

VILLAGE of PALATINE

PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 1



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 1, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm at Fire Station 84 at 220 W. Illinois Ave.

Families are invited to watch demonstrations from the fire department, spray a firehose, see fire equipment up close, take pictures next to a fire engine, and watch how sprinklers can reduce the loss of property and life in a fire.

The Annual 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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VILLAGE OF PALATINE ELIMINATES VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS



During the August 1st Village Council Meeting, the Palatine Village Council reviewed a mid-year financial presentation from staff, including an update on the vehicle sticker program. After two years of enhanced enforcement of vehicle sticker compliance, staff recommended, and the Mayor and Council agreed, to discontinue the Village vehicle sticker program.

Typically, the Village of Palatine would begin vehicle sticker season on September 1. Due to organic growth in General Fund revenues resulting from the Village's economic development activities and increased revenues from sales tax, staff reported that the Village can sustain losing the revenue source from vehicle stickers. Typically, vehicle stickers generate \$1.2 million in revenue to the Village's General Fund annually and cost the Village around \$200,000. With an average Palatine household owning 2.5 cars, the household savings from eliminating vehicle stickers is about \$75 a household per year or the equivalent of a 5.5% Village-portion property tax reduction.

"This is not pushing it to another tax, it is eliminating the fee. Even with a possible recession looming, we feel that we are in a strong position to sustain the elimination of vehicle stickers. This is a great move for our citizens and our businesses," Mayor Jim Schwantz noted.

When residential vehicle stickers expire on Oct. 31, 2022, they will not need to be replaced. Residents and businesses with vehicles registered to Palatine do not need to take any action. Current 2021/22 Palatine vehicle stickers can be removed from vehicles on Oct. 31, 2022.

VILLAGE OF PALATINE

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

8 am to 5 pm
Monday through Friday

VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....911
Village Hall.....358-7500
TDD (Emergency)..... 911
Village Action Line 705-5200
Community Services..... 359-9042
Fire (Non-Emergency).... 202-6340
Police (Non-Emergency) 359-9000
Public Works 705-5200

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SCARECROWS ON PARADE

The 15th annual Scarecrows on Parade decorating contest, hosted by the Palatine Beautification Commission and sponsored by The Home Depot, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, as part of the Rotary Club's Oktoberfest! Any Palatine family, business, non-profit organization, school affiliate, sports affiliate, homeowners' association, faith or civic group are invited to participate in this event.

There are two judging categories with prizes awarded in each category. The **Youth** Category is for kids and youth groups with members 17 years old and younger. The **Adult** Category is for adults and adult organizations with members 18 years and older.

Pick up a scarecrow frame from now until Friday, September 16, 2022, at the Public Works office at 148 W. Illinois Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 4 pm.

Participants should drop off and complete the final touch ups on their scarecrows at the Firefighters' Memorial, located at the corner of Slade and Brockway Streets, on Saturday, September 17, between 11 and 11:30 am. The awards ceremony will be held around 12:30 pm in the Oktoberfest Main Tent. All of the participating scarecrows will remain on display along the rail walk through early October for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200 to reserve your frame and start planning your creation!



SCHOOL BUS "STOP ARM VIOLATIONS"

School is back in session, and odds are you've seen those big yellow buses on your morning or afternoon commute. School buses carry precious cargo, which is why Illinois penalizes drivers for driving illegally around these vehicles.

What Is A Stop Arm Violation?

A stop arm violation is a citation for illegally passing a school bus that has its flashing warning lights and stop arm



engaged. It is illegal for a driver to pass a school bus with its lights and stop arm engaged while it is stopped to pick up or unload passengers. It doesn't matter if it's in a roadway or parking lot; if you're caught passing a stopped school bus with its lights on and arm engaged, expect to be ticketed.

This applies to drivers heading in both directions. Even if the bus is headed in the opposite direction, you must stop so that occupants can discharge and cross the street, or for others to safely cross the street and board the bus if necessary. The only limitation is if it is a 4-lane road (at least two lanes traveling in the opposite direction). In this instance, the vehicles traveling in either lane heading in the same direction as the bus must stop for a bus with its stop arm engaged, but drivers headed in the opposite direction on a 4-lane road can continue to proceed past the bus with caution.

Penalties For A Stop Arm Violation In Illinois

The minimum fine for drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus will be met with a minimum fine of \$300. The minimum fine for subsequent offenses is \$1,000 minimum. These citations can also affect your driver's license and your automobile insurance.

Palatine Police ask that we all do our part to keep our kids safe this school year.

SIMPLE RECYCLING

REDUCE LANDFILL WASTE, SAVE ENERGY, AND DE CLUTTER

Village of Palatine residents can recycle apparel, footwear, toys, and other textiles when those items are just no longer useful. The Village of Palatine has contracted with Simple Recycling to pick up items on your request on a date reserved by you at no charge.

An average person discards 68 pounds of clothing per year, and a full 85% of discarded clothing and housewares go to the landfill. These textile discards account for 20 billion pounds of current landfill, or approximately 10% of the total municipal waste stream. You can reduce your family's contribution to textile waste by skipping the trash can and arranging to have your unwanted textiles recycled.

Simple Recycling will accept the following materials of individual weight less than fifty (50) pounds and able to be carried by one person: men's, women's and children's clothing as well as items such as jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, toys, pictures, mirrors, blankets, drapes and curtains, pillows, rags, sewing scraps, sleeping bags, small furniture, small appliances, irons, radios and audio equipment, cameras, lamps, hair dryers, tools, toasters, microwaves, coffee makers, silverware, dishes, pots and pans, glasses and the like.

Simple Recycling will have items sorted either for a thrift store destination, for overseas markets, or to be shredded and re-purposed for industrial use.

The program is currently available only to residents of single-family homes. Multiple pickups can be scheduled per year.

For more information, or to schedule a free pickup at your convenience, visit simplerecycling.com or call 866-835-5068.



CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 17, 2022

There will be two regular leaf collections scheduled between Monday, October 17, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022 for every Palatine single-family residence. All raked leaves must be put into the street and ready for pick up no later than 7 AM on scheduled days, but no earlier than 4 PM on the day prior to collection.

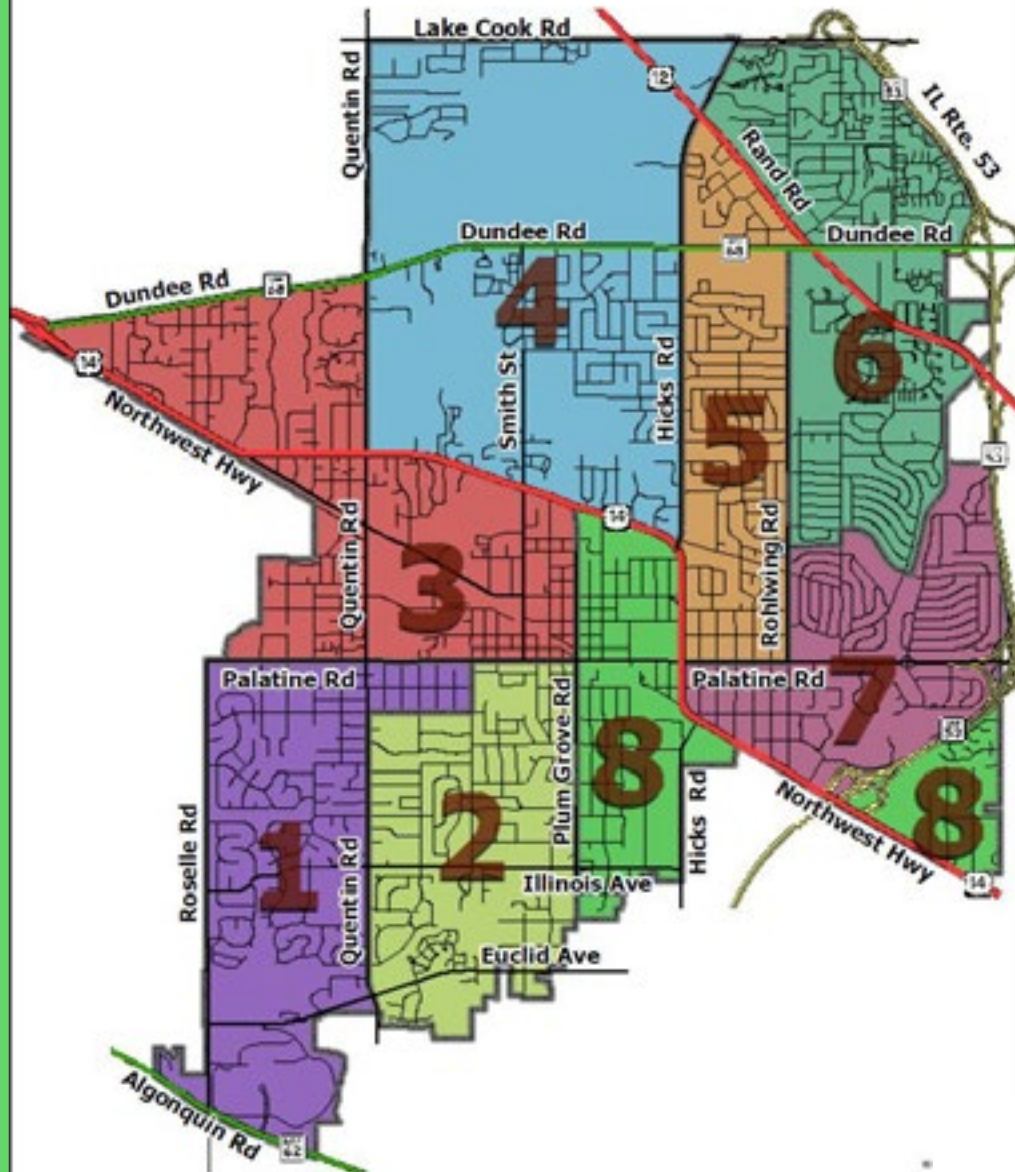
There will be only one pass down each street during scheduled collection days; the large volume of leaves makes it impossible for trucks to return a second time. Leaf collection is a two-step process. Crews collect leaves with a machine, then the sweeper does a final cleanup of leaf debris. Street cleanup is longer than leaf pickup due to the slower pace of the sweeper machine.

Please refer to the map and schedule below to determine your zone and two-day schedule, or visit our [website](#) to use our interactive map. Residents may also lookup their address [here](#) to view their collection days.

Public Works has scheduled the week of Monday, November 14, 2022, as the final leaf pickup opportunity for all Village single-family residences. All zones must have the final collection of leaves out on the street by 7 AM 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 will be made down each street.

| Zone | Day/Date |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | MON., OCT. 17 MON., OCT. 31 |
| 2 | TUES., OCT. 18 TUES., NOV. 1 |
| 3 | WED., OCT. 19 WED., NOV. 2 |
| 4 | THUR., OCT. 20 THUR., NOV. 3 |
| 5 | MON., OCT. 24 MON., NOV. 7 |
| 6 | TUES., OCT. 25 TUES., NOV. 8 |
| 7 | WED., OCT. 26 WED., NOV. 9 |
| 8 | THURS., OCT. 27 THURS., NOV. 10 |

ALL ZONES
WEEK OF MON., NOV. 14



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?

Timing of the Village leaf collection schedule is driven by when the equipment needs to be prepared for snow removal efforts. All trucks and end loaders that collect leaves are part of the front-line snow removal equipment fleet. 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. 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 14. The Village will monitor the weather and announce if conditions allow for an additional all zone sweep.

In Case of Snow or Ice

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 12, 2022.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call the Public Works Department at 847-705-5200.

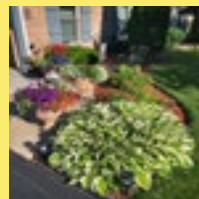
2022 HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARD WINNERS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission recognized homes, businesses, subdivisions, and 'Doors' of Palatine with the 2022 Hometown Pride Awards. Entries were submitted by residents and business owners. Judging is based on overall curb appeal, design and maintenance. This year's winners are:

1ST PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

2ND PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION



DOORS OF PALATINE



BUSINESS

3RD PLACE WINNERS



SINGLE-FAMILY



MULTI-FAMILY



DOORS OF PALATINE

SINGLE-FAMILY

- 1st Place: 311 N. Fremont Street
- 2nd Place: 1582 N. North Street
- 3rd Place: 610 W. Kimball Avenue

CUL-DE-SAC/SUBDIVISION

- 1st Place: Groves of Palatine HOA
- 2nd Place: Bridge View West HOA

BUSINESS

- 1st Place: Loberg Construction
- 2nd Place: Salt Creek Park District
- Twin Lakes Golf & Recreation Center

MULTI-FAMILY

- 1st Place: 36 W. Fern Ct., Unit 218
- 2nd Place: 11 N. Rose Street
- 3rd Place: 1289 Inverrary Lane

DOORS OF PALATINE

- 1st Place: 712 S. White Willow Bay
- 2nd Place: 311 N. Fremont Street
- 3rd Place: 36 W. Fern Court, Unit 218

2022-2023 HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for the below holidays that will affect your solid waste collection. 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 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| September 5, 2022 | Labor Day | All collection one day later |
| December 26, 2022 | Christmas Day | All collection one day later |
| January 2, 2023 | New Year's Day | All collection one day later |
| May 29, 2023 | Memorial Day | All collection one day later |
| July 3, 2023 | Independence Day | Tues and Wed one day later |
| September 4, 2023 | Labor Day | All collection one day later |
| December 25, 2023 | Christmas Day | All collection one day later |

Curbside collection of bagged and bundled yard waste ends the week of December 12, 2022 and resumes the week of April 3, 2023.

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



Halloween Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking 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 to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



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 your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and 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 be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



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THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE'S TRICK OR TREAT HOURS
HALLOWEEN (MONDAY, OCTOBER 31) FROM 3 TO 7 PM.
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

NEW BUSINESSES

Children's Land at Palatine

1293 N. Rand Road
847-537-3340
Daycare Center

Crocus Institute LLC

553 N. North Court #175
847-359-2121
Education Center

Holistic Center

434 E. Northwest Highway
847-262-0158
Retail - Services

Hot Pockets Sports Bar

365 W. Northwest Highway
847-485-7060
Restaurant & Sports Bar

Midway Staffing, Inc.

1590 N. Rand Road #201
847-773-0660
Labor Staffing Services

New Beginnings

220 N. Smith Street #117C
312-549-1477
Service Establishment

Pipe-Line Plumbing Services Inc.

434 N. Wanda Lane
847-895-9055
Commercial Plumbing Contractor

Smith St. Barber Spa

220 N. Smith Street #117S
773-490-9895
Barber Shop

Snack Zone Cafe

332 E. Palatine Road
331-245-6718
Concession Stand

Sunrise Ramen & Sushi

309 E. Northwest Highway
847-485-8560
Restaurant

BE THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, leaves, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater.

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water:

Vehicle and Garage

- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- **Recycle** used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers **sparingly**. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- **Sweep up** yard debris, rather than hosing areas down. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. **Vegetate** bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- **Sweep up** and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- **Clean and** properly dispose of excess paints and other chemicals through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.



Storm Drains Connect to Waterbodies! Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain!



These are just some of ways to protect water quality. Visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency's **website** to learn more about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Program and polluted runoff.

To report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call Public Works at (847)705-5200.

(Source: USEPA)

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 starting pay is \$25 per hour.

Apply online on our **website**. Positions are open until filled.

PALATINE-NEWSLETTER

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY INFO ON COMMUNITY EVENTS, NEWS & ALERTS AT PALATINE.IL.US UNDER 'Notify Me'.

NEW BUSINESSES

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Prime Executive Cleaning

473 W. Northwest Highway 2D
779-777-4968
Cleaning

Pro-TINT

1430 N. Rand Road
857-302-9225
Car Window Tinting

Rooney Landscape

444 S. Vermont Street
847-577-0246
Landscaping Contractor

Sean Montgomery Insurance Agency

750 W. Euclid Avenue
847-348-8522
State Farm Insurance Office

Touched-Up Classics

830 W. Northwest Highway #5
224-279-0694
Furniture/Knick-Knack Painting Classes

Viet Taste Pho & Tea House

2377 N. Hicks Road
847-907-4150
Restaurant

Vitas Healthcare

660 N. Hicks Road, Ste. 100
847-669-5515
Healthcare Office

Wild Lotus Salon

208 W. Northwest Highway
847-421-3382
Hair Salon

BACKYARD FIRE PIT SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS

As we enter into the fall months, more and more people are enjoying gathering outside by their fire pits. With that being said, please be mindful of your neighbors. Many people suffer from medical conditions where smoke can affect their breathing. Be courteous to your neighbors and inquire if they have any medical conditions that may restrict your fire.



The Village would also like to remind residents that the use of fire pits must be limited to UL Listed commercially manufactured containers or built-in fire pits approved through the Village's building permit process. Most commercially manufactured fire pits come with a mesh screen. Mesh screens control sparks of the popping firewood and flying embers that could cause a fire elsewhere.

The use of properly selected firewood, which is dry and well-seasoned (aged), will minimize the development of smoke. Oak and Hickory firewood produce less smoke, popping and sparks than unseasoned or soft woods like pine or cedar. It is unlawful to burn any rubbish, construction material, leaves or other combustible refuse anywhere in the Village. Treated wood can give off a poisonous smoke and should not be burned.

FIRE PIT CODES AND SAFETY TIPS

- Never use on a combustible surface such as a deck or balcony
- Approved fire pits must be 15 feet from combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Non-approved fire pits shall be 25 feet from combustible material with a maximum diameter of 3 feet with a maximum height of 2 feet.
- Have a way to extinguish the fire readily available such as a garden hose, bucket of water or a fire extinguisher
- Do not use flammable fluids (gasoline or lighter fluid) to start a fire
- Avoid flammable clothing like nylon or loose fitting clothing around fires
- Take into consideration wind conditions before starting a fire
- Never leave a fire pit unattended
- Keep children a minimum of 3 feet away from the fire
- Properly extinguish the fire with water when done
- Dispose of properly extinguished ashes in an empty metal container that has a lid and never leave this container on or next to combustible surfaces like a deck, balcony or wall
- Follow the manufacturer's specifications for gas fire pit and table use



BUILT-IN FIRE PIT CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Built-in fire pits should be 15 feet from any combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Fire pits must have a maximum interior dimension of 3 feet and a maximum height of 2 feet
- Ember screens are required for any wood burning fire pit. Gas fire pits do not require an ember screen.

GAS FIRE PITS, TABLES, AND PATIO HEATERS

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the placement on, under, or by combustible material.

Finally, the Village of Palatine has a nuisance ordinance that if any open burning becomes offensive or objectionable, the Fire and Police Departments are authorized to order the extinguishment of a recreational fire, which includes built-in fire pits.

For additional fire safety tips, visit the US Fire Administration website or NFPA website.



RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX PROGRAMS

WHAT IS A KNOX BOX?

In an emergency seconds count when the Fire Department is responding. With a Knox Box, firefighter/paramedics have quick non-destructive access to your residence. This is especially useful for residents who are unable to move around the house due to underlying medical conditions, those recuperating from surgery, or those who use an electronic medical alert device.

A Knox Box is a high-security key safe that is constructed of steel with a high-strength lock core that is UL listed and approved. Once the residence's key(s) are locked inside by the Fire Department only the Fire Department can access them. The Knox Box can utilize an integrated hanger to mount the box over the top of an entry door or it can be secured directly to the residence if purchased.

Residential Purchase Program

For those residents who need a Knox Box for longer than six months or can purchase one, the Knox HomeBox is a great cost-effective option. To purchase one go to knoxbox.com/Products/Residential-KnoxBoxes.

Short Term Residential Loaner Program

The Palatine Fire Department, along with Palatine Firefighters Local 4588 has a limited supply of Knox HomeBoxes to loan out. These are available for Village residents with limited mobility or underlying medical conditions who are unable to purchase a Knox HomeBox. The goal of this program is to lend a Knox HomeBox for up to six months to residents who would have difficulties getting to their door in the event of an emergency.

Multi-Family Residential Knox Box

Some larger multi-family buildings have purchased a large Knox Box for their residents to place voluntarily the key to their unit in. In addition to providing Fire Department access in the event of a medical emergency, having a key in this Knox Box allows the Fire Department to investigate and mitigate emergencies such as natural gas or water leaks without damaging the door or metal frame. The replacement of a fire-rated corridor door is \$800 to \$1000.

If you or a family member have a need or questions about our residential Knox Box program, please contact the Palatine Fire Prevention Division office at 847-359-9029 or e-mail us at fireprevention@palatine.il.us.



BLOOD DRIVE



Palatine Board of Health Community Blood Drive

THURSDAY, OCT. 20
NOON TO 6 P.M.
PALATINE VILLAGE HALL
200 E. WOOD ST.
ROOM COMMUNITY B

To schedule an appointment please call vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org. and use group code: ORDOA103.

Appointments Recommended.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

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PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

The Palatine Fire Department is excited to announce our no-cost, needs-based Smoke Alarm Program. The goal of this program is to ensure that our most at-risk residents are adequately protected in the event of a fire. This program is focused on providing worry-free smoke alarms to those Palatine residents with limited financial means, disabilities, seniors sixty-five (65) and over, and residents who are unable to install their alarms because of physical limitations.



To participate in this program, call our SMOKE ALARM HOTLINE at (847) 202-6310. Please leave your name, address, and phone number and your call will be returned to schedule your installation. Palatine residents can also email smokealarms@palatine.il.us to participate. This program is available at no cost to qualifying Palatine residents while supplies last.

The Palatine Fire Department wishes to thank the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, The Home Depot, and Palatine Firefighters IAFF Local 4588 for their generous contributions to this program.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What type of smoke alarm will be installed with the program?

A 10-year sealed battery ionization technology smoke alarm. These smoke alarms have a non-replaceable sealed-in battery so there is no need to ever replace the battery. These smoke alarms will need to be replaced after 10 years.

How long will the installation take?

Installation time will depend on how much planning is required and how many alarms will need to be installed. The typical installation will take about ten (10) minutes per alarm.

I have hard-wired smoke alarms. Are these included in the program?

No. Hard-wired smoke alarms are not included in this program. This program provides stand-alone, battery-operated smoke alarms.

For more information on fire safety visit our **website**, ifsa.org, or nfpa.org.

FIREARM LOCKS

If you own a firearm, please be a responsible owner and ensure it is safely and securely stored. Our Police Department offers free firearm cable locks for our community, courtesy of www.projectchildsafe.org.



They are available at the front desk of our Police Headquarters at 595 N. Hicks Road.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT APPOINTMENTS

The Palatine Police Department offers free child car seat inspections through an **on-line sign up system**.

Please plan ahead and make an appointment to have your child's car seat checked in advance to ensure a date and time that will work for you.



988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE



On July 16, 2022, the State of Illinois launched the **988 Suicide Prevention and Crisis Hotline**. Residents of Illinois now have an easy, 3-digit code to call. This number can be called if persons are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance abuse crises, or any other emotional distress. It may also be used by people who are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. When using the 988 hotline, the call will be answered by call centers in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) network.

What will 988 be able to do?

988's primary role will be to provide emotional support during a crisis. Unlike 911, **it is not primarily a dispatch service**. Experts predict more than 80% of 988 calls will require phone support only per the National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI).

988 doesn't have a direct connection to local 911 dispatch centers and won't be able to centrally deploy first responders or mobile crisis teams across the state. If a crisis needs an in-person response, each call center will have to separately coordinate this with resources near the caller.

How does it work?

988 will be a direct access point to the NSPL network, providing greater access to life-saving services and compassionate care. At the beginning of the call, callers have the option to select the Veterans Crisis Line or the Spanish language Crisis Line. If the caller with an Illinois area code does not select either of those options, they will be routed to the Illinois Lifeline Call Center. If after 3 minutes the call is not answered by a live person, the call is rerouted to the NSPL backup affiliate network that includes call centers in other states.

When should I call 988?

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.

Who answers the call?

Callers who are connected to the Illinois Lifeline will receive specialized, individualized support from a trained call taker who is trained in suicide prevention, de-escalation and stabilization, and resources for additional help.

What does the service cost?

988 is confidential, free, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, connecting those experiencing any type of emotional distress, including mental health, substance abuse, or suicide crisis.

For more information visit the **Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS)**.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Palatine Summer Farmers' Market

The Palatine Farmers' Market continues every Saturday morning through Halloween (October 29, 2022) in the train station parking lot from 7 am to 1 pm. Starting Saturday, November 5, the Winter Market will open from 10 am to 12 noon every first and third Saturday through April. Visit the Palatine Farmers' Market serving our community since 1991, year-round. For a list of winter vendors and contact information to place orders, visit our **website**.



Rotary Club of Palatine Oktoberfest



Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18

The Oktoberfest celebration is held in downtown Palatine at the corner of Smith and Slade Streets. Free admission, authentic German music and food and activities for all ages! Raffles will be held to support local charities and community projects.

- Friday, September 16, 5 pm to Midnight
- Saturday, September 17, Noon to Midnight
- Sunday, September 18, Noon to 6 pm

To view a complete schedule of event or for more information, visit **Palatine Rotary Club**.

Palatine's Cemetery Walk

Sunday, September 18

The Palatine Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk is Sunday, September 18, from 1 - 4 pm at Hillside Cemetery (on Smith Street between Colfax and Northwest Highway). Enjoy guided tours of Hillside Cemetery as costumed actors play the roles of Palatine residents of the past.



This year's theme is Early Settlers of the 1800s. Tours start every 10-15 minutes, with the last tour beginning at 3:30pm.

Cost: Adults \$10, Members \$8, School kids \$5, Preschoolers - free. Payment at the event, cash or check.

For more information, visit **palatinehistoricalsociety.com** or call 847-991-6460.

2022 Business Expo & Community Showcase

Saturday, September 24

The Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2022 Business Expo & Community Showcase, featuring over 50 exhibitors, BBQ & ice cream food trucks, pet adoptions on site, petting zoo, animal show, entertainment, giveaways, and 50/50 cash raffle all provided by local area businesses and organizations. Something for all ages at this FREE to attend indoors/outdoors event! All attendees get one free raffle ticket. To learn more about the Palatine Area Chamber of Commerce, visit **palatinechamber.com**



New Parking Available in BMO Harris Bank Lot

Exciting news for downtown patrons! Parking is now available Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 3 am, as well as all day on the weekends and holidays in the BMO Harris Bank parking lot at Brockway and Slade Streets. See the map below for parking areas.

Public parking is permitted Monday-Friday between 4 PM and 3 AM and all day on weekends & Holidays



PALATINE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25, 2022
In Observance of Thanksgiving

Monday, December 26, 2022
In Observance of Christmas

Monday, January 2, 2023
In Observance of New Year's Day

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