

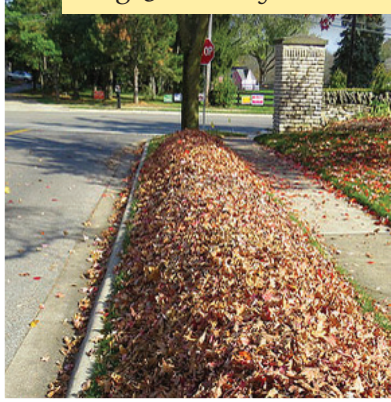
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Mayor's Message

Dear Residents:

Fall has arrived and our children are back in school, the businesses in town are open and thriving, and I have seen residents throughout the Village enjoying all of the amenities that Gurnee has to offer. I hope all is well with you.

I am glad to report that the Village is experiencing strong and stable finances that support the excellent services provided by the men and women of the Fire, Police, Public Works and Administration Departments. Our main goal is to provide an enjoyable, safe environment for the residents to thrive, and I see the Village employees doing just that.

I have enjoyed this past couple of weeks of Training in the Park as the Police, Fire, Public Works and the Park District all came together to let residents see them up close and personal at six different parks on six different nights. Whether it was watching the police canine demonstration, seeing young children hold the fire hose as it sprayed out over a field, or seeing small children sit in a snowplow truck and beep the horn, it stirred me to see. I had the opportunity to meet many residents in their neighborhoods at these events. This is definitely one of the highlights of my time as Mayor. If you missed it this year, look for it in September of next year; we will be at a park near you.

I have discovered a number of passions to see things happen in the Village. One of those is to give children and young adults a voice in our community and to develop future leaders. I initiated the Gurnee Youth Leader Initiative last year, which is led by Bryson King and Yash Sharma. Currently, 25 to 30 Warren Township High School students belong to this initiative and are focusing on providing opportunities for students to participate in local businesses through internships, mentor programs and pop-up businesses. I am proud of how creative and intense these young adults are at being heard and at forging a way where there was not a way before. They truly are setting the stage for future students to succeed in the marketplace.

On the other end of the spectrum, I am looking to connect with Senior Adults throughout Warren Township. Many seniors experience hard times as they age. They could use a helping hand in a number of areas, whether it is financial assistance, companionship or just basic help with a trip to the doctor or with raking leaves from their front yard. I have found Gurnee residents to be kind, helpful and generous in so many ways and I am looking to coordinate those efforts so that "No Senior is Left Behind." You will be hearing more about this in the days to come; there will be opportunities for you to participate in providing help or in receiving assistance.

I continue to have coffee, beer or hot dogs with residents every other month at local establishments, which I have found to be very enjoyable. The informal setting allows for an easy way to have conversations with residents and to find out thoughts on what is going on in town. Usually, a few Village trustees accompany me, and you can meet with them as well to discuss what is on your mind. Again, it is getting out and meeting people in public spaces, instead of waiting for citizens to come to Village Hall. Please look at the Village website for the next opportunity. I hope to see you at one of these events.

Mayor Tom Hood



Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

Oct.
24

7:00 p.m.

Nov.
14

7:00 p.m.

Nov.
28

7:00 p.m.

Dec.
5

7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

Oct.
19

7:30 p.m.

Nov.
2

7:30 p.m.

Nov.
16

7:30 p.m.

Dec.
7

7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

Oct.
25

7:00 p.m.

Nov.
15

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 purple are Civil Service Commission Meetings.

Halloween Drive-In Movie: Coco

Come join the Gurnee Park District for the Halloween Drive-In event featuring: *Coco*! The event will take place on Friday, October 28th. Registration is required.

The movie will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be shown in the Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center parking lot. Families will receive a parking space to park in. You can remain in your vehicle for the duration of the movie or enjoy some time outside of your car too. The movie will be broadcast over a FM station and speakers in the lot.

NEW this year - food trucks will be available with delicious food items for purchase! Participants may bring their own snacks and beverages to enjoy as well.

Note: Cars can begin entering Hunt Club at 6:45 p.m. Register today at www.gurneeparkdistrict.com.

Thank you to the sponsor, BCU, for making this event possible!

