

VILLAGE *of* PALATINE

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Have you ever wondered what a fire engine looks like up close, how to use a firehose, or what a fire station looks like? Now is your chance! Mark your calendar for the annual Palatine Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 84, located at 220 W. Illinois Avenue.

Families are invited to take a tour of the fire station and get up close with the equipment used to keep the citizens of Palatine safe. Children can take part in many fun and exciting activities like spraying a firehose, trying on firefighting gear, or exploring the inside of a fire engine. This is a great opportunity to meet your local firefighters, witness live educational demonstrations, and learn more about the services the Fire Department provides for the community.

Participants at this family-friendly event will include the Palatine Police Department, NICOR, ComEd, Northwest Community Hospital, St. Alexis Medical Center, Northwest Central Dispatch, and the Palatine Emergency Management Agency among others who provide critical services to the Palatine community.

The Fire Department Open House is an event the entire community can enjoy while learning valuable fire safety tips. The Palatine Fire Department looks forward to seeing you there!



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PARKING VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

The Village's Code of Ordinances contains several regulations related to parking vehicles on residential property, including the types of vehicles that can be parked and where they may be located. The following list provides a brief summary of the Village's regulations regarding commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, parking surfaces, and parking over a sidewalk:

- **Commercial Vehicles:** Commercial vehicles include any vehicle used by or for a business/service which may or may not contain any signage or advertising. A commercial vehicle, 22 feet or less in length, may only be parked in a side or rear yard and effectively screened by a densely planted hedge, wall, or fence at least 4 feet in height, but not more than 6 feet in height. Commercial vehicles may also be parked in a totally enclosed garage, provided the vehicle is owned or used by the occupant. Any commercial vehicle over 22 feet in length must be parked in a garage.

- **Recreational Vehicles and Boats:** A recreational vehicle or boat on a trailer 22 feet or less in length may only be parked in a side or rear yard and effectively screened by a densely planted hedge, wall, or fence at least 4 feet in height, but not more than 6 feet in height. Recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers may also be parked in a totally enclosed garage, provided the vehicle is

owned or used by the occupant. Any recreational



vehicle, boat, or trailer over 22 feet in length must be parked in a garage.

- **Parking on Paved Surfaces:** Village Code requires that all vehicles be parked on paved surfaces (vehicles CANNOT be parked on grass, dirt, or gravel). Residents must obtain a building permit prior to the construction of any new or enlarged parking area, as the Village Code contains regulations regarding lot coverage, driveway width, and setbacks.

- **Parking Over a Sidewalk:** Village Code states parking is prohibited over any public sidewalk, except for vehicles parked on private driveways, which are permitted to overhang a public sidewalk at night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on days when the Village's snow removal ordinance is in effect. Please obey this regulation to respect the rights and safety of pedestrians.

Vehicles that are parked in violation of the regulations outlined above may be subject to applicable fines, ranging from \$50 to \$750 per day. For questions or concerns regarding parking on residential properties, please contact the Village's Planning & Zoning Department at **847-359-9042**.

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



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CHANGE CLOCKS, CHANGE BATTERIES, CHANGE LIFE-SAVING DEVICES

Smoke alarms are a proven life-saving device. These alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly 50%. Daylight Saving Time presents the perfect opportunity to check the batteries in home smoke alarms.

There should be at least one smoke alarm outside of each sleeping area, inside each sleeping room, and on every floor of the home. All smoke alarms should be inspected and tested on a monthly basis.

Properly installed and working smoke alarms will provide an early warning and help to increase the chances of survival for residents whose home is on fire.

Smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old are no longer considered reliable. The Palatine Fire Department urges all residents to determine how old their smoke alarms are (the date of manufacture is located on the back of the alarm.) If they're 10 years old or older, replace the smoke alarm immediately! This includes smoke alarms that use 10-year batteries and/or are hardwired.

Consider the following:

- Each day across the country, on average three children die in house fires—which equals roughly 1,100 children each year. About 3,600 children are injured in house fires each year and 90% of child fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.
- Although smoke alarms are in 92% of American homes, nearly one-third don't work because of old or missing batteries.
- Lack of awareness can have deadly consequences: nearly two-thirds (65%) of all home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Daylight Saving Time is also an opportune time to test, check batteries and check the age of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in the home, which also should be replaced every five to seven years. These devices help to detect CO, which is called the invisible killer because it is odorless and colorless.

The Palatine Fire Department encourages families to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when changing the clocks on or before Daylight Saving Time, which is on November 4, 2018.



BECOME A PEMA VOLUNTEER

The Palatine Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) is made up of citizen volunteers who receive ongoing training to assist the Village of Palatine in the case of emergencies and disasters—whether they are natural or manmade. Its mission is to provide the highest level of emergency services to Palatine residents and visitors, by identifying hazards and vulnerabilities within the Village's corporate limits. PEMA members are called upon to mitigate the effects of preparing for, responding to, and recovering from, emergencies and disasters.

PEMA prides itself on providing ongoing emergency preparedness training to its staff and residents, understanding that an educated and trained public is paramount to lessen the effects that a disaster may have on the community. These highly trained volunteers act as second responders to Palatine Police, Fire and Public Works personnel.

Volunteer members are assigned to a variety of teams including:

- Auxiliary Communications Team
- Emergency Response Team
- Fire Rehabilitation Team
- Medical Reserve Corps
- Disaster Animal Response Team
- Search and Rescue Team

PEMA is currently accepting applications to become a volunteer with the agency. For additional information, please visit PEMA.palatine.il.us or email PEMA@palatine.il.us.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Palatine Farmers' Market: Enjoy it Year-Round!

Palatine Metra Station and Parking Lot, 137 W. Wood Street

More than 30 vendors will continue to showcase their wares, products and services at the Summer Farmers' Market in the Metra Station parking lot every Saturday through October 27, 2018. The vendors return the first and third Saturdays for the Winter Farmers' Market held inside the Metra Station from November 3, 2018 through April 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Visit palatinesistercities.org for more information.

Summer Market: Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. through October 27, 2018 Metra Station Parking Lot

Winter Market: First and third Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting November 3, 2018, through April 20, 2019 Inside the Metra Station



Business Expo and Community Showcase

Saturday, November 10, 2018
from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Falcon Park Recreation Center, 2195 Hicks Road, Palatine

The Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 2nd annual Business Expo and Community Showcase. This family-friendly event will include more than 70 business vendors, live demonstrations from area organizations and businesses, a children's activity area, entertainment throughout the day, giveaways, a 50/50 cash raffle, basket raffles and concessions available for purchase. The Chamber of Commerce is accepting vendors until October 1, 2018. For more information, visit palatinechamber.com or call 847-359-7200.



