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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and taking full advantage of all that Gurnee has to offer. I am proud of who we are as a Village—Gurnee is a vibrant, healthy community continually looking to provide new opportunities for our residents to enjoy. The Sounds of Summer at Viking Park, al fresco dining, parks and numerous summer events—we are constantly working together with our Business Partners to make Gurnee a great place to live and work. One measurable sign of Village health is the growth of our business sector—this past year the Village added more than 90 new businesses of all types and sizes and hosted more than 23 million visitors.

This special edition of Keeping Posted focuses on our community partners, with whom I have the pleasure of working regularly. The strength of our Village does not come from any one partner; rather, our strength lies in the unity of all partners. I would like to tell you a little bit about each of these partners and their strongest characteristics.

First, the Village benefits from three excellent school districts. I meet quarterly with the superintendents of each school district (50, 56, and 121). Whether we discuss challenges like funding and budget balancing, or accomplishments like the Teacher of the Year Awards, these meetings are an opportunity to mold personal relationships that we can build on to improve the Village of Gurnee. The Village's residents and businesses make a significant investment every year in the education of our children through real estate property taxes. I continue to search for ways to reduce the financial impact on Village residents: we provide discounted water for seniors, we don't assess utility taxes, and the Village pays for its operation and pensions without the assistance of a real estate tax levy. Still, more needs to be done as we maintain and improve the quality of the education that our children receive.

There's nothing more moving, more inspiring, than seeing residents out and about enjoying their neighbors and the amenities of the Village. The Park District designs so many times, places, and spaces for community gatherings. Many programs and parks are peppered throughout the Village and are available to all residents to enjoy. The flagship event hosted by the Park District every year is the ever-popular Gurnee Days, which will be held August 12th and 13th. Music, food, and fireworks—capped by a parade—are just a few event highlights. What is more, this fall the Village will partner with the Park District to launch the first-ever Fall Festival—more information soon to come. Lastly, we'll round out the year with the Holiday Lights at Welton Plaza. Please come on out.

The Warren-Newport Public Library, which provides many services to the residents, is another invaluable partner. I enjoy especially the library's children's programs and events. My two-year-old granddaughter, Kayla, loves the story times, and I like watching her experience the library as one of the hubs offered to Gurnee residents whose services go far beyond borrowing a book. If you haven't visited the library recently, try it out!

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

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.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Hood

GURNEE NEWS



OFFICER PHIL LEWY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER HECTOR BORRERO RECEIVE ANNUAL POLICE DEPT. AWARDS

Officer Phil Lewy and Community Service Officer (CSO) Hector Borrero received the 2022 Officer and Civilian of the Year Awards from the Gurnee Police Department. Officer Phil Lewy is a five-year veteran of the department and has excelled as a professional and a leader. In addition to being an instructor and mentor to his fellow officers,

he serves on the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Bike Response Team and as a Homicide Detective with the Lake County Major Crime Task Force. CSO Borrero has been with the department for a year and has become a valuable team member. He willingly helps others and faces challenges presented to him. His infectious personality has earned him praise for spreading positivity.

GURNEE FARMERS MARKET OPENS WITH HUGE SUCCESS

This year, the Gurnee Farmers Market at Saratoga Square opened with huge success! Stop by the Gurnee Farmers Market at Saratoga Square located at 5101 Washington St. from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Sundays through September 24th (closed Aug. 3rd and Sept. 3rd) for a wide selection of locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, decadent treats, plants and more.



As a gathering place for the local community, the Gurnee Farmers Market will feature a kids' zone, culinary demonstrations, local entertainment and other engaging activities to keep the community coming back.

EVENTS

Village of Gurnee Open Houses

Saturday, August 12, 10:00am to 12:00pm

The Village of Gurnee is proud to open our doors at the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works for an open house. Come join the fun and learn about these exciting Village Departments. The Police Department will feature a mini squad car driving course, uniform try-on and evidence collection, squad cars, ATVs and more. The Public Works Department will feature a dunk tank, backhoe, digging, paint-a-plow and plow truck rides. The Fire Department will feature a bounce house, fire hose target practice, a fire demo and a slide down a fire pole. Park at Viking Park and enjoy free shuttle rides to the open house locations!

Gurnee Mayor's Golf Benefit

Friday, August 25, 10:00am

Join Mayor Tom Hood for a day on the golf course on Friday, August 25th at Bittersweet Golf Club located at 875 Almond Rd.! 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."

Register or donate today! <https://gurneemayorgolfbenefit.com>

Bonfire & Brews

Saturday, September 30, 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Join the Village of Gurnee and the Gurnee Park District at Bittersweet Golf Club for our first "Bonfires and Brews: Taste of Gurnee" event! Unwind by the fire while enjoying the live music of Matt Meyer while tasting your favorite adult beverage, the flavors of local food vendors and chatting with friends! Or compete with friends at Axe Throwing, Giant Jenga and Giant Connect 4! Drinks and food will be available for purchase from local brewers and food vendors at this **adult-only (21 and up)** event!

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board

August 21
August 28
September 11
September 25
October 9
October 23

Planning and Zoning Board

August 16
September 6
September 20
October 4
October 18

All Village meetings are held at the Gurnee Village Hall (325 N. O'Plaine Road). Village Board meetings begin at 7:00pm on Mondays. Planning and Zoning Board Meetings begin at 7:30pm on Wednesdays. Schedule subject to change.

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS



ICE CREAM WITH THE MAYOR

Saturday, September 16
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Launch Gurnee
880 Lakeside Dr.



HALLOWEEN FALL FEST

Saturday, October 14
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Viking Park
4374 Old Grand Ave.

EVENT SCHEDULE



Saturday, August 12

7:30am	Gurnee Days 5K/10k Race
10:00am	HeatherRidge Golf Tournament*
10:00am - 12:00pm	Gurnee Fire Department Open House Station 1* Gurnee Police Department Open House* Gurnee Public Works Open House*
12:00 - 1:00pm	Gurnee Police Department Bike Rodeo
12:00 - 5:00pm	WNPL Bookmobile & Crafts
12:00 - 7:00pm	Community Art Show & Vendor Booths Kids Entertainment: Bounce House & Interactive Inflatables
12:00 - 11:00pm	Gurnee Days Food & Drink: Community Food Vendors, Gurnee Exchange Club's Ribfest & Beer Garden
1:00 - 4:00pm	Mother Rudd Open House*
1:00 - 5:00pm	Kids Activities: Air Brush Tattoo Artists & Balloon Artists
1:30pm	Ice Cream Eating Contest
2:00 - 3:00pm	Rib Eating Contest
2:30 - 4:00pm	Kids Entertainer: "Animal Quest" Animal Show & Petting Zoo
3:00 - 3:45pm	Gurnee Police Department K9 Demonstration
4:00 - 6:00pm	Dodgeball organized by the Warren Township Teen Center
5:15 - 7:15pm	LIVE Music: Special Guest Band
7:00 - 11:00pm	Teen Interactive Area: DJ, Photo Booth, Glow-in-the-Dark Inflatable Axe Throwing, All-Star Slam Dunk Basketball Inflatable
8:00 - 10:30pm	LIVE Music: GooRoos
9:00pm	Gurnee Days Fireworks

Sunday, August 13

9:00am - 3:00pm	Car Show Bags Tournament
11:00am - 2:00pm	Community Art Show
11:00am - 3:00pm	Kids Entertainment: Bounce House, Interactive Inflatables, Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
	Food Booths & Vendor Booths
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Parade
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Exchange Club Beer Garden
1:30 - 3:00pm	"School of Rock Libertyville" Band
1:00 - 4:00pm	Mother Rudd-Open House*
2:00pm	"Battle of the Badges" Softball Game

*Unless noted, all events will be held at Viking Park
- 4374 Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee



For more
information on
Gurnee Days,
scan here!

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President - Mrs. Anna Chang-Yen
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Board Member - Dr. Carla Little
Board Member - Mrs. Brianna Powvens
Board Member - Mrs. Amy Sabor

SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Robert Machak



SCHOOLS

Woodland Primary

17366 W. Gages Lake Rd., Gages Lake
847-984-8700

Woodland Elementary School

17261 W. Gages Lake Rd., Gages Lake
847-984-8800

Woodland Intermediate School

1115 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee
847-596-5900

Woodland Middle School

7000 Washington St., Gurnee
847-856-3400

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WOODLAND DISTRICT 50

WOODLAND ADOPTS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Brave, Bold, Courageous

Woodland D50 is excited to present the new 2023-2028 Strategic Plan! This plan was built under the direction and guidance of the Woodland D50 Board of Education, and managed internally by a team of district administrators. What makes this Strategic Plan unique to the Woodland learning community are the collective voices that are reflected throughout the goals and priorities.



The Board began discussions about creating a new Strategic Plan for the district in July 2022. After hearing from three potential strategic plan facilitators in October, the Board decided to have district administrators lead the planning process with support from a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) consultant. From there, the Board and district administrators worked together in goal setting sessions to lay the groundwork for the new plan.

Starting in December, we invited Woodland stakeholders to add their voice to the conversation through a series of nine ThoughtExchange virtual forums to help identify overarching themes and big ideas for the future of Woodland. The data from the staff, student, and community input was then shared with the Board of Education to help design a series of community workshops to bring those big ideas into sharper focus. From there, a dedicated group of 70+ stakeholders gathered for four nights of committee work to draft the goals and outcomes that make up the plan.

Woodland invites the community to help Woodland D50 make this plan a reality by getting involved, asking about our progress, and offering your suggestions to keep us moving forward. This plan belongs to all of us. Learn more at www.dist50.net/page/district-strategic-plan-2023-2028.

WOODLAND WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATORS TO THE #LIFEINTHEW TEAM!

The Woodland D50 Board of Education recently approved the hiring of a new Principal at Woodland Elementary, three new Assistant Principals at Woodland Middle School, and a new Director of Technology & Innovation.

- Mr. Jared Reardon replaces Ryan Wollberg as the new principal at Woodland Elementary. Jared comes to Woodland with six years of elementary administrative experience, including serving the past three years as assistant principal of W.C. Petty Elementary School in Antioch School District 34, as well as an elementary school principal in Lockport, IL.
- To provide additional support to the students and staff at Woodland Middle School, two new Assistant Principal positions were added, and one Assistant Principal vacancy was filled. Joining the team at WMS this year is Ms. Lourdes Marrero, Mr. Derrick Williamson, and Mr. Robert Taterka. Each new Assistant Principal brings diverse and extensive educational experiences to #LifeintheW and Woodland is excited to have them join the team!
- Ms. Sheri Styczen is the new Director of Technology & Innovation for Woodland following the retirement of the previous director. Ms. Styczen started her career in education as a classroom teacher, and she has extensive experience training teachers on educational technology products. She brings a great mix of classroom experience and understanding of technology to Woodland. In her previous position at Sunset Ridge School District, she served as the Director of Technology & Innovation for the past eight years.

#LIFEINTHEW IN YOUR POCKET

Woodland D50 launched a new website and mobile app this summer to give our stakeholders an improved user experience with easy to find information on the go. Download the app today to connect with News, Events, and everything #LifeintheW in your pocket.



HIRING IN THE W!

We want you as part of the Woodland team! We are currently hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are now being accepted for Bus Drivers, Substitute/Guest Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Maintenance/Custodial staff, 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 and follow @WoodlandCareers on Twitter. You can make a difference and contribute to #LifeintheW. Don't wait. Apply today!

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

After a successful first year, Woodland is looking for additional parent mentors! The Parent Mentor Program is more than just parent volunteers visiting their child's classroom. These are Woodland parents who apply to be part of the program and complete a formal training program before being assigned to a classroom. Parent mentors work four days a week for two hours a day. While in the classroom they work one-on-one with students, lead small group activities, support the classroom teacher, and participate in weekly training and workshops to increase their skills and proficiency. After completing 100 parent mentoring hours, our program participants receive a stipend of \$1000. Woodland is the first district in Lake County to implement the Parent Mentor Program. Parent involvement is so important in a child's education and we invite you to learn more by contacting Tanya Abbey at TAbbey@dist50.net.



WOODLAND D50 BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Woodland D50 Board of Education held a special reorganization meeting in May for newly elected and re-elected Board Members to take the Oath of Office. This meeting also provided an opportunity to recognize two Board of Education Members, Joseph De Rosa and Lizzy Helgren, who did not seek re-election.

The Board welcomed two new members, Mrs. Amy Sabor and Ms. Gari Matsey, who were elected to the Board in April. Mrs. Brianna Powvens was also sworn in after being re-elected to the Board to serve another term. Dr. Carla Little, Mrs. Renea Amen, Mr. Corey Holmer, and Mrs. Anna Chang-Yen were not up for re-election this year and their service to our learning community continues. At the meeting, the Board of Education also selected new officers for leadership positions.

Board of Education Officers: Mrs. Anna Chang-Yen, President; Mr. Corey Holmer, Vice-President; Ms. Gari Matsey, Secretary.

Woodland D50 streams the Board of Education meetings live on the district website every month, and we invite the community to attend meetings in-person, watch the meetings live from the comfort of your home, or watch the recording of the meeting at your convenience. If you wish to contact the Board of Education, you may send an email to Board@dist50.net.

Learn more and see the schedule of meetings: www.dist50.net/page/board-of-education.



WMS TEACHER NAMED WOODLAND'S GURNEE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Woodland Middle School 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher Gloria Tinucci-Frank has been named one of the Village of Gurnee Teachers of the Year for 2023. Tinucci-Frank, along with the winning teachers from Warren Township High School and Gurnee District 56, were recognized by the Village at the May 8 Village of Gurnee Board Meeting with an official plaque and a grant for \$1,000 from the Henderson Foundation.

Gloria Tinucci-Frank began working for Woodland D50 in 2002 as a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher. She is currently in her 21st year of teaching, with 21 total years of service to Woodland. Gloria has a BA in Elementary Education from Trinity International University, and an MA in Teacher Leadership from St. Xavier University.

Woodland opened the Teacher of the Year nomination period in January. Staff, students, families and community members were invited to submit nominations for teachers and certified staff that go above and beyond to support Woodland's learning community, and who truly embrace the #LifeintheW spirit. We received nearly 200 nominations in a matter of a few weeks.

Mrs. Tinucci-Frank was nominated for the Gurnee Teacher of the Year award by several Woodland Middle School students. From the nomination forms, you can see that as an educator, she is making a connection with her students, and inspiring them to be their best.

Mrs. Tinucci-Frank's students appreciate how welcoming she is to everyone, and always greets students with a friendly smile and a good morning greeting to start the day. They describe her classroom as a safe and welcoming environment, where she fosters a sense of community in the classroom by allowing students to work together.

Dr. Robert Machak, Woodland D50 Superintendent stated, "Gloria's enthusiasm for teaching and learning is infectious; she is such a humble, positive person. It was so cool to see how excited her students were for her. They really love her. Gloria's dedication to our Woodland students and to her own growth as an educator are emblematic of the outstanding teaching staff we have here at Woodland. I'm honored to be able to work with someone like her each day."

Woodland selects a school winner from each of the four schools in the district. From the list of finalists, an overall winner is selected for recognition as the Village of Gurnee's Teacher of the Year. The other finalists for this year were: Elementary: Dani McLaughlin, 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher, Primary: Tricia O'Neil, Kindergarten Teacher, and Intermediate: Kimberly Kohler, 4th Grade Teacher



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 2022-2023 school year, the PTA hosted events and fundraisers at local businesses, and here in our schools to raise money that directly benefits Woodland 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. Connect with the Woodland PTA on Facebook: facebook.com/WoodlandPTA50 or visit their website www.woodland50pta.com to learn more about the organization and get involved.



WOODLAND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION RETURNS

The Woodland Foundation is back! The Foundation helps support Woodland teachers and students by providing funding to bring innovative projects, programs, and supplemental learning materials to the classroom. The 501c3 organization consists of dedicated volunteers looking to enhance the educational opportunities available to the Woodland learning community. They held a reorganization meeting in June and a few new Foundation Board Members have stepped forward to lead the Foundation. Now they are looking for a few more volunteers! If you are interested in serving in a Board position, they are specifically looking for a Treasurer and Secretary. There is also an opportunity to get involved as a Friend of the Foundation, or by donating to the Foundation. If interested, please send an email to Dr. Machak at RMachak@dist50.net

DISTRICT FINANCES

Credit Ratings History Moody's and Standard & Poor (S&P): 2022 AA+, 2021 AA+, 2020 AA+, 2019 AA+, 2018 AA+, 2017 AA+, and 2017-2022 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: 2022 Recognition, 2021 Recognition, 2020 Recognition, 2019 Review, 2018 Recognition 2017 Recognition, 2016 Recognition, and 2015 Recognition

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

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Luis Correa



SCHOOLS

Spaulding School

2000 Belle Plaine Rd., Gurnee
847-662-3701

Prairie Trail School

13600 W. Wadsworth Rd., Wadsworth
847-623-4333

River Trail School

333 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee
847-249-6253

Viking Middle School

4460 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee
847-336-2108

GURNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 56

Gurnee School District 56 Board of Education has named Dr. Luis Correa as the new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Correa has been with the school district as the Director of Curriculum, Multilingual Services and Assessment for three years. Prior to joining our school district Dr. Correa was an administrator for both Waukegan School District 60 and Wheeling School District 21. Dr. Correa brings 20 years of service in public education. About his new position, Dr. Correa has shared the following:



"Throughout the course of my career, I have been driven by my belief that all children deserve a quality education. I have served several culturally and socio-economically diverse populations. In doing so, I have developed and refined a multitude of integral skills and abilities required to serve as the Superintendent of Gurnee School District 56. The District 56 community resonates with who I am as a leader, one who is passionate about student achievement, excited about quality programs, innovative practices, community engagement, and committed to continuous improvement and equity for all students."