Important Fall Notices

Green Gurnee Awards Launched

Do you know a business or organization in Gurnee that is committed to environmentally sustainable practices? If so, we want to hear more about it, please consider nominating or applying for the Green Gurnee Awards at www.gurnee.il.us/greengurnee.

Fall Hydrant Flushing - Now Until Weather Prohibits

The Gurnee Public Works has begun hydrant flushing in the Village. Crews will be flushing hydrants in Heather Ridge and then moving to the Westgate area continuing eastward until all hydrants are flushed or it becomes too cold.

Coffee with the Mayor - Oct. 15th

Coffee with the Mayor is taking place this Saturday, October 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Biryani Pointe located at 5414 Grand Ave. Come join Mayor Tom Hood for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat about local happenings!

Leaf Collection 2022 - Begins Oct. 24th

The 2022 Leaf Collection Program will begin on Monday, October 24th and continue for eight weeks until Saturday, December 17th alternating between each side of the Village. Please see page 3 for more information and program details.

Early Voting - Begins Oct. 24th

Early Voting for the November General Election will be taking place at the Gurnee Village Hall located at 325 N. O'Plaine Rd. from Monday, October 24th through Sunday, November 6th.

Voting hours will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend hours are Saturday Oct. 29th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday Oct. 30th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday Nov. 5th and Nov. 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trick-or-Treating 2022 - Oct. 30th

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2022 to be on Sunday, October 30th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For tips on keeping you and your family safe this Halloween, please visit www.gurnee.il.us/trick-or-treat.

Compost Your Pumpkins - Nov. 5th

The Village's Environmental Sustainability Committee will be hosting a pumpkin composting event in coordination with SWALCO. The event will take place on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to noon at Gurnee Village Hall (325 N. O'Plaine Road). The event will also take any other organics including gourds or hay bales. Please remove all candles before composting your pumpkins. All material collected is used to create compost and divert organics from the landfills.

Thanksgiving Holiday Waste Collection - Nov. 24th and Nov. 25th

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, if your garbage/recycling collection occurs on Thursday, November 24th or Friday, November 25th, it will be delayed by one day.

Landscape Waste Collection Ends Nov. 25th

Subscription and stickered landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 21st - Friday, November 25th.

Landscape waste pickup takes place on the same day as your regular trash/recycling collection. Any landscape waste placed at the curb after this week, with the exception of leaves, will not be picked up. For more information visit www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape.

Bi-Weekly Leaf Collection Program

The Village offers an annual leaf collection program through its contract with Waste Management. Through this program, residents have the ability to dispose of leaves that accumulate in their yards during the fall season. Included in the program is free, unlimited weekly bagged leaf pickup and bi-weekly leaf vacuum service.

The 2022 Leaf Collection Program will begin on Monday, October 24th and continue for eight weeks until Saturday, December 17th. During this time, residents may put out unlimited bags of leaves without stickers every week. Also, a leaf vacuum service for leaves raked to the curb line will be completed bi-weekly for residents depending on their orientation to I-94. Residents east of I-94 will receive leaf vacuum service on odd weeks, and residents west of I-94 will receive leaf vacuum service on even weeks. Residents must have leaves to the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Monday of their pickup week to ensure collection. The move to a bi-weekly service was done to provide residents with a more reliable pickup schedule and allows Waste Management to focus on half of the community each week for a more complete cleanup.

Leaf collection does not necessarily take place on the same day as your regular garbage pick-up. A leaf collection map has been posted to the Village's website for your reference: www.gurnee.il.us/residents/recycling/leaf-collection.

2022 Leaf Vacuum Schedule:

East of I-94 (odd weeks)

Week 1: October 24th – 28th

Week 3: November 7th– 11th

Week 5: November 21st – 25th

Week 7: December 5th – December 9th

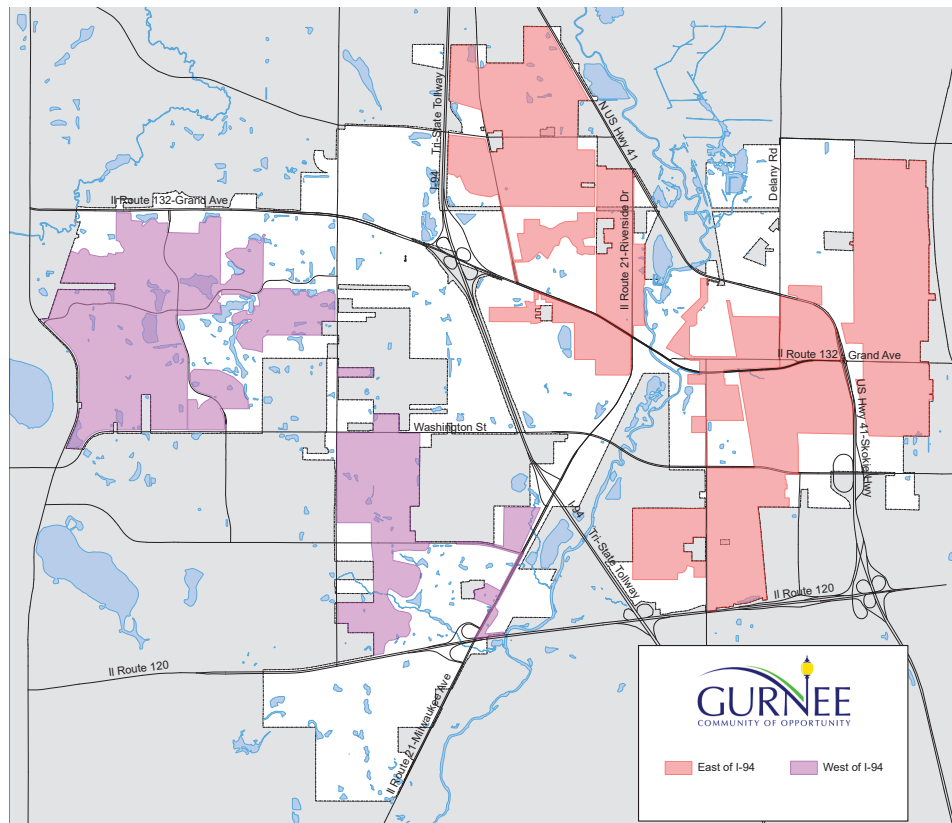
West of I-94 (even weeks)

Week 2: October 31st – November 4th

Week 4: November 14th – 18th

Week 6: November 28th – December 2nd

Week 8: December 12th – 17th



Seasonal Reminders

Leaf Burning Prohibited

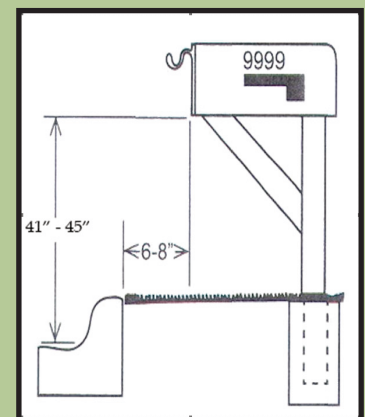
As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials and large bonfires.

The Village does allow residents to create small, outdoor wood burning fires. The ordinance permits residents to use portable outdoor fire pits and build small wood burning campfires.

Is Your Mailbox Ready for Winter?

With the winter quickly approaching, residents are reminded that mailboxes must be properly positioned. In October, plow trucks will drive through snow routes, making note of right-of-way hazards and improperly placed, leaning or damaged mailboxes. Residents with mailboxes having these issues will be sent a letter asking for their cooperation in bringing the mailbox into compliance with USPS standards.

Residents who receive a letter and fail to repair the mailbox will not be eligible for reimbursement of damage caused by snow and ice control operations. If you have questions regarding your mailbox placement, please contact Public Works at (847) 599-6800.



Above: The diagram shows the proper setback requirements to ensure mailboxes are protected from routine plowing procedures.

Seasonal Reminders

Is Your Furnace Ready for Winter?

Now that the weather is getting a bit cooler, do you know if your furnace is ready for winter? You do not want to get caught on a cold day with no heat! Here are some quick tips to make sure you are ready to go when that thermometer dips:

1. Make sure the furnace is running before it's too cold. Switch your system from cooling to heating. Set the thermostat a couple of degrees higher than the current room temperature and listen to make sure you can hear the heat kick on.
2. Change your air filters. Make sure you have a good routine to change your air filters every few months. Or, if you have a permanent electrostatic filter, make sure it is clean. Cleaning or replacing air filters regularly prolongs the life of your HVAC system. This is a reminder to change the filter on your humidifier too, if you have one.
3. Now may be a great time to schedule a check-up for your system, especially if you have not had it checked in a while. Trained professionals will check the heat exchanger to make sure that it is clean and there are no cracks, verify the blower motor is working properly, test the igniter switch and verify other manufacturer specifications for your unit.
4. Test or replace your carbon monoxide detectors.
5. If your furnace needs to be replaced, please remember that a building permit is required.

Don't delay – make sure you're safe and will be warm this winter!

Gurnee Turkey Trot Registration

Village of Gurnee 2022

28th ANNUAL

Jon Callaghan Memorial Turkey Trot

5K fun run & walk



SPONSORED BY

The Gurnee Police Department and The Gurnee Fire Department

Come join us in this annual fund-raiser. Proceeds from entry fees will be split between the Jon Callaghan Memorial Fund and the Gurnee Community Church Youth Work Camp.

RUN INFORMATION

Date: Thanksgiving Day—November 24

Start Time: 8:00 am “sharp”

Starting Line: In front of Insurancenter, Stolarick & Company, Inc.,
4673 Grand Avenue, Gurnee

Check-in Time: 7:00 am—The Gurnee Old Grand Ave. Fire Station,
4580 Grand Avenue, Gurnee

Entry Fee: \$30.00 registration fee
(age 10 and under runs/walks FREE!)
Pre-registration ends November 21st, 2022.
After 11-21-22 please register race day at
the fire station.

T-shirts: Provided to the **first 350 paid participants**
to check in on race day

Payment: (Make checks payable to the Gurnee Turkey Trot)
Mail check and completed waiver form to:
The Gurnee Turkey Trot
325 North O'Plaine Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

Web site: For more info and downloads go to www.gurneeturkeytrot.eventbrite.com



— FORM MAY BE COPIED FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRANTS —

Waiver: In consideration of my participation in the “28th Annual Village of Gurnee Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk,” I, for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge all race organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and benefactors of the “28th Annual Village of Gurnee Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk,” and hold and save them harmless for and against any and all actions, claims, liabilities, loss damage, expense of whatever nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by my preparation for aforesaid race. I attest and verify my knowledge of the risks involved in this event and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

PLEASE PRINT NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

(IF UNDER 18, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN)

CITY, STATE

ZIP CODE

☐ CHECK

☐ CASH

Please specify your payment method

Senior Services Serving Gurnee

The Village of Gurnee wants you to know that senior services exist for Gurnee residents through ElderCARE Lake County and the Warren Township's Senior Center.

ElderCARE Lake County Services

Transportation to Medical Appointments

At a typical visit to provide transportation, an ElderCARE volunteer escorts seniors to their vehicle, takes them to their medical appointment and returns them back home. ElderCARE also assists with drop-off and pick-up from lengthy appointments such as dialysis. Please provide at least 10 days notice when requesting. One ride per week may be scheduled.

Grocery Shopping

Do you or a senior that you know need assistance getting groceries? Access to healthy food is important. Through ElderCARE grocery shopping service, volunteers take the grocery list and make the trip to the store. Seniors pay for the groceries and the service is free.

Friendly Visits

Living alone can be challenging, especially when it's tough to get out and interact with others. ElderCARE's friendly visits services provides an opportunity for seniors to develop lasting friendships by phone or over a cup of tea or a game.

For more information on these services and to receive an application to sign up, please visit <https://www.eldercarelakecounty.org/services> or call 847-406-4683.

ElderCARE is a volunteer-driven non-profit. If you are an active senior and have the heart to help others, please call ElderCARE to volunteer!

Warren Township Center's Senior Services

Activities: Games, Fitness Classes and Events

The Warren Township Center offers a wide variety of senior activities such as luncheons, fitness classes and various games. These activities fill up fast, so please call the Senior Center at 847-244-1101 ext. *501 for registration dates, class dates, and additional information.

