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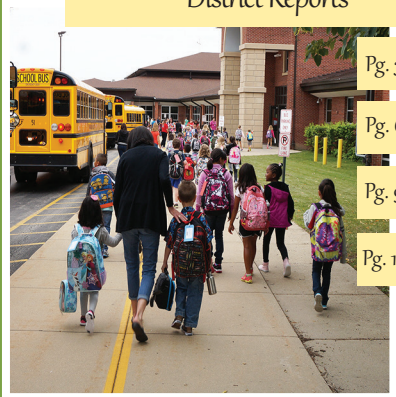
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Keeping Posted(+)

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

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

What a spectacular summer we are having so far! We've had lots of new businesses open for our residents to enjoy, great crowds at our various community events and the first East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market was wildly successful. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, we have three more this year on the 3rd Sunday of August, September and October.



This quarter's edition of Keeping Posted focuses on our community partners. I have the pleasure of working regularly with our community leaders and we make a point of getting together for dinner several times a year. The dinners reinforce our strong working relationships and we often, through conversations, find many ways to solve issues together and ultimately save money for the taxpayers. I'm glad that all of you have an opportunity to read about the wonderful activities and accomplishments of our schools, parks, township and library that contribute to Gurnee being one of the best places to live, work and play.

We also have loads of information about Gurnee Days inside. Gurnee Days is the best chance all summer to enjoy lots of family activities, tasty food and music, a parade and, of course, one of the biggest fireworks shows in Lake County-- all centrally located in the heart of Gurnee. It's also a great chance to visit all the Village facilities, take a tour, check out the equipment and visit with those that protect and serve this community 24x7. While it is a very hectic weekend, I most enjoy getting to talk and visit with so many of you. The feedback and ideas are valuable as we move toward planning for the next fiscal year in the fall.

Enjoy this expanded edition of Keeping Posted and I look forward to seeing you at Gurnee Days soon.

Sincerely,

Mayor Krysti Kovarik

Village News

Village Meetings

Village Board

August
20
7:00 p.m.

August
27
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
10
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
24
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
8
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
22
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

August
15
7:30 p.m.

Sept.
5
7:30 p.m.

Sept.
12
7:30 p.m.

Oct.
17
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

August
28
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
25
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.

Village's Open Houses

Stop by the following Gurnee Days Open Houses on Saturday, August 12th to learn more about your Village Departments at work. Don't miss the tractor rides between Public Works and Fire Station 1 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon!

- **Public Works, 1151 Kilbourne Road, 10 a.m.-Noon:** Enjoy activities such as plow truck rides and demonstrations on backhoe digging.
- **Fire Station #1, 4580 Old Grand, 10 a.m.-Noon:** Take part in the Kid's Challenge, fire truck rides and dive/rescue demonstrations.
- **Police Department, 100 N. O'Plaine Road, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:** View the 911 Center, the prisoner lock-up, shooting range and evidence processing areas. Police equipment will also be on display.

Visit www.gurneedays.com for more information!

46th Annual Gurnee Days

www.gurneedays.com

August 9-12

"Gurnee Days Celebrates the Decades"

DAILY SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH

10:00 a.m. - Noon
6:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Bike Rodeo
Testimonial Dinner*
Teen Pool Party

Woodland MS
The Shanty
HC Aquatic Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH

10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.*

Bike Rodeo
Storytime Extravaganza
Amusement Rides
Family Bubble Soccer
Gurnee Idol
Food Booths
Beer Garden & Entertainment
THE BOY BAND NIGHT

Fire Station No. 1
WNPL
Viking Park
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
VP Bandshell

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m. - Noon
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - Noon.
11:00 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Noon - 11:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.

