



# Village of Palatine Newsletter

October 20



## Great Job Palatine Residents – Keep Recycling!

Since the new recycling cart program began this past April, Palatine residents are doing their part to recycle. The amount of recyclables collected each week continues to increase. Groot Recycling and Waste Services, Inc. has already reported an 11% increase in the tons of recyclable materials collected in comparison to last year.

As a reminder, the following recyclable items can be placed in your cart for weekly collection: aluminum cans/foil, tin cans, steel and bi-metal cans, clear, green and brown glass and jars, newspapers, magazines, telephone books, mixed papers, corrugated cardboard, single use plastic bottles, plastic containers and plastic bags stamped #1-7, aseptic beverage containers and packages, and six pack rings.

All garbage shall continue to be placed only in plastic bags at the curb for collection. The use of these carts or other cans for garbage collection is not permitted. Recycling carts must be placed at the curb with the handles facing towards the house and a minimum of 4 feet apart from your neighbor's cart.

### The 'Buddy System' -- It's a Bonus for Everyone!

Adjoining households are strongly urged to put their garbage bags together on the parkway to eliminate multiple collection stops. There are lots of important benefits to this "buddy system" -- more efficient use of manpower, fuel savings, reduction in noise and fumes from garbage trucks, reduction in the amount of time garbage trucks are rumbling through our neighborhoods, and fewer clumps of refuse at the curb which would dramatically improve the appearance of the Village on collection days.

Please do your part in helping Palatine reduce, reuse and recycle our waste. For further information on solid waste collection, contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).



## Bring the Whole Family and Tour the Station, See Flight for Life Helicopter at Fire Department Open House on October 7!

Don't miss the Palatine Fire Department's annual community-wide open house! There will be exciting demonstrations, vehicle displays, and fire station tours at Fire Station 20, 987 East Palatine Road, on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The day's events will include a fire and rescue vehicle display, station tours, auto extraction equipment, the Flight for Life helicopter, if available, and refreshments. The Fire Department's specialty teams, including dive rescue, hazardous materials, technical rescue and bike medic teams will have special displays and will answer all of your questions about their equipment and jobs. The day's activities will also include fire extinguisher training, auto extrication demonstrations, a flashover room demonstration, showing fire behavior in a simulated living room; the Fire Department's Public Education Trailer display, and a demonstration by our own "Mr. Wizard" on Fire behavior. Representatives from Northwest Community Hospital will also be on hand.



### Tentative schedule of events:

Vehicle/Equipment Displays and Station Tours	All Day
Public Education Trailer Display	All Day
Mr. Wizard (Fire Behavior)	11:00 am
Flashover Room Demonstration	12:00 pm
Hands on Fire Extinguisher Operation	All Day
Automobile Extrication Equipment Display	All Day
Helicopter from Flight for Life (If available)	1:00 pm



# New Voting Options Available for November 7 Election

## New Procedures for Early Voting, Absentee Voting EARLY VOTING (no excuse or reason needed)

Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early from October 16th to November 2nd at any one of 32 early voting sites located throughout suburban Cook County, as well as downtown Chicago. The Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood Street, is one of the early voting sites. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday (October 21st and 28th) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Early voting will be conducted on touch screens that store every ballot style in the county, permitting any voter in suburban Cook County to vote at any location. Early voters must show a current government-issued photo ID (Illinois Driver's license, a State ID, or a Passport). Visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) for a complete listing of early voting sites.

## IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (a reason is required)

### ONLY AT COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES

In-Person Absentee Voting will take place from Friday, November 3rd through Monday, November 6th only at the Cook County Clerk's five suburban offices and their downtown office. Absentee voting by mail will remain unchanged. Upon request, the Cook County Clerk's Office will mail ballots to the homes of qualified absentee voters prior to Election Day. Please **visit** [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) for the absentee voting locations, and/or to download an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

## EVER CONSIDERED BEING AN ELECTION JUDGE?

If you are interested in being an Election Judge, please contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312)603-0965 or visit their website at [www.voterinfonet.com/sub/election\\_judges.asp](http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/election_judges.asp) for more information.