Rotary Club of Palatine Ocktoberfest

**Friday, September 14 through
Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Corner of Smith and Slade Streets in Palatine

Ocktoberfest is managed by the Palatine Rotary Club and is an authentic German celebration held at the corner of Smith and Slade Streets. Admission is free and attendees can enjoy German music, food and family-friendly activities. For a complete schedule of events, visit palatinerotary.com/Ocktoberfest or email Ocktoberfest@palatinerotary.com.



Holidays on the Town

**Friday, November 16, 2018
from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**

Downtown Palatine, shops and storefronts

The Downtown Palatine Business Association (DPBA) presents the yearly Holidays on the Town event to get you into the holiday spirit! Purchase a Passport for just \$5 at all DPBA member locations and take a ride around downtown Palatine in the DPBA Holiday Trolley! Enjoy special offers and sales, as well as hors d'oeuvres and wine tastings at select locations. Visit downtownpalatine.org for more information.



Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Towne Square, Slade and Greeley Streets

Kick off the holiday season and come admire the beautiful holiday lights while enjoying seasonal music, cookies and hot chocolate and the lighting of the Palatine holiday tree. Children will also have an opportunity to take a photo with Santa!



Do you want to help Mayor Schwantz and Santa light the holiday tree? Simply submit a one-page letter about the importance of the holiday season by November 9, 2018 for a chance to be selected.

Please send letters to:

Tree Lighting, Village of Palatine
200 E. Wood Street
Palatine, IL 60067



HIRING CONTRACTORS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY WORK

Home improvement projects may seem like a daunting task, but there are various steps a homeowner can take to ensure hired contractors are legitimate and insured.

When looking for a contractor:

- Check with the Illinois Attorney General and Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been made against them.
- Ask for recommendations from friends, family and other people whom the contractor has done similar work for.
- Obtain at least three written in-home estimates from contractors based on the same work so you can make meaningful comparisons.

Before signing any work contracts:

- Be wary of any business using a post office box, private mailbox or suites instead of a local business address.
- Be sure the contractor has the required personal liability, property damage and worker's compensation insurance for their workers and subcontractors.
- Make copies of all proof of insurance from the contractor.
- Check with your insurance company to determine if you are covered for any injuries or damages that may occur.
- Insist on a written contract. The contract should include all work to be completed, the quality of materials, warranties, timetable, total price of the job and schedule of payments.



ROTARY CLUB OF PALATINE OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION IS SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018

Oktoberfest is an authentic German celebration held in downtown Palatine, which is hosted and managed by the Palatine Rotary Club. This popular event is held at the corner of Smith and Slade Streets and admission is free. German music, food and activities are provided for the entire family. Raffles are also held to help support local charities and community projects and funds raised are donated to support organizations which serve the Palatine community.



Schedule of Events

Friday, September 14, 5:00 p.m. – Midnight

Opening Ceremonies at 5:00 p.m.

Phenix performing at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15, Noon – Midnight

Oktoberfest Family Bike Ride hosted by Bike Palatine Club

Free Registration: 11:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Bike Ride: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(corner of Smith and Slade Streets)

Family Day activities from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Die Musikmeisters performing at 3:30 p.m.

Phenix performing at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16, Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Die Musikmeisters performing at noon

Johnny Wagner performing at 3:00 p.m.

View a complete schedule of events, and learn more about The Rotary Club of Palatine, at palatinerotary.com/Oktoberfest or email oktoberfest@palatinerotary.com.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS

There will be two regular leaf collections scheduled between Monday, October 15, 2018, and Thursday, November 8, 2018, for each Palatine single-family residence. All raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pick up no later than 7:00 a.m. on scheduled days, but no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection.

There will be only one pass down each street during scheduled collection days as the large volume of leaves makes it impossible for trucks to return a second time.

Leaf collection is a two-step process. Crews collect leaves with a machine, then the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris. Street cleanup takes longer than leaf pickup due to the slower pace of the sweeper machine.

Refer to the map and schedule to determine your zone and two-day schedule.

Public Works has scheduled the week of Monday, November 12, 2018, as the final leaf pickup opportunity for all Palatine single-family residences. All zones must have the final collection of leaves out on the street by 7:00 a.m. on that day. Crews will start the final pickup on Monday and continue throughout the week until all the leaves have been collected. Again, only one pass down each street will be made.

Important Reminders

- Avoid parking over a pile of leaves because a warm car can ignite leaves underneath it and create a fire hazard.
- Do not park on the street during pickup days because vehicles block the curb for leaf collection equipment.
- Do not rake leaves around the edges of cul-de-sac islands because the equipment cannot make small enough turns around the islands. Rake them to the residential curbside.
- Please clean leaves from neighborhood storm sewer inlets to help prevent flooding during rain. Rake leaves into the street about 12 inches from the curb to allow for drainage.
- Rake leaves into the street on the pavement. Leaves raked just over the curb or on the parkway cannot be picked up. Streets without curbs should have leaves piled as close to the shoulder of the road as possible, without hindering vehicular traffic.
- Do not include non-leaf material (grass clippings, branches, dirt, etc.) because they can damage equipment and cause safety issues. Piles with any debris besides leaves will be left at the curb.

Timing is Everything

Do not rake leaves into the street too early. Piles left accumulating for several days before the scheduled pickup can be carried away by wind or rain, and block storm sewer inlets which could cause flooding in yards or basements. Please be patient if crews run behind schedule. Weather, equipment problems, and the amount of leaves to pick up may slow down the collection process, but crews will be there to pick up the leaves.

Can You Schedule Later Pickups?

