and the money.

Here are some of the latest scams to look out for and protect yourself against:

AMAZON GIFT CARD SCAM

Thinking about giving a fancy new gadget as a gift? Or maybe there's something you would like to purchase for yourself? If so, you might be tempted by an ad for high-tech at a low price. But if a merchant other than Amazon.com asks you to pay using an Amazon gift card, it's probably a scam. In fact, Amazon's gift card terms don't allow you to use Amazon gift cards to make payments anywhere besides Amazon.com and a few specific sites.

Here's how the scam happens: You discover a website that sells new HDTVs, GPS devices, and other gizmos for deeply discounted prices. You haven't heard of the site so you do some research. You find a few reviews from satisfied customers, so you go for it.

During checkout, you're instructed to purchase an Amazon gift card and then hand over the gift card information as payment. Unfortunately, if you do, you'll be out the money and you won't get anything in return.

These scammers know that bad reviews scare people away, so they may post a few positive reviews about the site. They shut down the site before people post complaints — usually in less than a month — and open under a new name somewhere else.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SCAM – DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX

Expecting packages shipped to your home? You're not the only one... scammers are too.

There's been a phony "delivery failure notification" email making the rounds. It looks like it's from the U.S. Postal Service — but it's not. The email says you missed a delivery. But, it says that if you "print the attached form and take it to your local post office, you can pick up your package and avoid penalties." The message might also include a link for more details.

Here's the truth: the email is bogus and there is no package. And if you download



the attachment or click on a link, you're likely to end up with a virus or malware on your device.

Con artists often use the names and logos of familiar organizations to get past your guard. So how do you tell what's legit and what's a scam? Here are some ways to spot a bogus email:

- It tells you to click on a link or download an attachment
- It urges you to take immediate action
- It asks you to "re-confirm" personal or financial information

Another sure sign an email is a scam: if you hover over the link in the email, it won't show the official website of the supposed sender — in this case, the U.S. Postal Service website.

Stay a step ahead with the latest information and practical tips from the nation's consumer protection agency. **Browse FTC scam alerts by visiting the following website: www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts.**

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS: HOW SAFE ARE YOU?



Adults, teens, and children regularly use various pedestrian crossings throughout the community on a daily basis.

Whether you are crossing in front of a school, a park, the business district, or on a residential street, it's important that proper safety precautions are taken before putting yourself in front of a moving vehicle. Although a crossing may be marked, your crossing safety is only as safe as you are!

Illinois Pedestrian Law

According to the Rules of the Road, drivers must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian:

- When a pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk on the driver's side

of the roadway and there are no traffic control signals.

- When making a turn at any intersection.
- When making a lawful turn on a red light after coming to a complete stop.
- After coming to a complete stop at a STOP sign or flashing red signal at an intersection.
- When a pedestrian enters a crosswalk before the traffic light has changed.
- When a pedestrian is walking during a green light to a "walking person" symbol or a "walk" signal.
- When a pedestrian is leaving or entering a street or highway from an alley, building, private road, or driveway.
- To persons working on highway construction or in a maintenance area.
- To persons with disabilities.

When pedestrians do have the right-of-way, the pedestrian must exercise ordinary care for his or her own safety. The pedestrian and driver must look out for each other so that accidents do not happen; their duties are equal and mutual.

Don't let your safety be compromised by the context of right-of-way! When a driver disobeys the right-of-way to a pedestrian, it is ultimately the pedestrian that will lose with injury or death.

Pedestrian Safety Tips to Live By

- Stop at the curb, look left, right and left again. When you are stopped at the curb, drivers will recognize that you are intending to cross and should slow down or even stop.
- Wait for natural, safe gaps in traffic to cross.

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SCOTT'S LAW: PLEASE PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US

Scott's Law, also called the "Move Over" Law, mandates that when approaching any police or other emergency vehicle that is stopped with its lights flashing along the roadway, drivers should do the following:

1. Reduce speed.
2. Change lanes if possible – Yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle.
3. Proceed with caution – Proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

An authorized emergency vehicle under Scott's Law includes ANY vehicle authorized by law to be equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights while the owner or operator of the vehicle is engaged in his or her official duties.

Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

A person in violation of Scott's Law commits a business offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000. A Scott's Law charge may be upgraded to an "aggravated" (felony) charge if the person committing the offense was under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds. If this is the case, a person's driving privileges will be:

- Suspended for 90 days to one year if the violation results in damage to the property of another person;
- Suspended for 180 days to 2 years if the violation results in injury to another person;
- Suspended for 2 years if the violation results in the death of another person.

NEW BEAT SERGEANTS ASSIGNED TO THE STREETS OF PALATINE

Palatine residents can expect to see new faces patrolling their neighborhoods. Listed below is a brief description of each beat and the Sergeant who is in charge of the team of officers who patrol them.

Beat 8100 – Sergeant Bill Nord

Police Beat 8100 is located on the south side of Palatine. It is bordered by Palatine Road to the north and extends south to the Village limits. It stretches east to west from Hicks Road to Roselle Road. This beat covers Fremd High School and Harper College.

Beat 8110 – Sergeant Tim Sharkey

Beat 8110 encompasses the residential areas as well as many businesses predominantly north of Palatine Road and west of Hicks and south of Northwest Highway, including the downtown area, train station and westward past Quentin Road.

Beat 8120 – Sergeant Tim Dowd

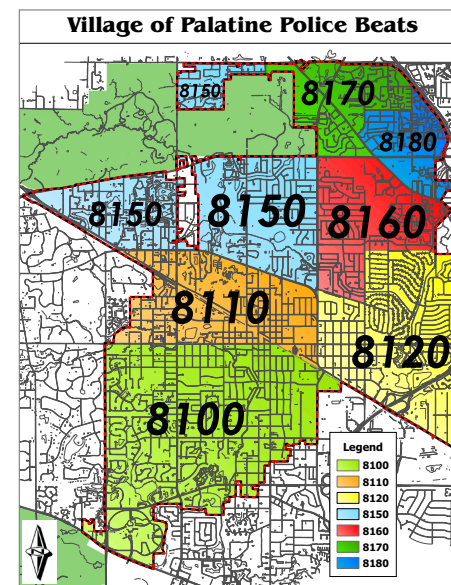
Beat 8120 is located in the southeast section of Palatine. The beat is roughly bordered by Jane Addams Drive to the north, Rohlwing Road to Baldwin to Hicks on the west, Northwest Highway to the south, and Route 53 to the east.

Beat 8150 – Sergeant Kyle Ingebrigtsen

Beat 8150 is located in the northwest section of Palatine and covers roughly everything that is north of Northwest Highway and west of Hicks Road.

Beat 8160 – Sergeant Jeff Kraeger

Beat 8160 is located in the east-central part of Palatine. It is primarily located east of Hicks Road and south of Dundee and Rand Roads. Its southern border is Baldwin Road to Rohlwing to Carpenter Drive. This beat covers Palatine High School.



Beat 8170 – Sergeant Brian Growney

Beat 8170 is located on the north end of Palatine. It is roughly bordered by Dundee Road to the south, Hicks and Rand Roads to the west, Lake Cook Road to the north, and Old Hicks Road to the east.

Beat 8180 – Sergeant Jason Watson

Beat 8180 is located in the northeast corner of the Village. It is centered around the intersection of Dundee and North Baldwin Road. It is the smallest geographical beat in town because the beat is made up of several large multi-family apartment and condominium communities (as well as some single family homes).

If you are unsure of your beat, please visit our website at www.palatine.il.us. Under "Village Government", click on "Village Departments", "Police", "Patrol", then "Police Beats", or you can contact our general number at 359-9000 with questions you may have.

SISTER CITIES' CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FONTENAY-LE-COMTE, FRANCE

Palatine is celebrating 20 years of friendship with Fontenay in April with the arrival of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 15 dignitaries accompanying a 44-member rugby team. The rugby team is scheduled to challenge the Palatine Rugby Team on Sunday, April 12. The general public is encouraged to attend. Mayor Schwantz will officially welcome the team on our home field before the game on Sunday and will again recognize the

group on Monday, April 13 at the Village Council meeting. The 15-20 year old rugby players will be practicing on Park District fields and visiting sites throughout Palatine. All visitors will be staying with host families in the area.

For more information visit www.palatinesistercities.org and Facebook: Sister Cities Association of Palatine.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Paint the Town Green Saturday, March 14

The Paint the Town Green family-friendly event will feature a parade at 11 a.m. Residents will also enjoy an Irish market located under a tent outside Durty Nellies from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. that features Irish music and dancing plus a variety of food and merchandise. The day will also serve to collect food, clothing and donations to benefit Journeys the Road Home, serving the homeless and near-homeless in the north and northwest suburbs. For a complete schedule of events and activities, visit: www.stpatspalatine.com.

Farmers' Market May 2 to October 31

Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the train station parking lot at Wood and Smith Streets. It's the 25th season of the Palatine Farmers' Market with fresh-from-the-farm produce, organic meats and eggs, pickles, mushrooms, breads, soaps, pet treats and more. In May, find bedding plants, flowers and advice from the U of I Master Gardeners. Local musicians entertain from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit www.palatine.il.us and the Palatine Farmers' Market Facebook page for weekly special events and photos.

Memorial Day Parade, Ceremonies Monday, May 25

American Legion Post 690 will honor fallen veterans on 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 will be a short memorial service at the Legion Memorial in Town Square. For more information or if your group would like to participate in the parade, call the American Legion, 359-1606, after 12 p.m.



Cop on Top Friday, May 29

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. Palatine officers will participate at the Dunkin Donuts at 800 E. Dundee Road from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 29. For more information, contact Officer Ferraro at jferraro@palatine.il.us

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Friday, June 12

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Palatine, Rolling Meadows, and Inverness will hold its annual overnight event at Plum Grove Junior High School, 2600 Plum Grove Rd., Rolling Meadows. Teams raise funds both prior to and during the event to support cancer research and local programs. For more information, call 368-1166 or visit: www.relay-forlife.org/prmil.



Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5

Fireworks: July 3
Parade: July 4

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

Downtown Street Fest Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30

For more information, visit: www.palatinestreetfest.com.



Reminder



Move Clock Ahead Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m.

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

*All dates and times are subject to change.

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NEW BUSINESSES

Manufacturing
CCI Power Supplies LLC
616 N. North Ct. #250
362-6514
Sales Office/Power Supply

Duburg Iron Works
254 N Northwest Hwy.
521-2329
Office/Steel Erectors

Erickson Technologies Inc.
616 N. North Ct. #110
800-477-6758
Dental Software

Restaurants
Luigi's Food & Pizza
154 W. Northwest Hwy.
991-7006
Italian Restaurant

Services
Chinese Foot Spa
1709 N. Rand Rd. #100
496-4772
Massage Service

Infinity Physical Therapy
501 N. Hicks Rd.
888-348-6833
Physical Medicine

Mint Dentistry LLC
600 N. North Ct. #260
991-1171
Dentistry

Realize It
220 N. Smith St. #228
888-959-2814
Adaptive Learning Service

Structural Balance Holistic
652 N. First Bank Dr.
630-532-0038
Massage/Studio

NEW ADDRESSES

Ana Velez Tax Service
220 W. Northwest Hwy.
207-3193
Tax/Accounting

Allegra Print & Imaging
453 S. Vermont St. Unit A
963-0000
Print Shop

EZ Way Driving School
224 W. Northwest Hwy.
630-847-8055
Driving School

Hennessy Solutions & Services
119 E. Palatine Rd. #208
496-7532
Computer Software

Line X of Northern Illinois
645 S. Vermont St.
202-3884
Spray Bed Liners

* (847) area code unless otherwise noted

VILLAGE OF PALATINE
2015/2016
VEHICLE STICKERS

PURCHASE ONLINE!
Starting May 1, 2015

Log on to use our **FREE service** at www.palatine.il.us and click "Vehicle/Animal License Online Purchase". Follow the instructions and your Vehicle Stickers and Animal Licenses will be mailed promptly.

Vehicle Stickers and Animal Licenses may also be purchased by mail (only checks will be accepted).

You can also pay in person at the Temporary Village Hall (150 W. Wilson Street), but please be advised that there may be much longer wait times due to our temporary location. To avoid delay, please consider paying online or by mail.

The last day to purchase in person or online without penalty is **Tuesday, June 30, 2015**. If you are paying in person, please keep in mind that Village Hall hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To avoid penalty or citations for the 2015-2016 year, stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by **June 30, 2015**. The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning July 1, 2015.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING TIPS

The following information includes refuse and recycling tips for placement at the curb, upgrading the size of your recycling cart, renting a refuse cart and additional recycling resources.

Proper Placement at the Curb

- Refuse, recycling and yard waste shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 7 p.m. the night before collection during Daylight Savings Time and no earlier than 4 p.m. the night before collection during Central Standard Time.
- Refuse, recycling and yard waste shall be placed at the curb no later than 6:30 a.m. on the day of collection.
- All refuse shall be placed at the curb in secured plastic bags or within refuse carts rented from Groot. The use of any other containers or cans for refuse disposal is not allowed.

Refuse and Recycling Carts

- Residents have the option to rent a refuse cart from Groot. Refuse carts are available in sizes of 35, 65 and 95-gallons. The annual fee for refuse cart rental is \$30. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 for refuse cart rental and delivery information.
- Residents may upgrade the size of their recycling carts at no cost. 95-gallon recycling carts are now

available. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to request delivery of a larger recycling cart.

- Place refuse and recycling carts at least 4 feet apart from each other and 4 feet from mailboxes.
- Place the refuse and recycling carts at the curb with the lid opening facing the street.

Recycling Resources

Looking to recycle or reuse an item that is not accepted in weekly curbside collection? Take advantage of the number of resources available to Palatine residents from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) at www.swancc.org. SWANCC's Green Pages Reuse and Recycling Directory is a useful resource for residents seeking outlets for items they no longer need. The Reuse and Recycling Directory lists reuse opportunities for books, clothing, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials. This guide also provides information on various aspects of recycling and waste, featuring sections for appliances, batteries, construction debris, electronics, office machines, cartridges, metals, motor oil and many other items.

For additional information, please contact the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090.

VIDEO GAMING REFERENDUM

In January, the Village Council approved a resolution placing an advisory referendum question on the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election ballot. As an advisory referendum question, the results of the referendum question do not obligate the Village Council to take any action on this issue, but rather provides input from the voting public. The referendum question will read:

"Should the Village of Palatine consider video gaming (as defined by the Illinois Video Gaming Act) at restaurants and bars that hold a liquor license?"

In 2009, the State of Illinois passed the Video Gaming Act, which permitted video gaming subject to the applicable State regulations. Although the State now permits video gaming, Palatine's Code of Ordinances already contained a prohibition on gambling within Palatine's corporate limits. Thus, video gaming is not permitted within the Village of Palatine.

The following information is being provided to answer some frequently asked questions regarding the Illinois Video Gaming Act and related issues:

What is a "video gaming machine"?

A video gaming machine (or terminal) is any electronic game machine that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play or simulate the play of a game, such as video poker or blackjack, using a video display and microprocessors in which the player may receive free games or credits that can be redeemed for cash.

Where can video gaming machines be located?

The State Act defines the following types of establishments where video gaming machines are allowed, including but not limited to:

- **Liquor Licensed Establishment** – A licensed retail establishment where alcoholic liquor is served for consumption on the premise such as a restaurant or bar.
- **Fraternal Establishment** – A qualified fraternal organization that derives its charter from a national fraternal organization.

- **Veterans' Establishment** – A qualified veterans' organization that derives its charter from a national veterans' organization.

What are the State's restrictions on the operation of video gaming machines?

- **Location:** Video gaming machines may not be located within 100 feet of a school or place of worship, and must be located in an area that is restricted to persons over 21 years of age.
- **Number:** There can be no more than 5 machines located on any one premises.

The Village, should they allow video gaming, has the right to impose additional conditions beyond the State but cannot be less restrictive than the State regulations.

More detailed information regarding the Illinois Video Gaming Act can be found at the Illinois Gaming Board's website (www.igb.illinois.gov).

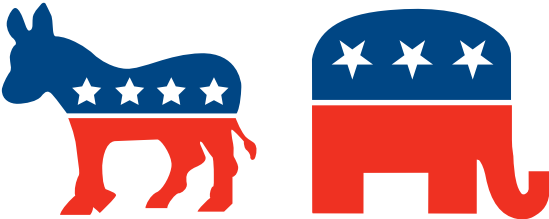
APRIL 7, 2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION:

The following Candidates will be on the ballot for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election:

Scott Lamerand Council Member District 2
Doug Myslinski Council Member District 3
Kollin Kozlowski Council Member District 5

KEY DATES:

Date	Event
3/10/2015	Last day to register to vote.
3/11/2015	First day of Grace Period Registration and Voting.
3/23/2015	First day of Early Voting.**
4/2/2015	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters.
4/4/2015	Last day of Early Voting.**
4/4/2015	Last day of Grace Period Registration and Voting.
4/7/2015	Election Day – Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Please visit www.palatine.il.us to:

- Download an application to vote by mail.
- Verify registration, precinct and polling place.
- For Grace Period Registration and Early Voting locations and hours.
- View a Sample Ballot.

*** (Please Note: Village Hall will not be an Early Voting site for this Election)*

CHOOSING AND USING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are helpful for immediate use on small fires. There are five primary types of fire extinguisher classifications, each designed to put out different kinds of fires.

- A This type of fire extinguisher is to be used on ordinary materials like cloth, wood and paper.
- B This type of fire extinguisher is to be used with combustible and flammable liquids like grease, gasoline, oil and oil-based paints.
- C This type of fire extinguisher is to be used with electrical equipment like appliances, tools or other equipment that is plugged in.
- D This type of fire extinguisher is to be used on flammable metals.
- K This type of fire extinguisher is to be used on vegetable oils, animal oils and fats used with cooking appliances often found in commercial kitchens like restaurants.

There are also multipurpose fire extinguishers that may be labeled

"A-B-C" or "B-C". These types of fire extinguishers can be used for any fires that fall into those classifications and can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

It is important to properly maintain your fire extinguisher. Make sure the hose and nozzle are not damaged, the bottle is not dented or rusted and the pressure gauge is in the green area for normal operating pressure. Some fire extinguishers need to be shaken monthly while others need to be pressure tested every few years. Always follow manufacture's guidelines and requirements.

Things to consider before using a fire extinguisher

- Have I alerted others in the building that there is a fire?
- Has the Fire Department been notified?
- Am I physically able to use the fire extinguisher?
- Am I safe from toxic smoke?

- Do I have a clear path to escape?
- If at any time you do not feel comfortable with using the fire extinguisher because the fire appears to be too big or having problems operating the fire extinguisher, leave the building and call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor's home.
- It is not recommended that children use fire extinguishers.

The proper procedure to operate a fire extinguisher is as simple as P-A-S-S.

- P Pull the pin. Hold the fire extinguisher with nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.
- A Aim low. Point the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- S Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- S Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

For additional fire safety tips for you, your home or fire escape planning, go to FEMA's website at www.usfa.fema.gov.



RIVERS & STREAMS BEGIN AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Did You Know...

Anything we use in our home, car and business like motor oil, paint, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners can end up in the street? A little water from rain or a garden hose can carry automotive and household materials through the storm drain, polluting streams, rivers, and wetlands. Storm drains are there to drain water off the street - not for disposal of hazardous materials. Dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water. Because storm drains are separate from our sewer system, stormwater and urban runoff pollution can flow into streams and rivers without treatment.

Where Does It Go?

These pollutants flow together on a journey from the storm drain to ditches, creeks, rivers, streams and wetlands. This type of pollution is called stormwater and urban runoff pollution and is a serious threat to the rivers and streams of Illinois.

What Is Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution?

Stormwater runoff refers to seasonal rainfall flows. It is very noticeable during a heavy rain storm when large volumes of water drain off paved areas. Urban runoff can happen anytime of the year when excessive water use from irrigation, car washing and other sources carries litter, lawn clippings and other urban pollutants into storm drains. Even an automobile leaking motor oil miles from a river or stream can cause pollution.

How Is It Different From Other Forms of Water Pollution?

Stormwater and urban runoff pollution can include anything that washes into the storm drain from the community. Unlike water pollution linked to factories or sewage treatment plants, stormwater and urban runoff pollution can come from village streets, neighborhoods, farms, construction sites and parking lots.

Where Does Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Come From?

- Automotive leaks and spills
- Improper disposal of used oil and other engine fluids down the storm drain
- Metals found in vehicle exhaust, weathered paint, rust, metal plating and tires
- Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers from lawns, gardens and farms
- Improper disposal of cleaners, paint and paint removers
- Soil erosion and dust debris from landscape and construction activities
- Litter, lawn clippings, animal waste and other organic matter
- Oil stains on parking lots and paved surfaces

Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution and Our Rivers and Streams

Stormwater and urban runoff pollution may have a serious impact on water quality in our community. Pollutants from the storm drain system can harm aquatic life as well as wetland habitats.

A Storm Water Quality Management Program has been developed by the Village of Palatine through our participation in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Village's responsibilities involve encouraging and educating the public to help protect water quality, monitoring runoff in the storm drain system, investigating and reporting illegal disposals and maintaining storm drains.

The support of Village residents, businesses and industries is needed to improve water quality and reduce the threat of stormwater and urban runoff pollution. Proper use and disposal of materials we use every day will help stop this form of pollution before it reaches the storm drain and our rivers and streams.

To learn more or to report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Department of Public Works at 705-5200.

DISPOSAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION/REMODELING REFUSE

Working on a do-it-yourself residential construction or remodeling project and need to dispose of building materials? Certain building materials may be disposed of with your weekly garbage collection as long as residents meet the collection guidelines. When the amount of materials exceeds the weekly collection guidelines or if the materials are not acceptable for regular collection, residents may contact Groot to arrange for special collection. Please understand that any special collection is subject to a fee from Groot. Residents must pre-pay Groot in advance with a credit card. The Groot driver is unable to accept any payment during collection.

Collection Guidelines

The following building materials from do-it-yourself residential remodeling projects will be collected with your weekly garbage collection, provided that the following guidelines are met:

- A maximum of 2 cubic yards of building materials may be collected weekly for no additional charge.
- Building materials must be from do-it-yourself projects only. No building materials generated from commercial contractors will be collected.
- All loose building materials shall be bagged or bundled. Bags or bundles shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Loose piles of building

materials at the curb will not be collected.

- Building materials must not exceed 4 feet in length or 2 feet in diameter.

Unacceptable Materials

Certain materials, including earth, sod, rocks, cement, concrete, logs or tree limbs exceeding 4 inches in diameter are not accepted for weekly collection, regardless of the amount. Disposal of these materials will require a special collection by Groot, which is subject to a fee.

Special Collection Estimate

Upon request, a Groot supervisor can perform an estimate in advance of a special collection. Requests shall be made at least 24 hours in advance of the regular collection day. Residents shall contact Groot at (800) 244-1977 to request a special collection estimate. Once the supervisor conducts an estimate, the customer will be contacted by Groot with the fee. If the customer agrees to the fee, a work order will be scheduled for collection on the regular collection day. If the resident chooses another collection day, an additional trip fee will be charged.

Should you have any questions, please contact Groot at (800) 244-1977 or the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090.



SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

Residents looking to do some spring cleaning may want to take advantage of Palatine's Annual Spring Clean-Up Week May 1-6, 2015.

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 an ordinance violation. Refuse will be collected only on the regular collection day.

All refuse placed at the curb must be prepared according to standard specifications. Only one bulk item may be placed at the curb. Examples of bulk items include mattresses and box springs, furniture, lawn equipment or barbecue grills (gas and propane tanks must be removed), bicycles or exercise equipment. Construction debris must be properly bagged or bundled and is limited to a maximum volume of 2 cubic yards.

Prohibited items include appliances, electronics, tires, paints, household chemical waste, earth, rocks, sod, concrete, logs and tree limbs that exceed 4 inches in diameter.

For a useful resource on recycling and reuse alternatives, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's Green Pages Directory at www.swancc.org.

For more information, please call the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090.

2015 ENGINEERING PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Juniper Drive will be reconstructed from Hicks Road to Rohlwing Road.

Kenilworth Avenue will be reconstructed from Middleton Avenue to Quentin Road.

The watermain will be replaced on **Cheryl Lane** from Cedar Street to Pleasant Hill Boulevard.

The watermain will be replaced on South **Elizabeth Avenue** from the dead end to Kenilworth Avenue, including South Elizabeth Court.

Sidewalk will be installed on the north side of **Dundee Road** from Hicks Road to Lynda Drive, including the addition of pedestrian crossing signals for Denise Avenue and Lynda Drive.

If grant funding becomes available, pedestrian crossing signals and crosswalks will be added to the intersection of Hicks Road and Rand Road.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES MARCH 30

Curbside bagged yard waste and bundled brush collection resumes the week of March 30, 2015. Weekly collection will continue through the week of December 7, 2015. Please note the following requirements for yard waste collection:

- All yard waste (grass or shrubbery clippings and leaves) shall be disposed of in two-ply brown paper yard waste bags. No plastic bags, boxes, or containers are permitted for yard waste disposal. Yard waste bags shall not exceed 60 pounds in weight.
- Branches or limbs cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter and must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4 feet. Bundles shall be secured with biodegradable cotton twine or rope. Bundles must not weigh more than 60 pounds.

For further information, contact the Environmental Health Division at 359-9090.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

The Village of Palatine’s response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation escalated in 2014. The Ash Removal and Replacement program began in 2007 to remove trees that were structurally unsound or declining in health. Since then, the decline and death of ash trees infested with EAB has accelerated each year. In 2014, some 1,200 ash trees were removed by Village and contracted crews.

As trees decline from EAB, they become very brittle and structurally compromised. For this reason, the removal of dead and dying trees has been the focus of Village efforts to provide safety for residents and property. Stump removal then becomes the secondary priority in the process. Please be patient when waiting for your stump to be removed as we schedule several stumps for removal rather than one at a time. Restoration will continue in the spring, with fresh top soil and grass seed applied to stump sites. Replacement trees are planted in the spring and fall depending on when the ash tree was removed and stock availability.

This year looks to be a busy year as well with another 1,200 removals expected. The last 500 parkway ash trees will likely require removal in 2016. If you have an ash tree in your parkway and would like to have its health evaluated for possible removal and replacement, please call the Department of Public Works at 705-5200.

Cooperative Curb/Apron Replacement Program

In addition to repairs to the curbs and gutters required during the resurfacing of streets, the Village offers a program to allow residents to have additional curbs and gutters as well as driveway aprons replaced on a cost sharing basis with the Village. Residences that qualify for this program will be mailed information regarding the program in late February/early March prior to the start of the Street Resurfacing Program.

2015 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATE BEAUTIFUL PROPERTIES IN PALATINE

Have you or someone you know observed a property in Palatine with great curb appeal? If the answer is yes, please nominate them for the Hometown Pride Award. If not, we encourage you to walk through neighborhoods and businesses and nominate any property location whose curb appeal is an asset to the appearance of the community. The Palatine Beautification Commission will recognize those who work hard to beautify their properties with the Hometown Pride Award. Information and nomination application forms are available at www.palatine.il.us Search: “hometown pride award”



2015 STREET RESURFACING LIST

Tentative List

	Street Name	From	To
1	Arbor Lane	Sherwood Lane	Northwest Highway
2	Avery Court	Drew Lane	Cul-De-Sac
3	Baronet Lane Cul-De-Sac	Baronet Lane	Cul-De-Sac South
4	Belle Avenue	South Palatine Frontage Road	Kenilworth Avenue
5	Bennett Avenue	Pleasant Hill Boulevard	Illinois Avenue
6	Brockway Street	Palatine Road	Helen Road
7	Carriage Way Lane	Carriage Way Court	Medford Drive
8	Chestnut Street	Cornell Avenue	Dead End North
9	Chivalry Court	Lancelot Lane	Cul-De-Sac
10	Citadel Court	Lancelot Lane	Cul-De-Sac
11	Clyde Avenue	Cornell Avenue	Willow Street
12	Clyde Avenue	Willow Street	Wood Street
13	Crescent Avenue	Wilson Street	Palatine Road
14	Crown Court	Baronet Lane	Cul-De-Sac
15	Drew Lane	Wilson Street	Quentin Road
16	Dupont Avenue	Smith Street	Brockway Street
17	Harvard Drive	Illinois Avenue	Partridge Drive
18	Jewel Court	Baronet Lane	Cul-De-Sac North
19	Kerry Court	Cedar Street North	Cedar Street South
20	Lincoln Street	Northwest Highway	Forest Avenue
21	Lincoln Street	Forest Avenue	Rohlwing Road
22	Marsha Drive	Reseda Parkway	Carpenter Drive
23	Medford Drive	Quentin Road	Elm Street
24	Melanie Court	Willow Street	Cul-De-Sac South
25	Merrill Avenue	Palatine Road	Dead End North
26	Pendelton Court	Dundee Road	Cul-De-Sac South
27	Peregrine Drive	Nightingale Drive	Quentin Road
28	Peregrine Drive	Quentin Road	Stonehedge Lane
29	Stuart Lane	Gilbert Road	Benett Avenue
30	Tymore Court	Peregrine Drive	Cul-De-Sac
31	Valley Circle	Medford Drive	Cul-De-Sac
32	Valor Court	Baronet Lane	Cul-De-Sac
33	Waynes Court	Willow Street	Cul-De-Sac
34	Whitehall Drive	Whytecliff Road	Bedford Drive
35	Willow Street	Melanie Court	Clyde Avenue

NOTEWORTHY PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

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 \$60 for a typical sidewalk square. Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

50/50 Tree Program

The best thing residents can do for the local environment is plant a tree in their neighborhood.

Partner with the Village to add deciduous trees to public parkways by equally sharing in the cost of the trees. In turn, the Village will plant trees that have a one-year guarantee and one-time replacement. In addition to standard-sized trees, several varieties are available for planting under power lines.

The Village Forester approves and reviews all planting locations. Trees must be ordered by Friday, April 24 for spring planting. 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.

Hazardous Sidewalk Program

The 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 from Clark Drive west to Hicks Road and Baldwin Road north to the ComEd right-of-way south of Carpenter Drive. If funding allows, the program will continue north to Dundee Road.

Was Your Parkway or Mailbox Damaged?

During last winter’s snowfalls, it was 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 did 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. All damage needs to be reported as soon as it is noticed.

Residents who believe their curbside mailbox or parkway was damaged by a Village snowplow can call Public Works, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Landscape Mulch Available for Residents

Residents can take advantage of the Village’s efforts to maintain a green environment with ground wood mulch 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 the Public Works Department, 705-5200, in early March to schedule an April delivery. There is a 3 cubic yard minimum. Cost is just \$12 per cubic yard.

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

Hydrant Flushing Helps Ensure Water Quality

The Public Works Department will begin opening or “flushing” fire hydrants throughout the Village toward the end of March and early April. This process moves water through the pipelines at a fast rate to clean the lines, clear stagnant water and ensure water delivered 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.



For more information call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit www.palatine.il.us.

EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATION OF STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM SUMP PUMPS AND/OR DOWNSPOUTS

Village of Palatine code states that “discharges shall not cause any excessive accumulation of water on the property of any other property or cause a public health or safety hazard on parkway, roadway or sidewalk. Excess accumulation shall be defined as any accumulation that has not dispersed within seven (7) days of the last recorded rain fall.”

Excessive water run-off into the public right-of-way (ROW) can lead to ice on both the sidewalk and roadway; this could pose a safety hazard to the public. Residents are not supposed to direct sump pump discharge directly to the property line or onto and/or over the public sidewalk. Please be sure that your sump pump (if you have one) is not causing a public safety hazard.

Homes that have levels below grade use foundation drainage to

keep excessive water out of the below grade space. This water is collected in a sump pump pit and pumped out of the house.

Village code states that no sump pump may discharge into a home’s plumbing system. Rather, the sewer pump must discharge onto a splash block outside of the home. Sump pumps may also discharge into a rain garden on the property.

Sump pumps may also be connected to the Village’s storm sewer if a storm sewer is located in front of the property. Any work involving sump pump connections to the Village system would require a permit.

Please contact the Engineering Department at 359-9044 if you have any questions or would like a property review.