For additional information, please visit [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us).

## NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE? DO IT BY OCTOBER 10!

The last day to register to vote for the November 7, 2006 General Election is Tuesday, October 10, 2006. Individuals may register anywhere in the State of Illinois that offers voter registration (i.e. Village/City Halls, Township Halls, County Offices). Two forms of identification are required. One form of identification must include the applicant's name and current address (i.e. driver's license, checkbook, piece of mail, utility bill, etc.).

To confirm that you are a registered voter, please call Cook County Election Department at (312)603-0906, or visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

## Bring the Entire Family and Join the Fun & Festivities At the Holiday Tree Lighting on November 18

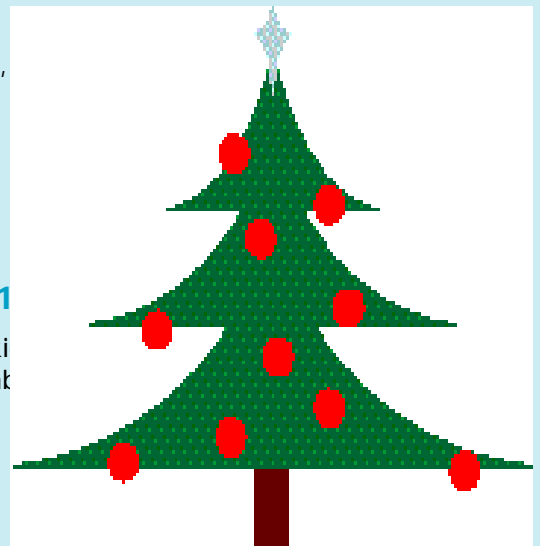
The holiday season will officially arrive in Palatine on Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. when Rudolph and Santa will join Mayor Mullins in lighting the Holiday Tree at Towne Square.

Residents are invited to enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides before and after the tree lighting, as well as the entertainment and refreshments that will continue throughout the evening.

### Downtown Merchants Host Open House November 17-18

The Downtown Merchant's 18th Annual Holiday Open House will kick off the weekend celebration the preceding evening, Friday, November 17 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with candlelight shopping, holiday treats and free carriage rides. The downtown area will be brimming with holiday fun and activities!

Check the Village's website, [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) for further information.



# Beautiful Day, Fitting Tribute

A bright blue sky with billowing white clouds was the backdrop for the American flag raised between the Palatine Fire Department ladder trucks. The shining axes of the honor guard and haunting strains of the bagpipes led the solemn parade of Palatine firefighters in their dress blue uniforms to the site at Brockway and Slade Streets. It was a perfect day for the dedication ceremony of the Palatine Firefighters Memorial.



For the families of our fallen firefighters, the ceremony represented the fulfillment of a promise. Years ago the promise was made that their fathers-brothers-husbands and sons would be remembered with a monument in the downtown area of Palatine. The site at Brockway Street and the Metra tracks is very appropriate because in October of 1946, while responding to a call, Wesley Comfort, Jr. and Leonard Nebel lost their lives at that train crossing. And, in February of 1973 Warren "Auggie" Ahlgrim, Richard Freeman and John Wilson lost their lives at the Ben Franklin store fire. The store stood directly across Brockway Street from the monument.



members of the Fremd High School Marching Band. Speakers included Gideon Bluestein representing Congresswoman Melissa Bean, Mayor Rita Mullins, Palatine Fire Chief Norm Malcolm, Former Palatine Volunteer Firefighter Elmer Rohde, Retired Chicago Fire Department Deputy District Chief Ed Enwright, and Palatine Fire Department Captain Scott Ohlrich. Family members who were present included Betty Nebel Leikam, Jean Comfort Goulet, Steve Wilson, Dave Freeman and Dan Ahlgrim. All had the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings.

The ceremony ended fittingly with "Amazing Grace" played by members of the Highland Guard Brigade pipe and drum group. And, just as fittingly, the Palatine Fire crews who were in attendance left with vehicle lights flashing to respond to an emergency call just as the song ended.