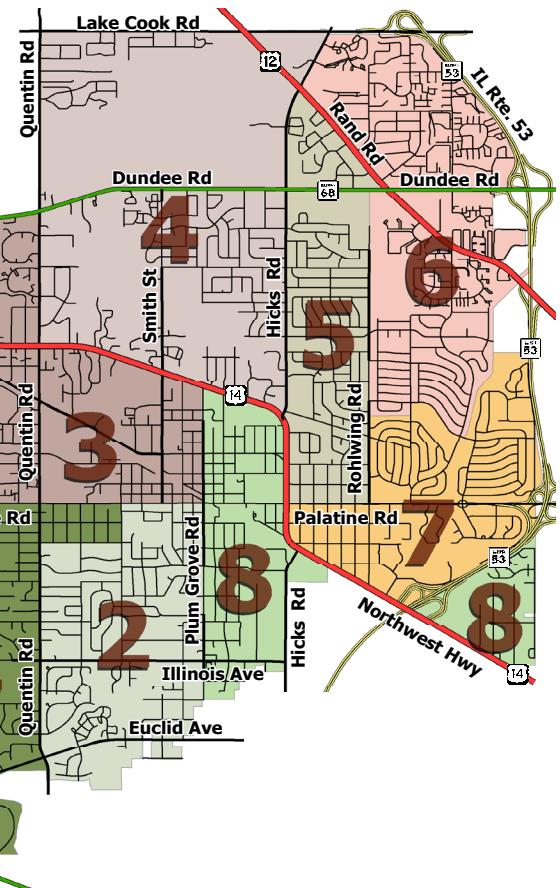
The timing of the collection schedule is driven by having the equipment ready for snow removal. All the trucks collecting leaves,

Zone Day/Date

1	Mon., Oct. 15
	Mon., Oct. 29
2	Tues., Oct. 16
	Tues., Oct. 30
3	Wed., Oct. 17
	Wed., Oct. 31
4	Thur., Oct. 18
	Thur., Nov. 1
5	Mon., Oct. 22
	Mon., Nov. 5
6	Tues., Oct. 23
	Tues., Nov. 6
7	Wed., Oct. 24
	Wed., Nov. 7
8	Thur., Oct. 25
	Thur., Nov. 8

ALL ZONES

Mon., Nov. 12



including the end loaders, are part of the front-line snow removal equipment. It is a lengthy process to prepare the trucks, which includes installing the nose plow equipment, inspecting and modifying the underbelly plows under the trucks (which stay on year-round), applying liquid calcium to the road salt, and installing and calibrating the liquid calcium tanks and salt spreaders. The entire conversion takes as long as two weeks as there are more than 20 pieces of equipment to transition over to snow removal. Therefore, leaf pickups cannot be made any later than the current schedule. Crews begin converting the equipment during the week of Thanksgiving, after the final collection week of November 12. The Village will monitor the weather and announce if weather will allow for an additional all zone sweep.

In Case of Snow

An early snowfall seriously hampers leaf collection efforts. Leaves raked to the curb will most likely be plowed back onto the parkway. Public Works will make every attempt to collect leaves raked back into the street.

Bag Leaves for Pickup Option

Residents have the option to collect fallen leaves in paper yard waste bags and place them on the curbside for weekly household refuse pickup. This flexible option works well for those who do not want to commit to the scheduled leaf collection program. Final scheduled pickup for curbside bagged yard waste and bundled brush will occur the week of December 10, 2018.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at **847-705-5200**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or visit palatine.il.us and search 'leaf collection'.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



PALATINE TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS: Wednesday, October 31 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Halloween is a holiday that many children look forward to, but there are a number of safety tips that both parents and children should review in order to ensure it is a safe and fun day for all. Please see the tips below:

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, observing traffic signals and using crosswalks.
- Look left, right and keep looking both ways as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up, and walk - don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children they should not dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Trick-or-Treat with an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision. If parents allow children to go out without supervision, they should request children stick to familiar areas that are well lit, and trick-or-treat in groups.



Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and trick-or-treat bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and to be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the correct size to prevent trips and falls.



Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside the car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.



Source: safekids.org



NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION



Early Voting: October 22 – November 5, 2018
Election Day Polls Open: 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Register to vote at Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street, now through October 9, 2018, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Two forms of identification are required. Options for voter registration continue through Election Day. Village Hall will be an early voting site beginning Monday, October 22, through Monday, November 5, including weekends.

For more information regarding key dates, voter registration options, early voting sites and more, visit palatine.il.us and search 'November election' or call Village Hall at 847-359-9051. Residents can also visit the Cook County Clerk's website at cookcountyclerk.com.

FEBRUARY CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION

A curbside brush collection for single-family residences will occur ONLY ONCE during the winter season in February of 2019. All loose brush must be set out at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Brush Collection Guidelines

- Brush must be eight inches or less in diameter to accommodate the chipper.
- Firewood, tree stumps, and root balls will not be accepted due to potential damage to the chipper.
- Clean Christmas trees (without lights or decorations) will be accepted.
- Cut ends of limbs must face the street, with branches as long as possible.

Crews will pass down each street just once. Piles set out after February 4 will be left at the curb. If amounts of brush are excessive, the collection may take the entire week to finish. The collection may also be delayed due to snow. The Village will monitor the weather conditions and announce any changes, or if the collection week will be rescheduled, on the website at palatine.il.us, in the E-news communication that is emailed out on Friday mornings (sign up to receive this notification at palatine.il.us and select 'Notify Me') and on the Facebook page at facebook.com/VillageofPalatine/.

BEWARE OF DANGEROUS ICE CONDITIONS

Changing temperatures during the winter months have the potential to create deceiving and dangerous ice conditions on our local ponds and lakes that may make them unsafe to stand on or walk over. The Palatine Fire Department would like all residents to remember the below safety precautions and helpful information when winter arrives.

- Never leave a child or pet unattended around icy bodies of water.
- Always keep pets on a leash so they can't venture onto the ice.
- If a pet falls through the ice, **do not attempt to rescue it**. Call 911 for help.
- Ice seldom freezes or thaws at a uniform rate. It can be safe in one area and dangerously thin in another.

If You or Someone Else Falls Through the Ice

If you fall through the ice, try not to panic. Place your hands and arms onto the ice and place your body against the ice. Kick hard with your legs and try to pull yourself out of the water and onto the ice. When you get onto the ice, remain lying down and try to roll away from the hole and crawl back towards the shore.

What should you do if you see someone fall through ice? The most important thing you can do is to call 911 immediately. Getting help on the way early can be the difference between life and death. If you decide to take action remember to "Reach, Throw, and Go". Try to reach the person with a pole, ladder, tree branch or another long object. You can try to throw a rope, jumper cables, a life vest or similar item to the person in the water and pull them to safety. The most dangerous thing you can do is to go out onto the ice and try to make a rescue. The ice has already broken from the weight of the first person and will most likely break when you go out on it too.

The Palatine Fire Department has 15 certified rescue divers and a variety of specialty equipment for performing ice and water rescues. The Department is committed to providing the highest level of service to our residents and guests in our community. Please remember to be safe around (or what appears to be) frozen bodies of water.

KEEP THE WREATH RED

The Palatine Fire Department will again be participating in the annual 'Keep the Wreath Red' holiday safety program. This public-safety campaign began in the mid 1950s to increase fire safety awareness during the holiday season.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, on the outside of each of the Village's five fire stations, a wreath will be decorated only in red lights. In the event of a holiday-related fire, firefighters will exchange a red bulb with a white bulb. The hope is that when residents pass the wreaths, they will consider potential fire safety issues in the home and take the time to correct them. Some safety considerations include:

- Check all holiday lighting for wear or damaged wiring and replace as needed.
- Use indoor/outdoor lighting and extension cords where they are intended for use.
- Do not run lighting or extension cords through windows, doors or across sidewalks.
- Do not overload electrical cords. If it is hot, it is overloaded!
- Turn off all holiday lighting prior to leaving the home or going to bed.
- If displaying a live tree, use a sturdy tree stand and water the tree often.
- Keep the tree, wreaths and all holiday decorations away from any heat source such as fireplaces, space heaters, candles and heating ducts.
- Make sure smoke alarms are tested and in good working order with fresh batteries.
- Check the age of all smoke alarms. If they are more than 10 years old, replace them.
- Keep and maintain a Carbon Monoxide alarm near all bedrooms.
- Use only sturdy candle holders and only place candles on firm, uncluttered surfaces. Do not place candles in windows near blinds and curtains.
- Have fireplaces and wood-burning stoves cleaned regularly.

All of the members of the Palatine Fire Department wish residents a safe and happy holiday season.

SISTER CITIES OF PALATINE HOSTS TWO PERFORMANCES BY OLIVIER LEBLEU IN OCTOBER

PARDON MY FRENCH! is a musical performance and history of popular songs of the 1940s-1970s and will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Cutting Hall, 150 E. Wood Street. To purchase tickets, call the box office at **847-202-5222**.

CONSUELO VANDERBILT BALSAN: GRANDEUR & GRACE is the colorful life in stories and photos of an American Heiress and Duchesse. This performance will be on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Palatine Library, 700 N. North Court. To reserve a seat, call **847-358-5881**.

The French writer, historian, translator and performer who was born in 1966, Olivier Lebleu lives in La Rochelle, France. He has authored biographies, novels, plays and histories. A regular visitor to Illinois, Lebleu celebrates his love of popular songs shared by France and the US in PARDON MY FRENCH! He performs hit songs, mixing English and French lyrics, and by offering context and translation, Lebleu gives insight into both American and French traditions and cultures. For more information visit palatinesistercities.org.



PALATINE TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM (TRT)

The Technical Rescue Team (TRT) is comprised of 15 highly trained members of the Palatine Fire Department who respond both locally and as part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 1 Technical Rescue Team. The TRT response can include confined space incidents, trench or excavation collapses, high- or low-angle rope rescues, structural collapses, or accidents involving heavy vehicles or equipment, which are beyond the scope of a typical fire company's capabilities.

The TRT members are trained beyond the normal fire suppression and emergency medical service training. Members complete hundreds of hours of training in both the operations and technician level classes in various disciplines through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. TRT members' education continues well beyond the initial classes. The continuing education includes monthly drills and training evolutions with other Technical Rescue Team members within the MABAS Division 1 area. Ongoing assessment and training helps to ensure TRT members are proficient in all facets of their highly specialized career path.

Some examples of a local TRT callout might include a vehicle going through a garage, a child who climbed a cellular phone tower, or an industrial worker who is injured in a confined space. Large-scale incidents range from tornadoes, flooding, earthquakes, winter storms, and explosions, which can require the use of numerous teams from within the MABAS Division to respond.

Palatine's TRT capability and training surpasses what is normally thought of as the everyday firefighting call to duty. They are prepared to serve the residents within our Village and to assist surrounding communities with some of the most devastating and extreme incidents.



FLOODPLAINS, INSURANCE AND BUILDING IN THESE AREAS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal program enabling property owners and renters to purchase flood insurance, based on an agreement between municipalities and the federal government. The Village has adopted and enforces floodplain management regulations which meet the minimum federal requirements, making flood insurance available in Palatine.

How do I know if I'm in the floodplain?

Floodplains are identified as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) in the Village's Flood Insurance Study, and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The floodplain areas on these maps are based on a design rain storm having a theoretical return frequency of 1% in a year (the 100-year rain). This translates to a 26% chance of flooding over a typical 30-year mortgage period, as compared to a 1% chance of fire damage over the same period.

The SFHAs and FIRMs are available for viewing at the reference desk at the Palatine Public Library, on FEMA's website at msc.fema.gov/portal/home, or by contacting the Department of Public Works Engineering Division at **847-705-5200**.



When does it affect me?

The NFIP requires participating communities to regulate (through building permits) any new or substantially improved structures during non-disaster periods, and to monitor and identify any substantially damaged structures as a result of a disaster within the community's floodplain areas. New buildings are required to be elevated at or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) within

the identified floodplain. Existing buildings that are substantially damaged or improved (50% or more) must be elevated or floodproofed to meet the same building code standards as a new building. When applying for a building permit, you will be informed whether or not you are in a floodplain and what further steps are required to repair or reconstruct your building if you are within this area.

How high will I have to elevate or floodproof?

The elevation or floodproofing requirement is based upon the BFE indicated in the Flood Insurance Study. This elevation may or may not be comparable to the last major flood. For example, if you had five feet of water in your home during the last flood that may not mean you will need to elevate or floodproof to that height. The Engineering Division can assist you in determining the elevation requirement for your structure.

What happens if I refuse to comply?

Participating communities in the NFIP agree to enforce its floodplain regulations. If you do not obtain a permit and do not elevate or floodproof when required, the Village may take action, such as stopping the development, putting a hold on the building permit, or withholding a certificate of occupancy. If the structure is in violation of the regulations, flood insurance premiums could become costly and make the structure difficult to sell. Non-compliance could also jeopardize the Village's participation in the NFIP, since federally secured loans and disaster assistance are restricted in communities not in the NFIP for at least one year prior to the disaster declaration. Lastly, structures located in the floodplain that are not elevated or floodproofed pose a threat to the health and safety of the occupants.

For information regarding floodplain areas and regulations, call the Engineering Division at **847-705-5200**, visit floodsmart.gov, or visit palatine.il.us and search 'flood prevention'.

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

Life is busy. Residents don't always take the time to take their neighbors into consideration when hosting gatherings or other events that could prompt complaints and other disturbances.

In 2017, Palatine Police responded to 1,238 calls to 911 for noise and nuisance complaints, neighborhood trouble, disturbances and barking dogs. These are all types of calls that could have been avoided simply by following the golden rule of treating others with respect. Below are some simple tips to help all residents remember to be 'good neighbors':

- Everyone has different sleep and work schedules, so noise tends to be a trigger for neighbors to call the police. It's a good rule of thumb to keep the noise level to a minimum so neighbors are not forced to hear activities, especially between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Dogs can be left outside too long, and many of them will bark for extended periods of time. Some of these dogs will bark to exhaustion due to separation anxiety when their owners leave for work. Check with neighbors to determine if a pet's unattended behavior is disruptive. If it is, talk to the vet about calming treatments and training options to save the neighborhood's sanity.
- Be a responsible pet owner. While walking your dog, try and keep them off neighbors' lawns and clean up after them immediately. Don't forget to follow local leash laws. While pets may be well trained, someone watching may call the police due to an unleashed dog, which is a finable offense in Palatine.
- For residents living in multi-level dwellings, ensure that upstairs residents aren't causing disruptive noise. Areas of the home with tile and wood floors often have little to no insulation and can be very disruptive to the neighbors below. Check with them to determine if noise is an issue, and use area rugs to reduce noise when necessary. The same goes for little feet. Children running back and forth at all hours of the day and night many times will result in a call to police.
- Having a big party and plan to turn your block into a parking lot? Notify neighbors in advance and instruct party goers to be considerate and not to block the neighbors' driveways. Your consideration might even prompt a friendly neighbor to offer up their own driveway for extra parking, and to provide the same courtesy when the situation is reversed.
- For problems with neighbors, attempt to resolve them first by addressing the situation politely. If a neighbor has a problem with something that has occurred, apologize and attempt to rectify it. Contact police for ongoing problems that cannot be peacefully resolved.

Keeping these ideas in mind will help all Palatine residents and neighbors enjoy the community together, peacefully. It is always easy to appreciate and befriend the neighbors that go out of their way to be considerate.



DROP IT AND DRIVE: USING A HAND-HELD CELLPHONE WHILE DRIVING IS ILLEGAL

In 2016, 37,000 people were killed in crashes on U.S. roadways, and more than 3,600 of those killed were caused by distracted driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To help bring attention to the dangers associated with distracted driving, the Palatine Police Department participated in Illinois' Distracted Driving Awareness Week from April 23-27, 2018. This second annual awareness campaign was a coordinated effort between the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, AAA, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association, and nearly 300 law enforcement agencies in Illinois. It was created to educate motorists and enforce the laws on Illinois' roadways.



Driver distraction is a persistent issue and often has life-altering consequences. Motorists are encouraged to drop it and drive. During Distracted Driving Awareness Week, the Palatine Police Department managed a number of efforts to educate and inform the public, including:

- Educational presentations (9)
- Distribution of flyers (195)
- Press releases sent to the news media (2)
- Social media announcements on Palatine's Facebook page (2)
- Posters/signs displayed (4)
- Public education (2.5 hours)
- Written warnings (60)
- Citations (392)
- Total hours dedicated to enforcement efforts (203.5)

Illinois law prohibits all drivers from texting and driving, from using a hand-held cell phone while driving and all teen drivers from using a cell phone while driving.

These partnerships have been formed to encourage a culture of traffic safety in Illinois which can help to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries resulting from distracted driving. Please help the Palatine Police keep our roadways safe.

NEW BUSINESSES

Affinity Title Services
434 E Palatine Road
847-257-8000
Title Company

All Smiles Family Dental
537 E Dundee Road
847-907-0585
Dental Practice

Archer Staffing
630 N North Court Suite 120
312-637-5082
IT Staffing & Consulting

Assembled Products, Inc.
532 S Hicks Road
847-496-4144
Fastener Packaging

Auto Alliance
2019 N Rand Road
847-701-8373
Auto Sales

Auto Land Group
2240 N Rand Road
224-356-1111
Used Car Dealership

Avers Auto Sales
2316 N Rand Road
847-221-8246
Used Car Sales, Car Repair

Devine Deva Boutique
950 N Countryside Drive #120
773-425-7888
Retail Clothing

EagleRider Chicago Palatine
2015 N Rand Road
847-358-2112
Motorcycle Rentals

Ed Herbst Co
119 E Palatine Road #216
847-209-6392
Sales Office

Eva's Hair Salon
1292 E Dundee Road
847-907-4536
Hair Salon

Imperial Cutz Barber Lounge 2
403 N Northwest Highway
630-283-3726
Barber Shop

ENJOY THE FARMERS' MARKET YEAR-ROUND



The Palatine Summer Farmers' Market will remain open until Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the parking lot just east of the Palatine Metra Train Station, 137 W. Wood Street from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This market is now in its 28th year and is a wonderful asset to the Palatine community!

Without missing a beat, the Palatine Winter Farmers' Market begins on November 3, 2018 and is open the first and third Saturday of every month between November and April, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Winter Market is held inside the Palatine Metra Train Station.

All winter long, vendors offer an assortment of goods such as Hasselmann's fresh eggs (laid within 3 days), pasture raised meats, Bobby's Soft-Wave fish varieties, Katic breads, croissants and English muffins, all underground garlic bulbs and spices. Additionally, there are winter lettuces, spinach, micro-greens and herbs from Dan's Arlington Crest Farm in Palatine, and Peter's Middlebury Farm in Harvard.

Outside the Metra station, find Maggie's Munchies for pets with Barb's Little Bison Co. offering Amish hand-rolled butter, jams, and salsas along with a full range of meats, eggs and more. Jordan of Geneva Lakes Produce will bring fall produce and mushrooms.

For more information, please visit palatine.il.us/663/Farmers-Market.

GREEN PAGES: REUSE AND RECYCLING DIRECTORY

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides the Green Pages: Reuse and Recycling Directory, which is a useful resource for residents seeking information on where to dispose of items they no longer need. The resource lists reuse opportunities for books, clothing, office equipment, sporting goods, toys and other materials. It also provides information on various aspects of recycling and waste, featuring sections for appliances, batteries, construction debris, electronics, office machines, cartridges, metals, motor oil and many other items.

Visit the Green Pages at swancc.org/recycling-directory or contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205.

PALATINE BOARD OF HEALTH HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18



The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street in Community Meeting Room B. The blood drive will be conducted by LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center.

Did You Know?

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

The actual donation for whole blood takes about 10-15 minutes. The entire whole blood donation process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. Donors can save time by registering in advance before arrival and completing the health history questionnaire at lifesource.org by clicking on 'Donor Pass'.

Every single blood donation supports the lives of area community members. For more information on the donation process or to schedule an appointment for the Blood Drive, contact LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or visit lifesource.org. Donor walk-ins are always welcome.

HOUSEHOLD PAINT AND CHEMICAL DISPOSAL



According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), each year, residents flush thousands of gallons of leftover or unwanted paint, stains, solvents and paint thinners down their sinks, and dump thousands of gallons more into their trash cans. These materials can overwhelm sewage systems, destroy septic tanks and damage landfills' protective barriers. The resulting contamination fouls the surface and underground waters we all depend on for consumption and recreation. Residents can ease these threats to human health and the environment by following a few simple steps.

The easiest way to dispose of paint is to use it up completely by applying a second coat to your project or using it up on a piece of old cardboard or scrap wood. Many local theatre groups, colleges, churches and housing authorities will accept leftover paint, but call first to verify that the paint will be accepted.

Latex Paint

Latex paint is not accepted at Household Chemical Waste (HCW) facilities. It can be disposed of at home because it is a non-toxic, water-based paint. You can add an absorbent material such as shredded newspapers, kitty litter, sawdust, or waste paint hardener to your latex paint and let it dry out completely in a well-ventilated area and away from children and pets. Once it is dry, put the container in the regular garbage with the lid off, so the waste hauler knows the can is empty.

Oil-Based Paint

Oil-based paint, stains, solvents and paint thinners contain lead, cadmium and other highly toxic chemicals, and must be taken to an HCW facility for safe disposal.

Please note that Palatine Ace Hardware at 239 E. Northwest Highway in Palatine offers latex and oil-based paint recycling. Contact Ace Hardware at **847-358-8100** for collection fees and for more information. Paint disposal and recycling information can also be found at the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) website at swancc.org/paint.

Household Chemical Waste (HCW)

HCW collections are conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and are available to all Illinois residents. There are four locations in Illinois for residentially-generated materials only. No business, school or institutional materials will be accepted. Please phone ahead or check the website (below) to determine availability and open hours, and for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials. For details of the locations, acceptable materials and informational videos, please visit swancc.org/chemicals.

For further questions about household paint and chemical waste disposal, please contact the Palatine Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9042**.

HOW CAN I HELP BE A SOLUTION TO STORM WATER POLLUTION?

Are you aware of the hundreds of storm water catch basins and inlet 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 bodies of water, 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 storm water discharge to the environment.

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

- Remember 'only rain goes down the storm drain'.
- Reduce or eliminate pesticide and fertilizer use.
- Sweep up grass clippings after mowing to prevent them from washing down the storm drains.
- Wash cars on lawns or at retail car washes.
- Report any non-stormwater discharges to the Village.

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



NEW BUSINESSES

Infinity Auto Haus Service
353 W Colfax Street
708-516-9015
Automotive Repair

Millman Fogel & Carlson
652 1st Bank Drive
847-705-4949
Accounting

Mullins Used Cars
2017 N Rand Road
847-565-8338
Used Car Sales

My Pet Zone
1504 W Algonquin Road
847-485-7663
Pet Grooming/Pet Supplies

Portofino's Woodfire Pizza & Pasta
383 W Northwest Highway
847-358-2360
Restaurant

Prime Construction
395 W Northwest Highway
Suite C
847-540-7763
Construction

Sliding Door & Window Repair Service
247 N Eric Drive
847-757-5776
Window & Door Repair Service

Snapology of Palatine-Barrington
643 E Dundee Road
224-801-1885
STEM/STEAM Enrichment Programs/Camps

St. Mary's Services
510 N Plum Grove Road
847-870-8181
Counseling & Adoption Agency

Starbucks Coffee
325 E Lake Cook Road
206-318-4994
Coffee Shop

DOG BITE PREVENTION TIPS



Dog bites pose a serious health risk to our communities and society. More than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year in the United States, and more than 800,000 people receive medical attention for dog bites, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). At least half of those bitten are children.

Any dog can bite; big or small, male or female and young or old. Even the cuddliest,uzziest, sweetest pet can bite if it is provoked. Remember, it is not a dog's breed that determines whether it will bite, but rather the dog's individual history and behavior.

Most dog bites are preventable, and there are many things that residents can do at home and within the community to help prevent them.

Keep Your Dog on a Leash

Per Palatine Ordinance Sec. 5-6. (Control of animals) it shall be unlawful to permit any dog or other animal, whether licensed or not, to run at large within the village. A dog or other animal shall be deemed to be running at large when off the premises of its owner, or not on a leash, tether, chain, rope or the like, the overall length of which, including the hand grip, shall not exceed six (6) feet, held by its owner or other person able to control such dog or other animal.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Responsible pet ownership builds a solid foundation for dog bite prevention. Basics of responsible dog ownership that can help reduce the risk of dog bites include proper training, regular exercise, and keeping dogs leashed. If residents witness an irresponsible pet owner walking their dog without being controlled on a leash, call 911 to report it immediately.

Avoid Risky Situations

It's important to know how to avoid escalating risky situations and to understand when one should and should not interact with dogs. Avoid petting a dog in the following scenarios, if a dog is:

- Not with its owner
- With its owner but the owner does not give permission to pet the dog
- On the other side of a fence – don't reach through or over a fence to pet a dog
- Sleeping or eating
- Sick or injured
- Resting with or seems protective of her puppies, and is anxious about the presence of others
- Playing with a toy

Pay Attention to Body Language

Reading a dog's body language also can be helpful. Just like people, dogs rely on body gestures, postures and vocalizations to express themselves and communicate. While a dog's body language will not always be understood accurately, there are helpful clues to help determine whether a dog is feeling stressed, frightened, or threatened.

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PARKING OVER THE SIDEWALK VIOLATES VILLAGE ORDINANCE

Residents may sometimes forget little things that matter, such as obstructing Village sidewalks. Please be considerate of neighbors, children, dog walkers, persons in wheelchairs and any other travelers who wish to use the public sidewalk.

Parking a vehicle over a sidewalk can be hazardous, as it forces pedestrians to walk or push their infant stroller out into the street to maneuver around the vehicle. This can be dangerous due to oncoming traffic and potential tripping hazards. While many residents have numerous vehicles and not enough parking space, it is still important to keep sidewalks clear to comply with Village Ordinance 18-81-12.

This Palatine ordinance states parking is prohibited over any sidewalk, except for vehicles that are parked on private driveways, which are permitted to overhang a sidewalk at night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on days when the snow removal ordinance is in effect.

Please obey this ordinance to respect the rights of pedestrians, as well as their personal safety. Not only will this help to avoid the possibility of a parking ticket, but potentially a civil lawsuit brought forth by a pedestrian who could be injured by trying to maneuver around an illegally parked car.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Packaging for many items that are purchased for households claim to be recyclable, but that doesn't mean all of the items can be accepted in the Village's curbside recycling program. What recyclable does mean is the product or packaging is technically able to be recycled, but the key is whether or not there is a market for that material, which dictates a community's recycling program.

Paper, plastic, metal and glass items are all 'acceptable items', but there are certain steps that need to be taken in order for these items to be taken away by the refuse hauler.

How should recyclables be prepared?

- Empty and rinse each container to remove food or beverage residue.
- Put plastic lids back on their original containers – put steel lids in the recycling cart.
- Flatten large boxes to make room in the cart/bin for more materials.
- Remove the inside wax liners of paperboard boxes, such as cereal boxes and throw them away.
- Place only acceptable items in the cart. Things like tissue, paper towels and disposable paper goods all need to be thrown away. Cardboard from pizza can only be recycled if there isn't any grease or food on it. Glass items, such as window glass, ceramics, pottery, crystal or light bulbs will contaminate recycled bottle glass if mixed together.
- Labels no longer have to be removed from containers.
- All acceptable recyclables can be collected in one cart, and no sorting is required.

What happens to the recyclables?

Materials collected from the Village's curbside program are taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), sorted, baled by material and then sold to a manufacturer who will make new products from the materials for the marketplace. To watch a video on recyclables being sorted at Groot's facility visit groot.com/waste-management-chicago/videos and select 'The Future of Recycling'.

For more information and a list of acceptable items for recycling visit palatine.il.us and search 'refuse and recycling' or contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042.



PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM WRAP RECYCLING

Plastic bags and film wrap can be recycled, but not in curbside recycling programs! Bags and film wrap are considered "contamination" at a Materials Recovery Facility where recyclables are processed, because they get tangled in the equipment.

So, what exactly is plastic film wrap and how do you recycle it?

Plastic film – also known as plastic film packaging – is soft, flexible polyethylene (PE) packaging such as grocery, bread, zip-top and dry cleaning bags. It is also the clear plastic wrap around many paper products including paper plates, napkins, bathroom tissue, diapers, and more.

Be sure to completely empty plastic bags and make sure film wrap is clean and dry. Then stuff into one bag, tie it closed and take to your nearest participating grocery or retail store. There are more than 18,000 locations across the U.S. and Canada!

To learn more about plastic bags and film, including which types you can recycle and where to recycle them, visit plasticfilmrecycling.org.



PALATINE SNOW PLOWING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The Public Works Department receives a variety of information requests from residents all through the year, especially during the winter when snow falls. Here are the most frequently asked questions with answers.

How many miles is the Palatine Public Works Department responsible to plowing? The Village is responsible for 167 center lane miles of snow and ice control.

How are those miles divided up to plow? The 167 miles are divided into 11 sections with two trucks typically assigned to each section or route in a plowing event. Public Works is also responsible for plowing the commuter lots, five Fire Stations, Police Headquarters, and Village Hall parking lots.

Why are two trucks assigned to a route? Tandem plows clear street pavement from center line to curb in one pass.

Why don't the plows clear the whole street at once? Drivers make a preliminary pass during the storm to open up the streets. Final curb-to-curb clearing occurs after it stops snowing.

How long does it take to plow a route? Depending on the type and amount of snowfall, it takes approximately seven hours to clear 15 miles of streets. A typical route is 15 miles.

Are the same drivers assigned to the same route each time they plow or salt a route? Yes. There are two drivers assigned to each route for a plowing operation and one driver for a salting operation.

For some storms, plows are out for most of the day and night. Is the same driver out there that whole time? No. The Department has two fully staffed crews - front line snow plow drivers and back-up drivers, which include part-time seasonal drivers that are hired each year.

Where do drivers start plowing? Major streets are plowed first, such as Northwest Highway, Palatine and Hicks Roads, followed by secondary and residential streets, including cul-de-sacs.

Are there roads Palatine does not plow? Yes, IDOT is responsible for Rand, Dundee, and Algonquin Roads, Route 53, and Hicks Road north of Dundee Road. Cook County is responsible for Quentin and Roselle Roads, and Euclid Avenue.

Can a resident park on the street during a storm? No. On-street parking is not allowed after a snowfall of two or more inches until the street has been plowed. Illegally parked cars may be ticketed and towed.

Some sidewalks are cleared by the Village, but not all – why is that? The Village Council designated certain sidewalks to be cleared when there is over 3 inches of snowfall. These sidewalks are the main

routes to schools or on higher volume roads to help prevent school children and other pedestrians from walking in the streets.

Are residents required to shovel the public sidewalk adjacent to their property? No. However, the Village encourages all residents to clear their sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.

If residents choose to shovel the public sidewalk adjacent to their property, where can they put the snow? Place the snow on the parkway or front yard in a manner to avoid injury or limited access to any person, animal, or property.

Can a resident put snow on a public sidewalk or street? No. This includes the portion of the sidewalk that crosses over a driveway apron. Village ordinances prohibit plowing, blowing, or shoveling of snow into the street, on the public sidewalk, or on a parkway across from your property. This action can create a hazardous condition for both motorists and pedestrians.

Can children build snow forts in the parkway? No. Playing in or near the street, especially while snow and ice control operations are in process, poses a serious safety hazard for children. Snow forts can also obstruct drivers' vision when backing out of driveways.

If a resident hires a snow plow contractor, who is responsible for notifying that contractor of the Village ordinances? Property owners are responsible for the actions of their contractors. Non-owners of property should forward this information to the party responsible for conducting the snow plowing and snow removal operations.

The snow plow driver hit a mailbox. How does a resident get mail now? It is very difficult, especially on cul-de-sacs, to completely clear the snow without risking damage to mailboxes or posts. If a curbside mailbox or parkway is damaged by a Village snow plow, call Public Works at **847-705-5200** and the Village will either repair the box and/or post or bring out a temporary mailbox so residents can receive mail delivery. Keep in mind, the Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged during snow plowing if the boxes do not meet Village code or for mailboxes damaged by non-Village vehicles.

Why does the snow plow driver always seem to fill driveways with snow after residents have cleared away the snow? This is not done intentionally. The goal is to have safe roads for residents and other motorists traveling within the Village. When possible, save time and prevent frustration by waiting to clear the bottom of the driveway until after the plows have completed their final pass.

For more information or to request copies of Village ordinances relating to snow plowing, please call Public Works at **847-705-5200**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or visit palatine.il.us and search 'snow plow facts'.

VILLAGE SEEKS CDL DRIVERS FOR SNOW PLOWING SEASON

Experienced CDL drivers who hold a valid Illinois Class B commercial driver's license with air brakes endorsement are needed to assist the Public Works Department with snow plowing during the winter season. Candidates must be available to work flexible hours. These positions are temporary and require a high school diploma or equivalent. Snow plowing experience is a plus, and the starting pay is \$20 per hour.

Applications are available online at palatine.il.us by clicking on the 'Employment' button. Positions are open until filled.

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM



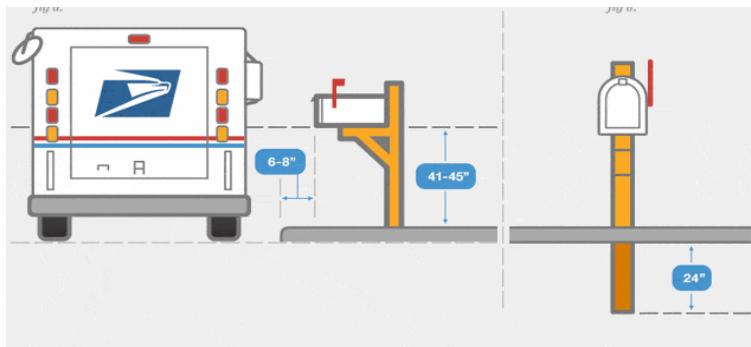
The Palatine Fire Department needs your help this winter to clear snow away from the more than 3,500 fire hydrants in the Village. During the winter months, heavy snowfall makes finding and accessing fire hydrants very difficult for firefighters, and during an emergency every second counts! The Fire Department is asking residents, business owners, and local civic groups to consider participating in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program.

Consider adopting one or two hydrants near your home, organization, or business and commit to keeping them clear of snow. To participate in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program, visit the online adoption system at adoptahydrant.palatine.il.us.

When clearing a fire hydrant, snow should be removed about three (3) feet away from the hydrant in all directions, with a pathway cleared between the hydrant and the roadway. Please exercise caution when shoveling because of the potential for vehicle traffic nearby. Do not stand in the street when clearing the hydrant and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway.

The Palatine Fire Department appreciates all of those that have already adopted hydrants and encourages others to become partners in this important program. For more information visit palatine.il.us and search 'Adopt-A-Hydrant', email Deputy Chief Patrick Gratianna at pgratianna@palatine.il.us or call 847-202-6340.

PROTECT YOUR MAILBOX THIS WINTER WITH PROPER PLACEMENT



During winter, mailboxes are occasionally damaged during snow plowing operations. If a Village snowplow hits a properly installed mailbox that meets Village Code, the Public Works Department will repair or replace the mailbox and/or post at no cost to the homeowner. The Village's total liability is limited to the cost of replacing a standard metal mailbox and/or a standard pre-treated wood post. The Village is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by non-Village vehicles.

Proper placement and mounting of a mailbox can help prevent snowplows from striking them. According to U.S. Postal Service (USPS) regulations, mailboxes should be placed so that the front of the box is set 6-8 inches back from the curb or edge of the pavement. There should also be 41 to 45 inches from the bottom of the box to the top of the curb or road. For additional guidelines and maintenance tips, please visit the USPS website at usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm.

Residents who believe their curbside mailbox was damaged by a Village snowplow may call the Public Works Department at **847-705-5200**, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Damages must be reported as soon as they are noticed.

2018-2019 HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the below holidays that will affect single-family solid waste collection by Groot Industries. For those holidays not listed, solid waste collection will take place as regularly scheduled. Save and post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year and save yourself from hauling the trash to the curb a day early or missing your collection entirely.

Week of	Holiday	Collection
December 24, 2018	Christmas	All collection one day later
December 31, 2018	New Year's Day	All collection one day later
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day	All collection one day later
September 2, 2019	Labor Day	All collection one day later



Curbside collection of bagged and bundled yard waste ends the week of December 10, 2018 and resumes the week of April 1, 2019.

The 2018-2019 annual fee to rent a garbage cart is \$36.00. To upgrade the size of your recycling cart at no cost, contact Groot Industries, Inc. at **800-244-1977**.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division at **847-359-9042**.

PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

**Thursday, November 22, 2018
& Friday, November 23, 2018**

In Observance of Thanksgiving

**Monday December 24, 2018
& Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

In Observance of Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
In Observance of New Year's Day

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2018 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD WINNERS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission recognizes homes, businesses, subdivisions, and "Doors" of Palatine with the Hometown Pride Awards. Entries are submitted by residents and business owners. The 2018 winners are:

1st Place Winners



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

2nd Place Winners



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

3rd Place Winners



SINGLE-FAMILY



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

SINGLE-FAMILY

1st Place: 971 S. Cedar Street
2nd Place: 1475 N. Trailside Court
3rd Place: 522 Warwick Road

CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION

1st Place - Bridge View West

BUSINESS

1st Place: The Clayton House
2nd Place: Ernie Loberg Construction
3rd Place: Twin Lakes/Salt Creek Park District

MULTI-FAMILY

1st Place: One Renaissance Place
2nd Place: 909 E. Kenilworth Avenue.

DOORS OF PALATINE

1st Place: 1045 W. Yale Court
2nd Place: 971 S. Cedar Street
3rd Place: 1153 N. Old Mill Road