

Dear Business Partners:

Outdoor Dining

Al fresco dining season is finally here!

The Village of Gurnee recognizes the unprecedented challenges that the hospitality industry has faced over the last two years. In an effort to offset indoor capacity restrictions during the pandemic, the Village implemented temporary outdoor dining guidelines last year and is continuing this approach in 2022 to support our restaurants in providing a service that their customers clearly value!

The complete text of the 2022 Village of Gurnee Temporary Outdoor Guidelines can be found [here](#).

In particular, please note:

- A no-fee temporary use permit is required for:
 - any dining area located within a parking lot or right of way
 - any structure (e.g. tent) that is more than 50% enclosed *or* is heated
- If neither of those conditions apply, then a permit is not required but the outdoor dining area must comply with all provisions of the temporary guidelines.

Liquor to Go

Current Village of Gurnee Class 1 & 2 liquor licensees may continue to offer Liquor to Go pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Illinois State Statute, 235 ILCS 5/6-28.8 and all regulations and guidelines issued by the [Illinois Liquor Control Commission](#).

Small Business Capital Grant

Looking to add a permanently constructed outdoor dining area? Or other capital investment to support your business' growth? The Village has established the Small Business Capital Investment Grant (SBCG) to assist independent restaurants, retailers, and entertainment businesses in making capital improvements. More information on the program and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Gurnee Days

The Village of Gurnee is proud to partner with the Gurnee Park District in bringing the community together for Gurnee Days on August 6 & 7, 2022. If you are interested in being a supporter, vendor or part of the parade, please visit the Gurnee Days webpage [here](#).

We value your contribution to the Village and are pleased to partner with you as we all evolve to meet today's business demands. Thank you for all you do for Gurnee!

Sincerely,



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