The ceremony was the culmination of four years of work to bring this monument to a reality. Also in attendance were members of the Palatine Rotary Club. The Palatine Rotary raised over \$65,000 for the Memorial at their "Party Over Palatine". Their support was the impetus needed to garner public interest in completing this monument. A dinner/dance/silent auction held by the Palatine firefighters, public art monies, direct donations, even the tip jar at the Palatine Street Fest helped to secure the other half of the funds for the \$120,000 project budget.

The sculpture of two firefighters, one kneeling to pick up a helmet and the other reaching his hand out in support, represents the sacrifice, the brotherhood and the commitment that goes with being a fire-

fighter. On the site

there is also a granite marker with the names of Palatine's fallen firefighters. The Palatine Firefighters Memorial will serve as a lasting and fitting tribute to those who's courage and commitment led to their ultimate sacrifice while protecting the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Palatine.

*Our thanks to Captain Scott Ohlrich for contributing this article*



It was an honor to have members from each of the families in attendance at the dedication ceremony. Their presence and participation was a vital part of the ceremony. The ceremony opened with the National Anthem sung by Deputy Police Chief Brad Grossman, accompanied by



## Walkers, Joggers, Kids Going to School And People With Strollers All Need To be Able to Use the Sidewalk

**N**ow that school is in session, many of your neighbors will be walking their children to school or to the bus stop.

Some will be trying to manage strollers, preschoolers on foot and older children on bicycles. If a vehicle is blocking the sidewalk, this already difficult task becomes a safety issue — especially if pedestrians are forced to walk close to the street to maneuver around a vehicle blocking their walkway.

Vehicles that obstruct sidewalks also make life more difficult for seniors who may want to take a morning or evening stroll, but are not very sure footed on uneven ground. Worse yet, the obvious danger if they are forced into the street to make their way around a vehicle that is hanging over the sidewalk.

In an effort to maximize safety for walkers of all ages, the Village of Palatine enforces an ordinance that prohibits vehicles from blocking sidewalks between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Please be a considerate neighbor. The walkers, joggers, school children and senior citizens in your neighborhood will all appreciate it.

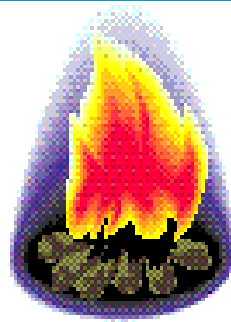


## Palatine Pauses to Remember

**P**alatine residents joined in spirit with people across the nation in honoring and remembering those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Fittingly, the remembrance ceremony was the first event to be held at the Palatine Firefighters Memorial since its dedication on August 20.

Speakers included Mayor Rita Mullins, Fire Chief Norm Malcolm, and Police Chief John Koziol. Palatine Fire Chaplain Pastor Kenneth Hewett offered the invocation, with Palatine Deputy Police Chief Brad Grossman closing the ceremony by singing *God Bless America*.



## Enjoy Your Outdoor Fireplace This Fall ... But Do It Safely

**T**he cool evenings of autumn are an ideal time to enjoy the warmth of an outdoor fire. The Palatine Fire Department would like to help make sure these times stay enjoyable, and remind you of a few important safety issues.

First, the only outside fires that are allowed within the Village are those contained within an enclosed outdoor fireplace, with proper screening all around. This prevents embers from being carried or blown out of the fireplace and starting a fire in the vicinity. Open fires are NOT permitted.

Make sure your fireplace is situated over a non-combustible area, and not on a wooden deck, as the deck could be ignited by the fire. Ensure that it is kept a safe distance from any structures or vehicles, and have a hose or bucket of water immediately available in case something unexpected happens.

As with any fireplace, only burn dry, seasoned wood; never building materials, scrap, or yard-waste such as leaves or garbage. In fact, some lumber is treated with toxic compounds like arsenic which can be released if burned. If your fireplace makes too much smoke, caused by something such as burning improper or wet materials, you could be in violation of Village ordinances and cited by the Police Department.

