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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

Dear Residents,

You blink and summer is almost over already! There have been so many fun outdoor activities in the area to enjoy. We are expecting great crowds at Gurnee Days, and the second year of our wildly successful East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market is underway. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, we have three more this year on the 3rd Sunday of August, September and October.



This quarter's edition of Keeping Posted focuses on our community partners. I have the pleasure of working regularly with our leaders from the other taxing bodies, and they are all committed to improving services and ensuring we are well-positioned for a sustainable future. I'm glad that the Village can provide this opportunity for our residents to read about the wonderful activities and accomplishments our schools and parks contribute to make Gurnee one of the best places to live, work and play.

Gurnee Days is a wonderful time to enjoy lots of family activities, tasty food and music, a parade and, of course, one of the best shows in Lake County-- all centrally located in the heart of Gurnee at Viking Park. It's also a great chance to visit all the Village facilities, take a tour, check out the equipment and learn about those that protect and serve this community 24x7. While it is a very hectic weekend, I most look forward to getting to talk and visit with so many of you. The feedback and ideas are valuable as we get ready to update our Strategic Plan and start the budget process this fall. Inside this edition

Enjoy this expanded edition of Keeping Posted and I look forward to seeing you at Gurnee Days soon.

Sincerely,

Mayor Krysti Kovarik

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# Village News

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

August  
**19**  
7:00 p.m.

August  
**26**  
7:00 p.m.

Sept.  
**9**  
7:00 p.m.

Sept.  
**23**  
7:00 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning

August  
**7**  
7:30 p.m.

August  
**21**  
7:30 p.m.

Sept.  
**7**  
7:30 p.m.

Sept.  
**18**  
7:30 p.m.

### Other Boards

August  
**27**  
7:00 p.m.

Sept.  
**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 purple are Civil Service Meetings.

## Village's Open Houses

Stop by the following Gurnee Days Open Houses on Saturday, August 12th 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, 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.gurneedays.com](http://www.gurneedays.com) for more information!

# 47th Annual Gurnee Days

[www.gurneedays.com](http://www.gurneedays.com)

August 8-11

"Hooray for Hollywood!"

## DAILY SCHEDULE:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH**  
10:00 a.m. - Noon  
6:00 p.m.  
7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Bike Rodeo  
Honoree Dinner  
Teen Pool Party

Woodland MS  
Midlane Country Club  
Hunt Club Aquatic

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH**  
10:00 a.m. - Noon  
10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.\*

Bike Rodeo  
Storytime Extravaganza  
Amusement Rides  
Ax and the Hatchetmen  
Gurnee Idol  
Food Booths  
Bubble Soccer  
Beer Garden & Entertainment  
**THE BOY BAND NIGHT**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH**  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 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.  
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., 2 & 4:30 p.m.  
11:00 a.m. - Noon.  
12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 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. - 5:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
9:15 p.m.

Golf Tournament\*\*  
10K Race/Fun Run †  
Popeye and Sailor the Dog  
Public Works Open House  
Fire Dept Open House  
Mother Rudd Open House  
Student Art Exhibit  
Food Booths  
Police Dept Open House  
Exhibit Booths  
Drama "Wizard of Oz"  
CTCU Family Magic Show  
Ribfest / Beer Garden  
Face Painting/Balloons  
Amusement Rides  
Ice Cream Eating Contest\*\*  
Rib Eating Contest  
Free Parking Lot Shuttle  
Police K9 Demonstration  
Evening Entertainment  
Fireworks

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH**  
8:00 a.m. - Noon  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.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. - 3:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast  
Zumba Party  
Car & Motorcycle Show  
Student Art Exhibit  
Food Booths  
Exhibits Booths  
Gurnee Days Parade  
Face Painting / Balloon Artist  
Pony Rides/Petting Zoo  
Mother Rudd Open House  
Amusement Rides  
Fire vs. Police Softball Game  
Jim Gill's Family Concert  
Drama "Wizard of Oz"

Viking Park  
VP Bandshell  
Viking Park  
Viking School  
Viking Park  
Viking Park  
Old Grand Ave  
Viking Park  
Viking Park  
Mother Rudd  
Viking Park  
VP Softball Field  
VP Bandshell  
Viking School

\* Friday Beer Garden & Entertainment will begin at 7:30 or 15 minutes after Gurnee Idol.

\*\*Register for events at the Gurnee Days website at: [www.gurneedays.com](http://www.gurneedays.com).

† Register for the 10K Race / Fun Run at [www.gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com).

Special thanks to our  
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**FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE**

Free shuttle bus service will be available on Saturday, August 10th from 3 p.m.-11 p.m. at parking lots near Viking Park.

**WANT MORE INFO?**

[www.gurneedays.com](http://www.gurneedays.com)



## Woodland District 50

### School Start Times Adjusted for Student Well-Being

Improving learning experiences for children is at the center of initiatives in the district's strategic plan. For example, in the 2018-2019 school year, Woodland reduced class sizes to provide more personal attention to students. Beginning in the fall of 2019, the district is implementing new start times for all schools. Examining and changing start times is designed to assist with creating optimal learning times for students while positively

#### New Schedule for 2019-2020 School Year

	Primary School	Elementary East/West	Intermediate School	Middle School
Start (a.m.)	7:55	7:45	9:20	8:30
Dismissal (p.m.)	2:05	2:20	3:55	3:10

Over the next few years, the district will use metrics to measure the outcomes of start time changes such as monitoring attendance rates, academic grades, and health visits at the middle school as well as gain feedback from staff, parents and middle school students.

For more information about school start times please visit [www.dist50.net/starttimes](http://www.dist50.net/starttimes).

### Track Your Bus this Fall!

Woodland District 50 is launching a new bus stop tracking app for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Parents and students will be able to download the My Stop app to track their school bus in real time and set customized alerts for when the bus

Dr. Joy Swoboda explained, "With to the bus routes to support the new school start times, we wanted to provide parents with the tools and resources they need to make it a successful transition. We believe the app will also help alleviate concerns when buses are running late or when we have weather related delays."

