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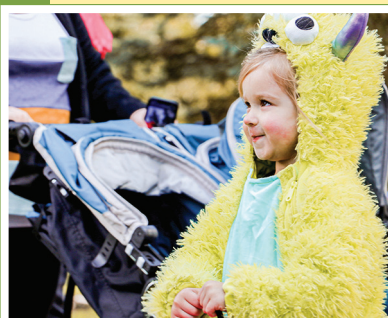
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The Village has once again partnered with our three school districts (50, 56 and 121), the Gurnee Park District and now the Warren-Newport Library to bring you Keeping Posted+! This special edition of the Village's newsletter brings you information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

Dear Residents,

Mayor's Message

This special edition of Keeping Posted focuses on our community partners. I have the pleasure of regularly working with these agencies, and I can tell you that the strength of our Village does not come from any particular partner; rather it is the strength found in the unity of all. I would like to tell you a little bit about each and a particular attribute that I enjoy. First, the Village has the benefit of three excellent school districts. I particularly enjoy the annual award of the Gurnee Teacher of the Year for each school district. I am given the opportunity to hear from each district as they highlight their high-quality teachers. The dedication and talent of all the district's teachers is truly amazing. We are blessed by the quality of education our children receive in these schools. Then, there is the award-winning Park District. Many programs and parks are peppered throughout the Village and are available for all residents to enjoy. The queen jewel event spearheaded by the Park District is the very popular Gurnee Days, which will be held on August 6th and 7th. Music, food, fireworks—capped off by a parade and much more are just some of what is available to enjoy. Come out with your neighbors, family, and friends to enjoy a village-wide celebration. Finally, our Library provides many services and programs to the community. It is a great place to go and relax in a peaceful atmosphere and read a good book or experience a unique library program.



As I see our partners working together, I see how the Village government provides the interconnectedness that is needed to make it all happen. Police, Fire, Public Works, and Administration provide the structure that allows all aspects of Village life to happen. Our businesses in town provide the finances to support this Village structure, as it all works together to provide the residents with an enjoyable place to live deserving of the Village motto: "The Community of Opportunity".

While we celebrate all that our Village has to offer, the recent senseless violence against our neighbors in Highland Park has made us soberly aware that the acts of one can have a great impact on a community. We are all concerned about the safety of our schools and families and the overall community. I have great confidence that the Village is well-prepared in that we and our partners have invested extensively in the training and equipping of our public safety departments. Much planning has gone into keeping safe those that are in our care. We will continue to provide for our safety—doing all that can be done—so that we may experience a measure of peace in uncertain times. I pray that this year we enjoy all that God has gifted us and to especially appreciate those that he has placed in our lives. I hope you enjoy the summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Hood

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Village News

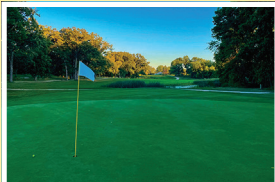
Village Meetings

Village Board	Planning & Zoning	Other Boards
August 8 7:00 p.m.	August 3 7:30 p.m.	August 29 7:00 p.m.
August 22 7:00 p.m.	August 17 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 27 7:00 p.m.
August 29 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 7 7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 12 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.

Mayor's Golf Benefit

Join Mayor Tom Hood on Friday, August 26th at Bittersweet Golf Club located at 875 Almond Rd. for a day on the golf course. The benefit is for adults with special needs (BIG



Great Lakes). BIG Great Lakes' goal is to "change the way the world views adults with special needs". RSVP at <https://gurneemayorgolfbenefit.com>. Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m., we hope to see you there!

Styrofoam Recycling Event

On Saturday, September 17th, the Village of Gurnee will be hosting a styrofoam (polystyrene products) recycling event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 325 N. O'Plaine Rd. Only clean, dry and #6 labeled polystyrene products will be accepted. If you are unable to attend, you may drop off your styrofoam at Village Hall on September 16th.

49th Annual Gurnee Days

www.gurneedays.com

August 6th & 7th
"Life's a Zoo"

DAILY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th	
Gurnee Days 5k/10k/2Mi Run/Walk*+	7:30am
Location: Hunt Club Park	
Police Department Open House*	9:00am - 11:00am
Location: Gurnee Police Dept. - O'Plaine Rd.	
Heather Ridge Golf Tournament*+	10:00am
Location: HeatherRidge Golf Course	
Public Works Open House*	10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Public Works - Kilbourne Rd.	
Fire Department Open House*	10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Fire Station #1 - Old Grand Ave.	
Outdoor Story Time with WNPL	12:00-1:00pm
Face Painter, Balloon Artist & Caricature Artist	12:00-5:00pm
Community Art Show, Kids Interactive Area, Kids Crafts, Bounce House, Obstacle Course & Soccer Darts	12:00-7:00pm
Exchange Club Rib Fest & Food Booths	12:00-10:00pm
Beer Garden	12:00-11:00pm
Rib Eating Contest	1:00pm
Mother Rudd Open House*	1:00-4:00pm
Jiggle Jam Kids Band	1:45-2:30pm
Ice Cream Eating Contest	2:30pm
Ethan Bell	3:00-5:00pm
Ax & the Hatchetmen	5:30-7:30pm
Modern Day Romeos	8:00-9:00pm
Fireworks	9:00pm
Modern Day Romeos	9:30-10:30pm
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th	
Car Show	9:00am-3:00pm
Food Booths	10:00am-3:00pm
Community Art Show, Pony Rides, & Petting Zoo	11:00am-2:00pm
Kids Interactive Area, Kids Crafts, Bounce House, Obstacle Course & Soccer Darts	11:00am-3:00pm
Parade	12:00-1:00pm
Mother Rudd Open House	1:00-4:00pm
Police & Fire "Battle of the Badges"	2:00pm

*Unless noted, all events will be held at Viking Park, 4374 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee
+Pre-registration requested or required; see website for more info.

www.gurneedays.com

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Woodland District 50

Meet Woodland's New Superintendent Robert Machak

Woodland School District 50 is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Machak is our new Superintendent as of July 1, 2022. The Board of Education approved Dr. Machak for the position at the January 27, 2022 Monthly Governing Meeting.

Dr. Machak first joined the #LifeintheW team in July of 2020 as the Associate Superintendent of Education after spending 12 years as superintendent in PreK-8 elementary school districts in both Evergreen Park District 124 and Emmons School District 33 in Antioch. He replaces Dr. Lori Casey, who retired at the end of June.



Dr. Robert Machak

Dr. Machak started at Woodland during uncertain times as school districts across the country were dealing with the COVID-19 health crisis. With his dedication to educational equity, he was able to implement programs and supports for students both academically and socially. He quickly developed relationships in the community to secure donations for a weekly food drive and supported families by connecting them with resources for child care and other needed programs as families struggled with balancing work and remote learning. Working with the school nurses and health office staff, he helped implement Woodland's weekly SHIELD testing program and Lake County's Test to Stay program with the goal of keeping students in school. Dr. Machak also started a winter break assistance program and expanded Woodland's summer program to help students who needed additional support due to pandemic disruptions.

During his time at Woodland, he has also served as the District's McKinney-Vento liaison and Title IX coordinator to ensure that all of our students are being treated equitably regarding access to District programming and resources. This past year, he developed a partnership with the College of Lake County that resulted in the District offering a series of tuition-free Adult Education classes for the parents of students in our English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Most recently, he worked with the middle school administrative team to develop an academic intervention program called Core Academic Support that will allow all students in 6th and 7th grade to receive help in math and English language arts during the school day.

Throughout his 30-year career in education, Dr. Machak has shown great compassion for the students in his care and has a strong reputation for building positive relationships with District staff and community stakeholders. As an advocate of public education with a wide range of knowledge for curriculum, operations and business office functions, Dr. Machak is committed to helping all families feel connected to Woodland because there is something for everyone in #LifeintheW!

Connect with Woodland District 50!



Website
www.dist50.net

Facebook
www.facebook.com/WoodlandDistrict50

Twitter
twitter.com/Woodland50News

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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 4,800 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.

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WOODLAND PRIMARY

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

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

WOODLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

7000 Washington Street
(847) 856-3400

District Finances

Strategic Plan

Woodland continues to make progress toward the Board of Education's Strategic Plan goals. As the District enters year five of the Strategic Plan, school and community stakeholders will be invited to help review the previous plan and help develop a new plan to keep the District moving forward. To learn more about recent accomplishments, visit the district website at www.dist50.net/domain/232.

D50 Financial Recognition

Bond Rating: Woodland District 50 recently had its credit rating reaffirmed by two credit agencies. In 2016 the district refinanced its current debt to reduce its tax rate to area residents.

Credit Ratings History

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

2021	AA+	S & P
2020	AA+	S & P
2019	AA+	S & P
2018	AA+	S & P
2017	AA+	S & P
2016	AA+	S & P
2016-2021	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:

2021	Recognition
2020	Recognition
2019	Review
2018	Recognition
2017	Recognition
2016	Recognition
2015	Recognition

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

Woodland District 50

TRIN Team Assembled to Assist Woodland Families

Did you know that Woodland families speak more than 54 languages in the home? Parents have a right to access school related information in a language that they speak/understand.

Woodland provides interpretation (verbal) and translation (written) services to communicate critical information to families about their child's education and district programs. These services are often contracted through an external service provider, but Woodland has created a new TRIN

Team to provide Translation (TR) and Interpretation (IN) services beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.



Meet the TRIN Team!

Thanks to a large and diverse staff, Woodland has 22 staff members that have gone through an extensive language proficiency assessment, as well as ethics training to understand the responsibilities of a translator. TRIN Team members must also complete training on Special Education Terminology and Interpreter Etiquette before assisting District families. TRIN Team members speak Spanish, Russian, Chinese Mandarin, French and American Sign Language, with more languages on the way such as Tagalog, Bengali, Urdu and German, once training is complete. The team has been assembled from staff across the District including teachers, paraprofessionals, transportation staff, health staff, Operations & Facilities and guest teachers.

Woodland Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

The Woodland PTA is looking for parents, teachers, friends, neighbors and grandparents who will work together to support the Woodland learning community.

In the 2021-2022 school year, the PTA hosted events and fundraisers at both local businesses and here in our schools to raise money that directly benefits our students. The PTA donated some of the money raised to the annual food drive to help feed Woodland families, supplied hats and gloves to keep our students warm in the winter, purchased new playground equipment and books for the schools and provided exciting assemblies and cultural programming across the district. There are many different ways to get involved, big and small. Connect with the Woodland PTA on Facebook (facebook.com/WoodlandPTA50) or visit their website at www.woodland50pta.com to learn more about the organization and how to get involved.



Woodland District 50

Intermediate Teacher Named Woodland's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

Special Education teacher Joe Rejczyk has been named Woodland's Gurnee Teacher of the Year for 2022.

Joe Rejczyk began working at Woodland Intermediate in 1997, after spending one year teaching at a middle school in Beach Park. He was a Physical Education teacher for 24 years but felt a calling to work with Special Education students. In 2020, he completed the necessary requirements to become a Special Education Teacher and started the 2020-2021 school year in a structured classroom.

Rejczyk explained, "As a gym teacher, I noticed a need for our special education students to have a more fulfilling PE experience. I started a buddy program to invite general education students to help assist and interact with the adaptive PE classes. When I saw what a difference this made, I sought out more opportunities to work with the special education students. I began subbing for special education teachers, and then I applied to be a paraprofessional during the Extended School Year program in the summer. I love that I was able to go on this journey with the students, and I am thankful for the wonderful support from my mentors and the paraprofessionals who support me everyday."

From the nomination forms submitted for Mr. Rejczyk, it is clear that he is student-focused and always ready to celebrate the daily successes and achievements of his students. He is also dedicated to communicating with parents and building relationships with his students and their families.

Woodland selects a school winner from each of the five schools in the District. From the list of five finalists, an overall winner is selected for recognition as Gurnee's Teacher of the Year.

Woodland appreciates the Village of Gurnee and the Henderson Foundation for providing the framework and tools to recognize Mr. Rejczyk and all of the educators that were nominated for this award.



Joe Rejczyk

Hiring in the W!

We want you as part of the Woodland team! We are currently hiring for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are now being accepted for Bus Drivers, Substitute/Guest Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Playground Supervisors. These are very important positions that support our students every day. To learn more about these positions and to view all of our current career opportunities, go to www.dist50.net and click on the "Careers" tab or follow @WoodlandCareers on Twitter. You can make a difference and contribute to #LifeintheW. Don't wait. Apply today!



10-Second News

Sustainability

The Middle School Solar Project is in full swing this summer with an expected completion in August 2022. Woodland is working to improve controls, schedules and the overall functionality of our Building Automation Software to make our systems more efficient. The District received a grant from ComEd to install LED lighting at Woodland Intermediate as a pilot program.



SHIELD Testing at Woodland

Woodland will continue to offer weekly SHIELD testing for all staff and students who wish to participate, allowing for accurate and timely COVID-19 monitoring among the Woodland learning community. The District Student Safety Assessment Team hosted interactive professional development sessions to refine interview protocols and implement a new comprehensive tool for the 2022-2023 school year.

Student Support

The District ran successful virtual academic support programs for students during Winter Break and Spring Break. Woodland will continue training and professional development on Restorative Practices and additional supports and interventions across the District.

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.

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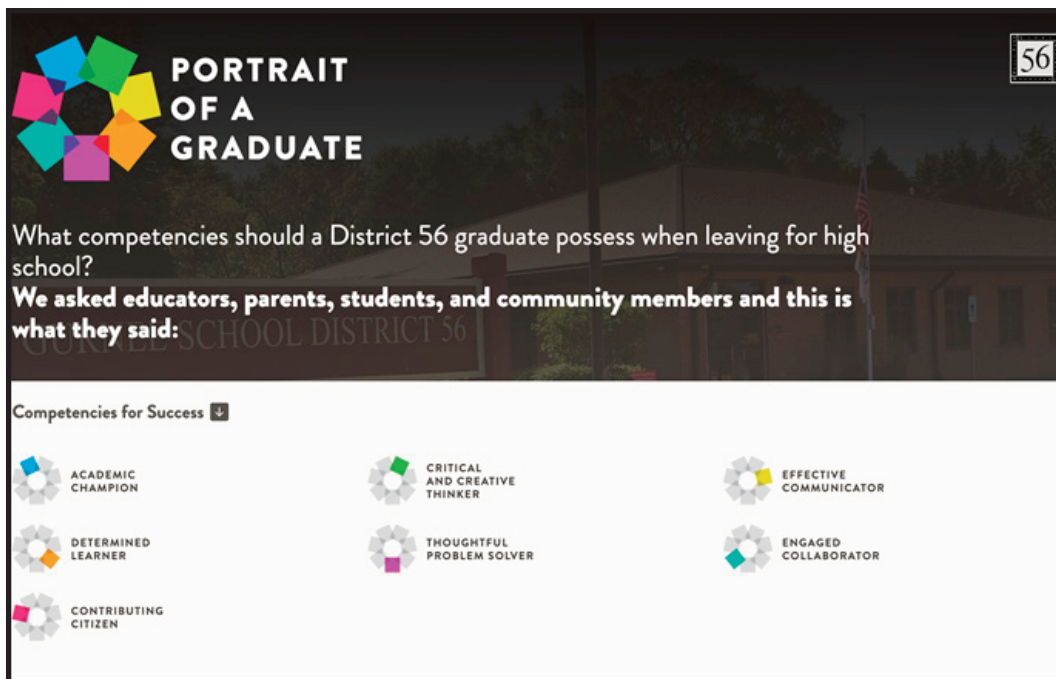
PRAIRIE TRAIL SCHOOL
13600 W. Wadsworth Road
Wadsworth
(847) 623-4333

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

VIKING MIDDLE SCHOOL
4460 Old Grand Avenue
(847) 336-2108

Gurnee District 56

Portrait of a Graduate



Gurnee School District 56 completed the development of a Portrait of a Graduate during the 2021-22 school year. This was a project that was started in March of 2020 and was delayed as a result of the pandemic. This tool has identified a set of competencies that each D56 graduate should develop prior to graduation. These competencies were created with input from the D56 community including students, parents and teachers as well as the teachers from Warren Township High School. Sorting through hundreds of responses, the D56 committee was able to categorize common skills under specific competencies. Each of the seven competencies is broken down by grade levels from kindergarten through eighth grade.

This information will be available to everyone through our District website at the start of the new school year. Visitors to the site will be able to click on any of the competencies noted in the image above and find out what it looks like to be a “Contributing Citizen” in kindergarten: Building/expanding on their thoughts; Understanding that mistakes are part of learning; Using a trial and error approach, sharing ideas and what it looks like in eighth grade; Helping others to make inferences and draw logical conclusions; Helping others to build on and make connections to thoughts and ideas; Leading others to develop innovative ideas; and Helping them to apply those ideas, to real-world problems, etc.

We are very excited about the completion of the project. The final product is an example of the excellent work the team put towards this goal. Our Portrait of a Graduate will lead us for years to come.

Gurnee District 56

Five Year Strategic Plan Completed

Beginning in January the Gurnee School District 56 community came together to create our Five Year Strategic Plan. Through the course of the past five months, community members worked collaboratively to create a series of goals related to identified values of the our district. At the final of our three meetings, the participants prioritized all of the ideas and goals, laying out a the path for the next five years. Below you will find the six Values and the initial goal/action plan for that Value. Once each action plan is completed, the District will move on to the next goal for that value, keeping our system moving forward.

Impact and Stewardship

Develop and maintain a consistent, district-wide model for addressing student behavior.

Modern and Effective Learning Design

Develop a K-8 Professional Learning Community (PLC) structure and process that will provide equity in opportunities and experiences that support the learning and achievement of all students. By providing consistent, professional learning focused on engagement and responsive research-based instruction, our PLCs will focus their collaborative practice on using an assessment system and its data to make adjustments to curriculum and instruction.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Establish a professional development schedule.

Empowered Workforce

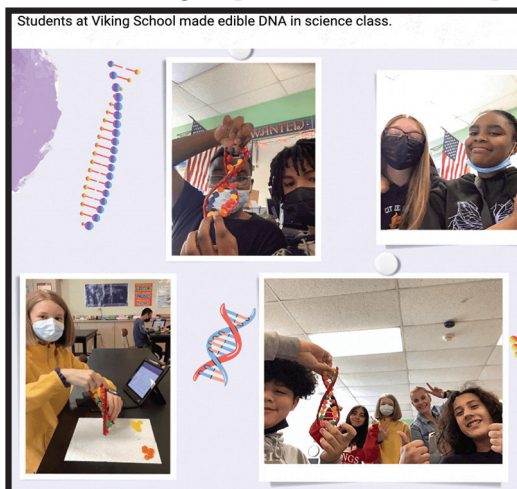
Create an ongoing plan for reviewing compensation and benefits as it relates to the retention and attraction of highly skilled candidates.

Visionary Leadership

To create an accountability system to measure the success of the Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) and Strategic Plan implementation.

Thriving Ecosystem

Design specific events that appeal to and/or draw the various demographic groups in to create more comfort/trust and connection which will lead to increased engagement and provide opportunities for these groups to take a leadership role in the event for increased buy-in.



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, select "Our District," then select "District Overview."

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

District Finances

Bond Rating: Gurnee District 56 recently had its credit rating reaffirmed by S & P in 2020.

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

2020	AA+	S & P
2015	AA+	S & P
2010	A3	Moody's

The ratings from Moody's indicate a robust financial position and a solid tax base. The ratings from Standard & Poor's indicate strong financial practices, performances and moderate debt.

Gurnee District 56 has developed a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for maintenance of our buildings. The five-year plan includes roof replacement, carpet replacement, an upgrade to the software that controls our energy usage, solar field and other maintenance items to achieve the most efficient use of energy. The District plans on including the costs for these projects in its annual budget over the next five years.

River Trail Kindness Club

Fun with the River Trail Kindness Club at Feed My Starving Children this week!



Career Day in the Pre-Kindergarten classes at Spaulding School



Warning: cuteness overload!!!!

There are now NINE baby chicks that have hatched in Mrs. Kile's room! Students have been learning the life cycle of a chick, how to take care of them, and have to get a chick license before they're able to hold one.



Gurnee District 56

Gurnee Teacher of the Year: Ms. Lisa McLeRoy

Each spring the Village of Gurnee Recognizes area teachers with the Gurnee Teacher of the Year Award. This award, sponsored by the Henderson Family Foundation, provides the much valued recognition of great work and provides a monetary award for the the teacher. This year, Gurnee School District 56 is proud to honor Mrs. Lisa McLeRoy.



Lisa McLeRoy

Lisa McLeRoy joined Gurnee School District 56 and Spaulding School as an elementary classroom teacher in 1986 and has been a member of the D56 family ever since. Over the years she has taught in the regular classroom and is finishing her career as a reading specialist.

As many teachers do, Mrs. McLeRoy has worked behind the scenes on committees and helped with special projects to keep Spaulding and the District moving forward. She is a teacher leader and tirelessly seeks ways to help our youngest learners blossom into readers.

Lisa has unofficially mentored younger teachers, boosting their confidence and supporting them in their development of classroom management and teaching strategies. Mrs. McLeRoy led the development of our Reading Rounds, which is a Spaulding professional development program. Lisa worked with teachers and demonstrated reading comprehension strategies to move students towards higher thinking levels. This program helps all of the staff to remain current on the newest research related to teaching young children to read. Through her direct instruction with students and support of her colleagues, she has impacted the lives of thousands of Spaulding School readers.

Mrs. McLeRoy's teaching skills are second to none, and she is also one of the most creative teachers in D56. She is always willing to help out where there is a need, making her an excellent team member. Lisa McLeRoy is a model of excellence for everyone, staff and students.

Thank you to the Henderson Family Foundation for celebrating and honoring the important work of teachers in our community.

Warren Township High School District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 Announces New Superintendent of Schools

The Warren Township High School District 121 Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel "Danny" Woestman has been hired to serve as the Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2022.

Dr. Woestman fills the superintendent position previously held by Dr. John Ahlgrim, who led the District since 2015 and retired at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Woestman previously served as the Superintendent of Schools at Belvidere School District 100, a position he has held since 2016. Under Dr. Woestman's leadership, Belvidere was recognized at the state and national levels for its career readiness programs, increases in early-college opportunities for high school students, positive work environment and continuous improvement structures.

Before taking that position, Dr. Woestman had served for five years in leadership roles at Rockford Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent and Director of Accountability. He also had served as an Assistant Principal at Hononegah Community High School. Dr. Woestman began his education career as an English teacher at Hononegah Community High School in northern Illinois and Springville High School in Utah.

School Board President Paul Schulz said, "We are very excited and fortunate to have Dr. Woestman join the Warren Township High School team. As our new superintendent, Danny's experience and positive energy will be a great addition to both our school and our community."

"I am honored by the opportunity to be part of the Warren Township High School community," Dr. Woestman said. "High schools are such an important part of every community, and I hope to continue the strong traditions that are part of the WTHS history. I'm excited to work and learn alongside the great people that make this district the amazing place it's known to be."

Dr. Woestman earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University and a Masters of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Cincinnati. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Teaching and English as a Second Language (ESL) from Brigham Young University in Utah.

Dr. Woestman was recently named the 2020-21 Illinois Principal Association Kishwaukee Region Superintendent of the Year.

Danny and his wife reside in Cary, Illinois with their three children.



Dr. Daniel Woestman

District Info

About District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 3,832 students. Warren is one of the largest high schools in Lake County, Illinois.

District 121 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.

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SUPERINTENDENT

DR. DANIEL WOESTMAN

Facilities

Warren is 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

Student Recognition

Blue Devil Champions

Notable Team Athletic Achievements:

- 2021 Football - NSC Champions, undefeated conference record
- 2021 Boys Soccer NSC Champions
- 2021-22 Varsity Devilettes - IHSA 3A State Qualifier in Competitive Dance
- 2021 Boys Cross Country Team State Qualifier
- 2022 Boys Track & Field NSC Champions/Sectional Champions
- 2022 Boys Track & Field IHSA 2nd Place in State
- 2022 Softball NSC, Regional & Sectional Champions
- 2022 Baseball IHSA Regional Champions
- 2022 Girls Volleyball Regional Champions
- 2022 Girls Golf Regional Champions

Notable Individual Athletic Achievements:

- Aaron Ayobami - IHSA 4th and 8th, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay in Track & Field
- Joell Belonga - IHSA 8th place 4x400 relay in Track & Field
- Grace Bevers - IHSA All-State 5th place 100 m Backstroke
- Cassius Callahan - IHSA 4th place 4x100 relay in Track & Field
- Hailey Conger - NSC Softball Player of the Year
- Molly Cummings - IHSA State Qualifier in Badminton
- Adriana Demos - IHSA All State 3rd place Girls Wrestling and WTHS Female Athlete of the Year
- Jailen Duffie - IHSA 4th place 4x100 relay in Track & Field
- Maurice Edwards - NSC Football Player of the Year
- Reyes Gonzalez - IHSA State Qualifier in Wrestling
- Amanda Hamann - IHSA All State 4th place Gymnastics Vault
- David Lara - IHSA All State 24th place Cross Country
- Caleb Levy - IHSA 3rd and 8th place 800 meters, 4x400 relay in Track & Field
- Mia Pasha - IHSA 8th place 1600m in Track & Field
- Justyce Sieber - IHSA State Qualifier in Girls Wrestling
- Jaden Turner - IHSA 4th place 4x100 relay in Track & Field
- Blake Vander Jeugdt - IHSA All State 4th place Diving
- Luke Wiley - All State 4th place in Cross Country and IHSA Honorable Mention All-State Academic Team, IHSA Boys Track & Field 3rd place in 1600m, 2nd place in 3200m and WTHS Male Athlete of the Year
- Max Zeisler - IHSA 8th place 4x400 relay in Track & Field

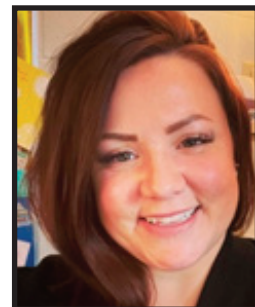
Warren Township High School District 121

Ashley Turkington Named Warren Township High School's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

Special Education teacher Ashley Turkington has been voted by her colleagues as Warren Township High School's 2021-2022 Gurnee Teacher of the Year.

Each school year, the Village of Gurnee recognizes three Gurnee teachers, including one from 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.

Turkington has served in education for 14 years teaching at Warren Township High School and specifically students with Emotional Disabilities and other behavioral concerns who require more specialized support than what is offered in other special education classes.



Ashley Turkington

"One of the greatest privileges in my life is to work with students who need more behavioral and emotional support, and I can be a cheerleader and supporter, as well as their teacher," Turkington said. "I believe that life can deal some real tough cards to certain students; if I can be even a glimmer of hope in their otherwise chaotic worlds, then I'm doing my job correctly. For that, I am truly fortunate. I genuinely believe that these students teach me just as much as I teach them."

Turkington says her role at Warren is to provide a safe environment in which students are provided the following: a smaller, structured setting, direct instruction of content, individualized learning opportunities and assisting and supporting students in the reduction in the number of credits that they need to recover. It is a joy to be able to provide a positive learning environment for personal success and student growth - both academic and social - as well as providing students with Executive Functioning Skills, including Emotional Control, Self-Monitoring and Organization in everyday emotional and academic tasks.

"Ashley always puts her students first and provides all the necessary supports for their success," said Dr. John Ahlgrim, retired Warren Township High School District 121 Superintendent. "She is creative and enthusiastic in her lessons and provides exceptional inspiration for her students and our entire WTHS community. We are proud to help recognize her as our Gurnee Teacher of the Year."

"Teachers at WTHS are among some of the greatest educators because of their heart, their inspiration, their dedication, and their drive to genuinely want to better every single student's life that they encounter. I have been blessed to work with these phenomenal colleagues and friends, and find myself constantly striving to be a better version of myself under their influence and because of their influence," said Turkington.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in Special Education and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University.



Warren Township High School District 121

Voters Approve Referendum for Warren Township High School

On Tuesday, June 28, the referendum question on the primary election ballot regarding a possible 60-cent increase to the Warren Township High School District 121's limiting tax rate was passed.

The approved referendum will generate approximately \$13.25 million in additional revenue annually, with an estimated yearly tax impact of \$200 per year on \$100,000 of a home's fair market value – or \$16.67 per month.

As a result, the District will be able to preserve current opportunities for WTHS students, including:

- Maintaining the 8-period day needed to continue offering many Advanced Placement courses and ensure full participation in career and technical education classes at the Technology Campus.
- Reinstating the O'Plaine campus post-secondary counseling services.
- Continuing to offer band, drama, choir, and other student activities and clubs, including the immediate reinstatement of a band director position and the competitive marching band, to the extent possible.
- Continuing to offer athletic programming across all grade levels, including the immediate reinstatement of entry-level sports schedules, to the extent possible.
- Reducing student fees to levels comparable with other Lake County high school districts, including the reduction of our registration fees from the current \$545 per student to \$200 for next school year.

WTHS would like to thank our community members for the productive and thoughtful conversations over the past ten months. Through informational meetings and other engagement opportunities, we had the chance to hear a wide range of perspectives and answer questions. It is clear that we live in a community that invests in our schools and students.

"Our children are the leaders of tomorrow, and this investment in their education will have many benefits moving forward," said Paul Schulz, Board President. "I am glad that future Blue Devils will receive the same strong education and opportunities as those who preceded them. It will be great to preserve the academics, athletics, and clubs for future students."

Notable Team Extracurricular Achievements:

Tech Campus Skills USA National Qualifiers: Kealan Casapao--Interactive Application & Video Game Creation; Lydia Forbis--Nail Care

Future Latino Leaders: Chicano College Bowl Competition - 1st Place

FBLA National Qualifiers: Of the 62 students who attended the conference, 49 students placed and 28 students qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this summer! WTHS also placed as a Gold Seal Chapter.

Science Olympiad: WTHS took 1st place out of 26 schools in the A Division and 13th overall out of 51 schools. Of the 18 students who attended the tournament, 17 students placed and 15 students received 1st place medals.

District Updates

WTHS: U.S. News Best High Schools

Warren Township High School was notified in May that we again qualified as one of U.S. News' Best High Schools in the United States. The schools on this list are ranked based on college readiness of graduating seniors, math and reading proficiency, student performance in specific demographic subgroups, advanced coursework offerings and 4-year graduation rate. This recognition is unique as it measures how schools challenge their students academically rather than measuring solely on student test scores.

This ranking puts WTHS in the top 13% of high schools nationally and in the top 9% of high schools in Illinois.



Academics - Class of 2022

By the Numbers:

Graduates: 988 students

Illinois State Scholars: 127

National Merit Finalist: 5

National Merit Commended students: 14

Seal of Biliteracy: 109

Commendation towards Biliteracy: 79

Students with academic honors according to the Cum Laude system: 241

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

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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
(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

FALL – A TIME OF CHANGE

There is a saying that “summer is fleeting,” and this couldn’t be truer this year. As many of us felt, the COVID-19 pandemic saw a decrease in the amount that we were able to provide to our community. We are excited to share that we have been thriving once again!

Our camps have been back in full swing! Over 1,700 children have been enjoying a “normal” camp experience once again, complete with games, swimming at the Aquatic Center, the return of field trips, as well as cookouts, talent shows, special events, and MORE! In addition, our Parks have been bustling with the return of our summer events such as “Neighborhood Nights” and our “Sounds of Summer” concerts for children and adults!



Susie Kuruvilla

Our Aquatic Center has also been busy providing a much needed relief from this summer’s high temperatures. The Aquatic Center opened on Memorial Day weekend and will remain open until Monday, September 5th, with reduced hours beginning Monday, August 15th. This summer, the Aquatic Center hosted the annual Illinois Park and Recreation Associations’ “Lifeguard Games.” I am pleased to announce that our Gurnee Guards ended the games with a first and third place finish! We are all so proud of our Aquatic Team’s amazing abilities and dedication to keeping our community safe!

It wouldn’t be summer here in Gurnee without the excitement of our upcoming Gurnee Days community event! Gurnee Days will be held on both Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7th at Viking Park. This year, you can plan on new activities, such as the Gurnee Days Community Art Show! The art show will take place in the Viking Park Dance Hall throughout the weekend and will include artwork from those ages 2 – adult! In addition, you can plan to attend the 5k/10K Fun Run, kids activities and craft areas, the return of the Exchange Club’s “Rib Eating Contest” (always a crowd favorite), as well as live music from some of Lake County’s leading musicians, petting zoo/pony rides, food booths, the Gurnee Days parade, and, who could forget, the best fireworks show in Lake County!

As summer winds down, we are excited to welcome back our Growing Tree Preschool and Before and After School CARE participants. We look forward to providing many new and informative lessons, friendships, and, of course, lots of excitement along the way! In addition, we also have our fall events coming up, such as “Family Movie Night in the Park,” a new twist on our trick-or-treat path, “Trick-or-Treat Street,” and “Family Art Night”.

Fall is a time for change; try taking this time to add something NEW to your routine. One way to do this is by joining our fitness facility, FitNation. As a member of FitNation, you will have access to our two convenient locations, 75,000 sq. ft. of fitness your way, a 5-lane, indoor pool, 50+ focused group exercise classes weekly, expansive cardio and strength floors, restorative sauna, steam rooms, and Jacuzzi, and so much more!

I hope you all have a safe and happy end to the summer, and I look forward to see you all this fall!

Susie Kuruvilla
Executive Director, Gurnee Park District

Park District

GURNEE PARK DISTRICT FINANCIAL UPDATES

Gurnee Park District Budget

	2020 BUDGET	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET
Annual Total Budget	11.9 Million	13.4 Million	14.6 Million
Capital Projects	1.2 Million	1.4 Million	1.9 Million

Revenues:

- Fees and Charges: \$6,429,443
- Property Taxes: \$6,250,651
- Interest, reimbursements and miscellaneous income: \$125,555

Expenditures:

Gurnee Park District strives to deliver excellent customer service while seeking operational efficiencies to assist with savings.

- Operating: \$10,564,024
- Capital Projects: \$1,858,085
- Debt Payments: \$2,137,872

Employees:

Successful operations would not be possible without Gurnee Park District's many employees. The District is a top 10 employer within Gurnee and often serves as first jobs for many of the area's young adults.

	2020	2021	2022 BUDGET
Total Employees	187	330	369
Seasonal	42	41	99
Part Time	101	125	225
Full Time	44	164	45

The District is an annual recipient of the GFOA award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports as well as its annual budget, and we are confident that we will continue to receive these awards even during these challenging times. The District also maintains an AA+ bond rating.

District Events

Fall/Winter Events



Family Movie Night Presents:

Encanto

Friday, September 9, 2022

Viking Park (4374 Old Grand Ave.)

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

FREE



Trick or Treat Street*

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Viking Park (4374 Old Grand Ave.)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$10 R/\$13 NR (pre-registration)

\$13 R/\$15 NR (at the door)



Halloween Drive-In*

Friday, October 28, 2022

Hunt Club Park (920 N. Hunt Club Rd.)

7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

\$25 per car

*Events require pre-registration. Sign up and view additional information at gurneeparkdistrict.com.

Facility Info

Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center

The Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center offers season passes and day passes. Both can be purchased in-person or online at gurneeparkdistrict.com. Enjoy seven water slides, zero depth entry, sand area and volleyball courts. Don't forget to grab a snack from the concession stand, Cattail Café.

Please note that end of season hours will start mid-August. Visit gurneeparkdistrict.com for more information.

Mid-August to Labor Day Hours

- Monday to Friday - CLOSED
- Saturday to Sunday
OPEN 11am - 7pm

Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center will be OPEN Labor Day weekend:

Saturday, September 3
OPEN 11am - 7pm



Park District

Three New Playgrounds Coming Fall 2022

Learn more about all our capital improvement projects. Visit gurneeparkdistrict.com/capital-projects. Public meetings were held at each location to garner input from local residents.

Kings Park

New equipment features include rope spinners, twin tornado slides, rope climbers, tot lot and a 5-12 year old structure. Along with this project, several ADA access improvements will be made to the park and playground, including an ADA accessible route from sidewalk and a turf surface.



Prairie Oaks Silo (South)

Park goers will enjoy dual racing slides, upper body climbing components, updated swings, t-cup spinner, and a woodchip surface. The new structure is best suited for ages 2-12.

Prairie Oaks Shagbark (North)

This tree fort esthetic will not disappoint. New playground equipment will include multiple slides, "v" climber with bridge to access both towers and a woodchip surface.



FitNation®



TWO LOCATIONS. ONE FITNATION GURNEE MEMBERSHIP.

FitNation memberships and day passes can be purchased in-person or online at fitnationgurnee.com.

FitNation inside Hunt Club Community Center (920 Hunt Club Road) includes an indoor walking track, strength and cardio equipment.

FitNation Gurnee (1655 Nations Drive) has plenty of amenities throughout 75,000 square feet of fitness floor. Members are provided access to two large strength floors, women's only fitness studio, basketball court and performance turf. FitNation Gurnee offers full memberships, student memberships, day passes as well as short term pass options.

Warren-Newport Public Library

Executive Director's Message: Behold the Power of Your Library Card!

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood library! September is the annual celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month, when we recognize the power that public libraries offer their communities via library card membership. Now is a great time to either sign up for a library card or rediscover the power of the library card you already have in your wallet (or smartphone using our WNPL app!). Not only does WNPL offer books, DVDs, audiobooks and other physical materials for check out, but did you know that you can check out a Wi-Fi hotspot, telescope, early literacy backpack or umbrella with a WNPL card in good standing?



Ryan Livergood

Your WNPL card also gives you access to eBooks, eAudiobooks and movies to download and stream via Libby (Overdrive) and hoopla digital to expand your reading and viewing choices, especially on mobile devices. Kanopy is another WNPL resource you can access using your library card for streaming documentary, independent, classic and foreign films. One of my favorite resources is PressReader, a collection of over 6,000 publications from over 100 countries in 60+ languages focusing on news, business, technology, sports, travel and so much more.

WNPL's collections of online learning resources are intended for lifelong learning and will be especially helpful for students of any age returning to classrooms this fall. Have you ever tried helping a third grader complete their math homework using Common Core math? As a parent that didn't learn math using this approach, it can be really challenging! But have no fear ... homework help is available seven days a week with Tutor.com!

Fun and immersive language learning is available via Mango Languages. Training in technology, business and general interest topics can be found in LinkedIn Learning and Gale Courses. (Several years ago, I learned how to edit my hobby fantasy football podcast using LinkedIn Learning. It is a fabulous educational tool!). BookFlix and Teaching Books are wonderful resources for building early literacy for our youngest patrons. If you are looking to learn some new arts and crafts skills, CreativeBug is another online collection for you to explore.

I encourage everyone to apply for a WNPL card (or rediscover the library card in your wallet) and connect with us via the library website, social media and enewsletter for the most up-to-date information to share in the celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month. Your WNPL card is truly the most powerful card in your wallet or keychain. Thank you for your support!

Ryan Livergood
Executive Director
Warren-Newport Public Library District

Library Info

About WNPL

The Warren-Newport Public Library District, founded in 1973, serves a population of approximately 66,000 within a 55-square mile area that covers all or most of Warren and Newport Townships, including Gurnee, Wadsworth, Park City, Wildwood, Grandwood Park, Old Mill Creek and portions of Grayslake, Millburn, Lake Villa, Libertyville, and Waukegan.

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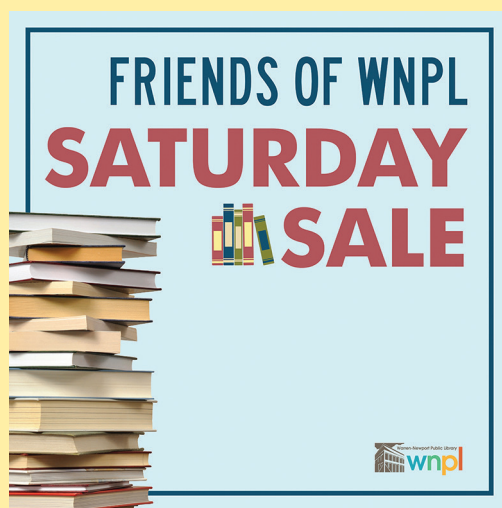
Friends of WNPL

We Love Our Friends

The Friends of the Warren-Newport Public Library is a group of community volunteers committed to supporting the library through fundraising, programming, and raising awareness of library services. The Friends share a belief that a good library is essential to the intellectual and cultural growth of the community.

The Friends raise money for the library through BookEnds, their used bookstore, and other projects, including Saturday Sales. Upcoming 2022 Saturday Sales will take place on August 6 and November 12 from 10:00am-3pm in meeting rooms A&B.

If you are interested in joining the Friends, please complete and return an application. Applications are available at the front desk and from the library website at <https://www.wnpl.info/friends/>.



Warren-Newport Public Library

Find Your Voice at the Library

Fall is a wonderful time to celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month! This year's theme of Find Your Voice at the Library perfectly describes how the library is available to everyone for discovery, entertainment, and lifelong learning. Whether you are new to the area, getting the kids ready for back to school or simply curious about what our library has to offer, September is the perfect month to come to your local public library. Your Warren-Newport Public Library card will make books, movies, music, databases, e-materials and so much more available to you. Illinois Public Library cards are accepted at any public library throughout the State.*

Our Circulation Department interacts with patrons visiting the library in a multitude of ways. With twelve circulation clerks, nine shelvers and five security staff, we are the largest department in the library. Circulation staff are the first faces a patron sees when walking through our main entrance. We are available to guide you in getting a library card, renewing materials or offering directions to reach other library departments. We work with every department in the library and we interact with every registered patron.

Some of our staff may look familiar to you since many have celebrated milestones of ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five years and beyond of service. Our clerks work on a rotating schedule, including public desk time, as well as behind the scenes work of answering calls, preparing holds, bundling materials to send to other libraries and following up on lost, missing or damaged items.

Shelving staff work hard to replenish collections on shelf, filling hold requests or shifting materials to improve accessibility for patrons. Our shelvers assess materials when they come back to the library and make sure they are in good condition to check out to the next patron.

Our friendly security staff has a visible presence in the library with goals to ensure our surroundings are safe and accessible to everyone year-round. Security staff often help patrons easily access the library during their visit with library issued scooters or rolling baskets. They also assist with locating lost items or helping with donated materials from our generous patrons.

On behalf of the Circulation Department and the entire library staff, please join us this September in celebrating National Library Card Sign-Up Month! For more information about registering for and using your library card, please visit <https://bit.ly/GetaWNPLcard> or stop by in person.

Cathy Sokley
Head of Circulation Services

*Many public libraries require photo ID and proof of residency to register your WNPL card.



Warren-Newport Public Library

Fall into Your Library

Join us for exciting, fun and educational events this fall. Find the library's complete events calendar online at <https://calendar.wnpl.info/events>.

An Evening with Marlee Matlin: From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond Wednesday, September 14, 7PM via Zoom

In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin joins Illinois Libraries Present to share the highs and lows of her Hollywood career and journeys as an activist. The youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar, Matlin's acting career recently achieved another milestone as her 2021 film CODA swept every category it was nominated in at the 2022 Academy Awards.



This virtual program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. The collaboration is designed to bring virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse authors to library patrons across the State. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Astronomy Under the City Lights (ALL AGES)

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30PM (Rain Date: Thursday, September 22, 7:30PM)

View the night sky with experienced amateur astronomers from the Lake County Astronomical Society and their powerful telescopes. Visit the library throughout the week for more space-related activities.
REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Saturday, September 24, 10AM-12PM

Celebrate by enjoying a variety of fun activities, including WNPL's Hispanic Heritage Bookmark Art Contest. First, second, and third prizes offered for the following age groups: Grades K-2; 3-5; 6-8.
REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

WNPL Stats

WNPL BY THE NUMBERS 2020–2021 ANNUAL REPORT



District Cardholders: 42,850
District Population: 66,541



Annual Circulation: 476,440
Size of Collection: 317,715
E-media Checkout: 117,583



Programs: 675
Program Attendance: 29,011



Internet Sessions: 6,115
Reference Questions: 17,712
Budget: \$6.9 million



Training in the Park

You're invited to Training in the Park! During these events, attendees will have the chance to watch a K9 demonstration, explore the Public Works trucks up close, and observe as our fire crews work on ladder truck and engine operations.

Demonstrations and trainings will begin around 6:00pm, and the schedule is as follows:

September 19th: Betty Russell Park
September 20th: Christine Thompson Park
September 21st: Hunt Club Park
September 26th: Southridge Park
September 27th: Vineyard Park
September 28th: Ravina Park

All trainings are subject to be canceled due to weather and emergency services call volume.



Village of Gurnee Local Business Spotlight



Gurnee's local businesses are the heart and soul of our community! We enjoy discovering and sharing with you the foods they are dishing up, the unique finds and gifts they are selling and the top notch services they provide. Learn more about our local businesses by:

- **Watching Tom's Tours:** This popular video tour features Mayor Tom Hood as he visits local businesses, interviews staff and learns their stories. Find these videos at Gurnee's Got It on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GurneesGotIt.
- **Tuning in to 102.3XLC:** Every Thursday morning at 7:30am, Gurnee's Got It joins Wes & Leah on 102.3XLC to spotlight local businesses or one of Gurnee's special events. Don't worry if you can't listen to the live show – recordings of each segment are posted to the Village site at www.gurnee.il.us/ggi-xlc.
- **Having Coffee (Beer, Hot dog etc.) with the Mayor:** Throughout the year, Mayor Hood invites residents to join him for an informal beverage at a local establishment where residents can get to know him better, ask questions and explore the host business's venue and offerings. Dates are posted to the Village website and social media.
- **Visiting Gurnee's Got It's Facebook Page:** This page is updated frequently with business promos, news and community events. Check out www.facebook.com/GurneesGotIt for ideas on where to shop and dine locally to keep our local business community thriving!

The best way to stay informed on all of these items and more is by subscribing to the Village's weekly Friday e-newsletter at www.gurnee.il.us/listserve.

Village of Gurnee

2-1-1 Lake County

211 Lake County is the place with the answers you need to live well in Lake County, Illinois. 211 is Lake County's FREE one-stop shop for help that is OPEN 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and is always confidential and anonymous. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding 211 Lake County:

What exactly is 211 Lake County?

211 Lake County acts as a central access point to the health and human services of Lake County. 211 can help navigate and provide connections for mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, financial support, disaster information and relief and much more. United Way of Lake County contracts with Interface Children & Family Services--highly trained, certified professionals--as the contact center for 211 Lake County.



What are some examples of how 211 Lake County can help me?

- Your electricity was just turned off because you couldn't pay the bill. Call 2-1-1 to find out how to get help catching up on your payments.
- Your grandmother can't live alone any more. You wish you could take care of her, but you work all day. Call 2-1-1 to learn how to find a caring, safe place for her to live.
- Someone in your home has started hitting you. Use 211 to find a safe place to go right now and to make a plan for the future.
- Your teenager seems to have lost friends and spends too much time alone in his room. 211 can guide you to a mental health expert who can help you decide what to do next.
- You just got a new job but are not sure how to get there. 211 can send you to transportation resources that can help.

How can I use it?

211 is available as a telephone hotline, texting chatline and as a website, and live interaction is available in English and Spanish. 211 Lake County will also interpret for more than 150 other languages.

- To use 211 on the phone, just dial 2-1-1
- To use 211 through text, just text your zip code, 60031 for Gurnee, to 898211
- To use 211 online, visit <https://211lakecounty.org>

Stay Connected

Follow the Village on Social Media

Keep up-to-date with the latest from the Village of Gurnee on Social Media! You can follow us at the following locations:

- **Facebook:** @VillageofGurnee and @GurneePD
- **Twitter:** @VillageofGurnee
- **Instagram:** @VillageofGurnee
- **YouTube:** youtube.com/user/VillageofGurnee
- **NextDoor:** nextdoor.com/agencydetail/il/gurnee/village-of-gurnee/VillageofGurnee

And, as always, on <https://www.gurnee.il.us/>

Signup for E-News

This Village E-News provides timely information on all news related to the Village of Gurnee. Subscribers can choose to receive Weekly, Announcements, Construction Updates, Meeting Notices and Agendas, Business Community Information and more. For more information and to signup, visit <https://www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe>.

Ask a question or submit your concern

The Village wants you to know that we are here and ready to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns related to Village operations, you can:

- Call 847-599-7500 and talk to someone at Village Hall.
- Contact our 24-hour Non-Emergency Dispatch Center at 847-599-7000, ext. 0, to make a report or request an officer. **Always dial 9-1-1 in times of emergency.**
- Stop by the Gurnee Village Hall at 325 N. O'Plaine Rd.
- Utilize the Village's service request system at <https://www.gurnee.il.us/service-request>.

Keeping Posted

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Visit us online at www.gurnee.il.us

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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: parkcityil.org
- Old Mill Creek: historicmillburn.org
- Warren Township: warrentownship.net
- Wadsworth: villageofwadsworth.org
- Waukegan: waukeganil.gov

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.



Gurnee Farmers Market on Riverside Plaza

The Gurnee Farmers Market on Riverside Plaza is a new market that has taken the place of the East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market. The Market has a variety of vendors, sweet treats, live music and more! The market will continue every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through September, with the exception of September 5th for the Labor Day holiday.

For more information, follow Gurnee Farmers Market on Riverside Plaza on Facebook, email at GurneeFM@gmail.com or give the Village a call at (847) 599-7500.

Be in the Know

What's New:

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:

Art Expressions (905 Lakeside Dr) - art design/installation/consulting • Horizon Benefit Services - 5445 Grand - benefit services • iGeek (Gurnee Mills) - smartphone repair • Lake Villa Dental (5649 Manchester Dr) - general and cosmetic dentistry • Laredo Taco (inside Speedway) - 5499 Grand • Lundgren Law Office (1800 Nations Dr) - legal services • Signature Heating & Cooling (83 Ambrogio Dr) - HVAC contractor • State Career College (3575 Grand Ave) - post secondary healthcare training • United Stone Works (1514 St Paul Ave) - granite and marble fabrication • US Bank (6589 Grand Ave) - financial services

Coming Soon:

Al's Tire and Auto Repair (3860 Grandview) - vehicle repair • Alternative Medicine (1800 Nations Dr) - telehealth practice • Anthony Buick GMC (5589 Northridge Dr) - relocation/auto dealer • Caribana Island Bar & Grill (5250 Grand Ave) - full service restaurant • Children's Dentistry of Lake County (5384 Grand Ave) - pediatric dentistry office • Colibri Holistic Center (135 N Greenleaf) - Reiki and biomagnetism • College of Lake County Advanced Technology Center (7735 Grand Ave) - post secondary manufacturing instruction • Cooper's Hawk (7735 Grand Ave) - restaurant & winery • Cranial Technologies (1800 Nations Dr) - infant orthotics • Discount Tire (1508 Nations Dr) - retail/service center • Essential Kitchen (1405 Hunt Club) - juice cafe inside the Centre Club • FedEx (6641 Grand) shipping services • Gurnee Travel (5455 Grand Ave) - travel agency IL • Imaginary Artz (Gurnee Mills) - art/apparel, screen printing • Lyte Technology (1486 St Paul Ave) - computer hardware • Pips Meadery (1350 Tri-State) - winery/taproom • Restaurant Depot (1501 Tri State Pkwy) - wholesale food service supplier • Royal Beauty Nails (3900 Washington St) - nail salon • The Wright Advocate (1800 Nations Dr) - counseling services • Toppers Pizza (5572 Grand Ave) - carryout pizzeria • Tropical Smoothie Cafe (7010 Grand Ave) - fast casual restaurant • Youth & Family Counseling (5101 Washington St) - nonprofit, counseling services

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