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## The wait is over... Legions of Craft Beer Fest Is Here!



## 1st Annual Craft Beer Fest This Saturday, October 3rd, 1-7pm

Beer lovers are uniting for Gurnee's first annual Legions of Craft Beer Festival this Saturday, October 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.! Soak up early autumn at this outdoor, tented event that will be held in the east parking lot of Gurnee Mills, by Bass Pro Shops. All proceeds from this event will support the Gurnee American Legion and Lake County Honor Flight.

The festival will feature craft beer and cider from more than 35 unique breweries along with urban cuisine from a variety of food trucks offering everything from gourmet grilled cheese and cupcakes to sausage, tacos, BBQ, skewers, sliders, and more. Live music from a range of Chicagoland bands and performers will be featured throughout the day. Plus, take part in raffles sponsored by Gurnee American Legion Post 771, and enjoy on-site and on-air interaction with DJs from 102.3 XLC!

With live music, exclusive beer and cider selections, contemporary food assortments and shopping opportunities, this Beer Fest is a one-of-a-kind experience you don't want to miss.

Tickets can be purchased at the event, or you can avoid long lines by purchasing tickets now at Timothy O'Toole's - Gurnee or the Gurnee Village Hall. You can also get more information and buy tickets online at [www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com](http://www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com).

General Admission - \$50

- 15 Drink Samples
- Commemorative Glass
- Access to Live Music

Stiletos and Stout- \$35

- 5 Drink Samples
- Commemorative Glass
- Gurnee Mills Swag Bag
- Access to Live Music

Designated Driver - \$10

- Unlimited Soda and Water
- Commemorative Glass
- Access to Live Music

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# Upcoming Events

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

Oct.  
**5**  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Nov.  
**2**  
7:00 p.m.

Nov.  
**16**  
7:00 p.m.

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

### Planning & Zoning

Oct.  
**7**  
7:30 p.m.

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

Nov.  
**4**  
7:30 p.m.

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

### Other Boards

Oct.  
**15**  
5:30 p.m.

Nov.  
**19**  
5:30 p.m.

Nov.  
**17**  
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 green are Economic Development Committee meetings and meetings in purple are Civil Service Meetings.

## Community Events

**Trick-or-Treating**  
**Saturday, October 31st**  
**2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Community-Wide**

### Looking for more events?

Check out the Gurnee Park District ([www.gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com)), Warren-Newport Public Library ([www.wnpl.info](http://www.wnpl.info)) and Warren Township ([www.warrentownship.net](http://www.warrentownship.net)) websites for even more events and information!

# Legions of Craft Beer Fest Lineup

## Beer and Cider



**+ 35 more!**

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

## Food Trucks

Food trucks serving up grilled cheese, cupcakes, tacos, BBQ, baos, skewers, sliders, and more!

Featuring:

▼ Toasty Cheese Mobile Eatery ▼ Auntie Vee's Cupcakes Desserts & Pastries ▼ Haute Sausage ▼ Mario's Cart Race for the Taste ▼ Yum Dum - Chicago's Dumpling & Bao Truck



## Live Music

The Fest features live music all day from the following artists:

- ▼ John Ludy Puleo - 1:00
- ▼ String Theory - 2:30
- ▼ The Keelan Jones Experience - 4:00
- ▼ The Mosquitos - 5:30

## Great Cause

Did you know that the Gurnee American Legion provides scholarships to Warren Township H.S. seniors and supports Gurnee Youth Baseball? At a national level, the Legion is the leading advocate for proper healthcare for America's 23 million veterans.

The mission of Lake County Honor Flight is to fly America's veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honoring their sacrifices.





## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

In the past month we honored our Everyday Heroes as part of our 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 6th. I am always so proud to participate in this event. It's an opportunity for all of us to express our gratitude and appreciation for the men and women who dedicate themselves to public safety—our Police Officers, our Firemedics, our Communication Operators, and our Public Works staff. These men and women make it their mission to put the well-being of the community first.



For me, the day was also an opportunity to remember a personal hero of my own, former Mayor Dick Welton. Mayor Welton's vision, energy, and love for Gurnee shaped the Village into the community it is today. While we can never thank Mayor Welton enough for all that he has done, we can be sure to remember his legacy through the Richard A. Welton Village Plaza. You can read more about the Plaza on page 6 of this newsletter.