You should also keep an eye on the weather when you burn. If the wind is too strong, embers can be blown around even with a screen in place, and damp, foggy conditions can cause smoke to hang close to the ground and not dissipate. It's best not to start a fire in such cases, to prevent any potential problems.

Finally, when finished with your fire, make sure it's completely out. A fire left smoldering overnight can leave smoke hanging in the area, which can lead to irritation or even health problems for people in the area who are susceptible, such as those with asthma.

If you have any questions about outdoor fireplaces or regulations, call the Palatine Fire Department's Public Education office at (847) 202-6302.

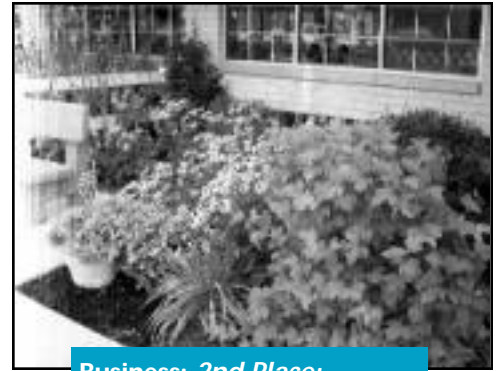
# Congratulations to our 2006

## Hometown Pride Award Winners!

**Multi-family: 1st Place:**  
*Wood Street  
Condominiums*



**Single Family: 1st Place:**  
*721 N. Bon Aire Drive  
Joan Thomas*



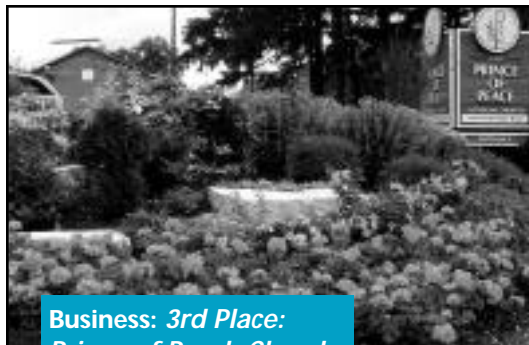
**Business: 2nd Place:**  
*Culver's of Palatine,  
1765 N. Rand Road*



**Single Family: 2nd Place:**  
*805 W. Willow,  
Peg & Dennis Donahue*

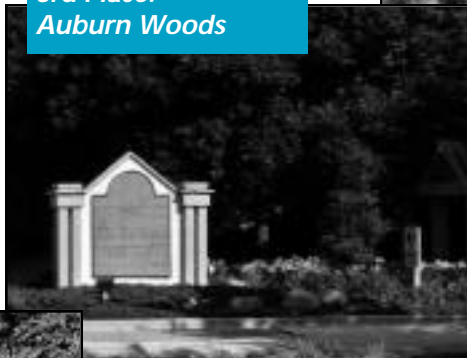


**Single Family: 3rd Place:**  
*1356 N. Oak Street,  
Harry and Barbara Hoferle*



**Business: 3rd Place:**  
*Prince of Peach Church,  
1190 N. Hicks Road*

**Subdivision Entrance:**  
*3rd Place:  
Auburn Woods*



**Subdivision Entrance: 2nd Place:**  
*Coventry Park*



**Subdivision/Cul de Sac**  
*1st Place: Bridgeview Creek*

**Business: 1st Place:**  
*The Cutting Edge,  
624 W. Colfax Street*



# Palatine Street Fest 2006

## Hometown Fun Under the Sun!



Palatine Street Fest  
CHILI COOK-OFF

Despite some threatening weather forecasts, this year's crowd was one of the largest in the seven year history of Street Fest. Those in attendance were able to select from a variety of food items offered by 18 local restaurants. With regards to music, Street Fest kicked off on Friday night with Sixteen Candles and Mike & Joe. While on Saturday night Modern Day Romeos and Big Head Todd & The Monsters drew a large crowd, and on Sunday Route 66 and The Monarch Orchestra capped off the weekend.



We give our thanks to the over 200 volunteers that helped to make this year's Street Fest a huge success. Thanks to everyone who stopped by and we look forward to seeing you at Street Fest again next year!!!



## Go, baby, go!

They're off and running . . . or crawling . . . or sitting and crying in some cases. It was the first ever Palatine Street Fest Baby Races, and its participants ranged from demure to daredevils.

More than 50 of Palatine's youngest residents vied for the honor of being the first to walk, run or crawl to the finish line. Four winners were named in each of two categories -- crawlers (under 12 months) and walkers (under two years).

The crowd cheered enthusiastically as the tiny contestants headed for the finish line . . . and the babies of course froze in the glare of the spotlight!

It was fun for everyone, and sure to be back at Street Fest 2007!



## And the 2006 winners are . . .

### 2006 CHILI COOK-OFF

Sponsored by Harris Bank

- 1st Place and People's Choice Award** Scott Sprinkle  
**2nd Place** Nancy Nerdtvedt  
**3rd Place** Kathie & Katie Snelten  
**1st Place Judges' Award** Kathie & Katie Snelter  
**2nd Place** Curtis Redmond  
**3rd Place** Scott Sprinkle



The \$440 in proceeds from the Chili Cook Off were donated to Palatine Township's Apple Tree Campaign.

### 2006 BABY RACES

Sponsored by Miss Bossy Boots and Today's Child

- 1st Place -- Crawlers** Benjamin Petermann  
**2nd Place -- Crawlers** Kenden Swandon  
**1st Place -- Walkers** Carly Auer  
**2nd Place -- Walkers** Zimmer Driscoll

All were awarded \$50.00 gift certificates from Miss Bossy Boots.

### 2006 POLICE BIKE CHALLENGE

- Top three winners:** Palatine Fire Department  
 Palatine Police Team #1  
 Arlington Heights Police Team #1

### 2006 PET PARADE

Sponsored by Fox Glove Cottage and The Music Room

- Longest Ears:** BJ, Basset Hound owner Jean Dietrich  
**Shortest Tail:** Cody, Schnoodle owned by Rachel Mackinnon  
**Best Body:** Kyra, Shepherd/Doberman owned by Aleksa Kosinski  
**Best Costume** Rozwell J., Cat Joe & Candy Starns  
**Biggest Eyes:** Rocky, Basset Hound owned by Elisa Parenti  
**Most Colorful Coat:** Rozwell J., Cat Joe & Candy Starns

### 2006 PIE EATING CONTEST

Sponsored by Zimmer Hardware

- 1st Place -- 12 and under** Nicole Obos  
**2nd Place -- 12 and under** Charlie Rubin  
**3rd Place -- 12 and under** Brady Jamrozek  
**1st Place -- adult** Cale Piepeburg  
**2nd Place -- adult** Gwen Deger  
**3rd Place -- adult** Dave Waskin

Fun was had by all . . . except the moms who had to clean the kids up. . .

# Thanks, Street Fest Volunteers -- You Help Make This A Great Hometown Event!



Aaron Adams  
Joe Aichholzer  
Amanda Alvarez  
Kevin Anderson  
Scott Anderson  
Wade Anderson  
T J Andrew  
Scott Andrews  
Amy Atherton  
Jay Atherton  
Mike Ballenger  
Neil Baltz  
Jennifer Bartels  
Sue Bartels  
Terry Bartels  
Adam Beagle  
Nellie Beckner  
Stan Bednarek  
Sue Bednarek  
Bonnie Bennett  
Judy Bennett  
Carol Bernardi  
Rhonda Besander  
Mike Bianca  
Linda Blake  
Chris Brady  
Katey Brand  
Cathy Brandel  
Jim Brandt  
Steve Bratcher  
Betsy Brink  
James Brustad  
Kevin Burris  
Krista Burris  
Jeff Butterfield  
Marc Campise  
Larry Canada  
Chris Carr  
Barb Christie  
Dan Corbett  
Erin Corey  
Hank Curcio  
Joe Demarco  
Janet Derken  
Randy Dowell  
James Eiden  
Alyssa Engelbrecht  
Kurt Engelbrecht  
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Sandy Franzblau  
Mike Freese  
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Steve Glumm  
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Mary Goluska  
Michael Goluszka  
Matt Gorecki  
June Goritz  
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Pat Gratziana  
Charlene Greene  
Matt Grenning  
Brad Grossman  
Tamara Gulisano  
Bob Haas  
Nancy Hallquist  
Bob Hanson  
Mary Hanson  
Jim Harold  
Brian Harrison  
Karen Harold  
John Helpap  
Fred Hoegler  
Todd Holtz  
Doug Hoyt  
Kelly Hoyt  
Jim Hrycko  
Dave Huemann  
Lisa Huemann  
Cole Hunt  
Sandy Hustedt  
Lin Jackowski  
Pam Jackson  
Mike Jacobs  
Lana Jano  
Mike Jano  
Nick Jaworskyj  
Bill Jennings  
Connie Jennings  
Mike Jerzyk  
Mike Jezierski  
Fred Johnson  
Kyle Ingebrigtsen  
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Shane Koeneman  
Marge Komora  
Greg Koniecki  
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Kathy Koziol  
Chad Kurka  
Tim Labbs  
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Dorothy Lance  
Joe Lance  
Anthony Lavacchi  
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Martie Lennon  
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Mark Lesselyoung  
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Dee Logsdon  
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Kevin Roberts  
Betty Rocha  
Herb Rocha  
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Shannon Rotizza  
Todd Rowden  
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George Ruppert  
Allison Ritt  
Josh Ritt  
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Monique Schmelzer  
Jon Schmidt  
Jennifer Schneider  
Dutch Schultz  
Edie Schultz  
Mike Seebacher  
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Jason Watson  
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Matt Webb  
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Steve Zimmerman



# Home Repair Fraud: Here's How to Protect Yourself

Every year the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Bureau prosecutes numerous contractors who have defrauded homeowners in every region of the state. However, the best way to combat home repair fraud is to prevent it from happening in the first place. Here are some basic tips to help you avoid getting scammed.

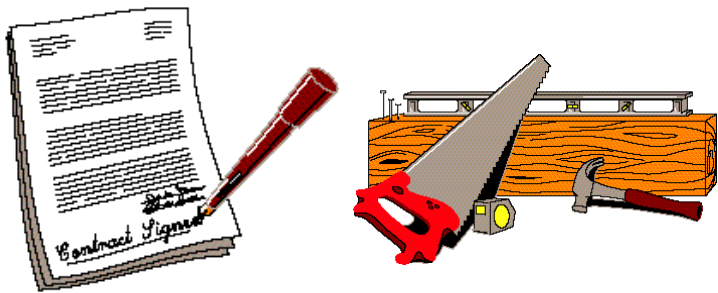
## Six simple tips to keep from being scammed by a home repair con artist

Crooked contractors tend to exhibit some tell-tale signs. In general, you should beware when:

1. Door-to-door salespersons with no local connections who offer to do home repair work for substantially less than the going price in the marketplace.
2. Solicitations for repair work from a company that lists only a telephone number or a post office box number to contact, particularly if it is an out-of-state company.
3. Contractors who fail to provide customer references when requested.
4. Persons who offer to inspect your home for free. Do not admit anyone into your home unless he or she can present authentic identification establishing his or her business status. When in doubt, do not hesitate to call the worker's employer to verify his or her identity.
5. Contractors who demand cash payment for a job or ask you to make a check payable to a person other than the owner or company name.
6. Offers from a contractor to drive you to the bank to withdraw funds to pay for the work.

## Tips for Hiring a Contractor

- Get all estimates in writing.
- Do not be induced into signing a contract by high pressure sales tactics.
- Never sign a contract with blank spaces or one you do not fully understand. If you are taking out a loan to finance the work, do not sign the contract before your lender approves the loan.
- Remember you have three business days from the time you sign your contract to cancel any contract if the sale is made at your home. The contractor cannot deprive you of this right by initiating work, selling your contract to a lender, or any other tactic.
- If the contractor does business under a name other than the contractor's real name, the business must either be incorporated or registered under the Assumed Business Name Act. Check with the Secretary of State to see if the business is incorporated or with the county clerk to see if the business has registered under the Assumed Business Name Act.
- Check with local and county units of government to determine if permits or inspections are required.
- Determine whether the contractor will guarantee his or her work and products.
- Determine whether the contractor has the proper insurance.
- Do not sign a certificate of completion or make final payment until the work is done to your satisfaction.



Further information is available at [www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov) or by calling the phone numbers listed below.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONSUMER FRAUD HOTLINES

**Chicago**  
1-800-386-5438  
TTY: 1-800-964-3013

**Springfield**  
1-800-243-0618  
TTY: 1-877-844-5461

**Carbondale**  
1-800-243-0607  
TTY: 1-877-675-9339

## Getting Ready to Rake Your Leaves?

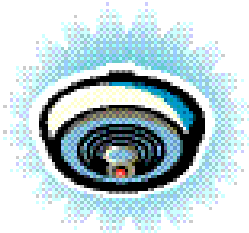
Please be sure to keep them away from storm inlets

Leaf collection time is here, and that means residents throughout the Village will be raking leaves into the street prior to their scheduled collection days. Please do not to cover inlets when leaves into street. Blocked storm sewer drains can be a major contributor to street flooding.



## TRICK OR TREAT

Palatine Trick or Treat hours are from **3:00-7:00 PM** on Tuesday, October 31.



## Change Your Clock – Change Your Battery

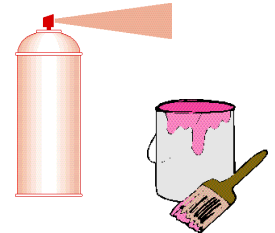
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 29. Remember to change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors when you change your clocks. It's timely, life-saving advice from the Palatine Fire Department!

## Dispose of Household Chemical Waste, Recycle Your Old Computer & Electronics At Two Recycling Events in October

Need some extra space in your basement or garage? Then collect all those half-used bottles of old household chemicals, and dig out that old computer, printer, monitor or other electronics you no longer use and bring them to two special recycling collections in Schaumburg in October.

### Household Chemical Waste Collection

**When:** Saturday, October 7  
**Where:** Alexian Field (Flyers Stadium) 1999 Springinguth (W. Parking Lot)  
**Time:** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



### Residential Computer & Electronics Recycling Event

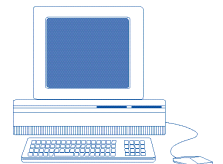
**When:** Saturday, October 14  
**Where:** Motorola headquarters, 1301 E. Algonquin; Enter Visitor A 1999 Springinguth (W. Parking Lot)  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Sponsored by:** Motorola and SWANCC

Residentially-generated electronic equipment will be taken for recycling for no cost. Visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) for a list of accepted computer and electronic material. The website also includes a list of recommended electronics contractors for businesses, school districts, government agencies and institutional-generated waste. A list of organizations where computers and cell phones can be donated is also available on SWANCC's website.

### Local Organizations Giving New Life to Your Discarded Electronics

"Computers For Schools," a not-for-profit organization, will be on site to take select computers and printers. If your equipment is taken for refurbishing, a tax receipt will be issued. For a list of items that may be accepted, visit [www.pcsforschools.org](http://www.pcsforschools.org) or call (800) 939-6000 for more information.

Cell phones will be collected for Motorola's "Race to Recycle" program; tax receipts will not be issued. For program information, visit [www.motorola.com/racetorecycle](http://www.motorola.com/racetorecycle).