Golf Tournament**
10K Race/Fun Run †
3-on-3 B-ball Tournery
Big Run Wolf Ranch
Public Works Open House
Fire Dept Open House
Student Art Exhibit
Mother Rudd Open House
Great Gurnee Adventure**
Food Booths
Police Dept Open House
Exhibits - Games
CTCU Family Magic Show
Viking Drama - "Cinderella"
Stage Events
Ribfest
Face Painting/Balloons
Amusement Rides
Ice Cream Eating Contest**
Rib Eating Contest
Free Parking Lot Shuttle
Police K9 Demonstration
Evening Entertainment
Fireworks

HeatherRidge
WTHS O'Plaine
Viking Park
WNPL
Kilbourne Road
Old Grand Ave
Viking School
Mother Rudd
Viking Park
Viking Park
Police Station
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking MS
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
VP Bandshell
Stops Near VP
VP Bandshell
VP Bandshell
Viking Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8:00 a.m. - Noon
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast
Zumba Party
BGV Motorsports Car Show
Student Art Exhibit
Food Booths
Exhibits - Games
Gurnee Days Parade
Children's Pony Rides/Petting Zoo
Mother Rudd Open House
Amusement Rides
Stage Events
Fire vs. Police Softball Game
Talent Show

Viking Park
VP Bandshell
Viking Park
Viking School
Viking Park
Viking Park
Old Grand Ave
Viking Park
Mother Rudd
Viking Park
VP Bandshell
VP Softball Field
VP Bandshell

* Friday Beer Garden & Entertainment will begin at 7:30 or 15 minutes after Gurnee Idol.

** Register for events at the Gurnee Days website at: www.gurneedays.com.

† Register for the 10K Race at www.gurneeparkdistrict.com.

Special thanks to our

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FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE IN 2018

Free shuttle bus service will be available on Saturday, August 11th from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. at parking lots near Viking Park.

WANT MORE INFO?

www.gurneedays.com

Woodland District 50

District Info

About District 50

Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50 is an elementary school district covering early childhood through Grade 8. As one of the largest school districts in the State of Illinois, it has approximately 5,700 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.

New School Year Invites Changes for Students

As Woodland District 50 students return to classes this year, many will be experiencing changes designed to benefit their educational experiences.

Smaller class size

With the new school year, comes new class size goals. Woodland is making an effort to foster more positive relationships between teachers and students, provide more personal attention to students, improve academic achievement and ultimately measure that success.

Grade Level	2017-18 Class Size	2018-19 New Class Size
Kindergarten	21-23 students	15-18 students
Grades 1-3	21-26 students	18-21 students
Grades 4-8	26-29 students	21-24 students

The Board reviewed research that supported the benefits to smaller class sizes and they directed the administration to come up with a plan. As a result, 27 new teaching positions and an investment of \$1.4 million was approved to reduce the number of students in each classroom throughout the district.

Fewer children per classroom meant the need for more classroom space. After evaluating available spaces at all of the schools, it was determined that approximately 170 third grade dual language students should make classrooms in a single hallway at Woodland Intermediate their home for the 2018-2019 school year. Instead of being separated across two elementary school buildings, the students will be together and the proximity will also foster more collaboration among teachers administering the dual language program.

Dual language expands

Dual language is expanding to the Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year with nearly all current fifth grade Dual Language students continuing their commitment to the program.

1:1 technology

Third grade students will be receiving Chromebooks for the first time. About 600 devices are being leased to expand the program, but the third grade will only be using the devices in the classroom setting. Also, three mobile computers in each of the core classrooms for first and second grade students are being replaced with three new iPads in those classrooms starting with the new school year.

Officials

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- Dr. Carla Little, President
- Joyce Mason, Vice President
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- Terry Hall, CPA
- Chris Schrantz
- Dr. Jennifer Haack
- Joseph De Rosa

SUPERINTENDENT:

- Dr. Joy A. Swoboda

Schools

WOODLAND PRIMARY:

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

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY EAST:

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

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY WEST:

17371 W. Gages Lake Road
(847) 984-8900

WOODLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:

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

WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL:

7000 Washington Street
(847) 856-3400

Woodland Recognized for Behavioral Interventions and Support

Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50 is honored to be recognized for its efforts in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) by the Midwest PBIS Network, an organization that supports state, local and community agencies working to prevent problem behaviors and promote positive school cultures.

PBIS Gold Status Recognition was bestowed upon Woodland Elementary East, West and Intermediate schools while PBIS Silver Status Recognition was awarded to Woodland Primary and Middle schools. More than 400 Illinois schools participated in the process to be recognized for efforts during the 2017-2018 school year.

Woodland implemented the district-wide behavioral framework in 2008. The main objective of PBIS is to establish the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, behavioral and academic success. Woodland introduced its ROAR program to align with the PBIS framework. ROAR represents Respect, Ownership, Acceptance and being Ready to learn.

To earn Gold Status, 80 to 90 percent of the students in a school have zero to one office discipline referrals for the year.

District Finances

Budget & Reporting Documents

Copies of Woodland District 50's budget, teacher's contract and required compensation disclosures are all available on the District's website. Go to www.dist50.net, select "About Us" and then select "Public Records."

Residents with questions can contact the District's Administrative Offices at (847) 596-5600.

D50 Financial Recognition

Bond Rating: Woodland District 50 recently had its credit rating reaffirmed by two credit agencies.

Credit Ratings History

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

2017	AA+	S & P
2016	AA+	S & P
2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2013	AA+	S & P
2012	AA+	S & P
2012-2017	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:

2017	Recognition
2016	Recognition
2015	Recognition
2014	Recognition
2013	Recognition
2012	Recognition
2011	Review
2010	Recognition

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

Woodland District 50

Traci Strieter Named "Gurnee Teacher of the Year"



Greeted with a group hug by the students in her classroom as well as a mini parade down the hallway, Special Education Teacher Traci Strieter could not have been more surprised she was chosen as Woodland's Gurnee Teacher of the year.

Mrs. Strieter started her teaching career six years ago at Woodland. Prior to her current teaching assignment, she taught third grade and supported special education students in a general classroom setting. Her nomination was among more than 300 received this year from students, staff and parents at Woodland

District 50. The village recognized her as well as a teacher from Gurnee District 56 and Warren Township High School at the May village board meeting.

"It is so humbling and it is an honor," Mrs. Strieter said. "I absolutely love teaching and I love coming to work each day."

Woodland Superintendent Dr. Joy A. Swoboda said, "Traci is a teacher who inspires learning in students of all abilities and the gift of inspiration she brings to the classroom helps students consistently go beyond expectations."

Mrs. Strieter learned of her honor in her classroom at Elementary West when she was presented with a certificate, flowers and balloons from Dr. Lori Casey, Associate Superintendent of Education, Dr. Donna R. VandenBroek, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, Principal Ryan Wollberg and Assistant Principals Jennifer Pilcher and Kristi Blasius. She walked out of her classroom to a parade of first grade students and teachers cheering for her and congratulating her.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mrs. Strieter is highly respected by students, staff, and community members as someone with a strong work ethic and a positive attitude who always is among the first to volunteer. In the classroom, she is always on her feet, enthusiastically moving from station to station finding ways to engage her students by teaching to their specific strengths and lifting them up to be successful.

Woodland District 50 recognizes the winners from each school who were considered as finalists for Woodland's Gurnee Teacher of the Year for 2018:

- Amber Beutel – Woodland Primary
- Katie Howell – Woodland Elementary East
- Jennifer Baker – Woodland Intermediate
- Lisa Wenckus – Woodland Middle School

Woodland District 50

Woodland Equity and Inclusivity Committee Launched

The Woodland Equity and Inclusivity Committee of parents, staff, Board of Education members and students took time out of their summer to come together for the first evening meeting in July.

The committee was created because of the Board of Education's vision in stressing the importance of relationships and belonging, and to further discussions that occurred with community members last fall during the district's strategic planning meetings. Equity and inclusivity is interwoven throughout the Woodland Strategic Plan focus areas of Student Learning, Student Well-Being and Staff Recruitment and Development.



Committee meetings will continue as members work to understand how Woodland can support every student. The committee will develop a path to support a Woodland environment which is challenging and supportive for all students while welcoming and inclusive for all community members. Helping to facilitate the meetings are Dr. Steve Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning and Roger Moreano of B.R.I.D.G.E.S. (Building Resourceful, Inclusive, Diverse and Globally Engaged Schools) Consulting, LLC. Moreano works full-time at Carthage College in Wisconsin as Assistant Director of Student Involvement for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Programs and he also has assisted neighboring school/community groups with diversity discussions.

Moreano has already assisted with development of a survey distributed to Woodland parents, staff and community members. Survey results from the June dissemination will help guide discussions by the committee.

Community members are invited to attend a presentation, "The History and Impact of Implicit Bias" led by Roger Moreano. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. September 20 at Woodland Middle School, 7000 Washington St., in Gurnee. If you are interested in attending please visit www.dist50.net/equity to RSVP.

For more information on the committee or Woodland's equity work, go to www.dist50.net/equity or contact Dr. Thomas at sthomas@dist50.net.

Woodland District 50 Board of Education Welcome Message

"Regardless of race, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, age, academic ability, learning style, or religion, every one of our students deserves to look around the classroom and find smiling faces and a warm feeling that comes from knowing they have a special place in our community. They deserve to know they have teachers and friends who care about them and are willing to help them succeed."

District News

Strategic Plan Update

Woodland District 50 launched its new five-year strategic plan for the school district on July 1. Thanks to student, staff, parents and community member participation in community meetings and completion of a survey, the plan focuses on five areas. Within the five focus areas are 10 goals and 20 initiatives to be accomplished over the next five years. For year one (school year 2018-2019), the district is focusing on the following goals:

Student Learning

Differentiate instruction with a focus on rigor and relevance to foster student growth.

Student Well-Being

Build positive, personal connections and relationships among staff and students.

Create learning opportunities for stakeholders addressing the physical, mental, emotional and social needs of the "whole child."

Finance and Facilities

Enhance the district's fiscal position and achieve annual state financial recognition.

Focus on sustainability as facilities are updated.

Staff Recruitment and Development

Build instructional capacity to meet student learning and well-being goals by engaging staff in high quality, effective professional development.

Recruit highly qualified staff who are innovative and mirror the student population.

Community Relations and District Pride

Promote the Woodland District 50 brand and infuse this initiative into opportunities to connect and give back to the community.

Woodland District 50 also has a new vision statement, a new mission statement and a new logo.

For more information about Woodland's strategic planning process and goals, visit www.dist50.net/strategicplanning.

District Info

About District 56

Gurnee School District 56 is an elementary school district covering early childhood through Grade 8.

It services portions of Gurnee, Wadsworth, Waukegan and Beach Park.

Officials

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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Lynn Schroetter
Helen Scott

SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Colleen Pacatte

Schools

SPAULDING SCHOOL:

2000 Belle Plaine Road
(847) 662-3701

PRAIRIE TRAIL SCHOOL:

13600 W. Wadsworth Road
Wadsworth
(847) 623-4333

RIVER TRAIL SCHOOL:

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

VIKING MIDDLE SCHOOL:

4460 Old Grand Avenue
(847) 336-2108

Gurnee District 56

Welcome Dr. Colleen Pacatte as The New Superintendent

As Gurnee School District 56 prepares for the new school year they welcome a familiar face in a new role. Dr. Colleen M. Pacatte begins her tenure as the Superintendent of Schools. "After eighteen years as an administrator in Gurnee School District 56 I am humbled by my selection as the next Superintendent of Schools. I have had the privilege of working as the principal for both Spaulding and Gurnee Grade Schools prior to becoming the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment eleven years ago. During my time in D56 I have seen that the quality of staff here can only be qualified as outstanding. I have never worked with more dedicated professionals. The commitment to students and providing the best possible education is of the highest level. As a result, our district offers opportunities for our students I never could have imagined ten years ago, much less as a child growing up in Gurnee."



Dr. Colleen Pacatte,
Superintendent

The district will continue its focus on STEM education and preparing students for the possibilities of the future. Dr. Pacatte shared, "Today, more than ever, students must be able to think critically, collaborate and challenge themselves to think outside of the box. As an elementary school district, we must prepare our students to be able to pursue their passions and build successful lives. We do that by setting them up for success at the high school level where their personal path will begin to become clear. We have to help students to dream big and recognize that all things are possible with hard work and a solid educational foundation."

This year the district will add two coaching positions to the staff. Supporting teachers in accomplishing their goals is an ongoing priority for the district. "The world our students come from is very different than the one many reading this piece experienced as children. As a district we must continue to expand the instructional toolbox of our teachers and staff to help our students engage in and take ownership of their education. Our coaching program will be a pivotal component of our work in this endeavor."

Dr. Pacatte looks forward to working with the Gurnee community in her new capacity as Superintendent and bringing her long history and knowledge of her hometown to the job. "While the Gurnee of today doesn't look anything like the Gurnee I grew up in, the foundation hasn't changed. At the core, our families all want the best for their children and desire to live in a safe and vibrant community. That is a goal to get behind."

