

VILLAGE *of* PALATINE

ELECTRICITY BILLS TO INCREASE THIS SUMMER

Palatine residents and small businesses enrolled in the Village's electric aggregation program should expect to see a portion of their electricity bills increase this summer.

In March 2014, the Villages of Palatine, Arlington Heights, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Buffalo Grove, Vernon Hills, and Wheeling (the "Northwest Consortium") entered into agreements with Constellation Energy Services to supply electricity to the Consortium's combined 95,000 eligible residential and small business customers between June 2014 and May 2017.

The agreement provides eligible customers with a fixed rate of 6.621 cents per kWh for 100 percent "green" energy throughout the duration of the contract. However, due to new market reforms designed to increase the reliability of the power grid, Constellation will be increasing supply rates to 7.152 cents per kWh effective with this month's (June) meter read (to be first seen on July ComEd bills). This equates to an approximate \$5 extra per month for the average residential customer, or about \$55 extra in total for the remaining 11 months of the aggregation program.

While the Consortium disagrees with Constellation passing through the capacity charge to customers, member communities are still locked into the agreement with Constellation through May 2017. Additionally, this rate increase will make Constellation's rate consistently higher than ComEd's rates for the duration of the contract. Customers are encouraged to review current ComEd pricing, other market pricing, and the terms of the current aggregation contract to determine what option is best for them. There will be NO early termination fees for those who wish to terminate their electricity agreement with Constellation prior to May 2017.

The Northwest Consortium began working

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VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION



Village Hall Pre-Construction, 2014

The newly renovated Village Hall is only a few weeks away from opening to the public.

The existing building has undergone extensive renovation work since demolition began in December 2014. The building, which was originally built in 1952 and formerly housed Palatine High School, was showing significant signs of age; 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. Moreover, the option to renovate as opposed to building a brand new building provided the most economical option and continued the longstanding relationship with the Palatine Park District at the Community Center.

The renovation addressed all these issues, allowed for a more environmentally-friendly

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Monday through Friday

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Village Hall Renovation Project Nears Completion (continued from page 1)



April 2015



December 2015



February 2016



May 2016

design, and most importantly, will provide Village employees and customers with a more efficient and pleasant environment to conduct business. Visually, the focal point of the building is a two-story public atrium area with a clerestory that floods the space with natural light. Within the atrium lobby there are seating areas for the public and display areas for community art exhibits and other events. A new pedestrian plaza with seating was also created on the west exterior of the building. Functionally, the renovated Village Hall boasts new Village Council Chambers and two large public meeting rooms. The public meeting rooms will be equipped with audio visual equipment, seating, and tables and will be available for the public to utilize at no cost.

Please keep an eye out for all the details pertaining to our Village Hall Grand Opening. For more information on the renovation project, as well as pictures documenting the various phases of the project, please visit palatine.il.us and search, "village hall renovation".

Electricity Bills to Increase this Summer (continued from page 1)

together in 2011 in order to pool their resources and buying power. As of May 2016, the Consortium saved participating residents and small business customers a cumulative total of \$27.4 million. Palatine alone has experienced a community-wide savings of \$7.3 million, with the average residential customer experiencing \$33 in savings. Additionally, the Village's green option has reduced CO2 emissions by 355,740 tons.

Affected customers are advised to contact the Consortium's aggregation consultants, Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), with any questions. They can be reached at (800) 727-3820. For more information on electric supply options, please visit Plug In Illinois at pluginillinois.org. More information about the Village's electrical aggregation program can be found by going to palatine.il.us and searching, "aggregation".

PALATINE TO HOST AN ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT AUGUST 6

On Saturday, August 6, the Village of Palatine and the Palatine Park District will host an electronics recycling event sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). The event will be held at the Village Hall/Community Center (200-250 E. Wood Street) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Electronics will ONLY be accepted from Palatine residents and any other SWANCC member communities (proof of residency will be required). Electronics will not be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools, or other organizations.

The following electronics will be accepted: answering machines, cable receivers, calculators, camcorders, cameras, CD and DVD players (no disks), cell phones, computer cables, computer monitors, computers (desktop, notebook, tablet), converter boxes, copy machines, fax machines, microwaves, mice, keyboards, mp3 players, portable digital assistants (PDAs), postage machines, power tools and cords, printers (multi-function printers), satellite receivers, scanners, shredders, small home appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.), stereo equipment (no wood), landline telephones, televisions (no wood), typewriters, video game consoles, video recorders/players (no VHS tapes), and zip drives.

Please note that dehumidifiers, humidifiers, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, large home appliances, documents, and household chemical waste will NOT be accepted.

For more information on SWANCC's recycling programs, please contact the SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 or visit swancc.org.

VILLAGE OF PALATINE 2016/2017 VEHICLE STICKERS AND ANIMAL LICENSES MUST BE PURCHASED BY JUNE 30

Vehicle stickers and animal licenses are available for purchase



online at palatine.il.us by clicking the "Vehicle/Animal License Online Purchase" icon on the right side of the screen. Follow the instructions and your vehicle stickers and animal licenses will be mailed promptly. Vehicle stickers and animal licenses can also be purchased in person between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by mail (only checks will be accepted). To avoid delay, please consider paying online or by mail. The last day to purchase vehicle stickers or animal licenses without penalty is Thursday, June 30. You can purchase them in person between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online until 11:59 p.m. To avoid penalty or citations for the 2016-2017 year, stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by June 30. The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning July 1.

RESIDENTS COULD BEGIN HEARING NIGHTTIME JET NOISE FROM O'HARE THIS MONTH

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) recently approved a Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan, which will test out a weekly runway rotation program at O'Hare during overnight hours in attempt to achieve a more balanced distribution of jet noise exposure for Chicago and other highly impacted communities that surround O'Hare. The plan passed despite the strong opposition by the Village of Palatine as well as Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Rolling Meadows, and Hoffman Estates.

Palatine is tentatively scheduled for one week of arrivals and four weeks of departures during the 12-week trial period. During these designated weeks, which will be published on the ONCC website at oharenoise.org, residents could increasingly hear jet noise between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plans to finalize and implement the plan either this month (June) or next month.

For more information on the Fly Quiet Program and Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan, please visit the ONCC website at oharenoise.org. Residents who would like to log a noise complaint can visit servicerequest.cityofchicago.org/web_intake_chic/ and select "Aircraft Noise Complaint".

POSTING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Just as a reminder, the Village of Palatine's Code of Ordinances strictly prohibits any type of signage, including posters, to be mounted or attached to any lamppost, utility post, tree, public structure or building, ground sign, or any other permanent structure. We ask that both residents and visitors refrain from utilizing such structures to attach posters for missing animals, advertising materials, and the like.

For more information on signage restrictions, please refer to the Palatine Code of Ordinances under "APPENDIX A – ZONING". This can be found on the Village's website at palatine.il.us, search, "code of ordinances".

VILLAGE LAUNCHES "PALATINE 24/7" PERFORMANCE METRICS

The Village of Palatine believes that high quality Village services are the building blocks for healthy neighborhoods and a successful community. Therefore, the Village is continually developing new strategies that evaluate program performance, reduce costs, and deliver better services to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Palatine 24/7 Report has been developed to outline the Village's performance related to seven service areas and a total of 24 performance measures (hence, "Palatine 24/7") that are of interest to our residents and align with our Strategic Plan. By tracking and sharing this information, our residents can become better informed about the effectiveness of the Village's performance, how Village resources are being utilized, and to what extent the Village's efforts are achieving the desired goals.

To view this report, visit palatine.il.us and search, "performance measures". The Palatine 24/7 Report will be updated on a semi-annual basis.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Palatine Park District Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through August 12
Fred P. Hall Amphitheater (262 E. Palatine Rd.) and Towne Square (150 W. Palatine Rd.)

Enjoy 18 FREE live concerts featuring big name Chicago talent, local musicians, and family friendly performers. Groups scheduled to perform range from fan favorites American English and 7th Heaven to local talent including the Harper College Jazz Lab Band and Palatine Children's Chorus featuring the Summit Choral Society from Ohio. For a complete schedule, visit palatineparks.org.

Summer Farmers' Market

Every Saturday through October 29
Palatine Train Station (137 W. Wood St.)

The Sister Cities Association of Palatine invites you to come out each Saturday between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. for fresh from the farm produce, organic meats and eggs, breads, soaps, pet treats, sweets, expert knife and tool sharpening, and more! Palatine 150 commemorative items will also be available for purchase. Visit palatinesistercities.org for more information.



St. Nectarios GreekFest

Friday, June 24; Saturday, June 25; and Sunday, June 26

St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church (133 S. Roselle Rd.)

The popular event has celebrated Greek culture for more than 30 years. It features authentic Greek food, pastries, wine and beer. Along with the food, enjoy dancing, music, live performances, games, and drive-through Greek food.

Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest

Thursday, June 30; Friday, July 1; Saturday (parade), July 2; Sunday, July 3 (fireworks); and Monday, July 4
Community Park (262 E. Palatine Rd.)

The Palatine Jaycees are proud to host Hometown Fest, Palatine's Fourth of July Celebration. Visit palatinejaycees.org for the most up-to date information and schedules.



**All dates and times are subject to change.*

"Pedaling through Palatine's Past" Bike Ride

Saturday, July 9
Starts and ends at Cutting Hall (150 E. Wood St.)

Join the Bike Palatine Club on a unique journey through Palatine's history, stopping at various points of interest along the way to learn about the Pioneers of Palatine and the landmarks they built. Visit bikepalatine.com for more information or to sign up for the ride.

Palatine Township Health and Happiness Fair

Wednesday, July 20
Palatine Township (721 S. Quentin Rd.)

Stop by between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for free screenings, educational presentations, and other information to promote optimal health and well-being for Palatine Township residents. Visit palatinetownship.com for more information.

"Sunday Funday" Celebrates the Palatine Sesquicentennial

Sunday, July 31
Twin Lakes Recreation Area (1200 E. Twin Lakes Dr.)

The Salt Creek Park District is hosting a FREE day of fun at Twin Lakes from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.! There will be entertainment for all ages, including a driving range, live music, and food specials. The band, The Good Mondays, will kick off at 1 p.m. The event will also feature upcoming activities and events associated with the Palatine Sesquicentennial Celebration. Visit saltcreekpd.com or call (847) 934-6050 for more information.

Palatine Park District Canine Carnival

Thursday, August 4
Fred P. Hall Amphitheater (262 E. Palatine Rd.)

This carnival is designed just for your dog! Bring your pup from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for games, activities, pet-friendly vendors, free raffles, souvenir photos, and lots of carnival fun. Visit palatineparks.org to register.

FREE Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, August 6
The Community Center (200-250 E. Wood St.)

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9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Electronics will ONLY be accepted from Palatine residents and other SWANCC member communities (proof of residency will be required). Visit swancc.org or call (847) 724-9205 for more information.

Palatine Park District Family Movie Night

Thursday, August 11
Fred P. Hall Amphitheater (262 E. Palatine Rd.)

Enjoy a free movie under the stars at the Amphitheater! This free family event will feature the film Zootopia. Bring your blankets and chairs and watch as a family. Visit palatineparks.org for more information or weather updates prior to the event.

Palatine Park District Food Truck Frenzy

Friday, August 12
Family Aquatic Center Parking Lot (340 E. Palatine Rd.)

Join the Palatine Park District between 5 and 9 p.m. for an evening of music and food truck fun. Try a variety of tasty treats from local food trucks, followed by the final Sounds of Summer Concert of the year featuring *Band Called Catch*. To celebrate the Village's Sesquicentennial, the first 150 customers will get a special giveaway item! Visit palatineparks.org for a complete list of participating food trucks.

Downtown Palatine Street Fest

Friday, August 26; Saturday, August 27; and Sunday, August 28
Downtown Palatine (Slade St. & Greeley St.)

Join us for live music, local cuisine, and family-friendly activities. Visit palatinestreetfest.com for the most up-to-date information and schedules.



Oktoberfest

Friday, September 16; Saturday, September 17; Sunday, September 18
Downtown Palatine (Smith St. and Wilson St.)

Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Rotary Club of Palatine in downtown Palatine! Attendance is free and there will be great German food, beer, wine and entertainment. For more information, visit palatinerotary.com for the most up-to-date information and schedules.

 Denotes event is part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration. To learn more about these and other Palatine Sesquicentennial events please visit Palatine150.com.

HOW CAN I HELP BE A SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Few of us give much thought to the thousands of catch basins (drains) located throughout the Village. They drain our roadways, driveways, yards, and parking areas to downstream pipes and ditches, and discharge untreated water into our streams and rivers. This untreated stormwater carries with it garbage, silt, sand, oils, fertilizers, soaps, and other debris and chemicals.

To reduce the amount of pollutants entering local water bodies, Federal and State regulations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) require that municipalities who operate surface water drainage systems educate the public on the effects of stormwater discharge to the environment.

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

- Remember that only rain should go down the storm drain.
- Reduce or eliminate pesticide and fertilizer use.
- Sweep up your grass clippings after mowing to avoid them from washing down the storm drains.
- Report any non-stormwater discharge to the Village.

For more information, visit epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or epa.gov/nps. To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Public Works Department at **(847) 705-5200**.

VILLAGE WATER QUALITY REPORT IS NOW 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 the quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2015. In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, these reports will no longer be printed, but are available online. To view the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit our website at palatine.il.us and search, "water quality".

Residents who would like a paper version may print one directly from the Village website or request a copy from the Public Works Department at **(847) 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.

VILLAGE OF PALATINE WATER QUALITY

The recent water crisis in Flint, Michigan has led many people, nationwide and here in Palatine, to wonder whether their own water is free from lead contamination and safe to drink. The information below is meant to help answer this and other questions about the Village's water supply.

Where Does Our Water Come From?

Palatine's water comes from Lake Michigan, and is sent to us from the Evanston Water Treatment Plant by way of the Northwest Water Commission Pumping Station. After it arrives, it is sent from a receiving station into water mains, which are large pipes that run throughout the community. Privately-owned service lines then bring water from the mains into homes and businesses. The Village is responsible for monitoring and maintaining the receiving stations and the water mains, while service lines are maintained by property owners.

How is the Water Treated?

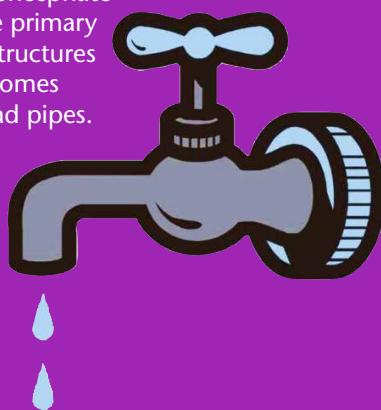
The Evanston Water Treatment Plant extensively filters, chemically treats, and tests water to make sure that it is free of contaminants before transmitting it to users. When water arrives at the Village's receiving station, it is tested again and given additional treatment if necessary. In order to keep the water safe during transmission, Evanston adds blended phosphate as part of the treatment process; this harmless chemical coats the insides of pipes and prevents water from coming into direct contact with metal.

Is There Lead in the Water Anywhere in the System?

Lead does not occur naturally in the water that the system draws from Lake Michigan. Also, regular testing confirms that lead is not being introduced into drinking water during its transmission to residents and businesses through the water system.

Lead may, however, enter your water supply from the private service line that connects to the water main. If you occupy an older home or building, then you may have a lead service line. Even lead service lines are generally safe due to the layer of blended phosphate that coats their interiors. The primary danger of lead exposure in structures built prior to 1978 actually comes from lead paint, not from lead pipes.

If you have questions about drinking water quality, or about testing your water for lead, please contact the Public Works Department at **(847) 705-5200**.



VILLAGE UTILIZING NEW METHOD TO IDENTIFY OUT OF SERVICE FIRE HYDRANTS

The Village has established a new procedure for identifying broken fire hydrants in need of repair. In the past, the Public Works Department placed a black garbage bag on any fire hydrant determined to be in need of repairs as a means to alert the Fire Department that the hydrant was out of service.

However, the Village found this to be confusing to residents and as having great potential to cause public safety issues. The black bags were often removed by concerned residents in fear that they were placed there by pranksters. Although that was a kind gesture, the Village feared this confusion as to the purpose of the black bags could actually delay the Fire Department's operations, as they would not know the fire hydrant was actually broken.

In lieu of the black garbage bags, the Public Works Department will now identify broken fire hydrants with an orange bag that clearly states the fire hydrant is not in service. Residents who see these orange bags, especially during fire hydrant flushing each April and May, can be assured that the Public Works Department will repair those hydrants in a timely and efficient manner.

Residents with questions regarding out of service fire hydrants may contact either the Public Works Department at **(847) 705-5200** or the Fire Prevention Bureau at **(847) 359-9029**.

HELP US FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

In an emergency situation, every second matters.

The Village of Palatine Fire and Police Departments request that all residents assist emergency responders by clearly displaying house numbers. Locating your home quickly can save precious minutes during a fire, medical, or police emergency call for service, and clearly displayed numbers are often the only way that first responders can identify their intended destinations.

Village Code requires that all buildings, both residential and commercial, have address numbers placed in a position to be legible and visible from the street or roadway. The numbers should contrast with their background, and be a minimum of 4 inches high and a half an inch thick. Also, make sure you remember to trim bushes or trees that may obscure the numbers.

If we can't find your address, we can't find you.



BARBECUE BASICS

Tis the season for picnics, cookouts, and other outdoor parties. Since these activities usually involve grilling outdoors, adhering to outdoor barbecue safety and food safety tips is paramount. Neglecting fire safety tips can end in disaster. Likewise, eating outdoors in warm weather presents a food safety challenge.

The Palatine Fire Department and the Environmental Health Division would like to remind everyone as they are getting ready for this year's barbecue season to review some of these important fire and food safety tips.

Fire Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling each year, with July being the peak month for grill fires followed by May, June, and August. The Palatine Fire Department offers the following tips for outdoor cooking:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using outdoor grilling appliances.
- Grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any other enclosed space, such as a tent, they pose not only a fire hazard but a health hazard as well by exposing you and your family to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Half of all gas grill and charcoal grill home fires begin on a balcony or unenclosed porch, so it is important to grill not just outside your home, but well away from your home and at a safe distance from play areas, pets, and foot traffic.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it can't be ignited by the hot grill. Combustibles kept too close to heat, and leaving cooking unattended are the two main causes for charcoal grill home fires.
- Only use proper starter fluid for charcoal grills, and never add starter fluid to already ignited coals.
- Inspect the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using the grill for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution works well when checking for leaks. Gas fueled grills pose a higher risk than charcoal grills, with leaks and breaks in the gas cylinder or hose accounting for nearly half of gas grill fires.
- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, immediately turn off the gas tank and burners. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. However, if the smell continues, move everyone away from the grill and call **9-1-1** immediately. Do not move the grill.
- Never store propane cylinders inside your home or garage. If you store your grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside. Also keep in mind that propane gas cylinders made after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD).
- Properly dispose of hot ashes. Either leave the ashes in the grill or place them in a metal container with a lid on a non-combustible surface for at least 48 hours. Knocking down the hot ashes with water also works.

For more information on fire safety, please visit the NFPA's website at nfp.org.

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JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2016 **HOMETOWN FEST** 2016

PARADE JULY 2ND AT 11:00 AM • CRAFT SHOW JULY 2ND • FIREWORKS JULY 3RD AT DUSK

Schedule subject to change

THURSDAY JUNE 30TH

Carnival 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

FRIDAY JULY 1ST

Kathleen A. Blanck Memorial
Special Needs Carnival 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Carnival 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Food Sales 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Beverage Sales 5:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Entertainment 5:00 pm – Midnight

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Funky Monks 5:30 pm
Don't Speak 8:30 pm
Boy Band Review 10:00 pm



SATURDAY JULY 2ND

Parade 11:00 am
Carnival Noon – 11:00 pm
Hometown Expo (Crafts & Vendors) Noon – 8:00 pm
American Legion Bingo 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Hometown Toss 2:30 pm
Food Sales Noon – 11:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 11:45 pm
Entertainment Noon – Midnight



SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Son Noon
RumorHazit 2:30 pm
Fletcher Rockwell 5:00 pm
Hello Weekend 7:30 pm
Mike & Joe 10:00 pm



SUNDAY JULY 3RD

Fireworks **Dusk**
Carnival Noon – 11:00 pm
Food Sales Noon – 11:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 11:45 pm
Entertainment Noon – Midnight

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Battle of Bands Winner Noon
Band Castle 1:30 pm
Serendipity 3:00 pm
Cowboy Jukebox 5:00 pm
Bucket #6 7:30 pm
Modern Day Romeos 10:00 pm



MONDAY JULY 4TH

Carnival Noon – 7:00 pm
Family Day 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Food Sales Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Beverage Sales Noon – 9:45 p.m.
Entertainment 12:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT
Singing Competition Noon
Hot Rocks 3:00 pm
GooRoos 5:30 pm
The Personnel 8:00 pm



www.hometownfest.org

Hometown Fest is brought to
you by the Palatine Jaycees





August, 26 - 28, 2015

FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, August 26

5 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday, August 27

11 a.m. - Midnight

Sunday, August 28

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

KIDS ZONE HOURS

Saturday, August 27

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 28

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.palatinestreetfest.com
Email: streetfest@palatine.il.us



Downtown Palatine Street Fest

friday, august 26

Food & Beverage Sales 5 p.m.-Midnight

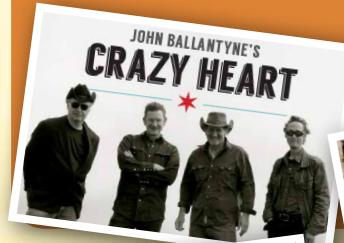
MAIN STAGE Entertainment

Crazy Heart - 5 p.m.

Cowboy Jukebox - 6:30 p.m.

Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press - 8 p.m.

Sixteen Candles - 10 p.m.



streetfest partners

BMO  **Harris Bank**



**Dates, times, and activities are subject to change.

Only entertainment that has been confirmed as of the date of this publication are included.**



Food, Family, Friends....OPAAA!

St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church will host its annual GreekFest June 24, June 25, and June 26.

The popular event has celebrated Greek culture for more than 30 years. It features authentic Greek food, pastries, wine and beer. Enjoy dancing, music, live performances, games, and drive-thru Greek food. Admission is \$3 per person. Free shuttle service will be available, so take advantage!

Festival and Drive Thru Dates/Times:

Friday, June 24:

4 p.m. to Midnight, Drive Thru open 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 25:

3 p.m. to Midnight, Drive Thru open 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 26:

12 p.m. to Midnight, Drive Thru open 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church,
133 S. Roselle Road

Website: www.stnectariosgoc.org

SCARECROWS ON PARADE



Enter the 9th annual scarecrow decorating contest as part of the Palatine Rotary Club's 2016 Oktoberfest Festival. Home Depot in Palatine will provide 20 scarecrow skeletons, so don't wait. **Call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 to reserve one today!**

SCARECROW SKELETON PICK UP:

Begins Monday, August 29

Public Works Facility | 148 W. Illinois Ave

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

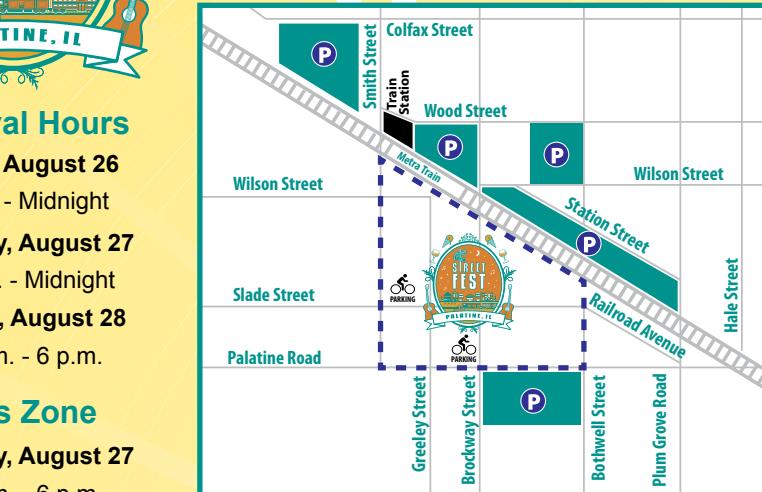
JUDGING AND AWARD CEREMONY:

Please drop off skeletons at the corner of Brockway and Slade Streets by 11 a.m. on **Saturday, September 17**. Judging will take place at 12 p.m. The Award Ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Oktoberfest Main Tent. All of the participating scarecrows will remain on display along the rail walk fence.

For more information, visit palatine.il.us and search, "scarecrows on parade"



general information



Festival Hours

Friday, August 26

5 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday, August 27

11 a.m. - Midnight

Sunday, August 28

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kids Zone

Saturday, August 27

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 28

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Downtown Palatine
(Slade and Brockway Streets)

Park Free ALL Weekend

at the Gateway Center Parking Deck at Smith and Colfax Streets and in the parking lots north of the railroad tracks. There will be NO public parking available (accept for handicapped) on the south side of the railroad tracks north of Palatine Road between Smith Street and Plum Grove Road.

Due to large crowds present during Street Fest weekend, the Village strongly discourages riding bicycles throughout the festival area (along Slade Street) and bringing pets. Please note that the only method of payment accepted at the festival is CASH, and ATMs are located in various businesses along the festival area.

Rotary Club of Palatine's Oktoberfest



Downtown Corner of Smith and Slade Streets

Friday, September 16	5 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, September 17	12 p.m. to Midnight
Sunday, September 28	12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

- Authentic German music, food, and beer
- Activities for all ages
- Raffles to help support local charities and community projects

For a complete schedule of events or to learn more about the Rotary Club of Palatine visit www.palatinerotary.com/oktoberfest.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WEST NILE VIRUS

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is an infection carried by mosquitoes. People get WNV from the bite of a mosquito that is infected with WNV. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on a bird that has the virus in its blood. Once infected, the mosquito can spread the virus to humans and other animals.

Who Can Get West Nile Virus?

Anyone can become infected with WNV, so it's important to protect yourself from mosquito bites. People over the age of 50 and those with chronic diseases such as heart disease or cancer may be more at risk for serious illness. Most human cases occur in the late summer and early fall.

What are the Symptoms?

Most people infected with WNV have no symptoms and never become ill. Some people may become ill 3 to 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache, rash, and body aches. More severe symptoms may be a high fever, stiff neck, confusion, and muscle weakness. If you believe you may have been infected, call your doctor.

How Can I Fight the Bite? Don't Allow Mosquitoes to Breed!

During the summer, mosquitoes can develop in any standing water that lasts more than 7 to 10 days, so make sure to take the following precautions:

- Check the outside of your home and get rid of any items that may hold water such as old tires, buckets, or bottles.
- Empty plastic wading pools twice weekly, and store them inside when not in use.

- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Water bowls for pets should be emptied and refilled daily.
- Report sources of water standing for greater than 7 days that may be producing mosquitos to the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at **(847) 537-2306**.

How to Protect Yourself and Your Family

- When outdoors between dusk and dawn, cover skin with lightly colored loose fitting clothing and use mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always follow the directions on the label.
- Make sure your doors and windows have tightly fitting screens and repair any tears or other openings.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short and keep gutters clean and free of debris.

What If I Find a Dead Bird?

The reporting of dead birds assists in the prevention, monitoring, and use of control measures to minimize the spread of the virus. Any perching birds that have been dead for less than 24 hours can be reported to the Environmental Health Division at **(847) 359-9090**. Staff will determine if the bird will be collected for laboratory testing. Any other birds or birds that have been dead for longer than 24 hours can be reported to the Cook County Department of Public Health West Nile Virus Hotline at **(708) 633-8025**. Birds not collected for laboratory testing should be double bagged and disposed of in the garbage. Avoid handling any dead birds directly and always wash hands with soap and water.

For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Division at **(847) 359-9090** or visit palatine.il.us and search, "west nile virus".

DOING A HOME CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELING PROJECT THIS SUMMER?

If you plan on working on a do-it-yourself residential construction or remodeling project this summer, there are several things you need to keep in mind when disposing of building materials.

General Collection Guidelines

Certain building materials can be disposed of on your regular collection day, as long as the following guidelines are met:

- Residents are allowed to dispose of a maximum of 2 cubic yards of building materials weekly. Additional building materials are subject to a special collection and associated fees through Groot.
- Building materials must be from do-it-yourself projects only; no building materials generated from commercial contractors will be collected.
- All loose building materials must be bagged or bundled and weigh no more than 50 pounds. 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

Groot will not pick up certain materials, including earth, sod, rocks, cement, concrete, logs or tree limbs exceeding 4 inches in diameter, with your weekly garbage collection. Disposal of these materials will require a special collection by Groot, which is subject to a fee.

Special Collection Estimate

Residents looking to request a special collection fee estimate can contact Groot at **(800) 244-1977** a minimum of 24 hours in advance of their regular collection day. Once a Groot 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.

If you have any questions please contact Groot at **(800) 244-1977** or the Environmental Health Division at **(847) 359-9090**.

NEW BUSINESSES

Arts and Entertainment

Odyssey Play Place

395 W. Northwest Hwy
(630) 999-6004

Children's Indoor Playground

The Art & The Artist Studio

117 W. Slade St., Suite 105
(847) 308-3384

Art Studio

Dining and Catering

El Ray Del Pollo Asado

1114 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 701-8509

Mexican Restaurant

Rockin Rodizio

773 N. Quentin Rd.
(847) 987-0369

Catering

Yummy Bagel & Café

805 N. Quentin Rd.
(847) 701-8705

Bakery/Deli

Professional Services

ANIX

418 S. Vermont St.
(847) 221-8569

General Contractor

FIVE-O Driving School

473 W. Northwest Hwy
(847) 749-1034

Driving School

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service

1555 N. Rand Rd.
(773) 292-1099

Tax Services

MeritCorp Group LLC

50 N. Brockway, Suite 3-9
(847) 496-4170

Civil Engineering/Surveying

Pronto Tax

1298 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 701-0121

Tax Services

ProudIT Technologies Inc.

19 S. Bothwell St., Suite 104
(847) 485-8336

Secure Data Transfers

Roof Masters LLC

830 W. Northwest Hwy, Suite 13
(847) 925-9400

General Contractor/Roofing

Studio Styl Palatine

9 E. Northwest Hwy
(847) 934-2006

Hair Salon

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Q: How Many Outdoor Warning Sirens Are There in the Village of Palatine?

A: There are 10 sirens strategically placed around the Village.

Q: Who Determines When the Sirens Are Activated?

A: The sirens are activated by the Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) once receiving official notification from the National Weather Service that we are under a tornado warning. NWCDS will also activate the sirens when there is a report of a funnel cloud or tornado sighting by a trained spotter (usually verified by law enforcement officials).

Q: What is the Difference Between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning?

A: When a Tornado Watch is issued, be prepared! Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. When a Tornado Warning is issued, take action! This means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather

radar, and that there is imminent danger to life and property.

Q: What Should I do When I Hear the Sirens?

A: Go inside to the lowest level and most-interior room of the structure. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside and avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Once safely sheltered in place, tune into local news outlets or a reliable weather source for more information on the storm's location, timing, and intensity.

Q: When Is It All Clear or Safe to Come out of Sheltering?

A: There will NOT be an "all clear" signal from the outdoor warning sirens. People in or near the warned area should monitor reliable sources such as the local media or the National Weather Service to know if anything has changed.

Q: When Are the Sirens Tested?

A: Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

VILLAGE LAUNCHES LIVE-STREAMING OF EMERGENCY ADVISORY RADIO STATION

Those living, working, or visiting the Village of Palatine can now listen to the Village's Palatine's emergency advisory radio station, WQFE 239, on the Village's website at palatine.il.us/pema in addition to tuning into 1660 AM.

The radio station is monitored by the Village and broadcasts information 24-hours a day, seven-days a week. Tune into the station for local weather reports, advisories, and

announcements affecting the Palatine area. In the event of an emergency, the station will broadcast essential up-to-the-minute reports, alerts and instructions.

For additional information or questions about WQFE 239, contact the Palatine Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) at pema@palatine.il.us.

NOMINATE PROPERTIES FOR BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING, HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARDS!

The 2016 Hometown Pride Awards 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 (or digital photo) taken within the last 30 days must accompany the nomination form. Simply fill out the form, enclose a photograph (or attach a digital photo and nomination form via email), and return both to the Department of Public Works by Friday, July 22. Judging will take place

on Monday, July 25. Judges are looking for "curb appeal," and will be considering ONLY the front of the property visible from the street. Criteria for judging includes: overall appearance, design, maintenance, color, and diversity. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter. Hours: For more information and to download an entry form, visit palatine.il.us and search, "hometown pride award".



Barbecue Basics *(continued from page 6)*

Food Safety

Bacteria in food multiply faster at temperatures between 40°F and 140°F, so summer heat makes the basics of food safety especially important. The Environmental Health Division offers the following tips to ensure a safe and healthy summer:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom and before cooking or eating. If you're in an outdoor setting with no bathroom, use a water jug, some soap, and paper towels. You should also consider carrying moist disposable towelettes to clean your hands.
- Don't use a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood for anything else unless the plate has first been washed in hot, soapy water.
- Marinate food in the refrigerator, not out on the counter. Also, if you want to use some of the marinade as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a separate portion. Don't reuse marinade that contained raw meat.
- To kill any harmful bacteria that may be present, use a food thermometer. Hamburgers should be cooked to 160°F. If a thermometer is not available, make sure hamburgers are brown all the way through, not pink. Chicken should be

cooked to at least 165°F. If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so immediately before the food goes on the hot grill.

- Food should not be left out of the cooler or off the grill for more than two hours. Never leave food out for more than one hour when the temperature is above 90°F.
- Hot food should be kept at or above 140°F. Hot food should be wrapped well and placed in an insulated container. If bringing hot take-out food such as fried chicken or barbecue to an outdoor party, eat it within two hours of purchase. In addition to bringing a grill and fuel for cooking to an outdoor location, remember to pack a food thermometer to check that your meat and poultry reach a safe internal temperature. When re-heating food at the outing, be sure it reaches 165°F.
- Cold food should be held at or below 40°F. Foods like chicken salad and desserts that are in individual serving dishes can be placed directly on ice or in a shallow container set in a deep pan filled with ice. Drain out the water as ice melts and replace ice frequently.

For more information on food safety, please visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website at fda.gov.

ENJOY A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY: LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

While fireworks are a traditional part of our Fourth of July celebrations, decades of tragic experience show us that the misuse of fireworks can have devastating consequences.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks cause an estimated 25,000 fires, resulting in direct property loss of over \$17 million nationwide on an annual basis. Fireworks injuries also surge this time every year, with about 65 percent of incidents occurring near the July 4th holiday. In 2014, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported that more than 10,000 people were injured in fireworks-related incidents and 11 people died. Children under 15 had the highest rate of injury of any age group, accounting for 40 percent of patients. What many people don't realize, especially children, is that even the smallest kinds of fireworks can be dangerous explosives; those innocent-looking bottle-rockets and sparklers pose outsized risks to kids and account for nearly a quarter of all fireworks injuries. They can even put uninformed bystanders in danger.

The Palatine Fire Department and Fire

Prevention Bureau offer the following tips to help residents have a safe and fun Fourth of July:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees, which is hot enough to melt some metals.
- Do not buy fireworks that are packaged in brown paper, which is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them

with water and throw them away.

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move away from them quickly.

The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home - period. Instead opt to take your family to public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals. For additional fireworks safety tips, visit nfpaf.org or onsafety.cpsc.gov.

Most Injured Body Parts



Source: CPSC

NEW BUSINESSES

Talent Edge Corporation
800 E. Northwest Hwy, Suite 611
(847) 221-4100
Recruiting Services

Retail and Sales

CKF Foods Inc.
1204 W. Northwest Hwy
(847) 394-1291
Meat Wholesale/Main Office

Enterprise Car Sales
2234 N. Rand Rd.
(847) 991-0043
Car Sales/Leasing

FITRX
742 E. Dundee Rd.
(847) 496-4318
Vitamins/Supplements

NEW ADDRESSES

MAL Construction, Inc.
321 W. Colfax St.
(847) 991-9422
Construction

Manpower
1316 W. Northwest Hwy
(847) 358-8711
Employment Agency

DRONES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PERSONAL USE

The Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), or simply the “Drone”, has become one of the most popular items coming out of 2015. Used by law enforcement, fire/rescue, and general public, those neat gadgets are capable of not only saving time but saving lives as well. Before running out to the store and buying a drone for personal use, there are certain laws and regulations you must know and be willing to follow.

Registering your Drone

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), all drones weighing over .55 lbs. must be registered before being used outdoors. Here are some things to know in order to register your drone:

- You must be 13 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Pay the \$5 registration.
- Provide an email address, credit or debit card, and a physical address and/or mailing address (if different from physical address).
- If the drone weights more than .55 lbs. and less than 55 lbs., it can be registered online at faa.gov.
- You must re-register your aircraft every three years.
- Any drones weighting over 55 lbs. must be registered by mail through the FAA.

Guidelines for Personal Drone Use

The FAA has set the following guidelines for UAS, or “drone”, hobbyists:

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles.
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times.
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations.
- Don’t fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying.
- Don’t fly near people or stadiums.
- Don’t fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs.
- Don’t be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft.



For more information on drones and other helpful tips please visit the FAA website at faa.gov/uas/.

Source: Federal Aviation Agency (FAA)

FINANCIAL SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they’re now considered “the crime of the 21st century.” Why? Because seniors are thought to have a significant amount of money sitting in their accounts. Financial scams also often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they’re considered a “low-risk” crime. However, they’re devastating to many older adults and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses.

Here are a few scams to keep an eye out for:

- **Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud:** In these types of scams, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information, then use the personal information they provide to bill Medicare and pocket the money.
- **Counterfeit Prescription Drugs:** These scams commonly occur online where more seniors now go to find better prices on specialized medications. Besides paying money for something that will not help a person’s medical condition, victims may purchase unsafe substances that can inflict even more harm.
- **Funeral and Cemetery Scams:** In one approach, scammers read obituaries and call or attend the funeral service of a complete stranger to take advantage of the grieving widow or widower by claiming the deceased had an outstanding debt with them. Scammers will try to extort money from relatives to settle the fake debts. Another tactic of disreputable funeral homes is to capitalize on family members’ unfamiliarity with the considerable cost of funeral services to add unnecessary charges to the bill.
- **Telemarketing:** Perhaps the most common scheme is when scammers use fake telemarketing calls to prey on older people,

who as a group make twice as many purchases over the phone than the national average.

- **Investment Schemes:** Because many seniors find themselves planning for retirement and managing their savings once they finish working, a number of investment schemes have been targeted at seniors looking to safeguard their cash for their later years.
- **Homeowner/Reverse Mortgage Scams:** Scammers like to take advantage of the fact that many people above a certain age own their homes, a valuable asset that increases the potential dollar value of a certain scam.
- **The Grandparent Scam:** Scammers will place a call to an older person and when the mark picks up, they will say something along the lines of: “Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?” When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done a lick of background research. Once “in,” the fake grandchild will usually ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, payment for car repairs, etc.), to be paid via Western Union or MoneyGram, which don’t always require identification to collect.

If you suspect you’ve been the victim of a scam, don’t be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it with someone you trust. You can report scams to the Palatine Police Department by dialing 9-1-1 in addition to contacting your bank (if money has been taken from your accounts), and Adult Protective Services. You can also call the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 359-9061 or call the Eldercare Locator, a government sponsored national resource line, at (800) 677-1116, or visit their website at eldercare.gov.

Source: National Council on Aging (NCOA)

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

If you'd like to join a team of professional, dedicated, and innovative individuals who value serving our community, the Palatine Police Department is seeking Police Officer applicants. If you possess a high level of integrity, treat others with respect, have excellent communication skills, and are in good physical condition, you may be a perfect fit for this rewarding career. No prior law enforcement experience is necessary, and if hired, all on-the-job training and equipment will be provided at no cost. In addition, a competitive benefits package is available to new employees, which includes health and dental insurance options, as well as paid vacation and sick leave. New police officer applicants must be between 21 to 34 years old and possess a four-year college degree which may be in any major/field of study. The Palatine Police Department strives for diversity and strongly encourages women and minorities to apply.

The application and hiring timeline is as follows:

- August 12 – Deadline to submit completed application packets
- August 20 – Written exam and physical ability tests
- August 22 through August 25 – Oral board interviews
- August 29 through September 9 – Polygraphs, psychological and medical examinations
- October 2 through December 22 – Police Academy Basic Training

The Palatine Police Department serves our community through the "Neighborhood Based Policing" philosophy. In doing so, the Village is organized into seven different neighborhood beats where a Sergeant oversees a team of Officers assigned to patrol these beats. This allows for proactive problem-solving efforts as officers become familiar with the citizens and specific issues within their geographical beat. In addition to Patrol, the Department has many specialty positions and advanced training opportunities. These include assignments such as Crime Scene Investigators, Canine Officer Teams, Traffic Enforcement, Bicycle Officers, Crime Prevention Officers, School Resource Officers, Detectives, and Gang Crimes Specialists.

For more information, or to obtain an application, visit palatine.il.us and click on the "Employment" tab (applications will be available in early June). You can also pick up an application at the Police Department located at 595 N. Hicks Road. For any questions about the application process, please contact Kathy Lesselyoung at (847) 359-9011 or klesselyoung@palatine.il.us.

Consider a career in serving our community and apply this summer!



CRIME PREVENTION UNIT OFFERS FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS

The Palatine Police Department offers free car seat checks by appointment for Palatine residents at Police Department Headquarters (595 N. Hicks Road). Simply call the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 359-9061 to set up an appointment. One of our certified Officers will make sure that your car seat is properly installed and safe for use.

As part of the free inspection, the Officer will educate parents, grandparents, and caregivers on how to properly install and use a child's car seat in order to reduce the chance of serious injury or death if involved in a motor vehicle crash. Here are a few important tips to keep in mind:

- Check the label on your car seat to make sure it's appropriate for your child's age, weight, and height. Also double check the label on your car seat to make sure it is still safe and not outdated.
- Once your car seat is installed, give it a good shake at the base where the seat belt fits. Can you move it more than an inch side to side or front to back? A properly installed seat will not move more than an inch.
- Keep your child in a rear-facing car seat for as long as possible. State law mandates children stay in rear-facing car seats until at least the age of 2 or until he or she outgrows the seat (child reaches the maximum height or weight limit of the seat). When a child outgrows a rear-facing safety seat, he or she may transition to a forward-facing seat with a harness system.
- Make sure the harness is tightly buckled and coming from the correct slots (check car seat manual). Now, with the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap at your child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, you're good to go.
- Keep all children in the back seat until they are big enough to ride without a booster seat.

RIDING A BICYCLE? WEAR A HELMET!

The summer months are upon us, which means more people are getting outside and taking leisurely bike rides or even riding their bicycle to work. While riding a bicycle can offer many health, financial, and environmental benefits, it can also bring the dangers associated with any vehicle, including death or traumatic brain injuries.

Each year, about 2 percent of motor vehicle crash deaths are bicyclists (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety). In a majority of bicyclist deaths, the most serious injuries are to the head. Helmet use has been estimated to reduce the odds of head injury by 50 percent, and the odds of head, face, or neck injury by 33 percent. In fact, during the past few years, no more than 17 percent of fatally injured bicyclists were wearing helmets.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) offers the

following tips when buying and fitting your bicycle helmet:

- When buying a helmet for your child, make sure you buy one that fits their head now. Don't buy a helmet for them to "grow into".
- Adjust the helmet fitting based on your helmet first being in the correct position, level on the head, and low on your forehead (one to two finger-widths).
- Adjust the side and chin straps until the helmet is snug.
- Your helmet should not rock forward or backward, or side to side on your head.

Helmets are the single most effective piece of safety equipment for riders of all ages. Everyone should choose to wear a helmet; it just makes sense!

The Palatine Police Department is committed to the safety of our children. Don't be afraid to take advantage of this free service.

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, July 4
In Observance of Fourth of July

Monday, September 5
In Observance of Labor Day

Village of Palatine
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Palatine, IL 60067

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For almost two years, the back page of our tri-annual newsletter has served as a key way for the Palatine Police Department to not only inform residents of traffic-related issues that will be focused on in the coming months, but as a way to promote public safety and encourage voluntary compliance through **Education** first, followed by **Enforcement**. The men and women of the Palatine Police Department spend a great deal of time and resources educating the public on issues relating to everything from traffic and pedestrian safety to issues some might deem as "common sense".

Despite our efforts, we are forced to ask ourselves the same question: *"Why are people so angry at police officers when they get pulled over for a traffic violation?"*

Obviously, nobody enjoys seeing the red and blue lights flashing behind them. It's those who have, in some way or another, been "victimized" by a motorist who may have been texting while driving, speeding, driving aggressively, driving under the influence, or violating some other law that support our enforcement efforts the most. Police officers handle various calls each day; yet some of the most disturbing calls involve serious crashes that could have been avoided.

If you have a Driver's License, you are expected to know and abide by the "Rules of the Road". For those who choose to violate State and Local traffic laws, don't get angry with the police officer when you get pulled over! Accept responsibility for the violation and remember your demeanor will affect how the officer responds to you. You're never too old to follow the golden rule: *"Treat others the way you want to be treated."*

Here are the four special areas of enforcement Palatine Police Officers will focus on during the summer months:

• **WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?** The car with the loud stereo or muffler can really rattle one's bones (literally). Believe it or not, the Palatine Police Department receives plenty of these calls when the weather is nice and windows are open. Be courteous; fix that muffler and remind "Junior" that it's a violation if the music in the car can be heard from at least 75 feet away. Both of these violations carry fines from \$30 to \$120.

• **DON'T FORGET YOUR VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS!** Like many communities, the Village of Palatine requires residents to purchase a Village sticker/license for each motor vehicle they own. Vehicle stickers are available for purchase through June 30 and enforcement begins July 1. Get ahead of the long lines and purchase your vehicle sticker

early, and better yet, online! That \$30 sticker could eventually cost you \$80 if you wait too long and get caught without it.

• **VROOOOOOM!** The weather is warm, your favorite song comes on the radio, and the next thing you know you get pulled over for not paying attention to the posted speed limit. Or even worse, you fail to avoid stopping in time for the child that runs into the street. Unfortunately, this happens every day across the country. Speeding is the leading cause of traffic crashes. To avoid that citation, traffic crash, or even being thrown in jail, SLOW DOWN!

• **HEY, YOU CAN'T PARK THERE!** Each year, the Palatine Police Department receives hundreds of parking complaints. Here are three of the most common violations officers will be focusing on this summer:

- **Ord. # 18-81-6: Vehicles cannot park within 20 feet of any intersection.**
Parking is prohibited within 20 feet of intersection to allow for better sightlines between pedestrians and vehicles approaching the intersection, and to

ensure that vehicles waiting to turn can see oncoming traffic on the other approaches.

• **Ord. # 18-81-9: Vehicles cannot park within 5 feet of a driveway.** This space allows vehicles to safely maneuver in and out of the driveway. Imagine trying to back your car out of your driveway and a parked car is blocking visibility of cross traffic, or even a bicyclist or someone walking along the street. This space also provides residents and customers access to homes and businesses.

• **Ord. # 18-81-7: Vehicles cannot park on any street where it reduces the road width to less than 18 feet for moving traffic.** This poses safety risks to not only motorists but to emergency responders trying to safely get to a call, as fire trucks are a minimum of 8 feet wide. The reduced width makes it difficult, if not impossible, for fire trucks to maneuver around those parked vehicles. Also, vehicles passing in opposing directions may not have enough clearance to safely pass one another, causing a potential head on collision.

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