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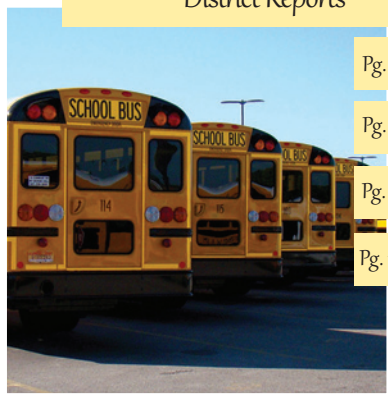
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Keeping Posted(+)

The Village has once again partnered with our three school districts (50, 56 and 121) and Gurnee Park District to bring you Keeping Posted+! This special edition of the Village's newsletter brings you information about the community that you might not otherwise see. We hope you enjoy the combined format and opportunity to see the work our various organizations perform to make Gurnee an excellent place to live, work and play!

Mayor's Message

I hope all of you are as excited as I am that Gurnee Days is just around the corner. While Gurnee has grown over the years to become a major tourism destination, we have successfully maintained our historical roots and small town feel with the annual Gurnee Days celebration. Established by a small group of devoted residents 40 plus years ago, Gurnee Days gives friends and neighbors a chance to get together and enjoy a family-oriented festival. The weekend is filled with great activities for all ages and interests. My advice, don't miss the Exchange Club's Ribfest, followed by fireworks on Saturday night at Viking Park! Make sure you also stop by the Richard A. Welton Village Plaza to view the progress that has been made recently. We aren't quite done yet, but a long vacant and unusable piece of property in the center of the Village is being restored to a peaceful green space for all residents to enjoy.



This year's Gurnee Days Honoree is Tom Henderson. Not everyone in the Village has had the privilege of meeting Mr. Henderson, but he is a lifelong resident and gives selflessly to many charitable organizations in the area. Many of these agencies would not be able to meet the needs of their clients without his generosity I am very appreciative and thankful for everything Mr. Henderson has done for Gurnee.

In this newsletter you will also find valuable information from our three school districts and the Park District. The Village is very proud of the partnership and year round collaboration between these government entities. This issue highlights all the great things happening in Gurnee and demonstrates the wise use and investment of tax dollars.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you enjoying Gurnee Days, and please stop and say "Hi!"

Sincerely,
Mayor Kristina Kovarik

Village News

Village Meetings

Village Board

August
8
7:00 p.m.

August
22
7:00 p.m.

August
29
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
12
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
26
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
3
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

August
3
7:30 p.m.

August
17
7:30 p.m.

Sept.
7
7:30 p.m.

Sept.
21
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

August
18
5:30 p.m.

Oct.
20
5:30 p.m.

Sept.
27
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.

Village's Open Houses

Stop by the following Gurnee Days Open Houses on Saturday, August 13th to learn more about your Village Departments at work. Don't miss the tractor rides between Public Works and Fire Station 1 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon!

- **Public Works, 1151 Kilbourne Road, 10 a.m.-Noon:** Enjoy activities such as plow truck rides and demonstrations on backhoe digging.
- **Fire Station #1, 4580 Old Grand, 10 a.m.-Noon:** Take part in the Kid's Challenge, fire truck rides and dive/rescue demonstrations.
- **Police Department, 100 N. O'Plaine Road, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:** View the 911 Center, the prisoner lock-up, shooting range and evidence processing areas. Police equipment will also be on display.

Visit www.gurnee.il.us/OpenHouses for more information!

44th Annual Gurnee Days

www.gurneedays.com

August 11-14
"Gurnee Days Goes For Gold!"

DAILY SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

10:00 a.m. - Noon
7:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Bike Rodeo
Testimonial Dinner
Teen Pool Party

Woodland MS
Midlane Club
HC Aquatic Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.*
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Gurnee Farmers' Market
Bike Rodeo
Storytime Extravaganza
Amusement Rides
Family Decathlon & Kite Flying
Gurnee Idol
Food Booths
Beer Garden & Entertainment
Movie in the Park: Zootopia

Petersen Park
Fire Station No. 1
Viking Park
Viking Park
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
Noon - 4:45 p.m.
Noon - 11:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Golf Tournament
10K Race/Fun Run**
Public Works Open House
Fire Dept Open House
Gurnee Days Art Show
Mother Rudd Open House
Great Gurnee Adventure
Food Booths
Police Dept Open House
Exhibits - Games
Baby Contest
"Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs"
Stage Events
Ribfest
Amusement Rides
Ice Cream Eating Contest**
Rib Eating Contest
Free Parking Lot Shuttle
Police K9 Demonstration
Evening Entertainment
Fireworks

HeatherRidge
WTHS O'Plaine
Kilbourne Road
Old Grand Ave
Viking School
Mother Rudd
Viking Park
Viking Park
Police Station
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking MS
VP Bandshell
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
Stops Near VP
VP Bandshell
VP Bandshell
Viking Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

8:00 a.m. - Noon
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. (after parade)

Pancake Breakfast
Mis-Shifts Car Show
Zumba Party
Gurnee Days Art Show
Food Booths
Exhibits - Games
Gurnee Days Parade
Children's Pony Rides/Petting Zoo
Mother Rudd Open House
Amusement Rides
Stage Events
Talent Show
"Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs"

Viking Park
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking School
Viking Park
Viking Park
Old Grand Ave
Viking Park
Mother Rudd
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
VP Bandshell
Viking MS

* Friday Beer Garden & Entertainment will begin at 7:30 or 15 minutes after Gurnee Idol.
** Some events require fee or advance registration. Register for the 10K Race & Ice Cream Eating Contest at <http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/special-events>.

Special thanks to our
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SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE IN 2016

Free shuttle bus service will be available on Saturday, August 13th from parking lots near Viking Park.

WANT MORE INFO?

www.gurneedays.com

Woodland District 50

Woodland Schools Receive PBIS Gold and Silver Status Recognitions

Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50 is honored to be recognized for its efforts in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports by the Midwest PBIS Network, an organization that supports state, local and community agencies working to prevent problem behaviors and promote positive school cultures.

Gold Status Recognition was given to Middle, Elementary East and West schools while the Intermediate and Primary schools received the PBIS Silver Status Recognition. PBIS recognizes schools through Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Recognition Levels. Over 450 Illinois schools participated in the process to be recognized.

Woodland implemented the district-wide behavioral framework, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), in 2010. The main objective of PBIS is to establish the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. Woodland introduced its ROAR program to align with the PBIS framework. ROAR represents Respect, Ownership, Acceptance and being Ready to learn. In order for Middle, Elementary East and Elementary West to earn Gold Status, the schools needed to implement at least two or more levels, known as Tiers, of PBIS with 80% success.

"We are very proud of each of our five schools for their accomplishments surrounding PBIS and the great strides they have put forth to support our students to make the best choices possible each day," said Associate Superintendent of Education Lori Casey. "Our schools succeed because of the support and leadership from our outstanding PBIS teams that include External Coaches Trina Metz, Dr. Tim Tyrell and Dr. Robin Heiser."

"The majority of our students, with support from our exceptional staff, display ROAR behaviors each day they are at school," said Metz. "We are amazed by the positive behavior displayed by our students and staff."



Since the district-wide implementation in 2010, PBIS has become integrated into the culture of the district.

"The PBIS program is as strong as the students and staff and parents that support it," said Tyrell. "We will continue to support ROAR behavior at Woodland so we can embrace a safe and positive learning environment for all students."

Woodland's Strong PARCC Performance

This spring, Woodland students took the PARCC, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, proficiency exam for a second time. This annual, rigorous proficiency test is the new State of Illinois test for English Language Arts and Math. 2016 results are not yet available, but the 2015 performance of Woodland students once again exceeded the Illinois and PARCC national averages. Woodland exceeded the Illinois Average by 10% in English Language Arts. In Math, 11% more students reached these high proficiency targets.

District Info

About District 50

Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50 is an elementary school district covering early childhood through Grade 8. As one of the largest school districts in the State of Illinois, it has more than 6,000 students enrolled from portions of Gurnee, Grayslake, Park City, Third Lake, Old Mill Creek, Wadsworth, Lake Villa, Waukegan and Libertyville as well as the entirety of Grandwood Park and Wildwood.

Officials

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Schools

WOODLAND PRIMARY:

17366 W. Gages Lake Road
(847) 984-8700

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY EAST:

17261 W. Gages Lake Road
(847) 984-8800

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY WEST:

17371 W. Gages Lake Road
(847) 984-8900

WOODLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:

1115 N. Hunt Club Road
(847) 596-5900

WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

7000 Washington Street
(847) 856-3400

District Finances

Budget & Reporting Documents

Copies of Woodland District 50's budget, teacher's contract and required compensation disclosures are all available on the District's website. Go to www.dist50.net, select "About Us" and then select "Public Records."

Residents with questions can contact the District's Administrative Offices at (847) 596-5600.

D50 Financial Recognition

Bond Rating: Woodland District 50 recently had its credit rating reaffirmed by two credit agencies. In 2015 the district refinanced its current debt to reduce its tax rate to area residents.

Credit Ratings History

Moody's and Standard & Poor (S&P):

2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2013	AA+	S & P
2012	AA+	S & P
2011	AA+	S & P
2011-2015	Aa2	Moody's

The ratings from Moody's indicate high quality, and the Standard & Poor's ratings indicate a strong capacity to meet financial obligations.

Financial Recognition

Illinois State Board of Education:

2015	Recognition
2014	Recognition
2013	Recognition
2012	Recognition
2011	Review
2010	Recognition
2009	Recognition
2008	Recognition

District 50 has maintained the highest level of "Financial Recognition Status" for its financial profile for seven of the last eight school years.

Woodland District 50

Tamara Graham Named "Gurnee Teacher of the Year"



Tamara Graham

Woodland Elementary East third grade teacher Tamara Graham will continue inspiring students in the classroom this fall after being recognized by the Village of Gurnee as a Teacher of the Year for 2016.

Graham has been employed at Woodland for the last 18 years and will retire in two years. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern Illinois and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1997. Before teaching at District 50, Graham was a paraprofessional in Beach Park District 3 and Gurnee District 56.

"My philosophy in teaching is that learning is fun and should last a lifetime, not just something one does at school. I incorporate a hands-on, minds-on approach in my classroom," said Graham.

Woodland District 50 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joy Swoboda said "I have had the pleasure of knowing Tamara Graham for the past 16 years as a principal, superintendent and parent. Mrs. Graham is a dedicated teacher with a genuine and caring heart. She is a creative educator who shows great respect for each child in her classroom. These are just a few of the qualities that make her an extraordinary teacher and one deeply worthy of this recognition."

Many of her former students probably remember participating in the Trial of the Big Bad Wolf, conducted in her classroom for many years. The trial brought to life the story of "The Three Little Pigs" in order to teach students about the judicial system with, now retired, Judge Raymond J. McKoski from the 19th Judicial Court presiding. Graham's unique and innovative approach made this annual event a beloved one for students and parents alike.

Graham's hands-on approach to teaching does not stop there. Each year, she brings in her telescope, inviting students to view the moon when learning about the solar system. The veteran teacher has also integrated technology, such as apps or websites, for topics we read about such as locating planets, or identifying birds or rocks.

"Roleplaying and exploration are an important part of my classroom activities," said Graham. "I believe it is a much more effective way for elementary students to learn."

Graham has been married to her husband, Hugh, for 34 years. They have two grown children, Angela and Chris, and a granddaughter Avery. When she's not in the classroom, Graham enjoys spending time with her family, parents and siblings.

"I did not get my teaching degree until I was in my 30's. My family encouraged me to pursue my lifelong goal of teaching," said Graham. "Without them and their support, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

As an award recipient, Graham received a plaque, a check for \$1,000 and formal recognition at a Village of Gurnee Board meeting.

Woodland District 50

Woodland Inspires With 1:1 Technology Initiative

In an effort to deepen the quality of learning by students at Woodland District 50, a Dell Chromebook will be assigned to each 6th, 7th and 8th grader at the Middle School this year.

Called Woodland Inspires, the 1:1 technology initiative was studied by the Technology Strategic Planning committee for 18 months. A successful pilot program with students using the devices was conducted last spring by four teams, or 16 teachers.

The Board of Education approved spending \$256,000 annually for three years in order to provide the engaging mobile technology for Middle School students as they advance toward high school.

"Just look around at how we use some form of technology each day. Having personal computers in the classroom is a natural learning tool. The computers are expected to enhance traditional instruction for students as well as drive students to become better problem solvers, explore, create and increase their communication skills," said Dr. Joy Swoboda, Superintendent for Woodland District 50.

To be successful with the devices, students are also using a learning management system on each computer called Schoology. The system, which provides a host of tools beneficial for 1:1 or any digital learning environment, also allows for a single login for all students regardless of the device being used or the location.

Schoology will also be available to parents who may access it using smart-enabled phones. Training sessions and information will be made available. Parents also may access Schoology through the internet to see their child's homework assignments.

As a result of what is happening at Woodland Middle School, 357 total computer devices will be reallocated to the Primary, Elementary and Intermediate Schools for use by students there. Follow us at #D50Inspires.



Woodland Middle School
Principal Scott Snyder
with Chromebooks

Woodland's Students Keep Growing on MAP

In addition to the PARCC, Woodland also uses a growth test developed by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) called the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Much like student performance on the PARCC exam, Woodland continues to score higher than MAP's national average in both reading and math.

Over each of the last three years, more Woodland students have reached or exceeded their personal MAP generated growth target. Based upon MAP results, the average 8th grade Woodland student leaves for high school at the 87th percentile nationally in math and 87th percentile nationally in reading.

District

Sharing Services

Woodland District 50, Gurnee District 56 and Warren High School District 121 share services that produce savings for the district and district taxpayers.

- **Bids:**

Woodland annually bids out transportation fuel costs for both District 50 and Warren Township High School. Combined, the districts estimate that their buses use up to 200,000 gallons of fuel per school year.



- **Intergovernmental Agreements:**

Warren Township High School coordinates special services vans to transport students who have educational needs requiring transportation to out-of-district locations. All three schools benefit from this transportation option that is offered through the high school.

- **Food Service:**

Woodland District 50's food service provider also serves as the provider for Free and Reduced price lunches that are served at Gurnee District 56. Food service provider Arbor Management Inc. uses the Woodland Middle School as a preparation site for student sack lunches at District 56.

District Info

About District 56

Gurnee School District 56 is an elementary school district covering early childhood through Grade 8. It services portions of a number of communities including Gurnee, Wadsworth, Waukegan and Beach Park.

Officials

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Dr. John Hutton

Schools

SPAULDING SCHOOL:

2000 Belle Plaine Road
(847) 662-3701

PRAIRIE TRAIL SCHOOL:

13600 W. Wadsworth Road
Wadsworth
(847) 623-4333

RIVER TRAIL SCHOOL:

333 N. O'Plaine Road
(847) 249-6253

VIKING MIDDLE SCHOOL:

4460 Old Grand Avenue
(847) 336-2108

Gurnee District 56

Dr. Ellen Mauer – New Principal at Spaulding School

The Gurnee District 56 Board of Education unanimously approved the employment of Dr. Ellen Mauer as the new principal at Spaulding School.

She replaced Mrs. Debra Alexander, who retired at the end of this past school year. The Board would like to publicly thank Mrs. Alexander for her outstanding service to the District, particularly the last five years as principal at Spaulding School.

Dr. Mauer brings a wealth of experience to the job. She has been a principal in Diamond Lake, Wilmette, and Highland Park and also served as the superintendent in Millburn for two years. All of these experiences prepare her very well to assume the principalship at Spaulding School.

Dr. Mauer's strengths are her organizational skills and her ability to work with parents, teachers, and students. She is very excited to start her new assignment and began transitioning to her new position at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.



Dr. Ellen Mauer

District 56 "Gurnee Teacher of the Year" Aprilanne Lynch

The Gurnee District 56 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Aprilanne Lynch. Ms. Lynch completed her seventh year as a teacher in the District, and the quality of her work far exceeds the expectations for a seventh year teacher.

First and foremost, she is an advocate for all children and allows nothing to stand in the way of student learning. Her class is so structured for success for all children that behavior problems rarely occur, even from students who have a history of being chronic offenders.

Ms. Lynch is also very innovative and creative. The administration is particularly impressed with her use of technology as a curriculum delivery tool to personalize instruction for all learners. She is also a team player and works very collaboratively with her fifth grade team and the Prairie Trail School staff. To that

end, her presence is also known across the District as she has hosted monthly mentoring programs for new teachers for the last several years.

In accepting her Teacher of the Year award from Mayor Kovarik and the sponsor of the event, Mr. Donald Henderson, she stated that the award was a celebration of the work of all District teachers, and she accepted the awarded on behalf of them.



Aprilanne Lynch



Aprilanne Lynch with students

Gurnee District 56

Congressman Dold Returns to Gurnee District 56

Congressman Bob Dold visited Spaulding School on June 2nd to announce a bill that he is introducing in the House. This bill will stop the practice of states like Illinois attaching excessively high fees when school districts use federal tax dollars to hire teachers to provide additional support for learners.

Specifically, Title I dollars are oftentimes used to hire additional staff, and school districts are required to pay nearly a 40% fee when using Title I dollars for that purpose. The irony of that practice is that Title I fees are designed to support children who qualify for free lunches, and those excessive fees take money away from our neediest children. Congressman Dold is hoping that his legislation will put an end to this unfair practice.



Congressman Dold & D56 student



Congressman Dold with students

While visiting, Congressman Dold repeatedly stated how impressed he was with the learning environment at Spaulding School. In the spring of 2015, he had visited Prairie Trail School and returned this year to visit another school in our District.

During his visit to Spaulding School, he saw a class skypping with a turtle farm in Florida, students using coding to command robots, an iPad-based art class and a Google Classroom activity. Congressman Dold also read a book to a first grade class. The Board of Education would like to thank Congressman Dold for his support of this school district.

2015-2016 MAP Scores Met or Exceeded Targeted Growth Goal

Prior to the beginning of the school year, the Board of Education set a goal that 75% of the District students would meet or exceed their mathematics target growth goal, and 70% of the District students would meet or exceed their reading target growth goal as measured by the 2011 MAP NWEA norms. The Board is very excited to report that almost 80% of our students met or exceeded their target growth goal in mathematics, and over 70% met or exceeded their target growth goal in reading.