The District 56 community looks forward to working together with our new superintendent.

New faces will join D56's administrative team in the upcoming school year. These changes reflect the replacement of our Director of Pupil Services as a result of Mrs. Kroc's retirement and a newly created position that will best address the needs of our growing Multilingual student population.

Here are the new faces that you can expect to see at the district office next school year:



Director of Pupil Services

Rachel Solomon will be the next Director of Pupil Services. Mrs. Solomon has been serving as the Principal at Churchill Elementary School in Glen Ellyn District 41 for the last five years.

Prior to District 41, she served as a Principal in Clearmont Elementary School in CCSD59 (Elk Grove/ Arlington Heights) for four years. Mrs. Solomon also served in Plainfield District 202, six years as an assistant principal in a high school and four years as a social worker between a high school and a middle

school. Lastly, she was a Dean of Students at Budlong School (Pre-K through 8) in Chicago Public Schools for five years. Mrs. Solomon currently resides in Lake Zurich with her family. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, watching her three girls play lacrosse and hockey while also attending gymnastics meets.

Multilingual Services and Assessment Coordinator

Miriam Torres will take on the role of Multilingual Services and Assessment Coordinator. Miriam has over 20 years of experience in our district and has the distinct honor of being the very first bilingual teacher in the district's history. Ms. Torres has held multiple positions in our district including first grade teacher, Spanish teacher, Kindergarten bilingual teacher, bilingual coordinator (way different then than what it is now), behavior facilitator, and she has served the Assistant Principal at Prairie Trail for the past four years. During her time in District 56, she has gained extensive experience in working with students, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. She enjoys spending time with her family here and loves to travel to her native home in Puerto Rico.



LUNCH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Over the past five years, Gurnee School District 56 has seen the percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch continually increase. Recently, the district applied to the state for consideration to participate in the Community Eligibility Program, which would allow the district to provide free breakfast and lunch to any student who wishes to participate, at all four schools. Having received approval for participation, our district will begin this program in the fall of the new school year. Families that qualify for free and reduced lunch will still need to complete the application process in order for the district to continue to qualify for this program and for these families to continue to qualify for other related benefits. As a result of the approval and participation, the Gurnee School District 56 will receive additional reimbursements for meals served from the federal government. Families should watch for logistical information to come home from their schools at the beginning of the new school year.

HONOR FLIGHT

Gurnee School District 56 celebrated Veteran's Day at all four schools. The students, staff, and visiting veterans had a wonderful time honoring these people who so generously serve our country. In addition to assemblies featuring student performances, flag ceremonies, and visits from local veterans, the students participated in a penny war to collect money in an effort to support a veteran with an Honor Flight. Honor Flights bring a veteran to Washington DC to see all of the war memorials. The donations we contribute will support all of the transportation and accommodations on this trip. Many of the veterans participating in Honor Flights have not had the opportunity to visit the memorials that not only honor them and their time in the service, but those of their fellow service members who are no longer with us or gave their lives for this country. We are beyond grateful and proud of the D56 families who collectively raised (or who are missing a bunch of change?) \$5,574.12 and will be able to sponsor not one, our original goal, but 3.71 veterans with an Honor Flight. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Pictured: Pete Helfers, director of Instruction and Innovation delivering check to the Honor Flight.



DISTRICT FINANCES

Budgeting and Report

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 Rating History: Moody's and Standard & Poor's (S&P) 2020 AA+ S&P, 2015 AA+ S&P, and 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, security enhancements, hard surface replacement & classroom furniture replacement 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.

GURNEE DISTRICT 56 PHOTOS



WARREN TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

ABOUT WTHS DISTRICT 121

Warren Township High School (WTHS) District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 3,650 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Beth Pope

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Daniel S. Woestman



FACILITIES

Warren Township High School 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

CONNECT

www.d121.org
Facebook.com/WTHSDistrict121
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I want to thank the community for their warm welcome this past year as I took over the reins of the school district. It has been an amazing experience getting to know the Warren community, and I look forward to the work we are planning for the future.

This year the Board of Education asked me to review our long-term plan to ensure the high school would be honoring referendum promises, show accountability in how we utilize new funding, and harness best practices from around the country in high school design.

That review happened over five months and was led by a team of 25 student leaders who helped us redefine what it means to have student voice in our decisions. Our student leaders helped facilitate focus groups with over 400 staff members and 400 students to determine where WTHS needs to target our improvement efforts. These improvement efforts can be summarized in six points:

- 1. Financial Stewardship:** We will prioritize financial decisions that honor our community's trust and support student success both today and in the future.
- 2. Academic Excellence:** We will rethink the high school experience to provide stronger career connections and modernize the role of students in their learning process. This includes improving our career preparation and supporting our expanded student offerings.
- 3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** We will give voice to students, staff, and stakeholders as we make decisions that empower all learners to reach equitable outcomes. This will include an audit of our current offerings and practices during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 4. Social and Emotional Well-Being:** We will proactively create a supportive, healthy, and respectful environment that builds lifelong skills in our learners.
- 5. Continuous Improvement:** We will work collaboratively to create shared accountability for student success, climate, culture, communication, and safety.
- 6. Modern Facilities:** We will use effective planning and resource allocation to ensure our facilities are updated, maintained, and support a future of student-centered learning.

This continued vision for great services to our students gives us a strong foundation for the future of WTHS.

Thank you for your continued support of our community schools,

Dr. Danny Woestman
Superintendent



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This past year marked a significant chapter in the WTHS story for our community. The passing of the referendum ended multiple years of layoffs and the plan to reduce significant offerings for our students. Fortunately we were able to keep the promises made to the community regarding the referendum commitments:

- 1. Maintaining the 8-period day.** Students will be able to keep the full load of courses that they have experienced for many years. This full schedule gives students the flexibility to take advanced dual credit and advanced placement (AP) courses, have a full range of fine arts opportunities, and experience career-preparatory classes such as automotive services, firefighting, and welding.
- 2. Maintaining full athletic and activity opportunities.** Students are able to choose from an entire range of athletic and club opportunities, including early freshmen and feeder teams. Far-reaching athletic and activity programs ensure not only that our athletic programs are competitive, but keeps students engaged and connected to the school through clubs and other opportunities early in their high school career.
- 3. Supplementing our academic and emotional supports.** The District has been able to add new counselors, psychologists, and attendance specialists to the school teams to deepen the level of support we provide students. This allows more students to have the attention they need to succeed in school and gives our current staff caseload numbers better aligned to our neighboring high schools. Additional classroom teachers have also been added. This helps reduce classroom sizes and allows for specific courses that target instructional resources.

The Warren Township High School Board of Education appreciates the trust shown by the community with the referendum passage and is committed to ensuring the funds are utilized appropriately in the coming years.



ANTHONY NELSON NAMED WARREN TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL'S GURNEE TEACHER OF THE YEAR: *Science teacher selected by his colleagues for award from the Village of Gurnee*

Science teacher Anthony Nelson has been voted by his colleagues as Warren Township High School's 2022-2023 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.

Nelson has served in education for 30 years. He began his high school teaching career in 1994 at Rockford East High School. In 1997, Tony was hired to teach at the newly built Almond Campus of Warren Township High School. He primarily teaches chemistry and physics.

In addition to teaching science classes, Mr. Nelson is an advisor for the Chess Club at the

Almond Campus and the Astronomy Club. Over the years, the Astronomy Club has served well over 1,000 students, including many of whom have gone on to work for organizations such as Space X and NASA, as well as leading some students to eventual careers and doctorate degrees in Astronomy.

Nelson believes that all people can learn science and the benefits that go along with that knowledge. "As Carl Sagan once said, 'we are all star-stuff'," says Nelson.

"We are extremely proud of Tony and appreciate the many years of service that he has provided for our students," said Dr. Danny Woestman, Warren Township High School District 121 Superintendent. "We are proud to help recognize Tony as our Gurnee Teacher of the Year."

Mr. Anthony Nelson, a native of Sweet Home, Arkansas, holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northeastern Illinois University, and a master's degree in Science Education from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He also served as President of the Illinois Association of Chemistry Teachers in 2010, attending national conferences representing WTHS.

DISTRICT 121 RECOGNITIONS

Academic

Class of 2023 by the Numbers

- 936 students graduated officially as of May 21, 2023
- 127 Illinois State Scholars
- 2 National Merit Semifinalists/Finalists
- 13 National Merit Commended Students
- 12 National Merit Program Scholar Students
- 33 Seal of Biliteracy
- 63 Commendation towards Biliteracy
- 209 students with academic honors according to the Cum Laude system

DISTRICT 121 RECOGNITIONS CONT.

Blue Devil Champions

Notable team athletic achievements

- 2022 Football IHSA State Quarterfinalist
- 2022-23 Boys Wrestling IHSA Regional and Sectional Champion/IHSA State Qualifier
- 2022-23 Varsity Devilettes IHSA 3A State Qualifier in Competitive Dance
- 2022 Girls Cross Country IHSA Regional Champion
- 2023 Boys Track & Field NSC Champion/IHSA Sectional Champion/IHSA State Qualifier
- 2023 Boys Track & Field 8th Place in IHSA State Meet
- 2023 Softball NSC Champion/IHSA Regional and Sectional Champion
- 2022 Girls Golf IHSA Regional Champion/IHSA State Qualifier
- 2022 Boys Golf IHSA State Qualifier
- 2022-23 Girls Gymnastics NSC Co-Champion

Notable individual athletic achievements

- Gabrielle Brewer - Honorable Mention All-State in Volleyball
- Paul Brueck - All-State in Lacrosse
- Cassius Callahan - IHSA State Track & Field: 4x200 relay 4th place, 4x100 relay 5th place
- Drew Deney - Honorable Mention All-State in Lacrosse
- Bobby Devenport - All-State in Lacrosse
- Jailen Duffie - WTHS Male Athlete of the Year, All-State in Football, IHSA State Track & Field: 4x200 relay 4th place, 4x100 relay 5th place
- Amanda Hamann - WTHS Female Athlete of the Year, IHSA State Champion in Gymnastics Vault
- Sydney Jackson - All-State in Softball
- Caleb Levy - IHSA State Track & Field: 800 meters 3rd place
- Gabi Olavarria - All-State in Softball
- Mia Pasha - IHSA State Cross Country: 17th place/All-State
- Charley Thompson - Honorable Mention All-State in Football, IHSA State Track & Field: 4x100 relay 5th place
- Jaden Turner - IHSA State Track & Field: Long Jump 3rd place, 4x200 relay 4th place, 4x100 relay 5th place
- Kole Weinberg - Honorable Mention All-State in Football

Notable team extracurricular achievements

- Avanza, Future Latino Leaders: 1st place for the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams at the Chicano College Bowl Competition
- FBLA National Qualifiers: 33 students qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Jahnvi Kolli was elected as the 2023-2024 Illinois FBLA State President.
- Illinois Music Education Association All-State Musicians: Analisa Cress, Audrey Groth, Madasyn Tolbert
- Illinois Music Education Association All-State Choir: Andrew Schulien



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.



FACILITIES

VIKING PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

FITNATION

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

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



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GURNEE PARK DISTRICT

SERVING GURNEE

As we grow closer to the end of summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the season as well as share some updates regarding our ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts.