New Website and Online Enrollment

District 56 launched their new District and School's websites in 2017. The new websites bring students, parents and community members news and information in a more concise, consistent fashion. Noticed first, is a uniform look and feel-whether you are at the district or school sites. The navigation is consistent throughout the websites. You are able to find information quickly and in many cases in fewer clicks.

You also notice a responsive design feature that automatically adjusts content depending on what device you're using to access the site. The website is easily accessible from any device - computers, tablets and smartphones. Each view will be optimized for any screen size of the device.

For the past few years, returning students have been registered for school using an online system. New this year is the ability for students new to the district to be registered online, as well. Gurnee School District 56 continues to look for ways to make the registration process easier and more accessible for families. The district is always looking to maximize the abilities technology provides allowing parents to complete as much of the process from their own homes.

Gurnee District 56

District 56 "Teacher of the Year"

Mrs. Brandi Zivilik

In association with the Village of Gurnee and J. J. Henderson & Son, Gurnee School District 56 has chosen Mrs. Brandi Zivilik as the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. This award was started in 2014 with Mrs. Judy Lawrence being the first District recipient of the award. Following Mrs. Lawrence as recipients of the award are Mrs. Lisa McCauley, Ms. Aprilanne Lynch, and Mr. Frank Fitzgerald. Mrs. Zivilik was recognized by the Village of Gurnee on May 7th at the Trustee meeting and received a monetary award from Mr. Donald Henderson in recognition of her contributions to School District 56.



Mrs. Brandi Zivilik receiving award

Mrs. Zivilik is a 6th grade social studies teacher at Viking School and is involved with Team Lead, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiatives at the school. Some of the activities that she has sponsored while supporting student learning are Team Lead Coordinator for eight years, mix it up lunch days, Feed My Starving Children, WE Day, school committees, student mentoring, problem-based learning, and self-paced classrooms. Mrs. Zivilik is also taking graduate level classes to acquire a Type 75 Administrator's License.

The success of this School District is directly related to the quality of teaching and learning that occurs in our classrooms. Mrs. Zivilik is an outstanding teacher but would be the first to recognize that we have a number of great teachers at Gurnee District 56. The norm in this District is that we have outstanding teachers in most classrooms. Mrs. Zivilik is certainly one of those high performing teachers in our School District and we believe she would say that she is accepting the award on behalf of all the outstanding teachers at Gurnee District 56. Congratulations to Mrs. Zivilik on receiving a very deserving reward.

eLearning Day

For three years Gurnee School District 56 was one of three school districts in the state of Illinois approved to pilot the use of technology to hold school when the physical school was not available due to inclement weather or another emergency situation. eLearning Days were designed, planned and practiced every year of the pilot, yet were not used until the February 2018 snow storm. Finally, an opportunity arrived allowing the district to test the planning and practice put in place with District 56 students! After nearly three years, the teachers and students were excited and anxious to try everything they tucked away inside their iPad.

The day found students and teachers at their kitchen and dining room tables, often in their pajamas with a cup of coffee or cocoa, logging in and communicating with their teachers. Tech services provided online support and a phone number for help throughout the day. Students received phone calls from staff during the day checking on their progress and providing support. Many students had assignments that had them bundling up and venturing outside to build a snowman for Physical Education and determining the circumference of each part of their snowman's body for math. Every assignment may have been delivered via technology but they didn't all require the use of technology to complete the assignment.

Administrators, teachers, students and parents learned a great deal about what works and what doesn't and will make adjustments as we move forward. eLearning Planning is critical to the success of an eLearning day and D56 will only employ this strategy when they are confident they are prepared.

District Finances

Budgeting & Reporting

Copies of Gurnee District 56's budget, teacher's contract and required compensation disclosures are all available on the District's website. Go to www.d56.org, select "Our District" then select "District Overview".

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

District Finances

Bond Rating: Gurnee District 56 recently had its credit rating reaffirmed by Moody's in 2017.

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

2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2013	AA+	S & P
2013-2017	Aa2	Moody's

The ratings from Moody's indicate a robust financial position, small pension liability and a solid tax base. The ratings from Standard & Poors indicate strong financial practices.

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, 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.

Student Programs

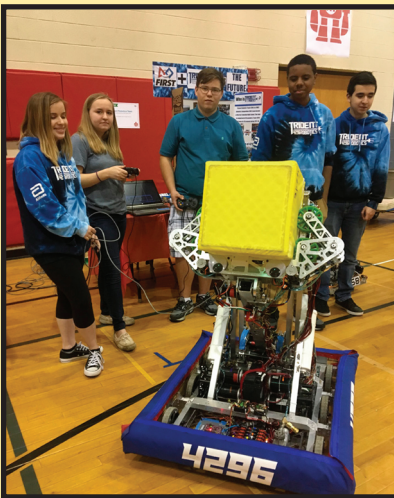
Maker Faire



In the fall of the 17-18 school year, STEM Director Dain Elman posed the idea of hosting a Maker Faire in Gurnee School District 56. The goal was to begin to show students, staff and community what the Maker Movement is all about and model the connections between curriculum and hands on learning.

Mr. Elman shared, "Learning sometimes needs to get messy so that students can experiment with tools and materials. That experimentation often leads to innovation, which leads to excited and engaged students. We refer to the innovative spaces where that experimentation takes place as makerspaces, and in District 56 makerspaces have either been set up or are in the process of being set up, in each of our four schools for teachers and students to utilize."

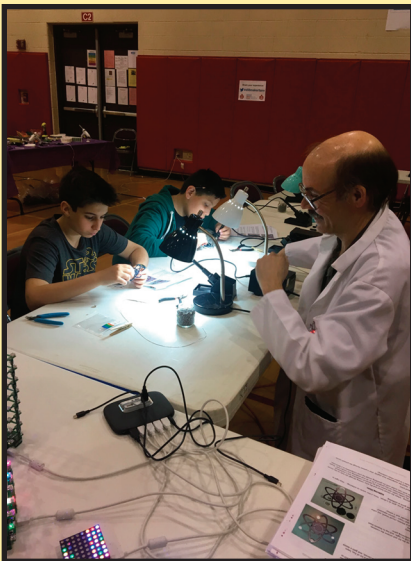
The makerspaces have been used more often and for more purposes than imagined when they were first created. Teachers have used the makerspaces with their classes to create 3D representations of fractions for math, build roller coasters for science and make costumes for drama productions. Students have created sculptures out of recycled materials for art class and built musical instruments out of scrap metal for the band. The wide variety of projects have shown that student and teacher innovation is just getting started in District 56.



At Viking Middle School, you can also find a STEM Lab. This future-ready space continues to evolve, and it's where the students work on some of their most advanced projects: 3D printing, green screen studio production, programming robots, soldering, wood engineering and countless other projects. Students most often use this space in small groups to work on long term STEM projects or tool and materials experimentation.

An exciting outcome of creating these innovative spaces for the teachers and students was the ability to showcase creations at the first Gurnee District 56 Maker Faire, held in April. Maker Faires are held throughout the world to celebrate invention, creativity and resourcefulness. They took a chance on hosting this new type of event and the response was overwhelming! The Viking gymnasium was filled with 44 exhibitors showcasing student projects, local makers and community organizations that inspired the students and other visitors from the community as well as other area school districts.

Exhibitors were able to share what they've learned and created with others, and visitors were able to see what kinds of creative projects their peers enjoy working on. They were also able to try out some tools and skills they may not normally get the opportunity to use such as sewing machines, metal etching, soldering and button making. Plans are already in the works for the second annual Gurnee School District 56 Maker Faire.



Warren Township High School District 121

WTHS Leadership Team Transitions

District 121 is proud to announce several leadership transitions which took place at the start of the 2018-19 school year, effective July 1, 2018.

Chris Geocar, District 121 Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. Chris' experience as Assistant Principal at the Almond Campus for the past five years, and expertise in professional development, data analysis, PLT mastery and educational technology will benefit him and WTHS in this role.

Michael Engel, District 121 Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and Operations/Chief School Business Official. For the past nine years, Mike has served as the Chief Financial Officer at several districts. Mike has significant experience with the financial responsibilities related to his role as CSBO.