Our students and staff should be congratulated on this Herculean effort. Just four years ago, only about 50% of our students were meeting or exceeding their target growth learning goals. The most exciting part of this story is that not only have District students demonstrated significant learning gains, but they also have been able to sustain those gains and have built upon them in subsequent years.

District Finances

Financial Policies

The Board of Education continues to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. In working with the administration, grants and partnerships are always sought first in funding programs, and when taxpayer dollars are used, they are spent like we would spend our own money.

Our balances and fiscal practices are lauded by the State as a best practice. The District's debt is constantly reviewed and is restructured regularly to minimize the impact of the debt on tax rates. The Board of Education remains grateful to the school community for their financial support of this school district.

Operating Data

Credit Rating:

2015	AA+	Standard & Poor's
2014	AA+	Standard & Poor's

Financial Recognition

Illinois State Board of Education:

2015	Review
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Financial Recognition is awarded to an IL school district based on five factors: (1) fund balance to revenue ratio, (2) expenditure to revenue ratio, (3) days cash on hand, (4) short-term borrowing remaining and (5) long term debt margin remaining. A status of "recognition" indicates overall strong scores.

Student Program

Team Lead Anti-Bullying Initiative

In order to create and sustain positive learning experiences in District schools, an anti-bullying program has been established to encourage bystanders to be actively involved in eliminating behaviors that lead to negative relationships among peers and toward adults.

TEAM Lead is designed to provide students the leadership skills necessary to accomplish this goal. Rather than making anti-bully training an event, Gurnee District 56 has integrated anti-bullying lessons into the fabric of its school climate.



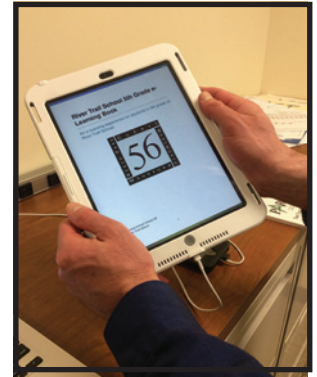
TEAM Lead began as a middle school program and has been so successful that it has been incorporated into the other schools. Viking Middle School Team Lead students visited primary students to teach a lesson on becoming a better person and ways they can improve their everyday lives.

Although bullying has not been totally eliminated in the District, we are confident that we have a mechanism to dramatically improve the school climate in District schools.

Gurnee District 56

e-Learning Days Coming to District 56

The Board of Education is proud to report that the District has been selected by the Illinois State Board of Education as one of three Illinois school districts to participate in an e-Learning day pilot program. The District enthusiastically accepted that invitation on December 16, 2015.



e-Learning days are designed to avoid interruptions in instruction that occur when classes cannot meet due to severe weather conditions. They may also be used when a school must be closed due to "an act of God, or as occasioned by conditions outside the control of the school district which poses a hazardous threat to the health and safety of pupils." In our case, this would cover days when schools are required to be closed due to flooding. School districts participating in the program are not required to use e-Learning days nor do they have to exhaust all of their emergency days before using one. Any day approved as an e-Learning day may be counted as a day of attendance and would not be required to be "made up" at the end of the school year.

Gurnee District 56 extensively planned for the implementation of e-Learning days with our staff. Once we believed we had a workable plan, we shared it with the parent community. We placed additional information about e-Learning days on our website and encouraged parents to interact with us about it through "Let's Talk." We will continue to practice e-Learning days with our students and staff to ensure a quality program when/if one needs to be scheduled.

Parents will not be expected to assume the role of the teacher. Our plan will ensure that all teachers will be available to assist students with their assignments during the hours of the regular school day. The assignments for e-Learning are designed to be engaging and sometimes fun and will allow students to learn while enjoying being at home during a snow day. Parents and students will be required to log and submit evidence of their learning experiences in order to receive attendance credit. Further, if students were unable to participate during the e-Learning day, accommodations will be made to assist them in making up the missed work. Our plan is to conduct e-Learning days through use of the students' iPads, and we are confident e-Learning days will be a significant improvement over make up days at the end of the school year.

"Here Comes the Bus"



During cold winter days, "Here Comes the Bus" will help families minimize the amount of time children are outside waiting for their buses. It will also allow parents to locate the bus if their children do not arrive home at their expected time. The Board of Education was very excited to offer this new program to families this year with the hope that it will improve a child's bus experience to and from school.

The system was available to families from the beginning of 2016. Although we experienced some growing pains with the new program, over one third of District families used it. The Board and administration is looking forward to more fully utilizing the functionality of the program during the 2016-2017 school year.

Warren Township High School District 121

WTHS Celebrates 100 Years of Excellence



O'Plaine Campus, 1927

The 2016-2017 school year marks the centennial anniversary of Warren Township High School, Celebrating *100 Years of Excellence*. We are proud that for the past century we have helped support the growth and achievement of students in Warren Township. We are excited to celebrate the upcoming centennial year with our past, present and future Blue Devils and the entire community. 100 events and activities have been

designated as special centennial events commemorating Warren's 100-year anniversary. A traveling museum of photos and memorabilia to share the history of Warren will be at some of these events. For a list of all 100 events, go to www.d121.org.

To stay informed on celebration events and information, visit the links below:

- Alumni & Friends Update Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/B8WpqhMzIw>
- Centennial Facebook: www.facebook.com/WTHS100/
- Centennial Twitter: www.twitter.com/wths100
- Centennial Web Page: www.WTHS100.org



Warren Township High School District (WTHS) was organized in 1915 and established formally in 1917. The first high school building was erected at a cost of approximately \$65,000 on O'Plaine Road, at that time known as High School Road. In the spring of 1918 the first commencement ceremony for six students took place in the school building that was under construction. The following fall, the school building was completed and opened with an enrollment of 64 students and seven teachers. Additions to this structure were made in 1926, 1951, 1956, 1960, 1968, and 1974. This building was destroyed by a major fire on December 20, 1984 just prior to the winter break. From January 1985 until June 1987, the Lake Forest High School West Campus was the educational facility for all the students of WTHS. After the fire, facility construction began in May 1986 and was completed in mid-August 1987. Students and staff returned to the O'Plaine Campus in Gurnee for the first time since December 1984.