The My Stop app is free to district families and easy to install. Once a user selects Woodland School District and sets up a based on the student's ID number, the user will be ready to start tracking his or her bus. The new app will not be available until all of the routes are and fully integrated into the system. Watch for more information at the proof of residency event and on the district website in August.

## 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 approximately 5,700 students enrolled from all of unincorporated Gages Lake and Wildwood and parts of Gurnee, Grayslake, Park City, Third Lake, Old Mill Creek, Wadsworth, Lindenhurst and Waukegan.

### Officials

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dr. Carla Little, President  
Mr. Joseph De Rosa, Vice President  
Mrs. Lizzy Helgren, Secretary  
Dr. Jennifer Haack, Board Member  
Mrs. Renea Amen, JD, Board Member  
Mrs. Nasima Patel, Board Member  
Mr. David Weinstein, JD, Board Member

#### SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Joy A. Swoboda

### 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](http://www.dist50.net), select "About Us" and then select "Public Records."

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

## D50 Financial Recognition

**Bond Rating:** Woodland District 50 recently had its credit rating by two credit agencies.

### Credit Ratings History Moody's and Standard & Poor (S&P):

2018	AA+	S & P
2017	AA+	S & P
2016	AA+	S & P
2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2013	AA+	S & P
2013-2018	Aa2	Moody's

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

### Financial Recognition Illinois State Board of Education:

2018	Recognition
2017	Recognition
2016	Recognition
2015	Recognition
2014	Recognition
2013	Recognition
2012	Recognition
2011	Review

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

# Woodland District 50

## Meet Truett: New Student Assistant at Woodland Intermediate School

Truett, a 2-year old Labrador/Golden Retriever service dog, has joined the district as an honorary staff member at Woodland Intermediate. Truett will be working closely with his handler, Mrs. Lorna Horvath, an occupational therapist at the school.

The two-year-old service/facility dog was trained through Canine Companions for Independence in Ohio and comes at no cost to the district. While at school, he resides in his bed or crate in the occupational therapy room, and accompanies Mrs. Horvath when she visits classrooms or walks through the hallways. Intermediate School families are able to opt-out of contact with Truett if a student has allergies or the family has other concerns.



Truett, the two-year old service dog at Woodland Intermediate that will be assisting in occupational therapy for students

Truett's job will be to enhance the school experience for children who are shy or not verbal, lower anxiety in some children, receive commands from children, help children complete a task and help others with sensory issues, or maneuvering through an obstacle course. On command, he knows how to close a drawer, turn a light switch off, pick up a pencil or

## Get Involved!

At Woodland, we see parents as active participants in helping students learn. Here are a few examples of how you can get involved:

- **Parent Teacher Association (PTA):** The PTA is comprised of parents, teachers, friends, neighbors and grandparents who work together to support the children and staff of Woodland School District. Please contact PTA Joanne Strelzyk, PTA Co- President at [dist50pta@gmail.com](mailto:dist50pta@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.woodlandpta.com](http://www.woodlandpta.com) to learn more about the organization and how to get involved.
- **Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC):** The committee, which meets monthly, is a group of interested parents, teachers and community members. The purpose of this committee is to support the needs of all language learners and provide programs to help them succeed. For more information about BPAC please contact the Assistant Director of Language Acquisition, Elizabeth Sanchez Szepesi at [espezesi@dist50.net](mailto:espezesi@dist50.net).
- **Minority Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC):** The MPAC's goal is to help minority students reach their full potential at Woodland. To learn more about joining MPAC feel free to contact Linda Tanni at [mpacwoodland@gmail.com](mailto:mpacwoodland@gmail.com).
- **Woodland Educational Foundation (WEF):** WEF is a 501(c) (3) community organization. The mission of WEF is to creatively generate and distribute resources to enrich and enhance the educational experiences of Woodland Community Consolidated School District #50 students. Please contact Pat Termini [ptermini@aol.com](mailto:ptermini@aol.com) for more information about WEF, how to donate or volunteer.
- **Wildcat Music Boosters:** Wildcat Music Boosters is a 501(c)(3) parent volunteer organization. Our goal is to raise funds and organize volunteers to support the Woodland music departments at Intermediate and Middle Schools. Contact Amy Thomas [wildcatmusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:wildcatmusicboosters@gmail.com) to learn more and get involved in Music Boosters.

## Woodland District 50

### Vianey Soriaga Named Woodland Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Soriaga has been a member of the Woodland team for 20 years and is currently a Reading Recovery Teacher at Woodland Elementary West. She was recently awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year for her outstanding work helping students read and write in two languages.

Mrs. Soriaga started at Woodland as a classroom kindergarten teacher, followed by teaching English as a second language, bilingual grade, Spanish dual language grade and now as a reading recovery teacher. Her greatest strength is creating a nurturing and stress-free learning environment for students while accelerating literacy in both languages.

Elementary West Principal Ryan Wollberg said, "I am proud to say that I get to work with such an outstanding educator. She comes to work on a daily basis and does all that she can for our students and staff to ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our learners."

In addition to selecting Mrs. Soriaga as Teacher of the Year, Woodland District 50 recognizes exceptional teachers from each of our individual schools. Recipients are honored for their contributions to the Woodland learning community and more than 300 teachers were recognized thanks to nominations from students, staff and parents.

- Sarah Baier – Kindergarten Teacher, Primary School
- Lisa Valentine – 1st Grade Teacher, Elementary East School
- Jennifer Baker – 4th Grade Dual Language Teacher Intermediate School
- William Polston – 6th Grade Math Teacher, Middle School



## District News

### Tiffany Drake Named WMS Principal

Starting July 1, 2019, Tiffany Drake is the new principal at Woodland Middle School. Mrs. Drake has been a familiar face in the halls of the Middle School since 2000. She started as a social studies teacher, then became a Student Intervention Coordinator, and most recently served as Assistant Principal for 13 years. She will follow her mentor, Principal Scott Snyder, who was promoted to Assistant Director in Human Resources at Woodland's Educational Support Center.