Continuing on the theme of heroes, the men and women of the Gurnee American Legion and Lake County Honor Flight put forth yeoman effort to help our veterans. Unfortunately, all of this work comes at a cost, and both of these organizations are in need of funds to keep operations going. In response to this need, the Village, in partnership with Gurnee Mills, 102.3 XLC, Timothy O'Toole's, and Gurnee American Legion Post 771, will host the first ever Legions of Craft Beer Fest on October 3rd. Details are included in the newsletter, but what is most important is that 100% of the profits benefit the American Legion and Honor Flight. Not only is this a chance to enjoy some great craft brewers, many of whom are tapping for the first time in Lake County, but you will also be helping the Legion and Honor Flight to continue their good work on behalf of our veterans. Please consider supporting this great cause with a ticket purchase.

Finally, with the coming of fall season, the Village is quickly shifting gears in anticipation of the inevitable less-than-desirable weather. Engineering is wrapping up this year's road construction projects, Public Works is getting equipment ready and practicing plow routes, and our budget planning process kicks off in November. There is no "coasting" as we head into winter. We continue to strive for excellence in meeting the needs of the community 24/7/365. With a multitude of initiatives and projects underway, the community is encouraged to stay connected with us through social media and our weekly e-newsletter. For those of you not on social media that would like to contact the Village, never hesitate to call my office at (847) 599-7510 with ideas, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

## 2nd Annual Holiday Cards for Vets

On Veterans' Day (Wednesday, November 11th), thank those who have fought for our freedom by personalizing holiday cards for men and women being treated at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago. The event is open to all ages and hosted by Friends of the Warren-Newport Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Library Meeting Rooms A and B. Cards, crayons and refreshments provided. Register online at [www.wnpl.info](http://www.wnpl.info) or via phone at 847-244-5150 (then press 4).

## Seasonal Reminders

### Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, October 31st. 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.

### Leaf Burning Prohibited

As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes a prohibition against 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. For full requirements for outdoor fires, please visit the Village's website at [www.gurnee.il.us/fire/recreational\\_fires](http://www.gurnee.il.us/fire/recreational_fires).

For any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 599-6650.

# Village News

## Landscape Waste Collection Ends 11/28

Landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 23rd - Saturday, November 28th. 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 will not be picked up. For more information visit [www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape](http://www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape).

## Village Street Lights

There are over 2,000 street lights in the Village of Gurnee. If you know of a street light that needs repair, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800 or via email at [publicworks@village.gurnee.il.us](mailto:publicworks@village.gurnee.il.us) to report its outage. It will then be put on a repair list, and we will make every effort to have it working within one week of the call, weather permitting.

## Strategic Plan

The Village is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan to serve as a guiding document for the Village Board. This update will be the first revision since the previous plan was adopted in 2009. The Village hired Novak Consulting to serve as an experienced third-party to assist with the process.

As one of the most important steps in the development of the plan, 65 participants gathered on August 28th and August 29th at the Warren Newport Library to provide citizen feedback for the strategic plan.

Following a strategic planning session with the Village Board in October, residents will have the opportunity to provide final input on the plan during an open house session. More information and the date of the open house session will be available on the Village website.

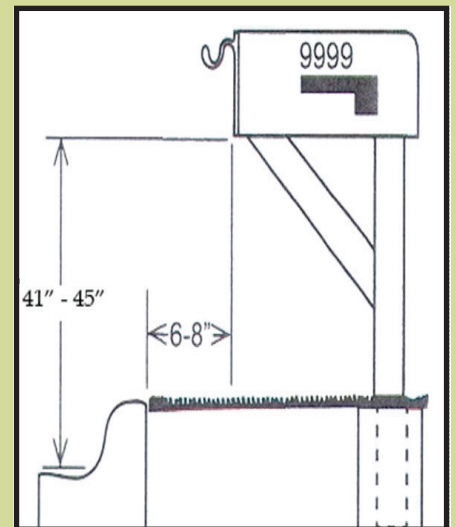
# Leaf Collection Program to Begin During the Week of Monday, October 19th



## Is Your Mailbox Ready for Winter?

With the winter quickly approaching, residents are reminded that mailboxes must be properly positioned. In late 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 with 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.

# Jon Callaghan Memorial Turkey Trot to Be Held Thursday, November 26th

Village of Gurnee 2015  
**22nd 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 26
- 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:** \$25.00 registration fee (age 10 and under runs/walks FREE!)
- 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  
 P.O. Box 7651  
 Gurnee, IL 60031
- Web site:** For more info and downloads go to [www.gurneeturkeytrot.org](http://www.gurneeturkeytrot.org)



— FORM MAY BE COPIED FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRANTS —

**Waiver:** In consideration of my participation in the “22nd 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 “22nd 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	

PAYPAL    CHECK    CASH   Please specify your payment method

## Resident Notices

### Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments

On Thursday, October 1st, the Village’s water and sewer rates and base fees automatically adjust based on a pre-defined schedule. For the average household (using about 10,000 gallons over a two month period), the total increase will be \$1.20 per bill. These changes will be prorated to fairly bill usage during the transition period. For any questions, contact Village Hall at (847) 599-7500.