Due to an enrollment growth, a second school facility was constructed on Almond Road. The 1997-98 school year was the first time that WTHS operated an educational program using two buildings. The 9th and 10th grade students are primarily housed in the building on O'Plaine Road (O'Plaine Campus), while the 11th and 12th grade students primarily attend the Almond Road (Almond Campus) building. Both campuses saw more building expansions and improvements in 2004, 2008 and 2012. In 2009, Warren's enrollment made it the largest high school in Lake County.



Left: Almond Campus, 2010
Right: O'Plaine Campus, 2013

Warren is proud to deliver a comprehensive and diverse academic program with over 250 courses that meet the needs of our 4,200 hardworking students. Warren is dedicated to providing the highest quality curriculum, classroom instruction and extra-curricular activities. The commitment of our effective and

talented faculty and staff is demonstrated by their outstanding instruction, support and services provided to students daily. We remain committed to our mission of maximizing the growth and achievement of every student through rigor, support and innovation.

District Info

About District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 (WTHS) is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 4,200 students. D121 covers over 50 square miles and includes all or part of Beach Park, Gages Lake, Grandwood Park, Grayslake, Gurnee, Millburn, Old Mill Creek, Park City, Third Lake, Wadsworth, Waukegan and Wildwood.

Officials

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

John R. Anderson, President
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Liz Biondi
Catherine Campbell
Thomas Drake
Jim Walz

SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. John P. Ahlgrim

Schools & Facilities

Warren is a one high school district with two campuses. Each campus houses two grade levels. The O'Plaine Campus generally houses 9th and 10th grades, and the Almond Campus generally houses 11th and 12th grades.

ALMOND CAMPUS:

34090 Almond Road
(847) 662-1400

O'PLAINE CAMPUS:

500 N. O'Plaine Road
(847) 662-1400

TRANSPORTATION CENTER

3801 Swanson Court
(847) 662 1400

TRANSITION CENTER:

Located at Gurnee Mills
6170 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 304
(847) 856-8173

Student Recognition

By the Numbers

- Class of 2016 graduates: 996
- Illinois State Scholars: 164
- President's Education Awards: 116
- National Honor Society: 382
- National Merit Finalists: 3
- Perfect ACT Score (36): 3
- AP Scholars: 68
- AP Scholars with Honor: 39
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 53
- International AP Scholar: 1

Fine Arts

- Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) for Band:** Nicolas Romero, David Young, Noah Schuetter, Ruchira Ray, Haiwen Liu, Eric Jung, Sarah Gibes. Jazz Band: Elizabeth Carpentier, Noah Schuetter, Evan Peters. Choir: Jaylen Davis, Maya McGowan
- Illinois High School Theatre Festival:** Drama teacher Adam Miller and students Sarah Strathman and Megan Hawksworth
- Illinois High School Art Exhibit:** Rebecca Slawin, Ashley Edmondson, Dahyembi Neal and Janelie Lazaritt

Athletics

- All State Athletes:** Courtney Barker (Girls' Swimming), Dustin Macuiba (Boys' Cross County), Alex Fratila (Boys' Soccer), Teagon Albert (Girls' Gymnastics), Kayla Rossi (Girls' Bowling), Ryan Davila (Baseball), Scott Seiler (Boys' Tennis), Nick Skradski (Boys' Tennis), Abena Atuobi (Girls' Track), Alliyah Parker (Girls' Soccer) and Ellen Szostak (Girls' Soccer).
- IHSA State Qualifier Teams:** Devilettes, Cheerleading, Speech and Girls' Bowling
- Boys' Cross County:** Dustin Macuiba finished 7th at the IHSA State Finals
- Girls' Track:** Abena Atuobi placed 11th at the IHSA State Finals in Shot Put

Warren Township High School District 121

Warren's "Gurnee Teacher of the Year" Honors Patsy Thompson

Special education teacher, Patsy Thompson, was voted by her colleagues as this year's Warren 121 "Gurnee Teacher of the Year."



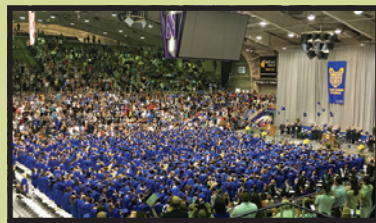
Patsy Thompson

At their Board meeting on May 2, the Village of Gurnee recognized three Gurnee teachers, one from each of the area schools: Warren Township High School District 121, Gurnee School District 56 and Woodland School District 50. The "Gurnee Teacher of the Year" received a \$1,000 honorarium from Tom Henderson.

Thompson has been teaching at Warren for the last 23 years in the special education department. She received her bachelor's degree in special education from Northern Illinois University in 1991 and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University in 1997. While at college, Patsy volunteered her time tutoring a student with cerebral palsy and helping with the Special Olympics. She also worked at NSSSED and at a home for developmentally disabled adults in Sycamore, Illinois.

Thompson takes her role as a special educator very seriously and constantly strives to excel and grow in her field. She is not afraid to ask questions or gain feedback from others and is always working toward being the most effective educator she can be. Patsy also attributes her success to her hard working special education colleagues at Warren Township High School.

WTHS Earns National Recognition



The Washington Post has announced the list of "America's Most Challenging High Schools," and Warren is on it for the 7th year in a row. The list is compiled using the number of advanced placement exams given by a school divided by the number of its graduating seniors. Warren is ranked #37 in the state of Illinois and #1216 in the United States. Both of these rankings hold Warren in the top 5% of schools. We are very proud of our advanced placement numbers and results. In 2015, Warren administered 2,381 exams to 1,131 students with a pass rate of 89.4%. This past year we administered 2,245 exams to 1,120 students and are anxiously awaiting our scores coming in the next few weeks.

WTHS on "Best High Schools" List

Newsweek released their list of "Best High Schools," and Warren is proud to be #32 in Illinois and #865 in the United States. The list is based on four criteria: 1) Warren students are performing better than statistically expected in the state, 2) Warren's disadvantaged students are out-performing other disadvantaged students in the state, 3) Warren's graduation rate and 4) Advanced placement scores. Since we are in the top 2,000 schools nationally, we are the recipient of the Silver Medal Award. We are very proud of this national recognition for our students and staff. We continue to work hard on our district initiatives to provide our students with a rigorous curriculum and a nationally recognized education experience.

Warren Township High School District 121

District Finances

Warren is proud to provide a wide array of excellent programs for its students with local revenues that are relatively low compared to other Lake County high schools. Additionally, in 2015 the District had a Standard and Poor's credit rating of AA+ and received a financial rating of "Recognition" for its financial well being from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Comparison of Revenue Per Pupil for Lake County High School Districts (2015)

High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$28,544	\$ 1,188	\$630	\$30,362
Lake Forest District 115	\$28,192	\$752	\$444	\$29,388
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$26,405	\$1,160	\$150	\$27,715
Adlai Stevenson High School 125	\$25,907	\$1,220	\$136	\$27,263
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$17,715	\$2,734	\$333	\$20,782
Grayslake District 127	\$17,080	\$3,256	\$104	\$20,440
Zion-Benton District 126	\$13,798	\$4,549	\$960	\$19,307
Mundelein District 120	\$15,554	\$1,556	\$375	\$17,485
Grant Township District 124	\$14,874	\$1,914	\$530	\$17,318
Warren Township High School District 121	\$12,889	\$1,845	\$412	\$15,146

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education

Tax Rates for Lake County High School Districts (2011-2015)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Grayslake District 127	3.824	4.556	5.23	5.53	5.40
Zion Benton District 126	3.409	4.093	4.76	5.09	5.31
Antioch Lakes District 117	2.954	3.291	3.65	3.83	3.93
Grant Township District 124	2.496	2.975	3.25	3.55	3.51
Adlai Stevenson District 125	2.465	2.751	2.99	3.04	3.00
Mundelein District 120	2.165	2.439	2.65	2.82	2.77
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	2.399	2.580	2.92	2.68	2.73
Warren Township High School District 121	1.910	2.173	2.39	2.50	2.48
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	2.167	2.178	2.36	2.42	2.31
Lake Forest District 115	1.191	1.322	1.42	1.44	1.41

Source: Lake County Government website.

Operating Cost Per Pupil for Lake County High School Districts (FY 2011-2015)

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$20,393	\$20,821	\$22,306	\$24,848	\$24,256
Lake Forest District 115	\$22,003	\$21,977	\$22,917	\$23,672	\$23,518
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$18,954	\$19,549	\$20,271	\$21,255	\$22,028
Adlai Stevenson District 125	\$16,871	\$16,839	\$18,287	\$18,778	\$18,662
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$15,402	\$15,522	\$15,227	\$16,280	\$16,649
Grayslake District 127	\$14,486	\$14,445	\$14,645	\$15,560	\$16,550
Zion Benton District 126	\$13,693	\$13,607	\$13,381	\$14,230	\$14,297
Mundelein District 120	\$12,296	\$12,994	\$12,501	\$14,500	\$13,355
Grant Township District 124	\$11,189	\$11,159	\$11,262	\$11,809	\$12,455
Warren Township High School District 121	\$10,763	\$11,080	\$11,740	\$12,090	\$12,411

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education

Centennial Celebration

WTHS Memorabilia

WTHS is looking for donations of Warren High School related artifacts from the community to help celebrate its 100th anniversary. Any memorabilia or artifacts donated to the school will be a part of a traveling museum to celebrate the anniversary and could be part of a permanent display at each campus celebrating our school's impact in shaping our community. Artifacts could include photos, uniforms, class rings, yearbooks, pennants or any other WTHS items with historic value. If you have any memorabilia to donate, you can drop it off with the school receptionist at either campus during the school day. Questions can be directed to Chuck Maurer at the O'Plaine Campus.

Support the Centennial Celebration

A few opportunities to support the celebration are listed below. Check out more options on the website.

- \$25 Alumni Club or Fan Club Membership
- \$100 Spirit Sponsor
- \$250 Shirt Sponsor
- \$500 Field Banner
- \$750 Street Banner in Gurnee
- \$1,000 Authorized Alumni Event Sponsor
- \$3,000 Premier Sponsorship
- \$5,000 Big Event Sponsor – Homecoming Fireworks & Coin Toss



Super Fan Spotlight

Throughout the year, students attending Super Fan Spotlight events earn points that can be redeemed for prizes like free tickets to special events and spirit wear. Students can view the list of Super Fan events at <http://5starstudents.com/d121> or on an upcoming 5 Star Students mobile app. To earn points, students need to attend the event and check in with their school ID.

District Info

About Gurnee Park District

Gurnee Park District, a municipal governing agency, provides parks, recreation facilities and programs for its residents including aquatics, art, crafts, before and after school programs, day camps, fitness, martial arts, music, performing arts, preschool, sports and much more.

Officials

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Goshorn, President
Libby Baker, Vice President
Michelle Klemz, Secretary
Vicki Paddock
Gerald Crews

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Susie Kuruvilla, CPA, CPRP

Facilities

VIKING PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

Administrative Office
4374 Old Grand Avenue
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 623-7788

HUNT CLUB PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

920 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

HUNT CLUB PARK AQUATIC CENTER:

900 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 599-3780

FITNATION:

1655 Nations Drive
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 623-4506

Park District facilities also include 25 parks located in neighborhoods throughout Gurnee which feature playgrounds, sports fields and courts, trails and conservation areas.

Park District

GO GURNEE: New Community Movement

Gurnee Park District (GPD) is proud to support GO GURNEE, a community fitness movement designed to increase community health through activity, education and collaboration. GPD is excited to announce they have already connected hundreds of residents to accessible, free parks and trails.

"We want to create a culture in our community that promotes physical movement. GO GURNEE is designed to encourage everyone to make a commitment to themselves and get moving for 30 minutes each day," explained Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director for the GPD.

This movement is in response to the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy's call to action at the National Park and Recreation conference in September 2015. His challenge focuses on the health benefits for people of all ages and stages of life walking at least 30 minutes each day. The GO GURNEE walking initiative is simple: commit to walking, biking or exercising for 30 minutes each day.



"This movement offers all of us an opportunity to encourage one another and to be a part of improving our health and wellness," stated Jim Goshorn, President of the GPD Board of Commissioners.

"Walking is the perfect starting point for almost everyone. It helps prevent and reduce the risk of chronic diseases, premature death and supports positive mental health," stated Kuruvilla.