"Being named principal of Woodland Middle School is a true honor, and I am grateful to continue to serve the students, staff and families of District 50. I am ready to get to work with help from the staff, administrative team and parents to help our students take pride in who they are and what they can achieve," Mrs. Drake said.

In addition to successfully carrying out her role as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Drake demonstrated exceptional leadership skills through her work on the Woodland Equity and Inclusivity Committee. As a district restorative practice coach and trainer, she has trained more than 100 staff members in the philosophy and practice of restorative justice, which is part of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) framework. She also has a unique ability to develop strong interpersonal relationships which she demonstrated as the organizer of the Latino Literacy program, which builds early college awareness by exploring cultural and familial situations that arise with Latino families.

Mrs. Drake earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a master's degree in school counseling from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Aurora University.

"As principal, I look forward to continuing to help all students on their educational journey and hope when they leave WMS, they will have the skills necessary to succeed in high school and beyond," Mrs. Drake stated.

### Connect with Woodland District 50!



Website: [www.dist50.net](http://www.dist50.net)



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WoodlandDistrict50/](https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandDistrict50/)



Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Woodland50News](https://www.twitter.com/Woodland50News)



# District Info

## About District 56

Gurnee School District 56 is an elementary school district covering early childhood through Grade 8.

It services portions of Gurnee, Wadsworth, Waukegan and Beach Park.

## Officials

### BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dr. Jim Blockinger, President  
Odie Pahl, Vice President  
Brian Weir, Treasurer  
Mark Pos, Secretary  
Becky Kotsinis  
Lynn Schroetter  
Mandi Florip

### SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Colleen Pacatte

## 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

### Orange Frog Program

While the school colors in Gurnee School District 56 are Red and White, the 2018-2019 school year was with the color Orange! District 56 participated in training based on author Shawn Achor's Orange Frog: The Happiness Advantage. As our world becomes more and more complex, the challenges for students grow and they require more and different support from the staff in our schools. In order to sustain the required energies and efforts, the district the Orange Frog program as a roadmap to help staff identify areas and strategies that could do just that.

The Happiness Advantage strategies and patterns that, if upon and tackled with intention, could increase the level of engagement and happiness in the workplace. The staff in Gurnee School District 56 worked collaboratively to identify items such as existing social scripts that might negatively impact the working environment. A social script is developed over time and becomes "the way we do things around here," whether it serves the environment well or not. Consciously working to a negative script can lift everyone up, improve focus, energy and engagement.

Staff also strategies they could use to take care of themselves. Teaching is a giving, action. Often, teachers give of themselves all day, take care of their families when they get home, and are unable to the time to give back to themselves. The D56 staff took the time to identify goals that would begin to help them put themselves Ideas included exercise, meditation, journaling, creating positive habits like smiling more often, looking at a picture of your loved ones before you go into a meeting or increasing acts of gratitude. Building upon those lessons will be pivotal as staff prepare to move into the new school year.

Happier more engaged staff will help to keep students energized and engaged in their learning, as well. Investing in students and staff is the most important thing to be done.

### Creating Equity and Recognizing Bias

As our community continues to grow in diversity it has become more and more evident that our school districts need to become and cognizant of procedures and policies that create unintended inequities. During the 2018-2019 school year the administrative team, Board of Education, and District staff participated in four training sessions that led them through challenging conversations and exercises that helped individuals begin to identify where they may have implicit biases that impact practices and ultimately students and families.

The district brought in two consultants, Rob Brown and his partner Alicia Wartowski, to facilitate this work. Talking about race and poverty require experienced facilitators to keep the conversations moving forward and productive. This content can often make participants uncomfortable and facilitators can assist with supporting participants to be as as possible. Session topics included: The Cycle of Socialization, Exploring Social Identity, and Foundations of Equity and Inclusion. Participants found the work powerful and revealing. As occurred upon the organization and relationships, the hope was to build bonds with families that were necessary in order to improve. The district is currently working to identify how this work will be brought into the school buildings, as it is critical to provide this same opportunity for learning to the staff working with students every day.



Staff Participate in the Orange Frog Program

## Gurnee District 56

### District 56 "Teacher of the Year"

#### Mrs. Kathy Kibitlewski

As the library media specialist, Kathy Kibitlewski connects teachers, students, and their parents to both traditional learning materials and 21st century multi-media. Through her leadership, creativity and her passion for teaching and learning, Mrs. Kibitlewski helps to make Prairie Trail School the dynamic learning environment children deserve.

In support of student growth, development, and learning, Mrs. Kibitlewski connects the community to the school through her Reading Partners program and her work with the morning breakfast initiative. She motivates and inspires students and staff alike with her contributions to the annual Reading Counts Assemblies, Blue Stem Challenges, and a variety of PBIS celebrations. She has been a member of the Instructional Leadership Teams aimed at helping the administration and staff work together for the betterment of the school and district, and she has been an active member of the building level School Improvement Teams which are charged with writing and facilitating the goals for each school year.

In addition to earning recognition as Gurnee's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kibitlewski is also a recipient of the Symetra Heroes in the Classroom award and a contributor to the school's recognition as an Apple Distinguished School.



Mrs. Kathy Kibitlewski

## Celebrating Diversity

It is said that people don't see the world as it is, but as they are. In an effort to help our community see, share and celebrate the diversity that makes us up, Gurnee School District 56 will be hosting two exciting events this year: a Hispanic heritage celebration in October and a Black History Month celebration in February.

Our Hispanic heritage celebration will take place from 5-6:30pm on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Prairie Trail School. The event will include live music from Cielito Lindo, a modern Latino mariachi formed by the Lucero family of 9. Nelson and Paola Sosa will also be present to teach basic Latin Rhythms Steps of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha Cha, Cumbia and many others. We will also be partnering with Heart of the City Sports, who will be conducting a soccer clinic for interested youth. In addition, many local organizations will be present to highlight important contributions made by Hispanic members of our community.