### Neighborhood Watch Meetings

The fall session of Neighborhood Watch meetings will continue now through mid-November. The meetings are held in the community room of the Gurnee Police Station unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remaining session is as follows:

- October 1st: Stonebrook Area Neighborhoods
- October 10th: Southridge, Fairway Ridge, Rolling Ridge
- October 15th: Chittenden Park Neighborhood
- October 22nd: South Park Area Neighborhoods
- October 29th: Elysian Fields/ Ravinia Woods/Bittersweet Neighborhoods
- November 6th: Prairie Oaks/ Pembroke Oaks / Westgate Neighborhoods (may be held at Bethel Lutheran Church)
- November 12th: University Park and Thompson Park Neighborhoods
- November 17th: Brookhaven Apartments (on-site at 5:30 PM)
- TBD: Northlake Farms Apartments (on-site)

If you missed your session and would like to attend the training block, please feel free to come to any other meeting. For any questions, contact the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 599-7080.



# Keeping Posted

KRISTINA M. KOVARIK, MAYOR  
Andy Harris, Clerk

## VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Jeanne Balmes  
Greg Garner  
Thomas Hood

Cheryl Ross  
Don Wilson

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
Patrick Muetz

## VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

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

Police Non-Emergency: 847-599-7000

Fire Non-Emergency: 847-599-6600

Village Hall: 847-599-7500

Utility Billing: 847-599-7525

Community Development: 847-599-7550

Public Works: 847-599-6800

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

## Keeping Posted

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Gurnee, IL 60031

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Permit No. 45

## Postal Patron Gurnee, IL 60031



## Craft Beer Fest This Saturday, October 3rd--More Info Inside!

Don't miss Gurnee's first Legions of Craft Beer Fest this Saturday, October 3rd! Enjoy a variety of brews, bands, and bites, with all proceeds benefitting the Gurnee American Legion and Lake County Honor Flight. **Learn more about the event and how to purchase your tickets on page 1!**

## 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.

### Remembering Mayor Welton

The Village mourns the passing of lifelong resident and former



Mayor of Gurnee, Richard A. Welton. For more than 40 years, Welton served the Village in numerous capacities, including as Trustee from 1971 to 1973 and as Mayor of Gurnee from 1973 to 2001. During this time, he oversaw a period of unprecedented growth in Gurnee, including the development of Six Flags Great

America and Gurnee Mills, as well as a doubling of the Village's population and size. Welton was instrumental in establishing the Gurnee Days celebration and was an active participant in local civic groups throughout his life. Without him, Gurnee would not be the thriving community it is today. The Village extends condolences to his family and remembers him with fondness and admiration.

On September 6, 2014, in honor of Dick, the Village of Gurnee dedicated a site for "The Richard A. Welton Village Plaza." Please consider donating to this project. Donations should be made out to "Village of Gurnee" and reference "Richard Welton Village Plaza" in the memo field. Checks can be mailed to Village of Gurnee, 325 N. O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL 60031.

## Be in the Know

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

### New Businesses:

- Only Child Brewing Company (1350 Tri State Pkwy, Ste. 124): Small batch brewery and taproom.
- Paintball City/Premier Hitting Zone (4080 Morrison Dr.): Indoor, AstroTurf paintball & baseball training/instruction facility.
- TJ Maxx (6521 Rt. 132—relocating from Gurnee Mills to Grand Hunt Center): Discount apparel, accessories, and home furnishings.

### Development Projects:

- Portillo's (Gurnee Mills Circle): Fast-casual restaurant.
- Speedway (5499 Grand Ave. and 1151 Dilleys Rd.): Expansion/reconstruction of gasoline fueling station.

### Small Business Spotlight ([www.gurnee.il.us/spotlight](http://www.gurnee.il.us/spotlight)):

- Iskalis American Floor Show (4437 Old Grand Ave.): Flooring sales and installation.
- Bittersweet Golf Club (875 Almond Rd.): Public golf club.
- The Shipping Point (5250 Grand Ave., Ste. 14): Shipping and printing services.
- The Chocolate Sanctuary (5101 Washington St.): Full service restaurant.