This fall, GPD is adding programs to encourage everyone to be active all year long. Hiking trips and a "Stories and Strollers" family walking event in partnership with Warren Newport Library will be offered this upcoming season.

"GO GURNEE is more than a 30 day walking initiative. It is a community movement that we hope to see continue to grow. Our goal is to continue to improve the lives of all our residents throughout the entire year and thereafter," stated Kuruvilla.

Visit GOGURNEE.com and [Facebook.com/GOGURNEE](https://www.facebook.com/GOGURNEE) to learn more about the physical and mental benefits of being active. Use #GOGURNEE to be a part of the conversation and movement.

FitKids – Fitness at Every Age

FitNation offers two locations within Gurnee providing fitness opportunities for the entire family! FitKids, FitNation's newest fitness drop-in classes, specialized for 8-11 years old, is designed to be safe, fun and challenging. FitKids compliments a FitNation childcare add-on and provides children with age appropriate and active fitness opportunities. Class options are available at FitNation on Nations Drive and Hunt Club Road.



Classes range from yoga to Zumba® to bootcamp and are specialized with your child's needs in mind. Kids will have fun while getting fit! To view the entire schedule and list of classes, please visit FitNationGurnee.com.

Park District and District 56 Partner to Support Youth of Gurnee



Gurnee Park District and District 56 are partnering to install a new playground at River Trail School. The budget for the playground installation is being shared equally between the Park District and District 56.

“We are fortunate to be able to host our CARE program in their building and utilize their playground. It is great to be able to partner on

such an impactful project and lend our playground expertise to River Trail School,” stated Jeff Reinhard, Director of Parks and Planning.

In April, Reinhard and Dr. Jennifer Glickley, Principal at River Trail School, met to discuss two different plans available for the new playground. Glickley shared the proposed plan with the school district and later that month received approval to proceed with the project.

Intergovernmental agreements benefit all residents of Gurnee and allow us to make positive changes for the community together.

“Our staff, with the help of the school’s maintenance team, will install the drainage for the playground and the surfacing. We are truly working together throughout the duration of the project. It is great to see everyone come together to support the youth of Gurnee,” explained Reinhard.

Athletics Come Full Circle at Gurnee Park District

Sports are more than just running, throwing or diving. They bring a community together, and most athletics begin with the park district. At Gurnee Park District, we are fortunate to be able to offer our residents a variety of options for all ages in our community. We offer activities ranging from t-ball to soccer to swimming. We take pride in providing athletics in a fun, social setting that teaches our youth the fundamentals and foundation of the game along with teamwork, leadership and perseverance.

Then when the individual is older, they can return to the Park District to try something new or continue playing their childhood sport. One of our volunteer coaches first started with Gurnee Park District in our youth soccer league. He then continued on to play soccer in high school and recreationally in college. After graduating, he returned to the Park District and wanted to give back to our community by becoming a volunteer coach.

Adults can also participate in sports along with volunteering as a coach. We offer softball to golf to dancing for all skill levels. There is something for everyone to enjoy. To learn more about sports opportunities and benefits for your entire family, visit GurneeParkDistrict.com for a full listing.



Connecting People to Parks

As part of the District’s master plan, parks are updated on a scheduled basis with accessibility, safety and innovation being top priorities. Viking Park West was the most recent park to receive updates addressing community needs and suggestions from neighbors.

A two-phase project was completed to connect the Lake County Forest Preserve Des Plaines River Trail to the Viking Park West Trail. A connection was then added from Viking Park to connect the Mother Rudd House property to Viking Park West. Now there is access from the Lake County Forest Preserve property to Viking Park. Gurnee Park District always welcomes suggestions from Gurnee residents on the types of features they would enjoy in their parks.



Strategic Plan

For nearly 50 years, Gurnee Park District (GPD) has strived to keep the community engaged in developing and delivering the types of parks and programs that best serve our residents interests and needs. GPD is currently in the process of developing its strategic plan for 2017-2021 which will define the initiatives, goals and objectives to be achieved by the District in the next five years. To learn more about the strategic planning process and to stay informed, visit GurneeParkDistrict.com.

District Awards

GPD Staff and Volunteers Recognized

Volunteers are essential to Gurnee Park District (GPD), and they provide an invaluable service to the Gurnee community. Becoming a GPD volunteer is a great way to build confidence and self-esteem, make a difference in someone's life and be a part of the community.

Our volunteers support special events, coach youth sports, serve lunch to seniors, assist with crafts and science projects and keep Gurnee's parks beautiful, among many other activities. Last year, our volunteers donated 21,116 hours to support the community.

Each year, the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Illinois Park and Recreation Association allow member agencies, like GPD, to submit the names of employees, volunteers, elected officials and civic leaders who go above and beyond assisting park districts. This year, Gurnee Park District Board of Commissioners and staff nominated Nike - Gurnee, Danielle Friedl and Mike Hampson for their outstanding efforts to help foster Gurnee Park District's mission of quality parks and programs in Gurnee. The District is grateful to these people and so many others who have devoted themselves to our mission of promoting fun and preserving nature!

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Chelsi Todd at (847) 599-3755 or ctodd@gurneeparkdistrict.com.



Park District

Park District Financially Sound and Ready for Future

It is a priority of Gurnee Park District (GPD) to sustain long term financial strength. For the past 18 years, GPD has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Further, GPD also receives the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award annually. In order to receive the award, GPD had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guideline and communications device.

GPD has managed a balanced budget for many years and continues that financial policy through all economic conditions. The Park District's main revenue

sources are fees and charges for services and property taxes. Just under 60% of the revenue collected by the Park District is through fees and charges for services and sources other than property taxes. This revenue diversity is very important to the continued financial strength of the Park District. GPD also relies on grants/intergovernmental agreements and developer impact fees to fund its capital growth. This past year, Gurnee Park District collected a total of \$13.5M in revenue.

Additionally, the Park District spent \$10.5M on operating expenditures with an additional \$1.5M spent on capital projects and \$2.3M on debt service during this past year. Gurnee Park District is committed to using our financial resources consistent with the Park District vision: As a nationwide leader in our field, be the premier provider of community driven and innovative park and recreation experiences while maintaining financial stability. The Park District is able to achieve our vision as well as continue the "standard of excellence" in our services while maintaining financial strength.

Revenue Sources



Super Saturday with Gurnee Park District

Let your inner superhero (or super villain) loose with Gurnee Park District. On November 5, 2016, join us as we provide fun-filled super activities for the entire family. The day will start with a Superhero Sprint - one-mile dash through Hunt Club Park (900 N. Hunt Club Rd.). The walk/run will be followed by a free superhero meet and greet, free superhero training provided by FitNation, free super foods as well as free super activities and a FitNation membership deal. Capes are encouraged as participants speed through the sprint, fuel up on super foods and use their strength to complete the superhero training. Visit [Facebook.com/GurneeParkDist](https://www.facebook.com/GurneeParkDist) for more details. Thank you to our event sponsors: NorthShore University HealthSystem, Honey Orthodontics, FitNation and Growing Tree Preschool.



Village of Gurnee

The Urban Land Institute of Chicago Studies East Grand Avenue



On Tuesday, July 12th, a panel of real estate and development experts gathered with the Village of Gurnee and Urban Land Institute of Chicago (ULI) to conduct a study of the East Grand Gateway in Gurnee. The half-mile stretch of road, between Route 41 and Green Bay Rd, features a variety of businesses. The focus on the gateway has been on strategies for revitalization with a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP).

The TAP program draws upon ULI member expertise to provide creative and practical solutions to land use challenges. What makes this study different from previous ones is that the panel are practitioners. They are doing projects of their own in Chicagoland, so they know what is feasible, and they check back with the host community at the one, two, and 12 month mark to keep the implementation on track. The 11-member panel donated their time and expertise to help come up with realistic recommendations for East Grand to better serve residents and businesses and to provide an inviting gateway into the community.

The two-day TAP began with a Gurnee bus tour for panelists. The core of the study consisted of one-on-one interviews with business owners and individuals knowledgeable on the subject matter and a Community Roundtable Discussion open to Gurnee residents and more at Spaulding Elementary School. These community stakeholders were solicited to assess market conditions and physical conditions. The second day of the TAP was dedicated to a closed working session that provided Village officials with a sneak-peek of ULI's findings.

The panelists studied the following topics:

- Identifying redevelopment opportunities as well as potential new uses for older buildings
- Improving access to the corridor for motorists, bikers and walkers
- Enhancing the streetscape to be more inviting to shop and gather
- Cooperating with the City of Waukegan to view this corridor as a gateway to both communities



ULI panelists tour Gurnee by bus

A public meeting to present the TAP recommendations is being planned for mid to late-August. For updates and more information, check the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us, follow our Facebook at www.facebook.com/VillageofGurnee/ and sign up for our East Grand Listserv at www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe for email updates.

Village News

Blue Ribbon Commission

To gain a better understanding of the pedestrian challenges in the community, Mayor Kovarik has put together a Blue Ribbon Commission to study walking and biking infrastructure. The commission is made up of active bikers, Go Gurnee Champions, and local leaders who will provide a recommendation to the Village Board on how to improve a pedestrian's experience in Gurnee. Residents were able to provide additional feedback to the commission through a pedestrian survey that received over 400 responses. To keep up with updates from the Blue Ribbon Commission, visit www.gurnee.il.us/BRC.

Citizen Police Academy

The Gurnee Police Department will again be holding its Citizen Police Academy this fall. This 36-hour course gives residents a working knowledge of the Department and its various operations. Classes will be held every Thursday beginning Thursday, August 25th. For more information and to sign up, visit the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/police/cpa.

Mosquito Abatement

The Village contracts with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. to provide mosquito abatement services. Clarke notifies the Village the day a community-wide treatment will be conducted. The Village then notifies residents via the website (www.gurnee.il.us), email listserv, CTY and social media including Twitter and Nextdoor. Learn more about mosquito abatement at www.gurnee.il.us/public_works/seasonal/summer/mosquito.

Keeping Posted

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Don't live in Gurnee?

If you are in any of the Gurnee school districts but don't live in the Village, find all the information for your community on these websites.

- Beach Park: villageofbeachpark.com
- Green Oaks: greenoaks.org
- Grayslake: villageofgrayslake.com
- Lake County: lakecountyil.gov
- Lindenhurst: lindenhurstil.org
- Park City: parkcityillinois.com
- Old Mill Creek: villageofoldmillcreek.org
- Warren Township: warrentownship.net
- Wadsworth: villageofwadsworth.org
- Waukegan: waukeganweb.net

For the Village of Gurnee, visit our website: gurnee.il.us.

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.

Warren Youth Services Announces Text-A-Tip Launching Late August

Text-A-Tip provides a 24/7 anonymous text-communication system to youth needing immediate mental health assistance for themselves or a friend. Members of the community can send a text message to a dedicated number and receive an immediate response from a licensed clinician while remaining completely anonymous. The anonymity makes it a comfortable place for students to share and provides a safe outlet for voicing concerns about themselves and others.

The service works by simply texting LAKECO and a brief message to 274-637, and you will receive a response within minutes. All messages are sent through a cloaking server in order to keep the communication completely anonymous.

Warren Youth Services are expecting the service to launch on August 15th, 2016.

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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!

New Businesses:

- **Legat Architects:** A new architecture and interior design studio at 1125 Tri-State Parkway, Ste 730.
- **Northshore University Health System:** A new professional medical office at 200 S. Greenleaf, Ste E.
- **L.I.F.T 31 Salon & Spa:** A new spa/beauty/personal care business at 4625 Old Grand Avenue.
- **Ecologic Industries:** A new manufacturer of sustainable furniture at 1472 St. Paul Avenue.
- **CVS:** A new pharmacy located inside Target at 6601 Grand Avenue.
- **Scoops & Kettle:** A new gourmet popcorn and ice cream vendor coming soon to Gurnee Mills, Entry D.

IDOT Widening of US-41 Bridge:

- In Fall 2016, IDOT will be starting a three year project to widen the Route 41 Bridge over Grand Avenue. This project will eventually open up Grand Avenue under the bridge to allow turn lanes and more efficient traffic patterns, but will cause delays during the construction of the wider bridge. For up-to-date press releases on the project when they arrive, visit www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/stay-connected/news-releases/Construction/releases.