Summer is a busy time here at Gurnee Park District, and we wouldn't have it any other way! From daily adventures at our summer camps, endless fun at our park locations, events for all ages, and, of course, blissful days spent at the Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center, we have been blessed to provide Gurnee residents with another summer to remember! With more events and programs to come, we can't wait to show what the rest of summer has in store!

In addition to our summer offerings, we have also been working to ensure that Gurnee Park District is accessible and welcoming to all Gurnee residents through our continued DEI efforts. Recently, our DEI committee, alongside our leadership team, has implemented a new Equity Action Plan (EAP). The EAP includes initiatives for identifying, measuring, and sustaining actions to advance equity. In doing so, we hope to create an environment that serves both our team and our participants. We are all excited to continue making positive and rewarding strides within our DEI efforts.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support in parks and recreation. I hope you all have a safe and happy end to the summer, and I look forward to sharing another memorable fall season with all of you.



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HUNT CLUB PARK AQUATIC CENTER

Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center will be OPEN Labor Day weekend.
Scan the QR code to plan your visit!

Visit gurneeparkdistrict.com to purchase day passes, view hours and aquatic center amenities.



MEET CHRISSIE POPPER. GURNEE'S NEWEST PARK BOARD MEMBER!

Family oriented, park goer, athlete, and 18-year Gurnee resident, Chrissie Popper is looking forward to supporting her community. With a Bachelor of Science in Advertising from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, as well as a Master of Science in Recreation and Sports Administration, Popper jumped at the opportunity to give back as a Gurnee Park District Board Member.

Popper was officially sworn in as the newest member of Gurnee Park District's Board of Commissioners at the Tuesday, May 16, 2023 board meeting at Viking Park.

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at Viking Park Community Center, 4374 Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois at 7:00 pm. Visit gurneeparkdistrict.com/our-board for more information.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Last fall, our Parks Team completed three capital projects that included the installation of new playground structures at Kings Park, Prairie Oaks Shagbark Park, and Prairie Oaks Silo Park. These new structures replaced those that were 20+ years old, and include updated play equipment such as climbing components, slides, rope climbers, tot-lots, and more!

This fiscal year, upcoming capital projects include the renovation of the Viking Park playground as well as the redesign and overhaul of our current website.

GURNEE PARK DISTRICT VALUES = SOFIE

Our staff are the heart and soul of Gurnee Park District. They are the ones who teach your child to swim, keep our parks and facilities safe and beautiful (inside and out), as well as those who plan fun and exciting events for your family to attend. Providing exceptional programs and services to our community is something we hold in the highest regard, which is why all levels of staff are trained in Gurnee Park District's recently updated core values – SOFIE.

You may see this acronym on the back of T-shirts or throughout our facilities. We believe that these core values are the foundation of our success. By providing outstanding **S**ervice, taking **O**wnership, having **F**un, **I**ncluding new ideas and friends, and working hard to achieve **E**xcellence in all areas, we hope to create a positive impact in the community and world around us. Thank you for being a part of it and continuing to choose Gurnee Park District!



FITNATION GURNEE

Since 2013, FitNation has provided members with the opportunity to stay active year after year as they focus on their health and wellness. FitNation offers a wide range of workout options for all fitness levels. Whether you're looking to improve your cardio, build strength, or simply stay active, our facility has everything you need to achieve your fitness goals. In addition to all the machines and equipment, FitNation also offers a variety of classes to suit every fitness level and interest. From high-intensity interval training to yoga and Pilates, we have something for everyone. Our classes are led by experienced instructors who are passionate about helping our members achieve their fitness goals.

Stop by and see why FitNation is the best choice for your fitness journey! Also, make sure to mark your calendars for our 10-year anniversary party on Saturday, November 4th!

GREEN CANOPY PROJECT

Gurnee Park District is excited to introduce its new “Green Canopy Initiative.” This program is aimed at enhancing our parks and recreation areas by increasing the number of trees and other greenery planted throughout our preserved and maintained lands.

The goal of the “Green Canopy Initiative” is to improve the overall health and well-being of our community while also providing more shaded areas for residents to relax and enjoy the outdoors. With that said, over the next ten years, Gurnee Park District plans to plant 30-40 trees yearly (outside of its already dedicated tree program) at various parks and locations throughout Gurnee.

If you are an individual, community group, or business who would like to get involved and volunteer with this project, please let us know by contacting our Director of Parks and Planning, Kraig Owens!



PICKLEBALL COURTS

Did you know? Pickleball, which combines the elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, is one of the fastest growing sports in the country! An easy to learn and fun sport, pickleball is perfect for all ages and skill levels!

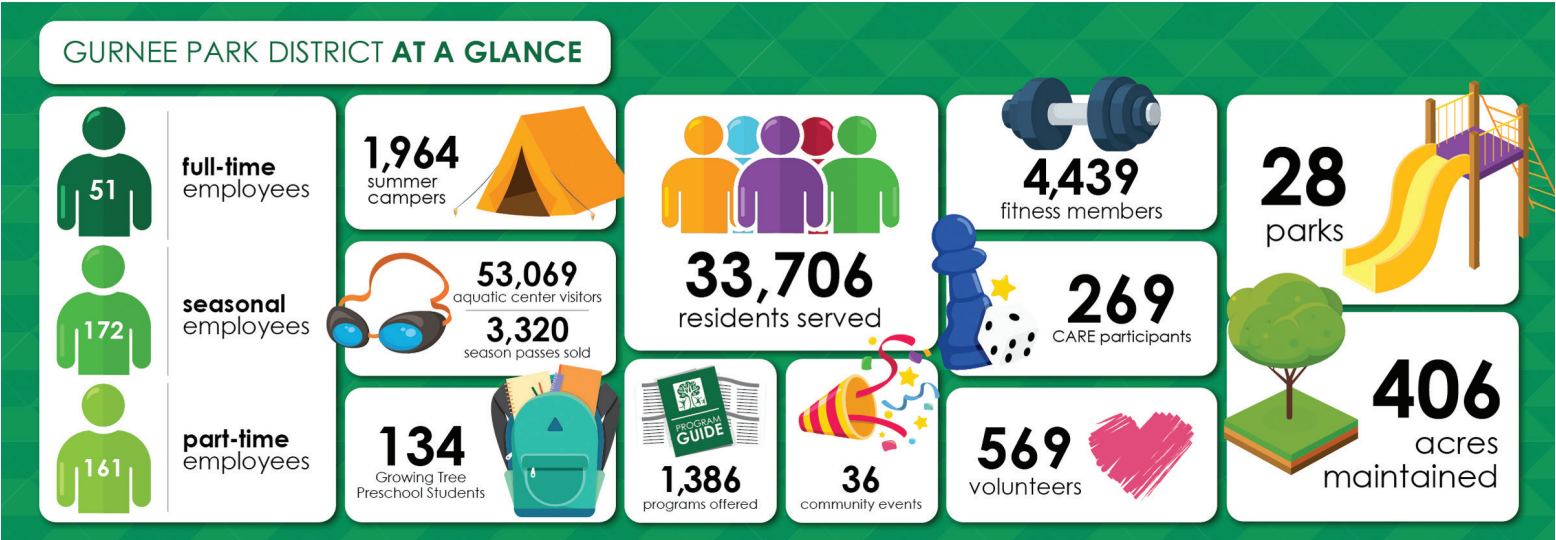
For the past five years, we have been thrilled to offer outdoor pickleball courts at several of our park locations. Our largest outdoor pickleball space can be found at O’Plaine Park, which contains a total of 8 courts that are used for both recreational and league play. Want to play? Grab your friends, drop in to play or sign up for leagues and lessons.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As a leader in FUN, we are excited to announce that Gurnee Park District will soon be developing a new Strategic Master Plan. This guiding document will outline our vision, goals, and strategies for the future of our district. While this plan serves as a road map for what we hope to implement moving forward, we recognize that this cannot be completed without YOUR input to future developments.

In the coming weeks, we will engage the community through a variety of inclusive and creative ways to ensure everyone’s voice is heard. Please consider taking part and offering your insight so that we can continue to be the leader in community-driven and innovative offerings nationwide.



ABOUT WARREN-NEWPORT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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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WARREN-NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Gurnee, IL 60031
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WARREN-NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank You for Celebrating with Us!

Ryan Livengood

Executive Director of the Warren-Newport Public Library District



Friendly greetings from the Warren-Newport Public Library (WNPL), which is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2023! During our 50th birthday year, we will be taking a major step towards greatly advancing our services for the community by joining Cooperative Computer Services (CCS) in September. CCS is a group of 29 area libraries that share an online catalog and member database.

What does that mean for you? Greater and easier access to more resources! Over two million resources were shared across the CCS network of libraries in 2020-2021, which serves as a tremendous example of the variety and wealth of titles you can expect to be available through the library network.

The library has almost completed our new strategic plan. During this process, we engaged the entire community, including residents, library staff, community leaders, and community partners. As a result, we developed a plan that identified six strategic priorities we will be focusing on to better serve our community: communication, programs, services, collections, spaces, and organizational health. Please watch for more information this fall about specific goals that the library will undertake to move forward on these priorities.

WNPL is a go-to source for many back-to-school needs, including several online resources for your research needs, homework help through [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) (which you can access with your WNPL library card between noon and midnight daily), as well as study rooms and our newly renovated Quiet Reading Room for quiet places to focus.

The library celebrated its 50th birthday with a well-attended community celebration last April, but truly, we are celebrating throughout 2023. If you haven't yet had a chance to celebrate with us this year, there is still time! I am really looking forward to the **Library After Dark** event for ages 21 and over only, on Sat., Oct. 7 from 7-9 p.m. This after-hours fundraising event will feature live music, adult beverages, food, and raffle prizes. Visit the library's website at www.wnpl.info for additional information and to purchase tickets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Thank you for taking a few minutes out of your busy day to learn about the latest happenings at WNPL. If you haven't utilized our programs and services, or visited the library recently, I encourage you to do so. The ability to empower your life for the better, in both big ways and small, is available to you through the Warren-Newport Public Library District!

BACK ON THE ROAD

The Mobile Services Department strives to provide equitable access to a wide variety of library services for district residents. Through material delivery, on-the-go programming, mobile technology, and community partnerships, Mobile Services brings the library directly to the greater community.

Mobile Services currently offers the following services:

- Early Learning Services for preschools and childcare centers
- School Services for elementary, middle, and high schools
- Doorstep Delivery for patrons who have difficulty obtaining library materials
- Senior Services for residents of retirement, assisted living, and memory care facilities
- Community Stops in residential neighborhoods throughout the district
- Remote Return Site located at the corner of Hunt Club Rd. and Dada Dr.

You'll also find us throughout the district partnering with community organizations. The Mobile Services Bookmobile will return to visiting neighborhoods this fall. Please visit this link (<https://bit.ly/WNPLMobileServicesCalendar>) for a complete schedule of all Mobile Services events and discover where our team will pop up next!



NEW LIBRARY CATALOG PROVIDES MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LIBRARY COMMUNITIES

Warren-Newport Public Library is joining Cooperative Computer Services (CCS), a group of 29 area libraries that share an online catalog and member database. WNPL cardholders will have access to materials from CCS member libraries including Fremont, Grayslake, Lake Villa, and Round Lake, along with many others, with the added convenience of picking up and dropping off materials at our library.

Over two million resources were shared across the CCS network of libraries in 2020-2021, which serves as a tremendous example of the diversity and wealth of titles available to patrons through the library network.

Benefits of joining CCS include:

- WNPL cards will automatically be registered at all CCS libraries.
- WNPL patrons will be able to view local collection items along with items in all CCS libraries' collections.
- Items from CCS libraries' collections will be available for pickup at WNPL.
- Patrons can pick up and return most items to any CCS library.



Frequently asked questions about the online catalog transition:

When will the new online catalog be available? Can I place holds during the transition?

- Wed., Aug. 30 – Last day for placing holds
- Thurs., Aug. 31 – Tues., Sept. 5 – Can no longer place holds; items can continue to be checked out
- Wed., Sept. 6 – WNPL officially becomes part of the CCS system catalog; Patrons can place holds, check in and check out materials.

Will my pin stay the same?

If you already have an active library card before September 6, 2023, your pin is your 7-digit phone number (no area code). If you had changed your pin from the 7-digit phone number, your pin would revert to your phone number after the transition to the library's new catalog on September 7, 2023. If you register for a library card on or after September 6, 2023, your pin will be the last 4-digits of your phone number.

Do I have to pick up my holds at the Warren-Newport Public Library?

With some exceptions, items can be picked up at any CCS library location. Simply select the pick-up location when you place your item on hold.

NEW LIBRARY CATALOG CONT.

Where can I return materials?

Again, with some exceptions, materials can be returned to our library's indoor or outdoor book drops. Materials may also be returned to any other CCS library.

How do I find an item that is not in the new online catalog?

If our library does not own an item, an item can be sent to WNPL from another library for your use. If the item is unavailable at any CCS library, an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) request can be submitted by WNPL cardholders to receive the item from a library outside the CCS consortium. Patrons can also request items to be purchased for WNPL collections by contacting library staff. **Will my holds, reading history and lists transfer to the new system?**

Holds and reading history will transfer over to the new system. Unfortunately, any lists created in the current online catalog will not move to the new catalog.

How will I find my holds on the self-service shelf?

The library currently organizes our holds by patrons' full last and first names. Beginning September 6, we will organize our holds by the patron's first four characters of the last name and the first initial of the patron's first name.

How will I renew my materials?

Your checked out materials will be automatically renewed if applicable. You can also call the library at 847-244-5150 or visit online at wnpl.info to renew.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Illinois Libraries Presents

- The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead
Wed., Sept. 6, 7PM
- Chills & Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones
Wed., Oct. 4, 7PM

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the 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). **REGISTER**

Get to Know Hispanic American Heritage

- All Ages
Fri., Sept. 15 – Sun., Oct. 15

Sign up on Beanstack (wnpl.beanstack.com) to learn about Hispanic American Heritage Month through fun challenges! Grand prize raffle entry upon completion of challenges. **REGISTER**

1973 Flashback

- All Ages
Sat., Sept. 16, 1-4PM

Experience a 1970s childhood complete with games, snacks, and entertainment! Don't forget to dress in your '70s best! **REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**

Library After Dark

- Ages 21 + only
Sat., Oct. 7, 7-9PM

Celebrate the Library's 50th birthday at this after-hours fundraising event that will feature live music, adult beverages, food, and raffle prizes. Visit www.wnpl.info for additional information and to purchase tickets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. **REGISTER**



Colson Whitehead



Stephen Graham Jones



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GURNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING OFFICERS

The Gurnee Police Department is now accepting applications for new Police Officers! Don't miss your chance to start a career in a department with unlimited opportunities in a thriving community. Visit www.gurnee.il.us/jobs for more details and to apply.

If you are a police officer or know an experienced officer looking to make a lateral move to Gurnee, the Village is accepting applications for lateral officers through the open application process on the jobs page of the Village website.



JOIN IN THE FUN WITH A BLOCK PARTY

A connected community starts with meeting your neighbors! The Village of Gurnee has eased the Block Party application process by creating a portal allowing the application to be completed online. Would you like the Police and Fire Departments to stop by for a fun meet and greet? Please indicate that on the application. More information and the application can be found at gurnee.il.us/blockparty.

NEW BUSINESSES

**Children's Dentistry
of Lake County**
5384 Grand Ave.

Club Pilates
6951 Grand Ave., Ste C3

E-Signature Realty
1800 Nations Dr., Ste 113

Goddess Hair Care
6170 Grand Ave.
Gurnee Mills

Indepth Patient Advocates
1800 Nations Dr., Ste 117-2

Kingdom Life Ministries
4606 Old Grand Ave., Ste A5

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6170 Grand Ave.
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1350 Tri State Pkwy., Ste 124

**Prestige Aesthetics &
Hydration Lounge**
1761 Dilley Rd., Ste 108-9

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1761 Dilley Rd., Ste 111

**The Schmeissing Allstate
Agencies (relocation)**
4343 Old Grand Ave., Ste 209

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1761 Dilley Rd., Ste 202

**Vital Signs Natural
Health Now**
1800 Nations Dr., Ste 117-3

COMING SOON:

AngelsTat2
3701 Grand Ave., Ste G

**Beauty by Gerda
Esthetics**
1790 Nations Dr.
Ste 109

Cinnabon
6170 Grand Ave.

Discount Tire
1508 Nations Dr.

**Forest Orthodontics
& Pediatric Dentistry**
7500 Grand Ave.

Gurnee Balloons
4655 Old Grand Ave.

HOTWORX
6641 Grand Ave., Ste B

**Imperfect Harmony
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495 N. Rt. 21

Lovisa
6170 Grand Ave.
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**Michoacan A Pedir De
Boca**
6170 Grand Ave.
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Mochinut
7105 Grand Ave., Ste
2B

Powerhouse Exteriors
4606 Old Grand Ave.

Provida Family Health
1425 Hunt Club Rd.,
Ste 204

Shoe Carnival
6539 Grand Ave.

SMD Transport
1500 N. Delany Rd.

Spencer's
6170 Grand Ave.
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TLC Massage and Spa
726 S. Rt. 21

Zuma Law (relocation)
401 Riverside Dr., Ste 1