On February 20th, 2020, we will be hosting our Black History Month celebration at Prairie Trail School from 6-7:30pm. At past events we have looked at the ways in which African Americans in particular were affected by war and how African American migration has impacted the United States culture as a whole. The event typically features a keynote speaker, musical and other performances by students, and displays of student-created artwork with a Black History theme. This year's event will similarly involve students and community members in an authentic experience highlighting the important contributions of the African American members of our community.

The purpose of celebrations like these is to highlight the ways all of our community members contribute to our overall well-being and quality of life. It is important that we take time to see, share, and celebrate our diversity so that we never forget how valuable each one of us is to the community we share. We hope to see you at both of our events this year.

## District Finances

### Budgeting & Reporting

Copies of Gurnee District 56's budget, teacher's contract and required compensation disclosures are all available on the District's website. Go to [www.d56.org](http://www.d56.org), select "Our District" then select "District Overview".

Residents with questions can contact the District's Administrative at 847-336-0800.

### District Finances

Bond Rating: Gurnee District 56 recently had its credit rating

### Credit Ratings History Moody's and Standard & Poor (S&P)

2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2013	AA+	S & P
2013-2017	Aa2	Moody's

The ratings from Moody's indicate a robust position, small pension liability and a solid tax base. The ratings from Standard & Poors

Gurnee District 56 has developed a Capital Improvement Plan for maintenance of our buildings. The plan includes roof replacement, carpet replacement, an upgrade to the software that controls our energy usage, and other maintenance items to achieve the most use of energy. The district plans on including the costs for these projects in its annual budget

# Student Programs

District 56 Photos



## Gurnee District 56

### Gurnee District 56 Stakeholder Meetings

As the new superintendent of Gurnee School District 56, Dr. Pacatte offered Stakeholder Meetings to anyone interested in meeting to discuss the district during the 2018-19 school year. Over \_\_\_\_\_ people took advantage of the opportunity. Conversations took approximately one hour and were scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time including daytime and evening appointments. While Dr. Pacatte had a set of questions prepared, many participants came in with their own questions or topics, in which case the conversations followed the lead of the participant. Conversations ranged from about our schools to discussion about education in general. Sample topics included the use of technology in the classrooms, standardized testing, communication from the schools, differences between the schools and districts, content of courses, safety of schools, student behavior and more.

The overwhelming majority of stakeholders that requested meetings were parents in the district. There were a few teachers and staff. Missing were non-parent taxpayers, key stakeholders. These schools belong to all of the taxpayers residing in the district, and the schools need to know what the community is thinking, when it comes to the education of our youth or the manner in which we operate. Stakeholder Meetings are intended to share information regarding what we are doing well, where we can get better or ideas on how the school district can be a better resource for our community.

If you are interested in having a Stakeholder Meeting with Dr. Pacatte, please call Mrs. Lori Rupsch, at the District \_\_\_\_\_ (847) 336-0800. Time slots will become available again with the start of the new school year.

### Story of the Day

Gurnee District 56 has launched a new program "Story of the Day" to introduce new stories to students and families! Each day you will \_\_\_\_\_ a new Story read to you on video by one of our teachers or staff members at Gurnee School District 56.

If you miss a Story of the Day on the day that it comes out, you can always go back to our playlist on YouTube to hear the story again!

Here is the link for our Story of the Day Playlist: <https://tinyurl.com/D56StoryofTheDay>



# Warren Township High School District 121

## Characteristics of a Successful WTHS Graduate

One of the most important and interesting goals within the District 121 strategic plan is to ensure the characteristics of a successful WTHS graduate to ensure we are developing students in all capacities." The district mission to "Maximize the growth and achievement of every student through rigor, support and innovation," is very powerful but leads to the question of the 'growth and achievement' in which areas? Having elements (which help make up the whole student) that contribute to a successful graduate is critically important.



In recent years, the Illinois State Board of Education has also done some work to help identify areas, which indicate success in numerous college and career readiness areas. These include elements such as academic grades, on standardized tests, school attendance, career and/or military familiarity, industry credentials and/or other employment successful employment outside of school, community service and successful commitment to school activities. These elements are also many of the items that WTHS has been, and will most likely continue to use within Warren's own framework as well. With a more clearly list of elements, WTHS will be better able to communicate with students, parents and staff how successful mastery of these factors come together to truly indicate readiness for success after WTHS when our students walk across the stage at graduation with pride.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Master Plan

Since 2016, WTHS has developed several initiatives to celebrate diversity and inclusive practices. One of the initiatives was the formation of several committees; one for parents, one for students and one for staff.

A parent committee met several times over the past two years in order to develop and brainstorm new initiatives and ideas to improve WTHS' efforts to provide a safe and inclusive school. Additionally, Warren partnered with Roger Moreano, Bridges LLC, to offer student and parent "retreats" for participants to gain a better understanding about diversity, equity and inclusion. The parent committee sought to establish a multi-year master plan to develop commitments and goals into an organized document. This plan will be used to hold Warren accountable for targeted action planning and be accessible to help communicate these plans to the community.

On June 26, 2019, WTHS kicked off this project to begin working on a diversity, equity and inclusion master plan. The committee will meet during the semester of the 2019-20 school year with a tentative completion date of January 2020. If you are interested in attending, please email Dr. Pat Keeley at [pkeeley@wth.net](mailto:pkeeley@wth.net). Please consider joining in this important work for our school and community!

## District Info

### About District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 4,032 students. Warren is one of the largest high school in Lake County, Illinois, District 121 and 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

Thomas Drake, President  
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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

## Academics - Class of 2019

**By the Numbers:**  
Graduates at the Sears Centre: 979  
Illinois State Scholars: 159  
National Honor Society: 228  
National Merit Finalists: 5  
Perfect ACT Score (36): 1  
State Commendations Towards Biliteracy Recognition: 49  
Senior Scholarship and Award Night: 55  
Cum Laude Recognition Night: 204  
Scholarship Money Received: \$483,300

## Fine Arts - State Recognitions

**Illinois High School Art Exhibit All-State Artists:** Lauren Marsh, Lauren Fink, Lauren Bartholomew, Olivia Knowa, Allison Coffell  
**Illinois Music Education Association Winners:**  
**Choir:** Oscar Montas  
**Jazz Bands:** Eli Ameyibor, Cade Kelly, Logan Lake, Zach Relova  
**Band:** Eli Ameyibor, Skyleigh Atkinson, Adriana Koch  
**Orchestra (enrolled in Warren Band):** Sophia Diaz, Bailey Holman, Alex Wachter  
**ILMEA All-State:** Eli Ameyibor, Sophia Diaz

## Athletics - State Recognitions

**All State Athletes:**  
Juan Delacruz, Willis Singleton, Joel Vandervere, Bryan Holland, Jason Langevin, Hunter Subry, Cyrus Braza, Janii Jenkins, Annika Bynum, Jataia Harris, Kayleigh Glickley, Jada Vaughn, Courtney Chomko, Caitlyn Britton, Erika Jimenez  
**Team Titles:**  
Science Olympiad: 3rd place in Division A in State  
Trident Robotics: Curie Division Semi-Finalist at World Championships  
Boys' LaCrosse: 2nd place in State

# Warren Township High School District 121

## Warren's "Gurnee Teacher of the Year" Honors Jason Jecmen

Social studies teacher, Jason Jecmen, was voted by his colleagues this year as Warren's Gurnee Teacher of the Year.

At a Board meeting on May 6, 2019, 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 receives a \$1,000 honorarium.

Jason has been teaching at Warren Township High School for 25 years, and has been in education for 28 years. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English from Eastern Illinois University, and a Master's Degree from National Louis University in Education Leadership.



Jason Jecmen

Jason says his years at Warren have been extremely and rewarding. "I have had the privilege to work with hundreds of outstanding educators from whom I have learned a great deal. Being a teacher means standing on the shoulders of others, and I am extremely fortunate to stand on the shoulders of both past and current teachers at WTHS."

"I have had the honor to coach with Bill Dawson in both Track and Field and Cross Country over the past 25 years, and he has been a mentor and model for working with young athletes," Jason said. "I have also been fortunate to earn the trust of my colleagues by being our Warren Township High School Federation of Teachers (WTHSFT) collective bargaining president for over 15 years. It has been extremely rewarding to work with past and present district and elected

Superintendent Dr. John Ahlgrim said, "Jason is truly a special individual who has committed so much to WTHS. His contributions as a teacher, coach, leader and colleague have been, and continue to be, remarkable. Most important, Jason is an authentic, class person and role model, and we are so proud of his selection as our Teacher of the Year for 2019."

Jason would like to thank all of his current and former students for always reminding him how lucky he is to teach, and he's eternally grateful for the opportunity to guide his students on their paths towards realizing their life goals. Jason is honored to be a teacher and humbled to accept this award on behalf of his students and colleagues. He also thanks his mom and dad for encouraging him to follow his dream, and his wife, Katie, for her positive spirit and uplifting support.

## WTHS Strategic Plan 2019-2020

Warren's annual Strategic Planning Committee meeting occurred on June 11, 2019, and approximately 60 individuals from the Board of Education, staff, students, parents and school community participated in this important planning process for WTHS. At the meeting, the Administration reported results on the Greatness Indicators, which are the "ends" to which the District holds itself accountable, reported progress on the 2018-2019 goals, and goals for the 2019-2020 school year. These goals also become part of a document, which is the 2019 Addendum, and can be found with past years' documents at the Strategic Plan tab on the District website at <https://il02214492.schoolwires.net/Page/276>. Highlighted in this publication are a few of the unique goals from the District's strategic planning process.

Parents and students will be actively working in a booth at Gurnee Days on Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th to help celebrate Warren's diverse school community.



# Warren Township High School District 121

## District Finances

Warren is proud to provide a comprehensive curriculum of excellent programs for nearly 4,000 students in spite of unpredictable state funding and local revenues that are very low compared to other Lake County high school districts.

Comparison of Revenue Per Student for Lake County High School Districts (FY 2018)

High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
	\$32,050	\$1,315	\$571	\$33,936
Adlai Stevenson High School 125	\$26,390	\$1,808	\$355	\$28,553
Lake Forest District 115	\$26,129	\$753	\$424	\$27,306
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$24,449	\$1,206	\$263	\$25,918
Grayslake District 127	\$18,607	\$4,471	\$186	\$23,264
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$17,455	\$4,057	\$259	\$21,771
Zion-Benton District 126	\$13,840	\$6,443	\$1,016	\$21,299
Mundelein District 120	\$16,116	\$1,642	\$623	\$18,381
Grant Township District 124	\$13,660	\$3,626	\$507	\$17,793
<b>Warren Township High School District 121</b>	<b>\$12,852</b>	<b>\$2,658</b>	<b>\$437</b>	<b>\$15,947</b>

Warren District 121 has the third lowest tax rate of high school districts in Lake County.

Tax Rates for Lake County High School Districts (2014-2018)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Grayslake District 127	5.53	5.40	5.06	4.88	4.42
Zion Benton District 126	5.09	5.31	4.96	4.65	4.40
Antioch Lakes District 117	3.83	3.93	3.82	3.79	3.53
Adlai Stevenson District 125	3.04	3.00	2.86	2.86	2.89
Mundelein District 120	2.82	2.77	2.62	2.55	2.54
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	2.68	2.73	2.53	2.49	2.50
Grant Township District 124	3.55	3.51	2.61	2.52	2.43
<b>Warren Township High School District 121</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.23</b>
	<b>2.42</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>2.22</b>
<b>Lake Forest District 115</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>1.34</b>

Source: Lake County Government website.

Total Expense Student (Average Daily Attendance)

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Lake Forest District 115	\$28,160	\$29,259	\$29,364	\$31,817
	\$28,189	\$29,480	\$29,546	\$31,127
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$26,852	\$27,275	\$27,649	\$27,426
Adlai Stevenson District 125	\$27,137	\$25,353	\$26,214	\$25,194
Grayslake District 127	\$19,833	\$21,143	\$23,535	\$23,413
Grant Township District 124	\$17,949	\$19,075	\$19,893	\$21,235
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$20,534	\$20,974	\$20,216	\$21,145
Mundelein District 120	\$16,753	\$19,755	\$19,425	\$20,494
Zion Benton District 126	\$17,325	\$16,968	\$17,150	\$18,120
<b>Warren Township High School District 121</b>	<b>\$14,823</b>	<b>\$17,404</b>	<b>\$16,850</b>	<b>\$17,923</b>

Source: Illinois State Board of Education Annual Financial Reports

## District Finances

### Securing the Future Initiative

One of the goals within the strategic plan related to the of District 121 is to engage the community in open dialogues regarding tax rates, district funding opportunities and review user fees while being mindful of our free and reduced student population. These important topics will be ongoing discussions for the 2019-2020 school year at our Board of Education and Finance Committee meetings.

The District has the lowest revenue per student for Lake County high school districts. The average revenue for the year 2018 for the Lake County high schools was \$23,417 per student. Warren would need additional revenue of \$7,470 per student just to be average.

Consequently, WTHS has traditionally had the lowest total expense per student (Average Daily Attendance) for Lake County high school districts. The average for the year 2018 for the Lake County high schools was \$23,789 per student. Warren would need to expend an additional \$5,866 per student just to be average.

Over the years, the District has been with the funding available to us. Some of the steps we've taken include implementing many building operational utilizing shared services where possible, our debt, reducing staff for the last several years and issuing user fees where appropriate. WTHS is taking the stance "to leave no stone unturned" regarding cost reductions, and savings. Even with all of the measures that have taken place, there is still a serious revenue challenge.



# 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, martial arts, music, performing arts, preschool, sports and much more.

## Officials

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Goshorn, President  
Vicki Paddock, Vice President  
Saundra Campbell, Secretary  
Michelle Klemz  
Gerald Crews

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Susie Kuruvilla, CPA, CPRP

## Facilities

### VIKING PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

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

### HUNT CLUB PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

920 N. Hunt Club Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
(847) 623-7788

### 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 28 parks located in neighborhoods throughout Gurnee which feature

trails and conservation areas.

# Park District

## Participate and GO!

If you haven't heard yet there is something GO-ing on in Northern Illinois and it's spreading to Lake, DuPage, Cook, and McHenry counties to name a few. And while humans typically try to contain things that are spreading, the GO movement is one receiving infectious support!

Gurnee Park District encourages the community to keep moving. The Walking Club meets every Saturday at a variety of locations. A complete schedule can be found on [gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://gurneeparkdistrict.com). Pop-up walks occur on a monthly basis as well, encouraging local community members to get out and go.

Lake County Health Department with Lake County Forest Preserves also host RX for health walks on a monthly basis. Those can be found at [LiveWellLakeCounty.org](http://LiveWellLakeCounty.org). This website also lists GO walks in over 20 neighboring suburbs.

If you're unable to make a scheduled walk, no problem! GO encourages you to stay inspired and GO out and be active. More information can be sent to you when you enroll at [gurneeparkdistrict.com/GOGURNEE](http://gurneeparkdistrict.com/GOGURNEE). Sign up and:

- Receive your GO GURNEE Champion T-shirt.
- Improve your health and well-being.
- Feel rewarded by others' success through your support and leadership.
- Be empowered knowing you made a difference.
- Decrease national obesity rates - one person at a time.

No matter how, or when or where, GO GURNEE continues to inspire the community to keep moving.

## NEW Director of Recreation, Mike Wick

Gurnee Park District welcomed Mike Wick as the Director of Recreation this past winter.



For the last years Mike has served the community of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin as their Director of Recreation. His hard work did not go unnoticed as he launched a new preschool program, ran operations for the Senior Center, and co-created a wheelchair basketball league.

Sports were always a part of Wick's childhood in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. After high school, Wick attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, graduating with a degree in sports management. During that time, he continued to share his passion as a coach at summer sports camps and intern with the La Crosse Loggers Baseball Club. After college graduation, his career began at Waukegan Park District, continuing with Elk Grove Park District, then as the city of Wauwatosa's Recreation Director.

Wick shared that there are a number of opportunities available to engage, grow and stay active throughout Gurnee, not limited to, but including, beautiful parks, class recreation facilities, as well as top programs such as summer camp, sports, Growing Tree Preschool and so much more.

When not working, Wick enjoys sharing time with his wife and two daughters. He also cheers for his favorite Wisconsin teams. Now, as a resident of Gurnee, Wick looks to continue to uphold the mission of Gurnee Park District.

## GURNEE PARK DISTRICT

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## Park District

### NEW Ways to Play in Gurnee

Shaw, University and Westgate Park playgrounds were selected for renovations in 2018 and 2019. Each site celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony and picnic with neighbors. All three locations have new structures geared towards toddlers (ages 2-5) and youth (ages 6-12).

#### Shaw Park

Shaw Park is located at Belle Plaine and Lee Avenue. By utilizing existing support structures, the playground now features new decks, panels, climbers and slides.

#### Westgate Park

NEW equipment was installed at Westgate Park. Located at Lawson Boulevard and Hancock, this community park includes a sky high tower, new slides, picnic shelter, climbers and half basketball court.

#### University Park

University Park's playground is complete with NEW surf board feature and turf surface! The park is located at the corner of University Avenue and Estes Street.



### UPCOMING PARK DISTRICT PROJECTS

#### Providence Oaks Park

Originally built in 2000, Providence Park's playground will be updated with ADA pathways and equipment as well as new engineered wood surfacing. Other features will include faster, updated slides, new swings and an array of fun and challenging climbers.

#### South Park

South Park started as a small neighborhood park donated by the Marriott Corporation in 1981. NEW playground construction commenced on June 24. New features include an ADA path to the basketball courts and playground. Other additions include taller slides, new climbers, and shade structures.

#### Chittenden Park

Home to the Gowe Beach slide, Chittenden Park's playground will start construction this year. Features will include a new 5 to 12 year old play structure, rock climbing wall, rope obstacle course, and taller twisty slides. Don't worry, the Gowe Beach slide will keep its residency at the park too!

#### Viking Park Maintenance Facility

A centralized facility will be completed by the end of 2020. The new, state of the art maintenance building will replace a 40 year old pole barn and non-heated dirt storage facility. The new facility will include laundry area, woodshop and ample storage. From athletic upkeep to park the parks department continues to preserve nature and maintain the beauty of Gurnee parks.

## Community Events

**September 5 from 7:00 to 8:30pm**

- Bella Cain – Sounds of Summer Concert

**September 13 from 6:00 to 8:00pm**

- Touch A Truck

**September 29 at 1:00pm**

- Tree Dedication
- A tree is a wonderful way to remember someone you love or give as a birthday, anniversary or graduation gift. Visit [gurneeparkdistrict.com/parks](http://gurneeparkdistrict.com/parks) for more information.

**October 12 from 1:00 to 3:00pm**

- Trick or Treat Path

**December 14 from 8:30 – 11:30am**

- Breakfast with Santa

All event information can be found at [GurneeParkDistrict.com](http://GurneeParkDistrict.com) or at [facebook.com/gurneeparkdist](https://facebook.com/gurneeparkdist)

### Volunteers

Earn service hours or give back to your community. Contact Jamie ([jrichards@gurneeparkdistrict.com](mailto:jrichards@gurneeparkdistrict.com)) to get involved. Volunteer for the following events:

Monthly Mixers (55+) – Help set up and serve guests

- September 10, 2019
- October 1, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 3, 2019

Parent's Night Out – Coordinate games and chaperone

- September 21, 2019
- October 26, 2019
- November 16, 2019
- December 7, 2019



Special Events

- October 12, 2019 Trick or Treat Path – Volunteer to be a character
- December 14, 2019 Breakfast with Santa – Assist with serving guests

# Park District News

Affordable FUN for Every Age and Interest

Visit [www.gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com) or [www.FitNationGurnee.com](http://www.FitNationGurnee.com) for more information.

## Toddlers

From November to March, Hunt Club Park Community Center provides gym time just for tots!

## Grade Schoolers

This summer hosted over 2,500 campers! Summer quickly turns to another school year, where many campers attend before/after school CARE.

## Tweens and Teens

Events include days off school, parent's night out, jr. high nights at the pool and \$5 teen only open gym.

## Adults

From the GO GURNEE Walking Club to volleyball, softball and pickleball, adults can pop in or join a team.

Over 6,000 adults are FitNation members. Two facilities meet all needs and ability levels.

## Seniors

Monthly Mixers are held between September and May. Purchase tickets at a Community Center or online. Viking Park will also host Sunrise Club on October 22 and November 19 from 9:15 to 11:15 am. Pay \$2 at the door to enjoy coffee, donuts and a few fun activities, including bingo.

## Pool Rentals

Complete rental information and applications can be found at [www.gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com).

Both locations provide all access to the pool, lifeguards and exclusive party space.

- Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center - 900 N. Hunt Club Road
- FitNation Indoor Pool - 1655 Nations Drive



# Park District

## Fun and Fiscally Sound

It is a priority of Gurnee Park District to sustain long term strength while providing the many parks and activities residents have come to enjoy. The District is an annual recipient of the GFOA and CAFR awards for responsible budgeting and transparent reporting. The District also maintains an A+ bond rating.

Gurnee Park District's annual total budget is 17.2 million dollars which includes approximately \$3 million for capital projects. The District maintains a balanced budget through careful planning and close management of expenses.

The two main revenue sources for the Park District are property taxes (40%) and fees (55%). The District strives to maintain this ratio to ensure stability while supporting existing and future infrastructure as well as offering affordable recreational programs and services.

### Revenues:

#### Fees and Charges - \$7,805,830

- Property Taxes - \$5,677,057
- Grants and intergovernmental - \$389,813
- Interest, reimbursements and miscellaneous income - \$282,466

### Expenditures:

Gurnee Park District strives to deliver excellent customer service while seeking operational to assist with savings. Operating expenditures are always less than operating revenues unless discretionary spending is approved by the Board of Commissioners for capital improvements.

- Operating - \$11,228,479
- Capital Projects - \$3,599,388
- Debt Payments - \$2,461,330

Successful operations would not be possible without Gurnee Park District's many employees. The District is the second largest employer within Gurnee and often serves



## Indoor / Outdoor Rentals

From celebratory showers to meetings and parties, there is plenty of space for you to host an upcoming event. Outdoor shelters are available from April 15 to October 15.

- Viking Park Dance Hall (inside) - 4374 Old Grand Avenue
- Hunt Club Park Community Center (inside) - 920 N. Hunt Club Road
- Betty Russell Community Shelter (outside) - 5300 Pinewood Road
- Esper Petersen Park Gazebo (outside) - Kilbourne and Grand Avenue
- Hunt Club Park Shelter (outside) - 920 N. Hunt Club Road
- O'Plaine Park Shelter (outside) - O'Plaine Road and Russell Avenue
- Viking Park Game Shelter (outside) - 4374 Old Grand Avenue



## Village of Gurnee

### 15th Annual Law Enforcement Expo Coming to Gurnee Mills

The Law Enforcement Expo will have a new home in 2019! For the past 14 years, this two day event showcased over two dozen police and police-related agencies at the Hawthorn Mall in Vernon Hills. In 2019, it was announced that the event will take place at Gurnee Mills on Saturday September 7th and Sunday September 8th. The Expo will be from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.