## Hey, Kids — Be a 'Recycling Ranger'! Get a Badge, Membership Card and More!

SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) is offering a new, no-cost program initiative for elementary-aged children called "Recycling Rangers". The goal of the program is to provide ongoing information about the importance of recycling and to instill positive habits for taking care of our environment throughout the year, and beyond.

Membership will include a "Recycling Rangers" badge, an official membership card, recycled-content goodies, trading cards and a quarterly activity book that covers various topics of source reduction (reduce-reuse) and recycling.

With a parent's permission, children can sign-up online by visiting [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org), or by submitting a postage-paid card provided by SWANCC or by calling the agency at (847) 724-9205.

Sign up to be a Recycling Ranger today!



## New Temporary Sign Ordinance a Success in Keeping Palatine Attractive and Uncluttered

Earlier this year, the Village's regulations regarding the posting of temporary signs within Palatine's public right-of-ways were modified. The following provides a brief summary of the new sign regulations as they relate to events on residential property:

**Type of Sign:** Temporary event signs, identifying events such as "Garage Sale", "Yard Sale", and "Open House", are permitted. Signs indicating "For Sale" or "For Rent" are not permitted within a public right-of-way.

**Number & Size of Signs:** A maximum of five signs may be displayed in conjunction with a specific event. Each sign shall be limited to a height of four feet and a sign area of 8 square feet. No balloons, streamers or other attention getting devices shall be attached to a sign.

**Time Limits:** Event signs may be posted between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM for a maximum of three consecutive days.

**Location:** Event signs shall provide a minimum setback of one foot from any curb, shoulder or sidewalk. Signs may not be located within landscaped medians, decorative planters, or brick paver areas. In addition, signs may not be attached to any lamp post, utility post, or tree.

Please be advised that the Village completes routine sign sweeps throughout the community to ensure that the new regulations are being followed. Any signs that are not in compliance with the applicable regulations will be removed. These regulations were adopted to create a safe and attractive community. We appreciate your cooperation in following them.

For more detailed information regarding the Village's sign regulations, check out the Village's website at [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us) or contact the Village's Planning and Zoning Department at (847) 359-9047.

## Radon Testing: It's Easy, Inexpensive, and A Great Way to Help Protect Your Family's Health

Have you tested your home for radon yet? Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas caused by the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soil that gets into the air you breathe. You can't see radon, smell it or taste it. Radon can be found all over the United States and may be a problem in your home. The Surgeon General has warned that prolonged exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Radon can enter the home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Radon testing is inexpensive and easy. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk for radon. The EPA recommends that all homes below the third floor are tested. Contact the Cook County Radon Awareness Program Hotline at (708) 865-6177 to receive a packet of information and a coupon to mail order a radon test kit at a reduced price.

Art is for everyone—to enjoy, to create,  
to inspire, to soothe, to excite.  
Support the arts in Palatine during  
October, National Arts Month –  
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Mail to: PIAC, P.O. Box 1541; Palatine, IL 60078-1541  
Visit [www.palatineinvernessarts.org](http://www.palatineinvernessarts.org) for upcoming events including fieldtrips, area art events and the annual youth art contest for The PIAC calendar.

# Palatine Farmers Market Continues Thru October 21

**T**here are just a few more opportunities remaining this year to stop by the Palatine Farmers Market to purchase the freshest fruits, vegetables, breads, flowers, nuts, pasta and more.

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from now through October 21 at the Palatine train station. Hours are 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This year marks the Market's 15th consecutive season. New vendors joining popular favorites from past years include Dea Dia Organics, featuring certified organic veggies; Nuttin's Impossible, offering 40 varieties of nuts and seeds, including flavored and spiced nuts; and That Pickle Guy, an extremely popular vendor at other farmers markets who has now added the Palatine Farmers Market to his venues.

Other vendors at the Market are offering Michigan blueberries, fresh baked goods, dry mixes for soups and dips, Indiana produce, sea salt from France, international teas, buffalo meat, freshly cut flowers and pottery, and special treats for the special pooch in your life.

Mark your calendar today for the Palatine Farmers Market's last three dates: October, 7, 14, and the final market of the season on October 21.



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