

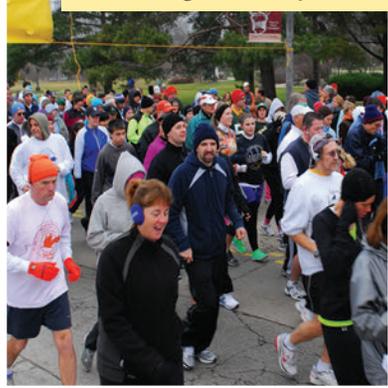
Keeping Posted

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2017 Flood: Information to Know

Des Plaines River Flooding

The Des Plaines River reached record levels by July 17th at a height of 12.1 feet. The Village responded to the initial rainfall by proactively assembling sand bags and recruiting volunteers to help protect the over 50 homes and businesses in the flood zone. In total, 37 homes and businesses were flooded to at least the first story. The removal of 26 properties in the flood plain, including the Gurnee Grade School, has helped significantly reduce the impact of Des Plaines River flooding.



Flash Flooding - Basement Damage

In total, nearly 425 homes in Gurnee reported taking on water damage of some type from the initial rainfall on July 12th, 2017. Older homes were particularly susceptible to sanitary sewer backups during this time. To help homeowners with older gravity systems that backed up during the flood, the Village has a matching grant for up to \$5,000 or 85% of the cost to install a new ejector system. For more information on the program and to determine if you are eligible for the waiting list, call 847-599-7550.



IEMA / FEMA Support

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has collected damage assessments from local governments and homeowners to determine eligibility for Federal aid. FEMA has already denied aid for Public Assistance, which reimburses government agencies for their expenses during the flood. FEMA will next determine if Individual Assistance will be granted in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners. Initial analysis has determined that this assistance will be unlikely.



For more information on Flood Recovery: www.lakecountyil.gov/3937/2017-Flood-Information

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

Oct.
23
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
30
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
6
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
20
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
28
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

Oct.
18
7:30 p.m.

Nov.
1
7:30 p.m.

Nov.
15
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

Oct.
19
5:30 p.m.

Oct.
24
7:00 p.m.

All Village meetings are held at Village Hall (325 N. O'Plaine Road) unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Meetings in red and outlined in black are Committee of the Whole meetings where no formal action is taken. Meetings in green are Economic Development Committee meetings and meetings in purple are Civil Service Meetings.

Community Events

GO GURNEE Walking Club



Keep moving into fall with GO GURNEE, Saturday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. through November 4th. The group meets at Viking Park Community Center. This is a free program. Everyone who registers receives a GO GURNEE T-shirt. To register for the GO GURNEE Walking Club, visit the Gurnee Park District website at www.gurneeparkdistrict.com or call the registration number at 847-623-7788.

Looking for more events?

Check out the Gurnee Park District (www.gurneeparkdistrict.com), Warren-Newport Public Library (www.wnpl.info) and Warren Township (www.warrentownship.net) websites for even more events and information!

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

It sure has been a beautiful start to the fall season. We held our Legions of Craft Beer Fest on September 16th and had spectacular weather, a wide variety of craft brewers, outstanding entertainment and fun food choices. We also raised a lot of money for two very good causes: Gurnee American Legion Post 771 and Lake County Honor Flight. It was wonderful to see so many residents and visitors from the surrounding areas come out and enjoy the day with us in support of veterans. The event would not have been possible without the generous support of Timothy O'Toole's, Gurnee Mills and 102.3 XLC who work with Village Staff all year on planning. We also had great support from several additional sponsors: Knauz Motors, Chicago Woodfire Pizza and Consumers Credit Union.



We've recently completed a major project in the last few months that will have a meaningful impact on future operations. On July 6th, we significantly expanded our 9-1-1 Center and started dispatching emergency calls for service for the City of Zion. Many, many hours of planning went into the implementation and execution to get the current communication center ready. The Village of Gurnee has invested heavily in the 9-1-1 Center making sure we kept pace with the latest available technology. Those investments have not been inexpensive and are necessary to offer first-in-class dispatching. Being able to dispatch for additional public safety departments ensures that we are maximizing our investment and will be able to continue to have the finest personnel and technology. Chief Kevin Woodside and his team, along with the Fire Department, Information Systems and Finance staff did an exceptional job.

Speaking of great work, the Village is very proud to announce that the Gurnee Fire Department received a Life Safety Achievement Award for calendar year 2016. The award is given by The National Association of State Fire Marshal's Fire Research and Education Foundation. Only 110 fire departments from across the nation earned this distinction for their fire prevention accomplishments. This award celebrates our Fire Department for their efforts in organizing fire safety inspections, offering outreach programs that spread the word about fire safety, and, most importantly, saving the lives of people in their communities. Chief John Kavanagh along with his team and our Community Development staff are also gearing up for our Insurance Service Officer (ISO) review, which determines casualty insurance rates for both residential and commercial properties. A lot of work and investment goes into making sure we have the best possible ISO rating so the community can benefit from lower insurance rates.

As we get underway with fall leaf collection and, *egads*, preparation for snow and ice control, I hope that all of you are signed up for our weekly e-newsletter or are following us on Facebook or Twitter. With so much going on in the areas of public safety, community development and public works, myself and the Village Board want to make sure that you are kept informed and that we are accessible to those we serve.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

Leaf Collection Program to Begin the Week of Monday, October 23rd

The Village offers an annual leaf collection program through its contract with Waste Management. Through this program, residents have the ability to dispose of leaves that accumulate in their yards during the fall season.

Gurnee's annual Leaf Collection Program begins **Monday, October 23rd and runs until Friday, December 1st**. Waste Management will make six trips throughout the Village to collect leaves during this time period. Waste Management makes great effort to collect leaves along each Village roadway every week. However, factors such as weather or large volumes of leaves may slow down collection efforts.

Residents should have their leaves at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the Monday of each collection week to ensure they are collected. Leaf collection does not necessarily take place on the same day as your regular garbage pick-up. A leaf collection map has been posted to the Village's website for your reference: www.gurnee.il.us/residents/recycling/leaf-collection. Please note that this map assumes normal conditions for pickup and is subject to change based on collection volume and weather.

Residents should rake leaves to the curb where the vacuum trucks will collect them. When placing the leaves at the curb, please do NOT put them in the street as this may block culverts or storm sewer openings. Leaves piled in these areas may create drainage problems in the event of heavy rains or melting snow. Do NOT place leaves in plastic bags.

Residents with limited street frontage, such as those who live on cul-de-sacs, should continue to rake leaves as close to the curb as possible. If you are concerned you will not have enough room to place all the leaves, you can place them in kraft-type paper bags and dispose of them through the regular landscape collection service. However, if you do not subscribe to the service, you will need to purchase landscape stickers to affix to the kraft-type bags.

Once the collection truck makes its final run in your neighborhood, it will not return to collect any additional leaves. **Residents with leaves after the final run during the week of Monday, November 27th will need to make alternate arrangements for pickup.**

The Village requests that residents contact the Village prior to the final collection week with any concerns or issues so that they may be adequately addressed prior to the close of the program. For any questions, please contact Village Hall at (847) 599-7500.

Seasonal Reminders

Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 5th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, November 4th. As this date approaches, the Village of Gurnee Fire Department would like to remind all residents to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they turn their clocks back one hour. Changing the batteries in your smoke alarm is a simple task that can save lives.



In the United States, smoke alarms are present in 96% of American homes, but 20% do not work because of worn or missing batteries, preventing families from achieving the full potential of increased fire safety from smoke alarms. If a fire occurs, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half by providing an early warning and extra critical seconds to escape. Approximately 84% of fire deaths occur in homes where smoke alarms are not working.



Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau with any questions at (847) 599-6650.

Leaf Burning Prohibited

As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials and large bonfires.

The Village does allow residents to create small, outdoor wood burning fires. The ordinance permits residents to use portable outdoor fire pits and build small wood burning campfires. For full requirements for outdoor fires, please visit the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/government/departments/fire-department/fire-prevention/recreational-fires.

For any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 599-6650.

THE DOs AND DON'Ts of leaf collection

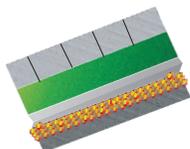
DO



Plan ahead:
Get leaves to the curb on Monday to avoid missing pickup.



Compost:
Leaves can make an excellent compost for plants in the spring.



Don't place leaves in the street:
Leaves can clog sewers and make roads hazardous if wet.



Don't wait until the last minute:
Make sure to put leaves out each week to prevent service slowdowns.

DON'T

Village News

Landscape Waste Collection Ends Dec. 1st

Landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 27th - Saturday, December 1st. Landscape waste pickup takes place on the same day as your regular trash/recycling collection. Any landscape waste placed at the curb after this week will not be picked up. For more information visit www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape.

Village Street Lights



There are over 2,000 street lights in the Village of Gurnee. If you know of one that needs repair, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800 or via email at publicworks@village.gurnee.il.us. It will then be put on a repair list and every effort will be made to have it working within one week of the call.

Shop Local



With Thanksgiving and the holiday season quickly approaching, you may already be looking for deals on a number of different items from food to gifts. When you do, please keep in mind that shopping local is one of the biggest things you can do to support the community. Each dollar spent in Gurnee not only bolsters local business, it also pays for many of the services you rely on, such as police and fire protection. Please consider making your purchases in Gurnee this year. For a list of local businesses, visit the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/business/directory/list.

East Grand Giveaway

\$1000!
East "Grand" Giveaway
One \$50 Dollar Winner Each Week!
Enter by Visiting East Grand Avenue Merchants in Gurnee*

*Find Participating Merchants on Facebook.com/GurneesGotIt

What is the East Grand (\$1,000) Giveaway? This sweepstakes rewards shoppers for visiting businesses on East Grand. One winner will be randomly selected each week through December 30, 2017; minimum prize \$50 cash per week, total \$1,000. "Week" runs Saturday to Saturday.

How to Enter: Provide name, email, and phone number at a participating business on East Grand Avenue in Gurnee. Note: This information may be used by the participating businesses or the Village for future promotions.

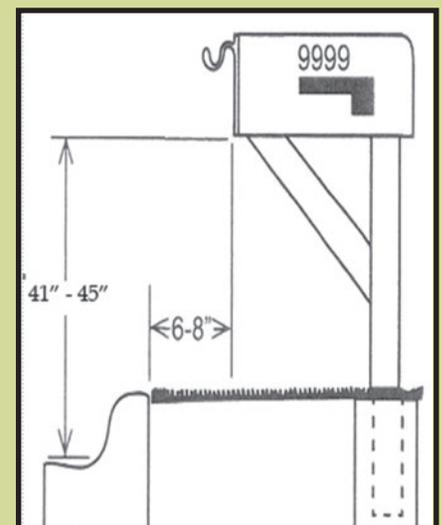
Where to Enter: See Facebook.com/GurneesGotIt for a list of participating businesses. More may be added.

How Winners Are Selected: One randomly selected winner from each participating business will be entered into a master drawing each week. There will be one master drawing winner each week.

Is Your Mailbox Ready for Winter?

With the winter quickly approaching, residents are reminded that mailboxes must be properly positioned. In late October, plow trucks will drive through snow routes, making note of right-of-way hazards and improperly placed, leaning or damaged mailboxes. Residents with mailboxes having these issues will be sent a letter asking for their cooperation in bringing the mailbox into compliance with USPS standards.

Residents who receive a letter and fail to repair the mailbox will not be eligible for reimbursement of damage caused by snow and ice control operations. If you have questions regarding your mailbox placement, please contact Public Works at (847) 599-6800.



Above: The diagram shows the proper setback requirements to ensure mailboxes are protected from routine plowing procedures.

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Trick-or-Treating 2017

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2017 to be on SATURDAY, October 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Village also asks that you be respectful of your neighbors while trick-or-treating--go only to homes of people you know. If you have questions regarding trick-or-treating hours, please contact the Village of Gurnee Police Department at (847) 599-7000.

Village Update

For each issue of *Keeping Posted*, the Village will call out one or two exceptional projects, events or employees that epitomize the Village's strategic goals of engaging the public, preserving our community and quality of life or advancing our services in response to public needs.

Best of Gurnee

Best of Gurnee is a business recognition campaign that awards and recognizes businesses, large and small, national and local, for exemplary community-building activities. It's sponsored by the Village of Gurnee Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Anyone - individuals, businesses or organizations - may submit limitless nominations through an online form. This form may be submitted any time, and nominees will be recognized via the Village's communication channels (social media, website, newsletter). Nominations through the Village's or the Gurnee's Got It Facebook pages will be accepted as well. Winners will be selected to receive a Best of Gurnee award, presented by Mayor Kristina Kovarik twice annually, in the spring and fall.

Get more information or fill out a form at www.gurnee.il.us/bestofgurnee.

Be in the Know

Curious about new businesses or projects in the Village? Be in the know with this listing of new or upcoming projects!

October 2017 - What's New:

- Nypro Expansion (955 Tri State Parkway) - 78,000 square foot addition added to the existing 90,000 square foot manufacturing and "clean room" facility.
- Halloween Express (Gurnee Mills - Entry J) - Offering a large selection of Halloween costumes, costume accessories, props, and decorations.
- Backstage Salon and Spa (5572 Grand Avenue) - Offering hair, spa and nail services.
- The Popcorn Factory (4081 Ryan Road) - Distribution center for popcorn treats and gifts.

Coming Soon:

- Cold Stone Creamery (7105 Grand Avenue) - Offering cold treats and sweets.
- Holt Financial Group, LLC (495 N IL Route 21) - A financial services and retirement planning.
- Art Van Furniture (6911 Grand Avenue) - Home furnishings and decor.
- Nothing Bundt Cakes (6951) - Bundt cake bakery / retailer.