Support Group

For anyone looking for support as they go through any life change. Support Group meets Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Social and Financial Services

The Senior Center has a Social Service staff ready to assist residents. Information and help can be provided in applying for federal, state and local programs including:

Medicare and Social Security Information and Assistance

Their trained Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors are available by appointment to provide information and assistance navigating the Medicare and Social Security process and what seniors need to know to avoid penalties as well as one-on-one assistance with Enrollment Advantage Plans Supplements/Medigap Medicare Savings Program, Prescription Drug Plans/Part D Insurance Claims.

Utility and Financial Assistance Programs

Information, screening and assistance provided applying for and maintaining eligibility for different programs such as: LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), a federal/state program for those eligible to receive yearly credit on gas and electric bills; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food; Medicaid; and Prescription Drug Assistance.

They also have additional information on housing, legal services, elder abuse, counseling services, transportation, care giving resources, home services, repairs & improvements, and senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

For more information on these services, please visit <https://www.warrentownship.net/191/Senior-Services> or call 847-244-1101 ext. *501.

Seasonal Reminders

Change Your Clock & Your Smoke Alarm

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, November 6th. As this date approaches, the Village of Gurnee Fire Department would like to remind all residents to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they turn their clocks back one hour. Changing the batteries in your smoke alarm is a simple task that can save lives.

In the United States, smoke alarms are present in 96% of American homes, but 20% do not work because of worn or missing batteries, preventing families from achieving the full potential of increased fire safety from smoke alarms. If a fire occurs, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half by providing an early warning and extra critical seconds to escape. Approximately 84% of fire deaths occur in homes where smoke alarms are not working.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau with any questions at (847) 599-6650.

Gurnee's Got it: Shop Local!



With Thanksgiving and the holiday season quickly approaching, you may already be looking for deals on a number of different items from food to gifts. When you do, please keep in mind that shopping local is one of the biggest things you can do to support the community. Each dollar spent in Gurnee not only bolsters local business, it also pays for many of the services you rely on, such as police and fire protection. Please consider making your purchases in Gurnee this year.

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

Police Non-Emergency: 847-599-7000

Fire Non-Emergency: 847-599-6600

Village Hall: 847-599-7500

Utility Billing: 847-599-7525

Community Development: 847-599-7550

Public Works: 847-599-6800

Visit us online at www.gurnee.il.us.

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Keep Our Waterways Clean

The Village would like to remind the community that dumping any liquid other than water into a storm drain inlet is illegal and strictly prohibited. Even though this may occur by accident, the dumping or accidental discharge into a storm drain inlet is punishable by fine. The reason is that the substance whether it is oil, grease, paint, solvents, or runoff from washing equipment during maintenance/cleanup operations will eventually make its way to streams, rivers and waterways thus polluting and contaminating the environment.

Village Update

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:

- Al's Tire and Auto Repair (3860 Grandview Ave) - vehicle repair
- Apex Pediatric Therapy (6475 Washington St) - pediatric speech therapy
- College of Lake County Advanced Technology Center (7735 Grand Ave) - post secondary manufacturing instruction
- Cranial Technologies (1800 Nations Dr) - infant orthotics
- Ferguson Enterprises (1850 Northwestern Ave) - storage racking, plumbing supply warehouse
- Friends of Joyce Mason (5101 Washington St) - State Representative
- Spirit Halloween (6170 Grand Ave) - Halloween supplies
- The Wright Advocate (1800 Nations Dr) - counseling services
- Toppers Pizza (5572 Grand Ave) - carryout pizzeria
- Youth & Family Counseling (5101 Washington St) - nonprofit, counseling services

Be in the Know

Coming Soon:

- AngelsTat2 (3701 Grand Ave) - tattoo studio
- Anthony Buick GMC (5589 Northridge Dr) - relocation/auto dealer
- Brake Parts Inc. (3800 Swanson Ct) - manufacturer and brake supplier
- 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 St) - reiki and biomagnetism
- Cooper's Hawk (7735 Grand Ave) - restaurant & winery
- Discount Tire (1508 Nations Dr) - retail/service center
- Essential Kitchen (1405 Hunt Club Rd) - juice cafe inside the Centre Club
- FedEx (6641 Grand Ave) - shipping services
- 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
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe (7010 Grand Ave) - fast casual restaurant

For updates on developments, visit www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress.