



# VILLAGE *of* PALATINE



SUMMER 2013



## ELECTRIC AGGREGATION SAVES MILLIONS

Since the Palatine Electric Aggregation Program began in 2012, over 23,000 residents and small businesses have enrolled and collectively saved more than \$4.7 million. These savings will exceed \$5 million at the end of the first full year of the program.

This year the Village has negotiated a price of 5.579¢/kWh that is lower than ComEd's effective rate by more than 7 percent. The Integrys' rate is fixed from June through the May 2014 meter read.

In addition to saving on electricity costs, residents and businesses enrolled in the program automatically receive Renewable Energy Credits which will result in the funding of wind or hydroelectric renewable energy resources. This product may be declined. Renewable energy has an annual cost of \$7.

### Three Things to Know:

- Do nothing and be automatically enrolled in the program.
- ComEd will continue to send monthly bills, respond to power outages and deliver electricity.
- No one from Palatine's program will solicit you by phone or come to your door asking you to switch to a new carrier. Solicitors are NOT with Palatine's program.

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### Display Vehicle Stickers By July 1

Passenger vehicle stickers for residents are on sale and must be displayed before July 1, 2013. The cost is just \$30 for each passenger vehicle 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.

For more information, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: vehicle stickers.

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## VILLAGE HALL HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday  
Saturdays (June only)  
8:30 a.m. to noon

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency ..... 911  
Village Hall ..... 358-7500  
TDD (Emergency) ..... 911  
TDD (Non-Emergency) ..... 359-9000  
Village Action Line ..... 705-5200  
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All phone numbers are (847) area code  
unless otherwise noted.



## MILLAR JOINS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Tim Millar is the new District 1 Council member on the Palatine Village Council. Millar was sworn in as the new Councilman at the May 6 Village Council meeting.

Millar succeeds Aaron Del Mar who served as District 1 Councilman for one term. Millar, who was a two-term member and President of the Community Consolidated School District 15 Board ran unopposed. He also serves as Palatine's delegate on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

Mayor Jim Schwantz was sworn in for a second term in office. District 4 Councilman Greg Solberg, District 6 Councilman Brad Helms and Clerk Marg Duer also were sworn in at the meeting for an additional term of office.



Tim Millar

## VILLAGE WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR CONSUMERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Each year the Village of Palatine provides its customers with an Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) to let them know how Village water quality compares to established federal and state drinking water standards. The Village encourages residents to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2012.

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, the Village will no longer print these reports, but will provide them online. To view the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: water quality report. Or for a direct link, please visit [www.palatine.il.us/assets/1/documents/2012WaterConfidenceReport1.pdf](http://www.palatine.il.us/assets/1/documents/2012WaterConfidenceReport1.pdf)

Residents who wish to have a paper copy may print one directly from the Village's website or request a printed version from one of the Village's customer service representatives, who may be reached at 705-5200.

### ATTENTION LANDLORDS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER GROUPS:

Please share this information with tenants, students and other water users at your location who are not billed customers.

### PalatinE-News

Sign up to receive the latest information on community events, news and alerts at [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

# AHHHH....SUMMER IS HERE!

Finally, summer is here after a long winter and unpredictable spring! Residents are enjoying the Palatine Farmers' Market, outdoor concerts, sporting events, parties and other warm weather activities in our lively community.

For those of us who remember the "good old days," summer was a time to relax on our front porch at sunset. The front porch was a warm and inviting place for children to gather and adults to chat with neighbors.

Today's front porch serves another purpose as well—crime prevention. By taking time to slow down and relax with family and neighbors, you are in essence conducting an informal neighborhood watch.

By serving up a pitcher of ice-cold lemonade (how about pink?), you are becoming better acquainted with both your neighbors and neighborhood.

What better way to educate yourself about the "doings" on your street than to watch fireflies and feel gentle breezes from your porch?

If you don't have a porch, how about bringing your backyard chairs to the front yard for a change? It will encourage neighbors—young and old—to come out and socialize too.

By "stoop sitting," you may learn you weren't the only one thinking that the truck circling the block last night was suspicious. Or, you might find a willing teen to baby-sit or walk your dog while you are on vacation next week. You might even find that several neighbors will watch your house for you while you are away.

The lost art of the front porch...let's bring it back! When your neighbors see what a good time you are having out there, they will want to join in. By "reclaiming" our front lawns and



turning them into social spaces, we send a positive message about Palatine as a safe and welcoming community. From your front yard you can keep an eye on your children while enjoying all that the season has to offer. Who knows, you may just start an annual summer block party!

From all of us at the Palatine Police Department, have fun and see you at the 4th of July Hometown Fest and Street Fest.

P.S. It is difficult to hear the ice cream vendor from inside an air conditioned home!

## GATEWAY CENTER PARKING DECK ACCOMMODATES OVERNIGHT PARKING



The Village Downtown Parking Lots are open to the public free of charge after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. Weekend overnight parking is available at the Gateway Center Parking Deck, 220 N. Smith Street.

Please be aware that backing into stalls is prohibited. Signs are posted; the Palatine Police Department will issue tickets to those who back into the stalls. For a map of all available Downtown Palatine Parking lots, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: parking map.

### 2013 Waste Collection Schedule

These are the only holidays that will affect solid waste collection. Post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
September 2	Labor Day	All one day later
December 25	Christmas	Wednesday one day later



### Emerald Ash Borer Update

As the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has spread across Palatine, the Forestry Department's efforts to remove infested trees have been seen in many neighborhoods. Arborists are finding high levels of EAB infestation in all Village neighborhoods with ash trees.

Public Works crews and Village contractors anticipate needing to remove approximately 800 ash trees in 2013. These trees will be replaced with a variety of native and hardy trees.

Village arborists have seen a correlation between EAB infestation and woodpecker feeding. The woodpeckers remove flakes of bark in their search for food. This is noticeable from ground level and helps to determine tree removal. Infested trees will be marked with a red 'X' and residents will be notified of parkway tree removals by letter.

For more information about EAB management, call Public Works, 705-5200, or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

# 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS



**Downtown Car Show**  
Now until October 4  
Friday Evenings  
5 to 9 p.m.  
Palatine Muscle Car Association features 50 to 150 classic cars and live entertainment near Slade and Greeley streets.

**Now  
10/26**

**Farmers' Market**  
Now to October 26  
Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Visit the 23nd season of the Palatine Farmers' Market. 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](http://www.palatine.il.us).



**6/23**

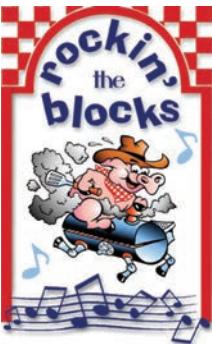
**Garden Tour**  
Sunday, June 23  
See the beautiful gardens created by our local residents. For more information, visit [www.palatinehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.palatinehistoricalsociety.com).

**7/3  
to  
7/7**



**Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest 2013**  
Wednesday, July 3 to Sunday, July 7  
Food, fun, fireworks and a parade. For more information, visit [www.palatinejaycees.org](http://www.palatinejaycees.org)

**7/26  
and  
7/27**



**Rockin' the Blocks**  
Friday, July 26  
5 to 11 p.m.  
Saturday, July 27  
Noon to 11 p.m.  
Join the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce for this Downtown two-day event featuring food vendors, live bands and beer. Family friendly.

**8/23  
to  
8/25**



**Downtown Street Fest**  
Friday, August 23 to Sunday, August 25  
The Village of Palatine will be holding its 14th annual Downtown Palatine Street Fest. For more information, visit [www.palatinestreetfest.com](http://www.palatinestreetfest.com).

**8/18**

**Community Movie Night**  
Sunday, August 18  
6 to 10 p.m.

Pizza, pop and beer will be available for purchase at Lamplighter Inn. Seating is on Station Street. Movie will be projected onto the side of the BMO Harris Bank Building. For more information, visit [www.palatinechamber.com](http://www.palatinechamber.com).

**9/6**

**History Crawl**  
Friday, September 6  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
The tour encompasses several locations in downtown Palatine starting at Bothwell and Slade streets and ending at Lamplighter Inn. For more information, visit [www.palatinehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.palatinehistoricalsociety.com).

**9/20  
to  
9/22**

**Palatine Rotary Oktoberfest**  
September 20-22  
Celebrate Oktoberfest in downtown Palatine. Attendance is free, and there will be great German food, beer, wine and entertainment all under a protective tent. Oktoberfest is the principal fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Palatine to fund local charities and non-profits. For more information, visit [www.palatinerotary.com](http://www.palatinerotary.com).

**9/21**

**Scarecrows on Parade**  
Saturday, September 21  
Village of Palatine, the Palatine Beautification Commission and Palatine Home Depot are sponsoring Scarecrows on Parade, a community scarecrow decorating contest. The annual event is open to any Palatine business, organization, association, family or individual.

**9/7  
and  
9/8**

**Art Affair Around the Square**  
September 7-8  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
The Palatine Jaycees will host the annual Art Affair Around the Square in Towne Square at Smith Street and Palatine Road. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.palatinejaycees.org](http://www.palatinejaycees.org).



## PALATINE FARMERS' MARKET FEATURES LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE FOODS, PRODUCTS EVERY SATURDAY



The Palatine Farmers' Market features local farmers and many organically produced fruits and vegetables, meats and other sustainable products every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Palatine train station, Smith and Wood streets.

Most produce vendors are located within 100 miles of Palatine and offer certified organic foods and/or practice organic farming. For example, Tom Anderson's fields are just a few blocks from the market. These farmers welcome your questions about healthy eating.

Throughout May, Devin Kelly acquainted customers with his Aquaponic farm in Arlington Heights. Scott Hasselmann raises animals strictly without hormones, antibiotics and pesticides. His livestock and chickens are all free-range, organically fed. If you call that old fashioned, it is. It's natural. His eggs are the freshest you can get.

For those customers looking for lean red meat, see Ron Lester for his bison steaks. There's nothing tenderer. He raises the buffalo on the open range. Ron knows quality and brings the best from lakes and seas to create gourmet surf and turf combinations. Check his variety!

Dolly Mertens of Wild Flour Bakery uses multi-grains to create breads that do not contain any fats/oils, sugar, eggs, dairy, or preservatives, only top quality flours, whole grains and flax seeds for heart healthy, delicious, old-world breads.

Artisan breads in the Mediterranean tradition are available from High Rise Bakery. Sue Valentine prepares her own soups, sauces and pasta with the finest ingredients—fresh vegetables and herbs for incomparable flavor. The Cheese People bring artisan and farmstead cheeses direct from the Wisconsin dairy farms where it has been made and aged for generations. Pickles from Greg are fresh, crisp and flavorful. Pickles are all he does. And, Michigan fruit is what Mike Churchill knows and he brings the very best to Palatine every Saturday.

New this season are Presto Pesto and Bema & Pas flavored olive oils joining Sasha's dressing and marinade. Sampling is recommended from these vendors and from Jimmy's Bag o' Donuts.

Also find locally grown cut flowers and bouquets, locally crafted soaps, cleaning solutions and lotions, Palatine pottery, gourd art and gardening answers from local Master Gardeners.

Whether it's produce from down the street, or spices and olives from around the world, Palatine Farmer's Market offers shoppers healthy, convenient and fun choices.



## Nominate Properties for Beautiful Landscaping, Hometown Pride Awards

The 2013 Hometown Pride Award will honor residential and business properties in Palatine that exemplify beautiful landscaping and exceptional curb appeal.

In order to expedite the judging process, one 4" x 6" photograph taken within the last 30 days must accompany the nomination. Simply fill out the form, enclose a photograph, and return both to the Department of Public Works by Friday, July 19. Judging will take place on Monday, July 22.

Judges are looking for "curb appeal," and will be considering ONLY the front of the property visible from the street. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter. For more information and to download an entry form, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: hometown pride award.

## Obstruction Free Sidewalks

The Palatine Public Works Department will inspect and remove any tree limbs or bushes that may hinder the safe passage of pedestrians along Palatine sidewalks as part of the normal trimming efforts this summer.

Residents are encouraged to check their trees and to remove any low lying limbs or branches which infringe within a seven-foot vertical height above the sidewalk. If property owners do not maintain clearance of sidewalks Public Works may trim or remove the branches at the property line. Proper pruning cuts may not be made and this may not be the preferred pruning methods for landscape aesthetics, so we encourage residents to keep the walkways clear for pedestrian traffic.

Please call the Public Works Department, 705-5200, to report any low lying branches or bushes which overhang the sidewalk.

# PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM SUMMER FLOODS

Summer brings the greatest risk for flooding from heavy rains, particularly if rain occurs after an extended period of wet weather. Saturated grounds will produce more and faster runoff. Debris blockages in creeks, ditches, culverts and storm sewer inlets may result in flooding areas that usually do not flood.

**Know if you live in a flood-prone area.** Check with the Village's Engineering Department, 359-9044, to see if your property is within a designated floodplain. These areas are depicted on Federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). The FIRMs primarily show the flood hazard areas along Salt and Buffalo creeks.

Other designated flood hazard areas are low-lying land shown on U.S. Geological Survey maps. A property still may be subject to flooding even if it is not within any of the designated flood hazard areas. It's best to find out the history of flooding in your area.



**Carry flood insurance.** Normal homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage. If your home is indicated on the FIRM, you must carry flood insurance if you have a home mortgage.

In fact, most flood damages and claims paid are for properties not indicated on the FIRMs. Even if you rent, you can obtain insurance for your possessions. For information, consult an insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program, 1-888-FLOOD29 or TDD# 1-800-427-5593.

**Keep an eye on the weather.** If you live in a flood prone area, monitor the potential for weather conditions that could result in flooding. The Weather Channel on cable channel 39 provides local weather forecasts and updated

Doppler radar maps every 10 minutes or visit the Weather Channel at [www.weatherchannel.com](http://www.weatherchannel.com). Local flash flood watches and warnings are also posted on local TV and radio channels. For notice of any flood watches and warnings issued every two minutes by the National Weather Service for counties in Illinois, check <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

**Keep an eye on drainage.** Check on any storm inlet in your street, yard, culvert or ditch to make sure it is not blocked by snow, ice or debris. If you have questions about Village assistance, call the Public Works Department, 705-5200.

The entire length of the creeks within the Village are thoroughly inspected twice a year and periodically throughout the year, especially before and during rain events. Do not attempt to clear any blockage in the creek yourself. Call the Public Works Department.

**Protect your property.** Most flood damages in Palatine are typically localized problems. Make sure gutters and downspouts are functioning and are clean. Make sure land, sidewalks and patios drain away and not toward the house. Mud-jack or replace concrete surfaces that drain toward the house. Fill in low-lying areas next to the house with dirt. Do not use mulch or landscaping stones to do this, as they are too porous. Check the home's foundation and have cracks repaired.

**Make sure your sump pump is functioning and is an adequate size.** If you have a battery back-up sump pump, be sure the battery is good. It is illegal for sump pumps to discharge into the sanitary sewer system. To report possible illegal discharges into the storm drain system, contact the Public Works Department, 705-5200.

**Keep possessions off the basement floor and on shelves.** Wood platforms for washing machines and dryers can often raise them enough to protect them. If you have an older home that



periodically experiences sewer backups, the Village has a low interest loan program where you can install backflow prevention or overhead plumbing. For certain improvements, the Village will pay up to 50 percent of the cost. Contact the Engineering Department.

**Protect yourself and your family.** Do not drive through a flooded area. Your car may stall, float or be washed away if the water is two feet or deeper. Do not walk through flooded areas. As little as six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not let children or pets play in flooded areas. There may be drains or culvert pipes under water that they could be sucked into. This water is not clean. Floodwaters pick up fertilizers and pesticides from lawns, dirt and chemicals off of roads, animal wastes and decaying vegetation.

**Do not enter a flooded basement unless you are sure the electricity is turned off.** Call Commonwealth Edison, 1-800-334-7661, to turn off the power. Stay well away from any downed power lines outdoors as electricity can travel through wet ground. Call ComEd if you see any downed lines.

If your home floods, it is important to clean it up as soon as possible with disinfectants. Finally, remember to help your neighbors, especially those who are elderly or have disabilities.

# PALATINE JAYCEES HOMETOWN FEST 2013

Hometown Fest will take place at Community Park, located near the intersection of Palatine Road and Northwest Highway. The Fest opens on Wednesday, July 3 and continues through Sunday, July 7. Please join us at this family-friendly summer event.

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.PALATINEJAYCEES.ORG](http://WWW.PALATINEJAYCEES.ORG).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, July 3

#### 3 pm to Midnight

2:30–4 pm	Special Needs Carnival
3 pm–Midnight	Adult Beverage
5–10 pm	Carnival Wristbands
5 pm–Midnight	Carnival
5 pm–Midnight	Food and Soda

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

5–7 pm	High Life
10–11:59 pm	Dot Dot Dot

### Thursday, July 4

#### Noon to Midnight

Noon–Midnight	Adult Beverage
Noon–5 pm	Carnival Wristbands
Noon–Midnight	Carnival
Noon–Midnight	Food and Soda

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

Noon–2 pm	Battle of the Bands
2:30–4:30 pm	The Cowbirds
5–7 pm	Wall of Denial
7:30–9:30 pm	Diving for Dynamite
10–11:55 pm	Piano Man

### Friday, July 5

#### Noon to Midnight

Noon–Midnight	Adult Beverage
Noon–5 pm	Carnival Wristbands
Noon–Midnight	Carnival
Noon–Midnight	Food and Soda
9 pm or Dusk	Fireworks

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

Noon–1:30 pm	Whiskey Tango
2–4 pm	Jack Tripper
4:30–6:30 pm	The Darryl Markette Band
7–9 pm	Mellencougar
10–11:59 pm	Bucket Number 6



### Saturday, July 6

#### 10 am to Midnight

9 am	Dignitaries Reception
10 am	Parade
10 am–6 pm	Bingo
Noon–6 pm	Arts/Crafts Expo
10 am–Midnight	Food and Soda
Noon–Midnight	Adult Beverage
Noon–5 pm	Carnival Wristbands
Noon–Midnight	Carnival

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

2:30–4:30 pm	Arthuris and the Slipped Disks
5–7 pm	Pirates Over 40
7:30–9:30 pm	Hillbilly Rockstarz
10–11:59 pm	Mike and Joe

### Sunday, July 7

#### 10 am to 5 pm

11 am–5 pm	Arts/Crafts Expo
11 am–2 pm	Family Day
Noon–5 pm	Adult Beverage
Noon–5 pm	Carnival Wristbands
Noon–5 pm	Carnival
Noon–5 pm	Entertainment
Noon–5 pm	Food and Soda

**Mike and Joe**



**Dot Dot Dot**



# PREPARE TODAY FOR UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES— PRACTICE SAFETY AT HOME, WORK AND PLAY

Whether at home or work, take time to create a safe environment and to prepare for unexpected emergencies. Refer to these tips as a reminder of how best to safeguard your family, yourself and your possessions in unexpected, everyday settings or in extreme weather emergencies.



## HOME SAFETY

- Install smoke detectors on every floor of your home and carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas. If already installed, test them! Replace the batteries every daylight-saving time change.
- If young children are in the home, bookshelves and other furniture should be firmly secured with wall brackets to prevent tipping.
- Cover all unused outlets to prevent children from sticking a finger in the socket.
- Extension cords should not be placed under rugs or heavy furniture, tacked up or coiled while in use.
- All major appliances should be grounded.
- Check that all painted cribs, bassinets and high chairs were made after 1978 to avoid potential lead paint poisoning.
- Set water heater below 120° F to avoid potential burns and to save energy.
- Put medications and medical supplies in a cabinet with a child safety lock.
- The UL standard mark appears on products that have been tested, verified and inspected for safety.

## PERSONAL SAFETY

Always be aware of usual and unusual activities in your neighborhood.

Immediately report suspicious behavior.

- Secure all windows and doors that are accessible from the outside, including those upstairs.
- Never leave a spare key hidden outside; burglars are familiar with typical hiding places.

- Install peepholes in doors to screen your visitors.
- Ask for identification from service and delivery people before letting them into your home.
- Install deadbolts on all entrances.
- Post emergency phone numbers by the telephone for your children or babysitter.



## YARD SAFETY

- Use eye protection when operating any power tools or yard equipment.
- Use skin protection including work gloves.
- Never use equipment without proper protective shoes.
- Check yard equipment and power tools for loose or broken parts/pieces; always let someone know you will be using equipment; take a phone with you if possible.
- Check blades or sharp devices on equipment prior to use for proper working condition.
- Consider alarms on water equipment or devices for child safety; check all laws for required fencing if a pool is on premises.
- Practice fire safety prevention when near or using grills or other gas appliances or open flame structures. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Be aware and know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, even when outdoors.

## WATER SAFETY

A drowning can happen in seconds. No one is able to watch a child every second of the day. Children under

the age of six should wear a life vest anytime they are around water, even on a beach. The plastic blow up water wings that go around a child's arms are NOT

an approved personal flotation safety device. Only purchase Coast Guard approved life vests. The Palatine Fire Department has a loaner program in conjunction with the BOAT/US Foundation that allows residents to check out a child-sized vest for up to 2 weeks. For more information, call the Fire Department, 202-6340.

- Never leave a young child alone or with a sibling. If you must step away from the pool area, take the child, or children with you.
- Have a poolside phone so there is no need to leave the area, and know the emergency number to call.
- Teach your children to swim at a young age. They might be able to help themselves by staying afloat.
- If you have a pool, make sure it is protected on all four sides from neighborhood kids.
- Place door latches on the pool entrance high off the ground so children can't open them.
- Make sure the door to the pool has a self-closure that will automatically close and latch.
- If you have a pool or hot tub, make sure chemicals are kept out of the reach of children.
- Attend a first aid and CPR class. Know what to do before an emergency occurs.



## VACATION SAFETY

The majority of home burglaries occur in the peak summer vacation months. Initiate these safety tips to help keep your home safe while you travel:



- Stop delivery of your mail and newspapers—or have a friend or neighbor pick them up for you.
- Keep bushes and shrubs well trimmed. Use timers on lights, televisions and radios to provide sound and lights inside your home.
- Keep the outside of your home well lit.
- Have your lawn maintained if you will be gone for more than a few days.
- Leave the air conditioner on. A silent compressor on a hot day is a good indication you aren't home.
- Unplug everything but the refrigerator, freezer, and the lights and radios you have set on timers.



## TORNADO SAFETY

Spring and summer is the time for tornadoes; be prepared with these tips.

- In a house with a basement. Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag.
- In a house with no basement or an apartment. Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior windowless hallway. Crouch to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. Cover yourself with some sort of thick padding to protect against falling debris.
- In an office building, hospital, nursing home or skyscraper. Go directly to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building—on the lowest floor possible. Stay off the elevators.
- At school. Follow the drill! Go to the interior hall or room in an orderly way as directed. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms.
- In a car or truck. Park the car as quickly and safely as possible out of traffic lanes. Get out and seek

- shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars. Lie flat and face-down. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges that can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.
- In the open outdoors. If possible, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If not, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms.
- In a public area. Do not panic. Watch for others. Move as quickly as possible to an interior bathroom, storage room or other small enclosed area, away from windows.

After the tornado. Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel. Remain calm and alert.

For more information, the Federal Emergency Management Agency can help you prepare for hazards. Visit: [www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm)



## CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

- Discuss an emergency plan with your family and pick two places to meet—a spot outside your home and a location away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Choose an out-of-state friend as a "family check-in contact" to call if the family gets separated.
- Put emergency telephone numbers into cell phone address books and post these numbers by phones.
- As a family, learn basic safety measures, such as CPR and first aid; how to use a fire extinguisher; and how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.
- Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days.
- Conduct drills.



## DISTRACTED DRIVING ENDANGERS EVERYONE

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. But, because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

Two years ago Illinois launched its "Drive Now—Text Later Campaign" to raise awareness that it is illegal to text while driving on roads and highways. Illinois law prohibits (1) drivers under the age of 19 from using wireless phones while driving—with or without hands-free devices (2) all drivers from text messaging and related activities and (3) motorists from using cellular phones in school speed zones and construction/road maintenance zones.

Other types of distractions include:

- Cell phone or smartphone use, even "hands-free"
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player

Distracted driving is a safety problem for everyone. Please take a moment to learn more. Visit [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov).

For a disaster supplies kit list, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Search: disaster supplies kit or visit: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

### AUTOMOBILE SALES/SERVICE

**Aras Auto Shop**  
1225 W. Northwest Hwy. • 963-6363  
Auto Repair

**Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
1980 N. Rand Rd. • 358-2019  
Tires/Automotive

**Palatine Hand Wash and Detail**  
411 W. Colfax St. • 878-3042  
Auto Detail

### CONTRACTORS

**Tetrus Construction Inc.**  
453 S. Vermont St., Ste. B • 705-8286  
Construction

### RETAIL/RESTAURANT

**Brandt's of Palatine**  
807 W. Northwest Hwy. • 359-6373  
Restaurant

**Cash For Gold**  
107 S. Northwest Hwy. • 773-987-9799  
Cash for Gold

**Crust'em Sweets**  
117 N. Northwest Hwy. • 934-7570  
Wholesale/Pie

**Darios**  
51 W. Wilson St.  
Breakfast/Lunch Café

**Fire Star Wireless, Inc.**  
1206 E. Dundee Rd. • 705-4900  
Cell Phones

**Gilkey Window Company**  
467 W. Northwest Hwy. • 888-344-5539  
Window Showroom

**Green Leaf Café**  
1400 W. Northwest Hwy. • 934-5922  
Café

**Mattress & More**  
1611 N. Rand Rd. • 705-0105  
Mattress Store

**Pasquale's Pizzeria & Delicatessen**  
1506 W. Algonquin Rd. • 221-5922  
Pizza/Deli

**Rossini De Lucca**  
1280 E. Dundee Rd. • 934-4400  
Restaurant

**RSM Custom Catering**  
600 N. North Ct., #230 • 221-5004  
Personal Chef

**Tan 999 Unlimited**  
706 W. Euclid Ave. • 359-9990  
Tan Salon

**Yumz Frozen Yogurt**  
581 E. Dundee Rd. • 907-9045  
Frozen Yogurt

**SERVICES**  
**Association of Licensed Architects**  
1 E. Northwest Hwy., #200 • 382-0630  
Trade Association

**Beidou Kungfu**  
1292 E. Dundee Rd. • 630-880-8628  
Kungfu Classes

**Brown Tree Service**  
2239 N. Rand Rd. • 398-2993  
Landscape/Tree Service

**Capital Refrigeration & Equipment**  
345 N. Quentin Rd., #202 • 239-5995  
Commercial HVAC

**Colgan Commodities LLC**  
453 S. Vermont St., Ste. G • 991-2061  
Commodities Broker

**Combat Arts Institute**  
634 E. Northwest Hwy. • 991-8658  
Marital Arts

**Desirable Dwellings Corp.**  
331 W. Northwest Hwy. • #102  
776-8222

**Property Mgmt./Real Estate**  
**Electronic Equipment Group**  
800 E. Northwest Hwy., #210 • 253-9773  
Consultant

**Guaranteed Rate Inc.**  
800 E. Northwest Hwy. • #100  
776-7080

**Mortgage Lending**

**Hamilton Cleaners**  
463 W. Northwest Hwy. • 705-0262  
Tailor/Alterations

**Iris Mobile Corp.**  
800 E. Northwest Hwy. • #406  
888-734-7717

**Software Development**

**J-Tech**  
117 E. Palatine Rd., #214 • 420-8511  
Consulting

**Media Web World Inc.**  
248 N. Woodwork Ln. • 312-725-6995  
Marketing

**Midwest States Inc.**  
570 W. Colfax St. • 847-4834  
Merchant Processing

**Omnoogle**  
630 N. North Ct., #150 • 907-9124  
Advertising/Web Development

**Rescue Eight Paramedic Service**  
627 S. Vermont St. • 605-8400  
Private Ambulance/Wheelchair

**Stitchway**  
629 S. Vermont St. • 221-5102  
Embroidery

**Strata Earth Services LLC**  
530 W. Colfax St. • 968-4863  
Subsurface Exploration

**Weight Watchers**  
23 E. Northwest Hwy. • 800-651-6000  
Weight Loss

### NEW LOCATION/NAME

**Advanced Disposal Service**  
508 S. Hicks Rd. • 708-409-9700  
Scavenger Services

**American Video**  
1625 N. Baldwin Rd. • 359-7351  
Video Rental/Game

**Dix McGuire International**  
201 E. Dundee Rd., #2 • 496-5320  
Freight Forwarding

**OER Services**  
717 S. Vermont St. • 773-680-5070  
Construction Equipment

**Procentia Inc.**  
1540 E. Dundee Rd., #215 • 496-7477  
Software Development

**Salon Centric**  
1274 E. Dundee Rd. • 202-1325  
Hair Salon

**Standing Room Only**  
21 W. Railroad Ave. • 221-2020  
Hair Salon

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

## IN AN EMERGENCY, WHERE ARE YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS?

Palatine residents are invited to take advantage of a FREE, voluntary program that will assist in getting them the help they need in the aftermath of an emergency or disaster, no matter how big or small. As demonstrated by the recent Oklahoma tornado, peoples' lives can be traumatically altered in the blink of an eye. Family treasures and "very important papers" can be lost or destroyed during such incidents.

Therefore, the Palatine Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) is pleased to announce this initiative that will help residents be better prepared for these types of incidents. The program, called "VIP" (Very Important Papers) involves helping residents create an electronic version of all their important papers which will be scanned onto a thumb drive.

The process is simple: gather all important papers, contact PEMA for an appointment, have the papers, and walk away with a FREE electronic copy of all important records and a greater piece of mind. During the process of having papers scanned, the papers will never leave a resident's sight and will be scanned directly to the thumb drive which they will take with them. No one else will have a copy of the documents.

This device will enable residents to reproduce images of their important family documents should the original copies be lost or inaccessible. Important documents would typically include birth certificates, passports, driver's licenses, insurance policies, wills, lists of account numbers, etc. Depending on the number of documents, the process generally takes 15-30 minutes. Scheduling the process includes normal business hours as well as weekend and evening hours.

"In the course of my work as an emergency manager, I have seen firsthand how disasters can drastically affect people's lives," said Tom Smith Palatine EMA Coordinator. "It is clear that those who take the time to prepare in advance are better able to recover than those who do not".

For a complete list of documents to be scanned, a list of "frequently asked questions," or a copy of the "VIP" brochure, please visit [www.palatine-ema.org](http://www.palatine-ema.org). To schedule an appointment, contact Tom Smith at [tsmith@palatine.il.us](mailto:tsmith@palatine.il.us) or 359-9056.



**Be Safe, Be Prepared.**

# WATCH OUT FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SCAMS

Scammers will use many different ruses to enter a victim's home including the following: need to check the water heater/pipes/water quality, debts owed to/from the homeowner, trimming trees, property line questions, nurse taking blood pressure, etc. Scammers will get unsuspecting victims to let them in the house or will push their way into the house. They will 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, not a mess, etc.) so it may take days or weeks for the victim to even know items are missing.

## Daytime Scam/Diversionary Burglaries

- If someone you don't recognize is entering your house or a neighbor's house, or you see unfamiliar vehicles, call the police.
- Keep all doors securely locked at all times—even if outside gardening.
- If someone approaches your home asking for help or to use the phone, do not let him or her inside. Tell them you will call the police for them—if someone really needs help, they will appreciate the call to the police.
- If a stranger comes to your house posing as a nurse, nurse's aide, etc., do not give your personal information

or let them take your blood pressure unless this was pre-arranged with your doctor.

- Don't keep a large amount of cash, jewelry, or important personal documents in the house. A bank or safety deposit box is much safer.

## Home Improvement Burglaries

- Remember, you always have the right to demand identification. Never let someone into your house without first verifying their identification and purpose. If anyone refuses to provide identification, tell the person to wait a moment, and then close the door and call 911.
- Do not let anyone inside your house "who offers to do work on/around your house" who you have not called.
- Invite a relative or neighbor to be with you while salesmen, repairmen, etc., are in your house.

Remember, the Palatine Water Department will only visit your home by appointment and will not just "show up" at your door. The Palatine Police Department strongly urges residents to call 911 for any suspicious activity. When in doubt, please call 911 for assistance in identifying individuals at your door. Please contact Crime Prevention, 359-9061, with any questions.

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

Car burglaries are one of the most frequent crimes reported to the police. A burglary occurs when a vehicle is illegally entered (with or without force) and items are taken from inside the car.

While it is virtually impossible to eliminate the likelihood of ever becoming a burglary victim, you can take steps to improve the odds in your favor. Here are some simple reminders that can help protect you from becoming a car burglary victim.

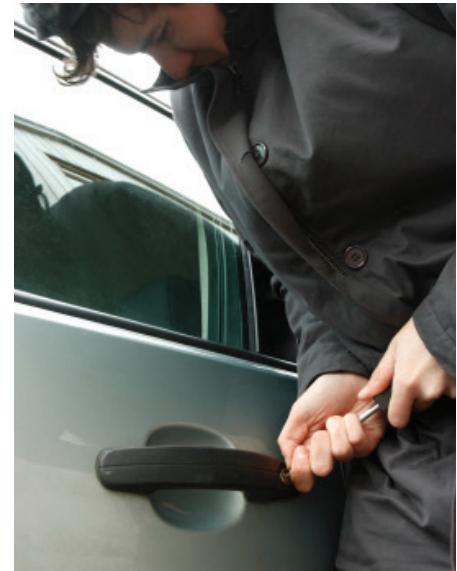
**Never leave personal belongings in plain view and avoid leaving valuables inside the vehicle.** If you must store belongings in the car, hide them from view in a glove box, under the seat or in the trunk. The most common items taken this year were GPS units (including wires and mounting brackets), satellite radio units, and any other electronics in

plain view. In some instances, it appeared a car was burglarized because a GPS mounting bracket was left in the front dash indicating there were valuables inside the vehicle.

**Park your vehicle in a secure garage when possible.** If you live in an apartment or condominium area without garage access, park the vehicle in a well-lit area close to a street or building entryway.

**Lock all car doors and properly secure the windows, paying special attention to small vent windows and sliding back windows.** An unsecured door is an easy opportunity and the most common point of attack in car burglaries.

**Always remove keys from the ignition—even in your garage.** This will help prevent burglaries and car thefts.



**If your vehicle is burglarized, report the burglary to police, even when nothing appears to be missing.** Your information could reveal a crime pattern in a specific area of town and greatly increase the likelihood of catching the burglar. Remember, the police are unable to solve crimes that go unreported.



# SCARECROWS ON PARADE

Enter the 6th Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest as part of 2013 Rotary Oktoberfest. **ONLY 20 SCARECROWS AVAILABLE.** Home Depot Palatine will provide 20 scarecrow skeletons. Don't wait! Reserve one today from Public Works, 705-5200! It's first come, first served.

## Scarecrow Skeleton Pick Up:

Monday, August 26  
Public Works Facility  
148 W. Illinois Ave.  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Judging:

Saturday, September 21  
11 a.m., Scarecrow drop off  
Noon, Judging  
Firefighter's Memorial  
Brockway and Slade Streets



Award ceremony to follow at the Oktoberfest Main Tent  
Scarecrows will remain on display along the rail walk fence.

For more information, visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us)  
Search: scarecrows on parade

## FRIDAY, AUG. 23 5PM-MIDNIGHT

FEATURING:  
Sixteen Candles • Dot Dot Dot



## SUNDAY, AUG. 25 11AM-8PM

FEATURING:  
BritBeat • Tiffany Alvord



## SATURDAY, AUG. 24 11AM-MIDNIGHT

FEATURING:  
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