The 2019 Law Enforcement Expo will include daily K9 demonstrations, exhibits from dozens of local police agencies and professional car safety seat technicians on hand to help with the proper installation of car safety seats.

For more information on the expo and to see a list of participating organizations, visit the Gurnee website at [www.gurnee.il.us/lawenforcementexpo](http://www.gurnee.il.us/lawenforcementexpo) or call the Crime Prevention

## Village News

### Gurnee Days Open Houses

Visit Us At Gurnee Days! The Village's Police, Fire and Public Works Departments will again hold open houses this year at Gurnee Days. See the Gurnee Days schedule on page 2 for details.

### Road Construction Updates

Looking for the latest updates on road construction in Gurnee? Follow along with our "Road Construction Updates" to find out about the latest projects or closures in your area. You can sign-up for regular email updates at [www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe](http://www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe), or visit our Road Construction Updates page at [www.gurnee.il.us/construction-updates](http://www.gurnee.il.us/construction-updates)

### 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 for twelve weeks beginning Thursday, August 29th. For more information and to sign up, visit the Village's website at [www.gurnee.il.us/police/cpa](http://www.gurnee.il.us/police/cpa).

### Mosquito Abatement

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

### Legions of Craft Beer Fest at Six Flags Great America



The Legions of Craft Beer Fest is returning to Gurnee for the year to help support local Lake County veterans. This year, the event will be taking place on Saturday, November 9th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Six Flags Great America! The event will take place in the park and feature over 35+ breweries, live music, and full access to Six Flags amusement rides and fun!

The kick-off for the 2019 Legions of Craft Beer Fest ticket sales will begin on Gurnee Days Weekend starting Thursday, August 8th! For Gurnee Days weekend, save \$5 per ticket for the lowest prices of the season! Tickets for the Legions of Craft Beer Fest can be purchased at [www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com](http://www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com). Season pass holders to Six Flags can purchase a "Beer

Pass" upgrade to their regular membership for a discounted rate.

All proceeds from the Legions of Craft Beer Fest go towards supporting the Gurnee American Legion Post 771 and the Lake County Honor Flight. The four years of the Fest helped raise over \$90,000 for these organizations!

# Keeping Posted

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Patrick Muetz

## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

### Police, Fire and Medical Emergencies: 9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency: (847) 599-7000

Fire Non-Emergency: (847) 599-6600

Village Hall: (847) 599-7500

Utility Billing: (847) 599-7525

Community Development: (847) 599-7550

Public Works: (847) 599-6800

Visit us online at [www.gurnee.il.us](http://www.gurnee.il.us).

## 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,

- Beach Park: [villageofbeachpark.com](http://villageofbeachpark.com)
- Green Oaks: [greenoaks.org](http://greenoaks.org)
- Grayslake: [villageofgrayslake.com](http://villageofgrayslake.com)
- Lake County: [lakecountyil.gov](http://lakecountyil.gov)
- Lindenhurst: [lindenhurstil.org](http://lindenhurstil.org)
- Park City: [parkcityil.org](http://parkcityil.org)
- Old Mill Creek: [villageofoldmillcreek.org](http://villageofoldmillcreek.org)
- Warren Township: [warrentownship.net](http://warrentownship.net)
- Wadsworth: [villageofwadsworth.org](http://villageofwadsworth.org)
- Waukegan: [waukeganil.gov](http://waukeganil.gov)

For the Village of Gurnee, visit our website: [gurnee.il.us](http://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.



### East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market

Stop by the East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market this summer and fall! Organized by the Village of Gurnee as part of its East Grand revitalization initiatives, the Market features over 30 vendors selling a variety of fresh produce, food, and artisanal products. Children's entertainment, free child safety seat checks by the Gurnee Police Department, and a special visit by the Gurnee Fire Department round out a day full of family fun! Join us for the remaining markets of 2019: August 18, September 15, and October 20, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the shopping center parking lot at the southeast corner of Belle Plaine & Grand Avenues (3545-3575 Grand Avenue).

## Be in the Know

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

### What's New:

• The Authentic Cheese Bread (3900 Washington Street) - bakery • Abbott Laboratories Employee Credit Union (325 Tri-State Parkway) - institution • Dunkin Donuts (5414 Grand Avenue) - addition of drive through • Lynda Thom, LCPC (5101 Washington Street) - professional counseling services • Gold Coast Produce (1800 Nations Drive) - food processing • MPP Law (505 N. Route 21) - legal services • Dancenter North (5410 Grand Avenue) - dance instruction • Braulio Valladares Insurance Agency dba State Farm (1333 N. Delany Road) • Core Realty and Investments (5101 Washington Street) • World Lab Chicago (1790 Nations Drive) - dental products • Bargain Outlet and More (Gurnee Mills) - discount electronics retailer • Charming Sophia (Gurnee Mills) - apparel and accessories • Subway (Gurnee Mills-relocated) • Machining Inc. • Joshua Carey Insurance Agency (Delany Square) • Megan N Gray DDS (Greenleaf Center) • Tsunami Car Wash (4145 Grove Avenue) - express car wash

### Coming Soon:

Charley's Philly Steak (Gurnee Mills) • Alpha Media (Gurnee Mills) - radio stations • Helzburg Diamond (6557 Grand Avenue) - remodel • Discovery Clothing (6539 Grand Avenue) • Sports Interiors (1547 St. Paul Avenue) - lighting supplier • Luxor Furniture (Centerpoint Industrial Park) • Firestone Remodel/Reopening • Belgewater Place - new building started construction • Aldi (7520 Grand Avenue) under construction

For development updates please visit [www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress](http://www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress)