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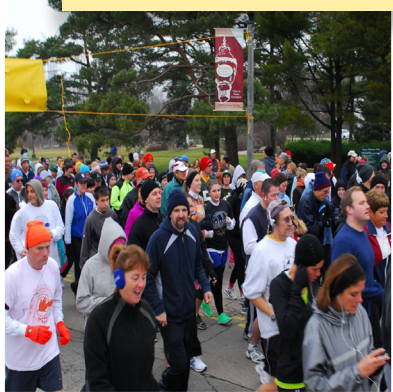
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Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

Fall has arrived and thankfully our children are back in school, the businesses in town are open and we are back to our daily routines--albeit still some altered routines. I hope all is well with you.

I am glad to report that even though the last year and a half have been difficult and uncertain, the citizens and businesses of Gurnee have shown great resiliency. Whether it is a new restriction or adapting to a different way of life, the people of Gurnee have shown they are flexible and willing to help others. Thank you for your willingness to adapt.



The Village of Gurnee employees have also learned to adapt while serving the residents. Whether it is Public Works, the Fire Department, the Police Department or Administration, each has dealt with their own challenges. Certainly, the statement, "necessity is the mother of all inventions" has been true as each department has invented new ways to serve the community while facing uncertainty.

I have found an increased desire in the community to get out and appreciate those around us. Most recently, the Fire Department has partnered with the Gurnee Park District to conduct training in local parks. It's an opportunity to let young and old alike experience what it is like to work a fire hose and watch as firefighter/paramedics operate equipment. Afterwards, our staff spends time discussing how the equipment works and fielding whatever questions those in attendance may have. It is exactly how I envision a Village serving the community.

In the Police Department, Officer Kelly Hansen and Detective Shawn Gaylor have led the way in visiting our assisted living facilities. They discuss the relevant public safety topics and spend time just listening to residents. Fire Inspector Katie Hammond also presents fire education opportunities such as explaining to residents what to expect when they make a 911 call. Again, it is the Village coming out and meeting citizens in town. Once you have met these officers, you can see why I speak so highly of Village employees; dedicated, hardworking and just plain great people. Opportunities like these offer a more relaxed and informative setting where you can meet the people that will come to your door when there is an emergency.

As for myself, rotating between having coffee and then beer with residents every other month at local establishments has been very enjoyable. The informal setting allows an easy way to have conversations with residents and find out their thoughts of what is important to them. Usually, a few Village trustees accompany me and you can speak with them independently to discuss what is on your mind. Again, it is getting out and meeting people wherever they are at instead of waiting for citizens to come to the Village. Please visit the Village website for the next Beer or Coffee with the Mayor event. I hope to see you at one of these outings.

Mayor Tom Hood

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

Planning & Zoning

Other Boards

Oct.
18

7:00 p.m.

Oct.
20

7:30 p.m.

Oct.
26

7:00 p.m.

Oct.
25

7:00 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

Nov.
15

7:00 p.m.

Dec.
1

7:30 p.m.

Nov.
22

7:00 p.m.

All Village meetings are held at Village Hall (325 N. O'Plaine Road) unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Meetings in red and outlined in black are Committee of the Whole meetings where no formal action is taken. Meetings in purple are Civil Service Meetings.

Halloween Drive-in Movie: Hocus Pocus

"It's all just a bunch of Hocus Pocus!" Come join the Gurnee Park District for the Halloween Drive-In event featuring Hocus Pocus! The event will take place on Friday, October 29th. 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, as well as a parking space next to you. 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 an FM station and speakers in the lot.

Thank you to the event sponsor, Consumers Cooperative Association, for making this event possible.

Note: Cars can begin entering Hunt Club at 6:45 p.m. Participants may bring their own snacks and beverages to enjoy as well. A detailed list of event guidelines will be e-mailed to all registrants. Register today at www.gurneeparkdistrict.com.

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 2021 Leaf Collection Program will begin on Monday, October 18th and continue for eight weeks until Friday, December 10th. During this time, residents may put out unlimited bags of leaves without stickers every week.

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. Monday of their pickup week to ensure collection. The move to bi-weekly service is being done to provide residents 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.

2021 Leaf Vacuum Schedule:

East of I-94 (odd weeks)

Week 1: October 18th – 22nd

Week 3: November 1st – 5th

Week 5: November 15th – 19th

Week 7: November 29th – December 3rd

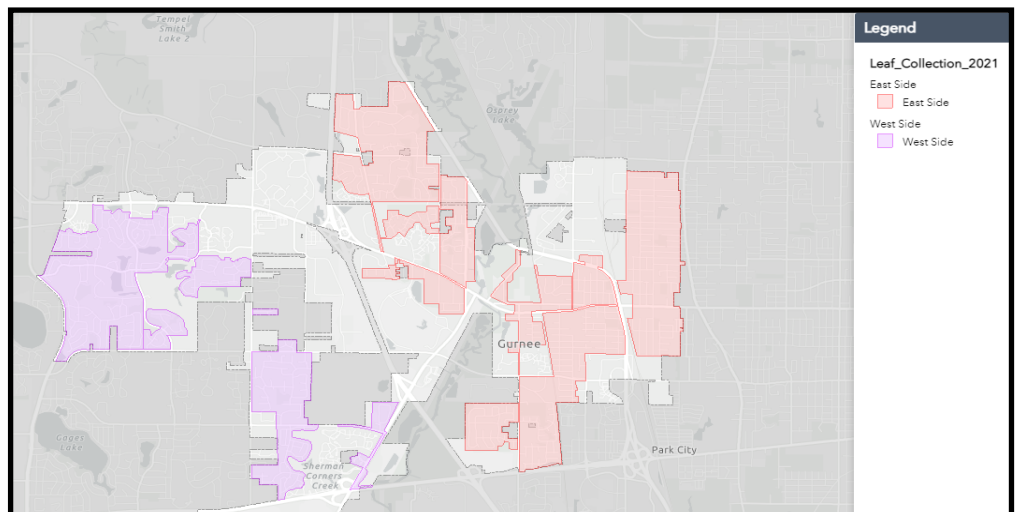
West of I-94 (even weeks)

Week 2: October 25th – 29th

Week 4: November 8th – 12th


Week 6: November 22nd – 27th

Week 8: December 6th – 10th





SORRY!



**DUE TO SAFETY
CONCERNS, OUR
HOUSE IS NOT
PARTICIPATING IN
TRICK-OR-TREAT
THIS YEAR.**

**THANK YOU FOR
UNDERSTANDING.**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!





Seasonal Reminders

Landscape Waste Collection Ends Nov. 26th

Subscription and stickered landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 22nd - Friday, November 29th. 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.

Compost Your Pumpkins - Nov. 6th

The Village will be hosting a pumpkin composting event in coordination with SWALCO and SCARCE. The event will take place on Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 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 donated is used to create compost and diverts organics from the landfills.

Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 7th. 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.

Village Launches Citizen Request Management Portal - GovQA

The Village of Gurnee is pleased to launch our new citizen request management software and mobile app, powered by GovQA. The request management tool allows residents and businesses to request services or records from the Village via our website, mobile app, or even by calling or visiting the Village. Residents can use the GovQA platform to report a street light outage, request a vacation home watch or submit many other service requests to the Village.

Mayor Tom Hood stated, "The new GovQA software will allow residents the ability to take a photo of graffiti or another requested service, send it to the correct department and immediately create a work order to allow the resident to track the progress. All of this can be done through a mobile app, and it allows better two-way communication with residents and the Village."

The GovQA platform also contains frequently asked questions that can help answer common questions 24/7, to assist in getting answers to your questions quickly.

The GovQA mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone. Residents can find the app by searching "Gurnee Citizen Portal" in the Google Play or Apple Store. Residents can also send requests through the Village website at www.gurnee.il.us.

Residents who do not use mobile apps or online services are always welcome to call the Village at 847-599-7500 or stop by Village Hall (325 N O'Plaine Road) to submit a request in person.

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 2021

27th 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 25

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 22nd, 2021.
After 11-22-21 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

DUE TO COVID 19, MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS. THE FIRE STATION WILL BE USED FOR REGISTRATION ONLY. PLEASE - NO CONGREGATING OR SOCIALIZING IN THE FIRE STATION. THE CHURCH HALL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOCIALIZING. AFTER RACE COFFEE AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.



— FORM MAY BE COPIED FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRANTS —

Waiver: In consideration of my participation in the “27th 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 “27th 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

Resident Notices

Leaf Burning Prohibited

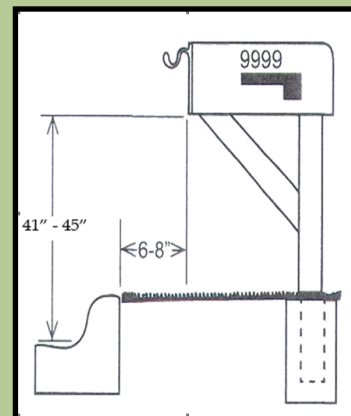
As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials and large bonfires.

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.

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THOMAS B. HOOD, MAYOR
Andy Harris, Clerk

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Jeanne Balmes Cheryl Ross
Greg Garner Karen Thorstenson
Quin O'Brien Kevin Woodside

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.

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Gurnee, IL 60031

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Permit No. 45

Postal Patron



Trick-or-Treating 2021

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2021 to be on Sunday, October 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you do not wish to participate in trick-or-treat due to COVID-19 concerns, page 3 of this newsletter includes a sign that can be hung on your door to "opt-out" of trick or treat. Additional signs can be picked up at Village Hall or printed from our website at www.gurnee.il.us/trick-or-treat.

Village Update

Fire Station 3



The Village of Gurnee and Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District (WWFPD) are proud to announce the opening of Fire Station 3 at 5330 Manchester Drive, Gurnee, IL 60031. At 14,452 square feet, the new fire station will staff five firefighter/paramedics and house two ambulances and one ladder truck. The new fire station includes highly efficient technology and materials, reducing the energy and carbon footprint of the new building.

Following a competitive selection process, FGM Architects was selected to design the station, and Camosy Construction was selected as the construction manager. In 2019, the original bid for the project came in at approximately \$6.3M. Fire Station 3 was included in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Capital budget; however, it was one of the expenditures delayed in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to construction and supply trends around June 2020, Camosy Construction suggested the Village seek bids for construction. Following advisement, bids came in at \$5.8M. Despite the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on all aspects of the economy and daily life, the construction of Station 3 was not affected. The building is opening on time and on budget.

New Businesses

What's New:

Soiree (3563 Grand) - Event Space • **Raeco Rents** (4340 Grove) - environmental monitoring kits • **Positive Impact Advertising** (4249 Lee) - branded, promotional products • **Ogilvie, Robert, CPA** (223 N Rt 21) - relocation/CPA offices • **Gurnee Fire Station #3** (5330 Manchester) • **Bubblelicious** (Gurnee Mills Entry B) - homemade bubble teas, lattes • **Tiki Tako** (Gurnee Mills Food Court 2) - Asian & island inspired tacos • **Spirit Halloween** (6961 Grand) - temporary holiday retail • **Six Flags Fright Fest** (1 Six Flags Pkwy) • **United Grocers Indian Foods** (401 N Rt 21 #21) - Remodel for commercial catering kitchen • **Painted Mountain Arts** (505 N Rt 21) - psychology practice • **TK Consulting** (5101 Washington) - relocation/personal security, training • **Specialty Motors** (3949 Grove) - online car sales • **StarTek Lighting America** (3850 Clearview) - relocation/lighting distributor • **Wiilcom Business Technology** (4225 Grove) - relocation/low voltage contractor

Coming Soon:

2nd & Charles (Gurnee Mills Entry B) - buy/sell/trade games, music collectibles • **Anthony Buick GMC** (5589 Northridge Dr) - relocation/auto dealer • **AZ Polymers** (5675 Centerpoint Ct) - polycarbonate sheet production • **Books A Million** (Gurnee Mills Entry B) - relocation/bookstore • **College of Lake County Advanced Technology Center** (7735 Grand Ave) - post-secondary instruction, advanced manufacturing • **Hobby Lobby** (6136 Grand) - arts & crafts retailer • **Illinois Gastroenterology Group** (35 Tower Ct) - gastroenterology and endoscopy • **Papo's Express** (6498 Washington) - car wash • **Popeye's** (6593 Grand Ave) - restaurant • **Raising Cane's** (6415 Grand Ave) - restaurant • **TFW Surveying & Mapping** (1761 Dilleys) - professional land surveying • **US Bank** (6589 Grand Ave) - financial services • **UXO Elite Training** (900 Tri-State Pkwy) - relocation/crossfit gym • **Glo'More Microblading & Beauty Academy** (505 N Rt 21) - training classroom • **Tonya's Savvy Events and Banquet Hall** (5101 Washington) - event space • **Nephrology Assoc of Northern IL** (1425 Hunt Club) - medical office • **Signature Heating & Cooling LLC** (83 Ambrogio) - HVAC contractor • **WAM USA Inc** (1528 St. Paul) - bulk solids handling and processing equipment