

VILLAGE *of* PALATINE

VILLAGE DECLARES SURPLUS IN DUNDEE ROAD, RAND-DUNDEE TIF DISTRICTS

In an effort to promote development and improve infrastructure, the Village of Palatine has established several Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts within Palatine. Two of the initial TIF Districts created were the Dundee Road TIF District and the Rand-Dundee TIF District.

The Dundee Road TIF District was established in 1995, and generally includes the properties along the south side of Dundee Road from Walgreens at the southwest corner of Hicks and Dundee Roads, through the Deer Grove Shopping Center. Established in 1997, the Rand-Dundee TIF District encompasses the Home Depot development at the southwest corner of the intersection of Rand and Dundee Roads. Following the fulfillment of any public obligations related to the development of these TIF Districts, the Village has declared a surplus over the past several years. By declaring a surplus, any unallocated funds within the TIF District are returned to all of the local taxing bodies, based on their proportionate share of the tax bill.

On April 10, 2017, the Village Council once again declared a surplus in both the Dundee Road and Rand-Dundee TIF Districts, resulting in a distribution of a combined \$864,000 to the corresponding local taxing bodies. In total, the surpluses declared by the Village since 2010 have resulted in a cumulative total of roughly \$17,475,000 being returned to local taxing districts. These cumulative surplus refunds have resulted in the following local distributions: District 15 = \$5,680,000; District 211 = \$4,800,000; Village of Palatine = \$2,190,000; Palatine Park District = \$1,000,000; Harper College = \$645,000; and the Palatine Public Library = \$430,000.



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WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO CALL 911?



Considering the wide variety of safety issues today, it can be confusing to know whether or not to call 911 when a resident witnesses an incident. Many people think that 911 is reserved only for emergencies, and if they mistakenly call for a non-emergency or something that is non-criminal, they might look 'stupid' or feel 'silly'. The fact of the matter is that **911 is not reserved solely for immediate emergencies and criminal acts**. Common sense might tell residents to call the 'non-emergency' police number to report suspicious activity that doesn't appear to be an emergency. However, in Palatine, if a citizen needs a police response for anything (even non-emergencies), dialing 911 is the correct way to have an officer dispatched to the call. For example, suspicious activities that are not necessarily an immediate emergency could be defined as a person walking around aimlessly in a neighborhood who does not live there, someone looking in car windows in a parking lot or on the street, or an individual running through an area who is not wearing workout clothing. Unfortunately, the police frequently are not informed of such

activities until after a crime is committed. It is important for residents to make the call to 911 if they witness anything suspicious, and to not ever feel embarrassed for calling.

The non-emergency number for Palatine Police is 847-359-9000. This is a direct line to the front desk assistant at Police Headquarters and is primarily used for general questions or to leave messages for specific officers. If a resident calls the front desk to request an officer be dispatched to a call, the desk assistant will most likely advise the caller to dial 911 instead so they can speak directly to a dispatcher.

When deciding to call 911 or not, residents should simply trust their basic instincts. If a situation is uncomfortable, relating to a person or activity that could be a threat to individuals or the community, 911 should be called. The Palatine Police Department prefers investigating concerns immediately rather than later, when potential offenders may have left the scene and a crime has already been committed.



VILLAGE OF PALATINE

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

VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

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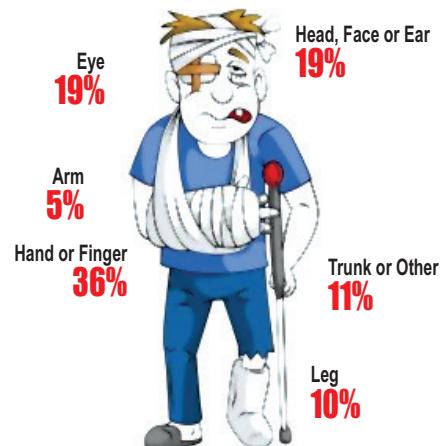
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PRACTICE PROPER FIREWORKS SAFETY

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using illegal fireworks. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 18,500 fires a year are caused by fireworks across the country. The Palatine Fire Prevention Division reminds residents that all fireworks, including the so-called 'safe' variety, are illegal in the Village of Palatine. Illegal fireworks classified as 'Approved Consumer Fireworks' include sparklers, cones including showers of sparks, fountains, repeaters/cakes, mines, comets, tubes, shells, fancy florals, and parachutes.



Fireworks Injuries by Body Part

'Prohibited Consumer Fireworks' are those that are illegal to use and possess in Illinois, but are legal in some neighboring states. These include sky lanterns, all hand-held fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers of any size or type, sky rockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, pin wheels, and planes. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks, which include devastating burns, eye injuries, fires, loss of appendages, and even death.

The following tips will help make a public display more enjoyable, as well as making it as safe as possible:

- Resist any temptation to get close to the actual firing site. The best viewing is from a quarter mile away.
- Pets have very sensitive ears, and the noise associated with a fireworks display can be uncomfortable to dogs especially; the best choice is to leave the dog at home.
- Although it rarely happens, it is possible that a firework component might fall to the ground without exploding. The public should be cautioned not to touch these fireworks and to contact 911 immediately.

The Palatine Fire Prevention Division encourages residents to have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July by participating only in public firework displays that are conducted by trained professionals.

VILLAGE OF PALATINE 2017-2018 VEHICLE STICKERS AND ANIMAL LICENSES MUST BE PURCHASED BY JUNE 30, 2017



Vehicle stickers and animal licenses are available for purchase online at palatine.il.us. Follow the instructions and your vehicle stickers and animal licenses will be mailed to you. They can also be purchased in person between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street, Palatine, 60067 or by mail (only checks will be accepted).

To avoid delay, residents are asked to consider purchasing online. The last day to purchase stickers and licenses without penalty is Friday, June 30 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall, or online until 11:59 p.m. To avoid penalties or citations for the 2017-2018 year, stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by June 30. Late fees will be charged beginning July 1, increasing the price to \$50 per vehicle sticker.

**Vehicle/Animal License
Online Purchase**

Village of Palatine Launches New Website

Have you seen the Village's new website? — Please visit palatine.il.us!

NOMINATE PROPERTIES FOR PALATINE HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARDS

The 2017 Hometown Pride Awards will honor residential and business properties in Palatine that display exceptional landscaping and curb appeal. Only the front of properties visible from the street will be evaluated. Criteria will include overall appearance, design, maintenance, color, and diversity. Judging will take place on Monday, July 24, 2017.

One 4"x 6" photograph (or digital photo) taken within the last 30 days must accompany the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the Village of Palatine website. Simply fill out the form, and enclose a photograph. Nominees can attach a digital photo and the nomination form and email both to ekoutas@palatine.il.us, or mail/drop off to the Department of Public Works c/o Hometown Pride Awards, 148 W. Illinois Avenue, Palatine, Illinois 60067 by **Friday, July 21, 2017**. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter.

For more information, and to download an entry form, visit palatine.il.us and search 'Hometown Pride Award.'



HOME CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELING PROJECT PLANNED THIS SUMMER?

If you are planning a residential construction project or remodeling project this summer, below are tips 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 these 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 materials generated from a commercial contractor will be collected.
- All loose building materials must be bagged or bundled and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Loose piles of building material 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 day by Groot, which is subject to a fee.

Special Collection Estimate

Residents looking to request a special collection 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 informed of the associated 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.

For questions, please contact the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9090** or Groot at **800-244-1977**.

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 our water quality compares to established Federal and State drinking water standards. The Village encourages customers to review this report, as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2016. In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, these reports will no longer be printed in the summer newsletter, but are available online.

To view the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit: palatine.il.us/assets/1/documents/2016CCR.pdf. Residents who would like a paper version may print one directly from the Village website, or request a copy from the Public Works Department by calling 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Farmers' Market Every Saturday through October 28

Palatine Train Station parking lot
(137 W. Wood Street)

The Sister Cities Association of Palatine invites residents to come out each Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for fresh farm produce, organic meats and eggs, breads, soaps, pet treats, sweets, crafts and more! Visit palatinesistercities.org for more information.



St. Nectarios Greek Fest Friday, June 23; Saturday, June 24; Sunday, June 25

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

This popular event has celebrated Greek culture for more than 30 years. Greek Fest features authentic Greek food, pastries, wine and beer, as well as dancing, music, live performances, games, and drive-through Greek food. Visit stnectariosgoc.org.

Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest Friday, June 30; Saturday, July 1 (parade); Sunday, July 2; Monday, July 3 (fireworks); and Tuesday, July 4 Community Park (262 E. Palatine Road)

The Palatine Jaycees are proud to host Hometown Fest, Palatine's 4th of July Celebration. Visit palatinejaycees.org for the most up-to-date information and schedules.



Palatine Township Health and Happiness Fair Wednesday, July 19 Palatine Township Center (721 S. Quentin Road)

Stop by between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 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.

FREE Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, August 5

Village Hall & Palatine Park District
(200 - 250 E. Wood Street)

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) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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.

Food Truck Frenzy

Friday, August 11

Family Aquatic Center Parking Lot
(262 E. Palatine Road)

Come on out and join the Palatine Park District from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an evening of food, music and fun! A variety of food trucks will be in the lot for your dining pleasure. Stick around after you eat for the final Sounds of Summer concert featuring Morry Sochat and the Special 20s at 8:00 p.m.



Downtown Palatine Street Fest

**Friday, August 25; Saturday, August 26;
Sunday, August 27**

Downtown Palatine
(Slade Street & Greeley Street)

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



Downtown Palatine Street Fest Sweet Pea Pet Parade (DPBA)

Sunday, August 27

Towne Square (Slade Street & Greeley Street)

The annual Sweet Pea Pet Parade is sponsored by DPBA members, The Music Room and Foxglove Cottage. The parade will step off at 11:30 a.m. on

Sunday, August 27 at Towne Square, at the intersection of Slade and Greeley Streets. Prizes will be awarded when the parade finishes at the Palatine Street Fest Main Stage. Pre-registration is required. Visit downtownpalatine.org for more information.

"An Art Affair Around the Square"

13th Annual Fine Arts Fair

**Saturday, September 9 and Sunday,
September 10**

Palatine Towne Square (150 W. Palatine Road)

The Palatine Jaycees are proud to present a fine arts festival celebrating the works of fine artisans from our community and beyond. Stop by Palatine Town Square from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to enjoy shopping, local music, local food and drink.

The Sweet Ride

Sunday, September 10

Morkes Chocolates
(1890 N. Rand Road and Various Palatine Businesses, Organizations)

The Sweet Ride is a Palatine chocolate bicycle tour that is a unique, non-competitive adventure that takes bicyclists throughout Palatine. Participants will stop at select locations and taste chocolate treats along the way. This event runs from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday, September 10. Visit morkeschocolates.com for more information.

Oktoberfest

**Friday, September 15; Saturday,
September 16; Sunday, September 17**

Downtown Palatine
(Smith Street & Wilson Street)

Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Rotary Club of Palatine in downtown Palatine!

Attendance is free and there will be German food, beer, wine and entertainment. Visit palatinerotary.com for the most up-to-date information and schedules.



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

RIVERS AND STREAMS BEGIN AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Even though you may live miles from a river or a stream, you could be polluting it without knowing it. Before you pour anything into the gutter or down the drain in your sink or shower, stop and think! Storm drains feed directly into channels, creeks, rivers and streams.

Did You Know...

- Anything we use in our home, car or business, such as paint, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners, can wind up in the street and end up in the storm drain. Storm drains, which are separate from our sewer system, are there to drain water off of the street - not for disposal of hazardous materials.
- Even a small amount of water from rain or a garden hose can carry automotive and household chemical materials through the storm drain, also polluting streams, rivers, and wetlands.
- Dumping one quart of motor oil down a storm drain contaminates 250,000 gallons of water.



Where Does It Go? These pollutants flow together on a journey from the storm drain to ditches, creeks, rivers, streams, and wetlands. This type of pollution is called Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution and is a serious threat to bodies of water.

What Is Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution? This water runoff refers to seasonal rainfall flows. It is very noticeable during a heavy rain storm when large volumes of water drain off paved areas. Urban runoff can happen at any time of the year when excessive water use from irrigation, car washing, and other sources carries litter, lawn clippings, and other urban pollutants into the storm drains. Even an automobile leaking motor oil that is miles away from a river or stream can end up polluting it.

Where Does Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution Come From?

- Automotive leaks and spills
- Improper disposal of used oil and other engine fluids
- Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers from lawns, gardens, and farms

- Improper disposal of cleaners, paint, and paint removers
- Soil erosion and dust debris from landscaping and construction activities
- Litter, lawn clippings, animal waste, and other organic matter
- Oil stains on parking lots and paved surfaces

Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution and Our Rivers and Streams

A Storm Water Management Plan developed by the Village of Palatine is available on the Village's website, which is a requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The Village's responsibilities involve encouraging the public to help protect water quality, monitoring runoff in the storm drain system, investigating illegal disposals, and maintaining storm drains. The support of Village residents, businesses and industries is needed to improve water quality and reduce the threat of Storm Water & Urban Runoff Pollution. The proper use and disposal of materials we use every day will help to stop this form of pollution before it reaches the storm drain, and our rivers and streams.

How Does Green Infrastructure Improve Climate Resiliency?

Green infrastructure strategies can help communities prepare for and manage climate change impacts.

Manage Flood Risk

Green infrastructure can help manage both localized and riverine floods by absorbing rainfall, preventing water from overwhelming pipe networks and pooling in streets or basements. Green infrastructure, open space preservation and floodplain management can complement gray infrastructure approaches by reducing the volume of storm water that flows into streams and rivers, protecting floodplain functions and reducing infrastructure and property damage. For more information, please visit the Village website at palatine.il.us and search 'Green Building Resources'.

To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Palatine Public Works Department at **847-705-5200**.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

An Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren System is an all-hazards siren system used to warn the general public of potential and/or imminent danger. During an emergency, the sirens may be activated for a set amount of time as determined by Village of Palatine officials.

What Do the Sirens Mean?

- Alert:** A single tone signifying an emergency alert. This signal may be used to inform the community of an emergency or disaster, including a severe storm, tornado warning (not a tornado watch), earthquake, chemical hazard or hazardous material incident (HAZMAT), extreme winds, or a biological hazard.
- Attack:** An up-and-down, rising and falling tone to signify there is a homeland security or attack emergency. This signal would be used if community officials were notified by federal and/or state government officials of an actual or impending attack on the local community.
- All Clear:** Many communities, including the Village of Palatine, do not use an All Clear signal. Tune in to local news agencies and stay alert for notifications from Village officials regarding the emergency.

Siren Test Times: Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 a.m.

What Should Residents do if the Sirens are Activated?

If the sirens are activated - and it is not a monthly siren test - the public should see it as a signal to seek shelter and tune in to **Palatine Emergency Management Agency radio station AM 1660** or **Palatine Television Channel 6** to obtain information about the type of emergency that is occurring, and instructions and/or recommendations. Residents should also monitor local media for real-time information and updates.

The public should not call 911 unless they have an actual emergency to report.



BARBECUE FOOD SAFETY BASICS

Bacteria in food multiplies 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.
- Do not 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, cook foods to proper temperatures and use a food thermometer. Hamburgers should be cooked to 160°F. If a thermometer is not available, make sure hamburgers are not pink, and brown all the way through. Chicken should be cooked to at least 165°F.
- Food should not be left out of the cooler or off the grill for more than two hours.
- Hot food should be kept at or above 140°F, and cold food should be held at or below 40°F.

For more information on food safety, please visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website at fda.gov or contact the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9090**.



TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST 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. Anyone can become infected with WNV, so it's important to take precautions against getting bitten by mosquitos.

Take precautions by practicing the three "R's" – REDUCE, REPEL AND REPORT:

REDUCE exposure: Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night. Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles. Change water in bird baths weekly.

REPEL: When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT: Contact the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at **847-537-2306** or visit nwmadil.com to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Dead Bird Reporting

The reporting of dead birds assists in the prevention, monitoring, and use of control measures to minimize the spread of WNV. Birds that meet the following criteria should be reported to the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9090** for collection and WNV testing:

- Only perching birds (Crows 10"-12" long, Blue Jays, Grackles, Robins, Cardinals, Sparrows, Starlings, Finch).
- Birds should not be dead longer than 24 hours and must be in good condition (i.e., no signs of attack, decay or road kill).

Dead birds not eligible for collection can be reported to the Cook County Department of Public Health WNV Hotline at **708-633-8025**. Any dead birds not collected, should be double bagged and disposed of in the garbage. Avoid handling any dead birds directly and always wash hands with soap and water after handling.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9090** or visit palatine.il.us and search, 'West Nile Virus'.



PALATINE JAYCEES HOMETOWN FEST

June 30 – July 4, 2017

PARADE JULY 1ST AT 11:00 AM • CRAFT SHOW JULY 1ST & 2ND • FIREWORKS JULY 3RD AT DUSK

Schedule subject to change

Friday June 30th

Kathleen A. Blanck Memorial
Special Needs Carnival
Carnival
Food Sales
Beverage Sales
Entertainment

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm
5:00 pm – 11:45 pm
5:00 pm – Midnight

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Triple Threat Band 5:00 pm
Mike Zabrin's Funtastic 7:30 pm
Cool Rockin' Daddies 10:00 pm



Saturday July 1st

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
Craft & Business Expo Noon – 8:00 pm
Food Sales Noon – 11:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 11:45 pm
Entertainment Noon – Midnight

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

AH School of Rock Noon
Glen Murschel 1:30 pm
Nothing Yet 3:30 pm
There Goes the Neighborhood 5:30 pm
Wall of Denial 7:30 pm
Maggie Speaks 10:00 pm



Sunday July 2nd

Carnival Noon – 10:00 pm
Craft & Business Expo Noon – 6:00 pm
Food Sales Noon – 10:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 9:45 pm
Entertainment Noon – 10:00 pm

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Castle Band Noon
TBD 1:30 pm
PidGin 3:00 pm
Serendipity 5:30 pm
Mike and Joe 8:00 pm



Monday July 3rd

Fireworks Dusk
Carnival Noon – 12:00 am
Food Sales 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 11:30 pm
Entertainment 5:00 pm – Midnight

MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Hot Rocks 5:00 pm
Jake Dodds 7:30 pm
Bucket #6 10:00 pm



Tuesday July 4th

Carnival Noon – 5:00 pm
Family Day 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Food Sales Noon – 5:00 pm
Beverage Sales Noon – 5:00 pm

www.hometownfest.org

Hometown Fest is brought to you by the Palatine Jaycees

PALATINE
JAYCEES



August, 25 - 27, 2017

FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, August 25

5 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday, August 26

11 a.m. - Midnight

Sunday, August 27

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

KIDS ZONE HOURS

Saturday, August 26

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



palatinestreetfest

www.palatinestreetfest.com

Email: streetfest@palatine.il.us

friday, august 25

MAIN STAGE Entertainment

Jack Higgins - 5:30 p.m.

Hairbanger's Ball - 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Banned - 10:00 p.m.



streetfest partners



* Only sponsors confirmed by date of publication included

saturday, august 26

Farmer's Market 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Palatine Train Station)



SATURDAY

- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Roving Magician**
Towne Square
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Balloon Artist**
Towne Square
- 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Kiddie Games**
Towne Square
- 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Face Painting**
Towne Square
- 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Bubbles**
Towne Square
- 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Theater Demonstration**
Towne Square
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Street Toss/Cornhole**
Street



sunday, august 27

Feet Fest 3K Family Fun Run/Walk 8:30 a.m.
Sweet Pea Pet Parade 11:30 a.m.
(departs from Town Square)



SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Kiddie Games**
Towne Square
- 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Face Painter**
Towne Square
- 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Balloon Artist**
Towne Square
- 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Bubbles**
Towne Square



Kids Zone

MAIN STAGE

Entertainment

Palatine Park District

Battle of Bands Winner (Adult) - 11:00 a.m.

Kevin Presbrey Band - 12:00 p.m.

Jimmy Nick & Don't Tell Mama - 1:30 p.m.

Hello Weekend - 4:00 p.m.

Sean & Charlie - 6:00 p.m.

Suburban Cowboys - 8:00 p.m.

Sister Hazel - 10:30 p.m.



MAIN STAGE

Entertainment

Palatine Park District

Battle of Bands Winner (Teen) - 11:00 a.m.

Well Known Strangers - 12:00 p.m.

Ten Foot Tail - 1:00 p.m.

Brass Buckle Band - 2:30 p.m.

7th Heaven - 4:00 p.m.



Visit palatinestreetfest.com

ALL EVENT INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Annual Greek Fest June 23-25

Greek Fest is sponsored by St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in Palatine. This annual Greek Festival is traditionally held the last full weekend in June and has been a celebration of Greek hospitality and culture for more than three decades.

Every summer, Greek Fest attracts thousands of guests to experience the Greek food and culture. Greek Fest features a variety of Greek foods, Gyros, Greek-style chicken, Souvlaki, pastries and loukoumades, authentic Greek taverna, vendor booths, children's activities, beer and wine, music, dancing and plenty of fun! Also, there is a food drive-thru and free shuttle service from remote parking areas.

Festival and Drive Thru Dates/Times:

Friday, June 23

4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Drive Thru open 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 25

12 p.m. to 11 p.m., Drive Thru open 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

Visit stnectariosgoc.org for more information



Enter the 10th annual scarecrow decorating contest as part of the Palatine Rotary Club's 2017 Oktoberfest Festival. Home Depot in Palatine will provide 20 scarecrow skeletons, so don't wait. **Call the Palatine Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to reserve one today!**

SCARECROW SKELETON PICK UP:

Starts Monday, August 21

Public Works Facility | 148 W. Illinois Ave

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 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 16. 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'



Festival Hours

Friday, August 25

5 p.m. - Midnight

Saturday, August 26

11 a.m. - Midnight

Sunday, August 27

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kids Zone

Saturday, August 26

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

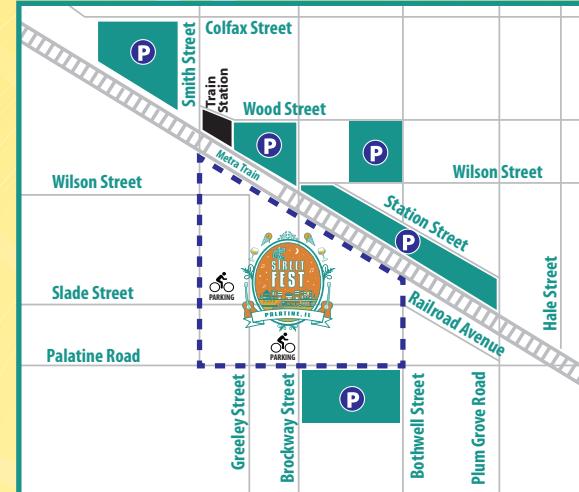
Park Free ALL Weekend

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.

Location: Downtown Palatine (Slade and Brockway Streets)

Visit palatinestreetfest.com



Rotary Club of Palatine's Oktoberfest



Downtown Corner of Smith and Slade Streets

Friday, September 15 | 5 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, September 16 | 12 p.m. to Midnight
Sunday, September 17 | 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 palatinerotary.com/oktoberfest.

ABOUT US

About Us is a new section that will highlight different services, departments and/or divisions within the Village of Palatine.

PALATINE FIRE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

The Palatine Fire Investigations Team is a specialized unit within the Palatine Fire Department. It is a joint team, made up of eight fire department members and two from the police department. The team has the ability to work jointly with neighboring fire departments, and at the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 1 level if called upon. MABAS is a joint agreement between several area fire departments, which provides emergency rapid response and assistance to sustain operations when a neighboring area experiences an overwhelming event.

The primary responsibility of the Fire Investigations Team is to determine the origin and cause of any fire in Palatine, in addition to other areas within the department's jurisdiction. Situations that call for an investigation include fires in structures, vehicles or on wildland. Additionally, three of the team members receive specialized training in identifying juvenile offenders who may be at risk for fire-starting behavior. The team also works to identify how fires can be prevented in the future.

The Fire Investigation Team works closely with the Village's Fire Prevention Division and Environmental Health Division, the State Fire Marshal, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and insurance companies. If a fire is found to be intentionally set, it is often prosecuted by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office with information provided as a result of the investigation.

Each member of the team is highly trained and must re-certify every four years through the Office of The State Fire Marshal. The Fire Investigation Team is the most actively called upon team in the Palatine Fire Department, and investigates roughly 35 fires each year.



RIDING A BICYCLE? WEAR A HELMET!

Summer is almost here, and that means many residents will be out riding bicycles throughout the Village. While bike riding offers health and environmental benefits, it can also bring safety dangers, including injuries and even death.

Each year, about 2% of vehicle crash deaths occur while people are riding bicycles. In a majority of bicyclist deaths, the most serious injuries are to the head. Helmet use can reduce the odds of head injury by 50%, and the odds of head, face or neck injury by 33%.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) offers the following tips when buying and fitting a bicycle helmet:

- 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.
- The helmet should not rock forward or backward, or side to side on the head.
- When buying a helmet for your child, make sure to buy one that fits their head, now. Do not buy a helmet for them to 'grow into'.



Helmets are the single most effective piece of safety equipment for riders of all ages. Please wear one to increase your safety while riding.

NEW BUSINESSES

Dining and Catering

Pho Son Ha
1316 N. Rand Road
(847) 485-7522
Restaurant

Salsa Street
1540 N. Rand Road
(224) 622-9826
Restaurant

Starbucks Coffee
234 N. Northwest Highway
(224) 246-0664
Coffee Shop

Professional Services

Car Fix
319 W. Colfax Street
(224) 629-1289
Auto Repair

Evolve Chiropractic
17 W. Wilson Street
(847) 496-4438
Health and Wellness

Irina Zaslavskaya Beauty & Spa
459 W. Northwest Highway
(847) 797-4880
Salon and Spa

**New Age Transportation,
Distribution & Warehousing**
220 N. Smith Street, Suite 102
(847) 545-1894
Third Party Logistics

Van Buren Advisors, LLC
110 N. Brockway Street, Suite 310
(847) 668-4696
Analytics Consulting

**A Closer Bond Dog
Community Center**
550 W. Wood Street, #300
(847) 358-7312
Dog Care Center

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PALATINE TO HOST ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, 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). This event will be held at Village Hall and the Palatine Park District Community Center, 200-250 E. Wood Street, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

SWANCC provides a variety of drop-off locations to assist residents from its member communities with the task of recycling banned electronics and other items, so potentially harmful and recoverable materials are diverted from landfills.

Electronics that are accepted by SWANCC include: answering machines, cable receivers, calculators, camcorders, cameras, cell phones, computer cables, computer monitors, computers (desktop, notebook, tablet), converter boxes, fax machines, microwaves, mice, keyboards, MP3 players, portable digital assistants (PDAs), power tools and cords, printers (multi-function

printers), satellite receivers, scanners, shredders, small home appliances (toasters, blenders), stereo equipment (no wood), telephones, televisions (all types), typewriters, video game consoles, video recorders/players, and zip drives.



Residents from Palatine and other SWANCC member communities are eligible to participate. Electronics will not be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools or institutions. Identification will be checked for verification of residency. Participants for this event are asked to bring only items that are listed above, and must be in a vehicle for items to be accepted.

For more information on SWANCC's recycling programs, or for other recycling information, please call **847-724-9205** or visit the website at swancc.org.

BLOOD DRIVE AT PALATINE VILLAGE HALL AUGUST 17



The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street, in Community Room B. The blood drive will be conducted by LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center.

The blood donation itself takes approximately 10-15 minutes, and the entire process from registration to post-donation refreshments takes about one hour. For more information about the donation process, or to schedule an appointment to give blood, please contact

LifeSource at **877-543-3768** or visit lifesource.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Did You Know?

- Approximately 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood.
- Less than 10% of the U.S. population donates blood.
- Each year, 4.5 million Americans will die without life-saving blood transfusions.
- Every two seconds, someone needs blood.

Residents can mark their calendars for an additional blood drive at Village Hall on Thursday, October 19, 2017, which will also be held from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

See the following chart as a reminder for acceptable and non-acceptable items to place in your recycling cart for curbside collection.

PLACE IN RECYCLING CONTAINER	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
PAPER 	Includes newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, cardboard boxes, aseptic cartons to include milk, juice and soup containers, cereal/food boxes and paper egg cartons. Flatten all boxes.	Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers. DO NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper, or paper coated with food, wax or foil.
PLASTIC 	Plastic containers numbered 1-5 and 7. Caps can be left on empty bottles. Labels do not need to be removed.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hoses or pools.
METAL 	Includes clean aluminum, tin and steel cans, foil trays and empty aerosol cans. Labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.	Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries or auto parts.
GLASS 	Rinse glass bottles and jars to include clear, amber, blue and green glass. Labels do not need to be removed.	DO NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bakeware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window or auto glass.



Plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and tied closed. Recycle them at your nearest participating grocery or retail store.

Items on the NOT ACCEPTABLE list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart or bin.

NO auto parts NO combustibles NO holiday lights NO toys
 NO batteries NO foam NO needles/syringes NO utensils
 NO clothes hangers NO food/garbage NO paint cans NO wires

NO Household Chemical Waste. Visit swancc.org for information on proper disposal.

What about items listed as not acceptable? Items on the not acceptable list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart. For items that cannot be recycled curbside, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's (SWANCC) Green Pages: 'Refuse and Recycling Directory' at swancc.org for recycling and reuse opportunities.

What about Plastic #6 PS plastic? Many recycling programs on a national level no longer include #6 PS plastic, known as Polystyrene/Styrofoam. According to industry experts, #6 PS plastic is not easily recycled because it is mostly air, is often coated with food contaminants, and can cost more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of competitive markets, and high transportation costs.

What about plastic bags? Plastic bags and wrappers should not be placed in your recycling cart. Recycle plastic bags at your nearest participating grocery or retail store. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org and type in your zip code for available locations.

For more recycling information, contact the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9090**, or to upgrade the size of your recycling cart, contact Groot Industries at **800-244-1977**.

NEW BUSINESSES

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Professional Services

Hair Designs by Nina

1577 N. Quentin Road

(847) 243-3996

Hair Salon

PMMC

505 S. Vermont Street

(847) 999-4159

Audio Visual

Susan Yarwood Hair Design

1577 N. Quentin Road

(847) 345-8664

Hair Salon

Unique Indoor Comfort

653 S. Vermont Street

(847) 359-5100

HVAC Contractor

Victoria Travel & Taxes

2001 N. Rand Road, Unit F

(847) 241-5034

Travel & Taxes

Wellness Roots

329 S. Greenwood Avenue,

Suite 101

(847) 409-0725

Wellness Coach

Retail and Sales

Flash Tan

706 W. Euclid Avenue

(630) 324-8589

Tanning Salon

Auto Amigos Group & Services

2240 N. Rand Road

(224) 388-1862

Used Car Dealership

CAR BURGLARY: ARE YOU GOING TO BE THE NEXT VICTIM?

Car burglaries are a 'crime of opportunity' so eliminate the opportunity - and you have eliminated the crime! As in most surrounding communities, crime has no boundaries.

Did you know that there were 134 reported Burglary to Motor Vehicle incidents in Palatine during 2016 alone? In approximately 80% of those cases, residents left their vehicles unlocked prior to the burglary.

Before leaving a vehicle, residents are reminded to follow two easy steps:

- Remove all valuables from the vehicle; at the very least secure the valuables where a criminal cannot see them (trunk, glove box, etc.).
- Secure the vehicle by locking the doors. There is a reason all vehicles are equipped with locks.

Take these appropriate, and easy steps to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a property crime. Call 911 immediately to report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity. For more information or for questions, contact Crime Prevention at **847-359-9061**.

Smoke and CO detectors do not last forever. When you test your smoke or CO detector, you are only checking the power supply and the audible alarm, not the sensor. The sensor is functioning within your detector 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Over time, these sensors become less effective and fall below the industry minimum standards. Codes require smoke detectors be replaced within 10 years of the manufacture date and CO detectors within seven years of the manufacture date. All detectors should be replaced when the end of life alarm sounds or if they fail to function properly when tested.

Owner and Tenant Responsibilities for Detectors

Owner

- Supply and install all required detectors.
- Confirm all detectors are functioning properly when tenant takes possession.
- Confirm the end of life date has not passed for all detectors.

Tenant

- Test detectors.
- Replace batteries.
- Notify owner in writing of any deficiencies.
- Provide owner access to correct deficiencies.

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS

The State of Illinois mandates that residential smoke detectors be installed within 15 feet of all bedrooms, and on each floor level of a home. These detectors can save lives, provided the batteries are replaced on a regular basis. To help remind residents to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, the Palatine Fire Department consistently issues the public message, "change your clocks, change your batteries" during daylight saving time in the spring and the fall.

Since January 1, 2002, the State of Illinois has required smoke detectors in all newly constructed or substantially remodeled dwellings. These detectors are also required to be installed in each bedroom, within 15 feet of all bedrooms, and on each floor level of the home. Smoke detectors are also required to be interconnected into the structure's AC power, in such a manner that if one detector activates, they all will activate. As of January 1, 2007, CO detectors have been required to be installed within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes, in every home.

If Your Detector Sounds

- If it is a steady alarm, make sure everyone in the home is alerted and exits the home.
- If the detector makes a single intermittent alarm (single chirp) and the detector is battery-powered or has a battery back-up, replace the battery. Detectors are designed to activate in this manner when the battery power is getting low.
- If the detector makes a series of chirps (three or four) check the fault codes listed on the back of the detector. This fault code may be indicating the detector has reached the end of its life or that it is defective. In either case, it needs to be replaced.
- If the source of the activation cannot be immediately identified, evacuate and request the Fire Department by dialing 911.
- Never re-enter a house until the Fire Department has determined it is safe to do so.



Replacement of Detectors

Items to Consider

- When purchasing a smoke or CO detector, look for proof it has been tested by a national testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).
- Always follow the manufacturer's directions for installation.
- Detectors powered by the household electric current are required to have a battery back-up, in the event there is a power failure.
- Do not paint the detector.

The Palatine Fire Prevention Division is ready to answer any questions regarding the purchase or operation of detectors. Residents are encouraged to call **847-359-9029** for more information.

LEARN HOW TO COMPOST IN YOUR BACKYARD: IT'S EASY!

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, food is now the single largest type of waste going to America's municipal landfills and incinerators. More than 33 million tons of food is wasted each year. When food is discarded in landfills, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Americans throw away up to 40% of their food, an average of 20 pounds per person each month. Much of this wasted food is surplus, wholesome and edible food that could have helped those in need. Food waste makes up about 12% of what is thrown away.

Composting is nature's way of recycling. Composting converts organic materials, including food scraps (such as fruits and vegetables) and yard waste trimmings (like leaves, grass and small tree branches) into a dark, earthy-smelling soil conditioner, thereby preserving valuable nutrient-rich organic resources. Additionally, composting can save money by lowering disposal costs and replacing store-bought fertilizers. Compost also saves water by helping the soil hold moisture, reducing water runoff. Composting can make a significant contribution to achieving waste reduction goals, especially if organic waste comprises a large proportion of your waste stream.

A properly constructed compost pile is needed to minimize nuisances (such as odors) and achieve a quality finished compost. Section 10.3.8 of the Palatine Code of Ordinances regulates the location, construction and maintenance of compost piles. The following is a summary of those requirements:

- Size of compost bins should be limited to 4'x4'x4'.
- A maximum of three (3) compost bins shall be allowed on residential properties.
- Bins need to be made of commercial grade material, and barrel type containers are also acceptable.
- Yard waste should primarily make up compost piles.
- Items that are prohibited include: oils, grease, lard, meat, bones, fish, dairy products, human or animal waste and inorganic materials.
- All compost piles shall be enclosed in a freestanding compost bin and be maintained to deter pests.
- Compost bins are allowed only in rear yards of residential properties, and must be set back 5 feet from rear and side property lines, and 25 feet away from neighboring homes.

Composting is easy with some basic guidelines. To learn more about backyard composting and tips for success, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) website at swancc.org/recycling/composting/outdoor-composting and view additional resources.

THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms can develop quickly and occur with little to no warning. Heavy winds and lightning caused by storms can cause extended power outages, uprooted trees, landslides, and downed or broken utility lines.

Additionally, heavy rains can also cause flash floods.



Familiarize Yourself with the Following Terms to Stay Alert and Prepared:

- **Tornado Watch:** Conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.
- **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been reported by spotters, or National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists have determined that one is about to form in the next several minutes. Go to a substantial shelter immediately.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms containing large hail and damaging wind.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Large hail and/or damaging wind has been reported by spotters, or is about to develop. Go to a substantial shelter immediately.

During the Storm

- Avoid handling or being near metal, electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets or sinks because electric current from lightning can travel through wires and pipes.
- If you are outside, take cover in a stable facility. Avoid taking shelter under trees.
- Tune in to local TV/radio channels for emergency advisories and instructions.
- Avoid walking through water that has seeped into your home; it may contain hazardous materials.
- If you are asked to evacuate your home, follow instructions given to you by emergency personnel.
- Call the Public Works Department to report fallen trees, tree limbs, clogged catch basins or flooded streets at **847-705-5200**.
- Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines; report them to 911.

After the Storm

- Assess your immediate environment.
- Report fallen trees, flooded streets, or damaged public utilities to the Public Works Department at **847-705-5200**.
- Stay tuned to local weather stations for updated information.

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4
In Observance of the Fourth of July Holiday

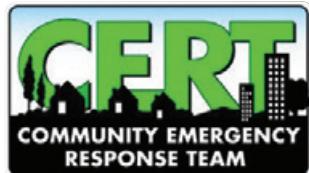
Monday, September 4
In Observance of Labor Day

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING



Take an active role in emergency preparedness for your home, your neighborhood, your workplace, and your community! Learn to solve problems, connect with others, and save lives by getting involved with

Palatine's Community Emergency Response Team, also known as CERT.

Emergency preparedness training is critical to ensuring that communities are ready to respond to natural disasters such as tornados, floods, or man-made emergency situations including terrorism and public health threats. Beyond assisting in critical emergencies, CERT members are also encouraged to take an active role in ongoing emergency preparedness projects within the community. Training concludes with attendees participating in a mock disaster drill, and upon successful completion, each will receive a FEMA Certificate of Graduation.

What is CERT Training?

CERT training is a realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations, where the actions of citizens can make a real difference if a disaster were to occur. One goal of the CERT program is to help people who do not have previous training, to respond to others in an effective and efficient manner, without placing themselves or others in unnecessary danger. During CERT training, students receive classroom and hands-on instruction in disaster preparedness, including set-up of treatment areas, HAZMAT and fire safety, as well as light search and rescue instruction. Additionally, disaster psychology and disaster medical operations including triage, treating life-threatening injuries, and basic first aid are also covered.

CERT training will be held at Harper College from September 11 through October 2, 2017, and classes will be held Mondays through Wednesdays, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For more information and to register, please visit harpercollege.edu/ce.

BEWARE OF SCAMS AIMED AT SENIOR CITIZENS

The Palatine Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit consistently works to educate our residents about the many scams that target our senior citizens. Just recently, one resident was scammed out of \$4,000 when a person on the phone claimed to be her grandson in need of money. Despite the best efforts to prevent these situations, police continue to see an increase in the number of fraud reports made regarding these victims. Below are some tips to keep in mind:

Don't EVER pay to collect sweepstakes/lottery winnings: Legitimate prizes don't require you to pay insurance, taxes, processing, or shipping and handling charges.

Hold on to your hard-earned money: Scammers pressure people to purchase gift cards or wire money because it is the same as sending cash. Once the scam is discovered, there is very little chance of recovering stolen funds. Do not send personal checks, gift cards, or money orders, or read the number on a gift card to anyone over the phone.

Screen your calls: By allowing an answering machine to screen phone calls, residents will be able to take the time to stop and think about the information being communicated. Many

times, when individuals are 'on the spot' there is pressure to be cooperative and answer questions.

Verify the caller: If someone calls claiming an individual must pay money or send gift cards, hang up and call a trusted friend or family member, tell them what happened, and discuss it further. Scammers will lie to steal from their victims, and can disguise where they are calling from. Scammers often identify themselves as a loved one, or as calling on behalf of one, so always confirm by calling family first.

File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP or at ftc.gov if a caller claims to be a government representative trying to arrange the collection of sweepstakes winnings. Residents can also sign up for 'Scam E-mail' alerts at consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts.

Senior citizens have lost thousands of dollars to these types of scams this year alone. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Call the Palatine Police Crime Prevention Unit with questions at **847-359-9061**, or dial **911** to file a police report if you or someone you know has been the victim of fraud.