Michele Bertola, Principal at the O'Plaine Campus. Michele has been an exceptional educator in the district for 18 years including most recently as the Assistant Principal at O'Plaine. Her relationships with the O'Plaine staff and her connectedness to students makes Michele a natural successor to Greg Meyer upon his retirement this summer.

Matt Jones, Assistant Principal at the Almond Campus. Matt was at WTHS for ten years prior to taking on administrative positions in District 117 for the last three years. Matt's leadership experiences and spanish skills support WTHS' connectedness with students and families.

Peter Kupfer, Assistant Principal at the O'Plaine Campus. For the past three years, Peter was a Director of Instruction at Huntley District 158. Prior, Peter taught Physics for 13 years and he has a wonderful grasp of embedding technology and data in the world of instructional leadership.

Yolanda Fulton, Dean of Students at the Almond Campus. For the past ten years, Yolanda has served in an Assistant Principal/Dean of Students capacity at the middle school level with the past two years at Woodland Middle School. Her trusting relationships with staff, students and parents, and her familiarity with our community will support her greatly.

Diallo Brown, Dean of Students at the O'Plaine Campus. Diallo has many years of educational

leadership expertise with students of all age levels, most recently he worked in Waukegan District 60. Diallo is a very passionate educator, as well as a current Warren parent and WTHS alum!

Becky Belmont, Director of Athletics. Becky has served in an administrative capacity for the past 13 years and before that was a very successful teacher and coach at WTHS. Becky's organizational strength and working collaboratively with others has earned her great respect from our WTHS community.

Aimee Lonigro, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities Coordinator. Aimee has served as an Assistant Athletic Director for eight years and an Activities Director for six years in Community High School District 210.

Deborah Perri, Dean of Students at the O'Plaine Campus, starting in January 2018. Deb has taught for the past 12 years at WTHS in the Physical Development Department. She has been the assistant lead teacher for the department, and has actively participated in the district's strategic planning, as well as in the mentor program.

Jeanne Turf, Director of Transportation. Jeanne has been working in the Transportation Department since 2013 and as the Special Education Route Supervisor for the past two years. Jeanne's knowledge of the District's transportation responsibilities will be helpful in her new position.

José Zires, Director of Facilities, will oversee the facilities at all campuses in the District. José has worked in the Building and Grounds department since 2010. In 2013, he became the Facility Manager at the O'Plaine Campus. José's experience in the District will be an asset in his new role.

Dr. John Ahlgrim, Superintendent of Schools said, "We are extremely excited about our new WTHS leadership team collectively and individually. We are very proud of a number of our internal administrators who have been promoted within the organization due to their commitment and impact on our school community. We also are excited to welcome new individuals to our leadership team who have experiences and perspectives which will support our continued growth as an organization."

District Info

About District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 4,050 students. The second largest high school 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.

Officials

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Thomas Drake, President
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SUPERINTENDENT
 Dr. John P. Ahlgrim

Schools & Facilities

Warren is a one high school district with two campuses. Each campus houses two grade levels. The O'Plaine Campus generally houses 9th and 10th grades, and the Almond Campus generally houses 11th and 12th grades.

ALMOND CAMPUS
 34090 Almond Road
 (847) 662-1400

O'PLAINE CAMPUS
 500 N. O'Plaine Road
 (847) 662-1400

TRANSPORTATION CENTER
 3801 Swanson Court
 (847) 662-1400

TRANSITION CENTER
 Located at Gurnee Mills
 6170 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 304
 (847) 856-8173

Student Recognition

Academics - Class of 2018

By the Numbers:

- Illinois State Scholars: 112
- President's Education Awards: 158
- National Honor Society: 190
- National Merit Finalists: 2
- Perfect ACT Score (36): 2
- State Commendations Towards Biliteracy Recognition: 52
- State Seal of Biliteracy: 76
- Senior Scholarship and Award Night: 72
- Cum Laude Recognition Night: 214

Fine Arts

North Suburban Conference Art Show Winners:

Chloe Calzolano, Skylar Choe, Lauren Fink, Simone Scigousky, Gillian Tauler, Emily Day, Nicole Baelum, Aubrey Chuen, Emily Johnson and Grace McCraren

Illinois Music Education Association Winners:

For Concert Band:

Skyeleigh Atkinson, Sophia Diaz, Elijah Garcia, Bailey Holman, Alex Tamulaitis, Hannah Weiss and David Young

For Jazz Band:

Eli Ameyibor, Elizabeth Carpentier, Logan Lake and Zach Relova, and All State selectee: David Young

Illinois High School Art Exhibit Winners:

Grace Gaffke, Mikayla Johnson, Danny Beverly, Lauren Fink and Kaitlyn Turney Parker

Athletics - Fall, Winter & Spring

All State Athletes:

Carly Baun, Micah Jones, Jamie Kwon, Caitlyn Britton, Becca Geiyer, Ashlyn Kitter, Claire Swedberg, Sebastian Castanos, Stefan Radovic, Braden Ellis, Annika Bynum, Janii Jenkins, Kyle Wells

Team Titles:

Regional Champions - Girls' Basketball, Baseball and Softball
 Conference Champions - Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Bowling and Softball

Warren Township High School District 121

Warren's "Gurnee Teacher of the Year" Honors Mark Leech

Academic resource teacher, Mark Leech, was voted by his colleagues this year as Warren's Gurnee Teacher of the Year.

At the Board meeting on May 7, 2018, the Village of Gurnee recognized three Gurnee teachers, one from each of the area schools: Warren Township High School District 121, Gurnee School District 56 and Woodland School District 50. The Gurnee Teacher of the Year received a \$1,000 honorarium.

Mark has been teaching at Warren for 17 years in the academic resource program. He earned his associate's degree from the College of Lake County in 1992, a bachelor's degree from Drake University in 1996 and a master's degree from Marian University in Wisconsin in 2008.



Mark Leech

The role of educator runs in Mark's family. His grandfather was a teacher and an administrator, his father was a teacher in Waukegan, his sister-in-law currently teaches in Deerfield and his wife worked as a teacher and librarian in Gurnee. Mark looks at education as a life-changing commodity. He works with an extremely diverse population and tries to challenge his students to see the power of education, good character, self-discipline and drive.

Superintendent Dr. John Ahlgrim said, "Mark's commitment to making a difference in the lives of individual students is exceptional. He has certainly enriched the future for many of our students through his years at Warren."

Mark and his wife, Kristina, who is a graduate of Warren, have two daughters. Mark is proud to accept this award and also wants to recognize his mentors, Marilyn Strahan and Mary Hanson; his friends and family; and all of the colleagues, past and present, who have supported him as a teacher over the years.

Valuing Diversity and Inclusion

Warren Township High School continues its efforts to emphasize the development of an inclusive school community by unleashing the power of the inclusive and diverse culture that will allow WTHS to maximize growth for students and the broader community. Much of the work that is done with diversity and inclusion efforts is due to the ongoing partnership with Roger Moreano from Bridges Consulting, and continuing work with staff, students and parents.

On March 2, 2018, the Diversity Committee hosted the first Student Diversity retreat, facilitated by Mr. Moreano and board member, Jonita Wilson. Nearly 30 students attended the retreat. Many activities were planned to help students learn about individual and common perspectives in their lives. Specific activities included, but were not limited to: identifying multicultural self, understanding of a human rights education, a historical perspective of the nation and privilege, privilege walk, understanding internalized oppression, using privilege to offer a hand up and ways of helping the community. The WTHS student group, Unite 'N' Inform (UNI), meets regularly throughout the year to help establish a welcoming environment at WTHS, and help the broader school community learn about Warren's inclusion efforts.

On March 7, 2018, the Diversity Committee hosted its first Parent Diversity retreat, in which Mr. Moreano lead the group through a variety of activities including several which paralleled the student retreat. Some of the students who attended the March retreat were also present to help provide insights into the student experience at WTHS and in the larger community. Parents were also encouraged and invited to attend regular meetings of the Board of Education's Diversity Committee, where they continue to review both student and parent retreat experiences and investigate potential experiences for next year. Parents and students will be actively working in a booth at Gurnee Days on Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th, to help celebrate Warren's diverse school community.

Warren Township High School District 121

District Finances

Warren is proud to provide an array of excellent programs for their students with local revenues that are relatively low compared to other Lake County high schools. The District continues to make difficult decisions in light of limited resources and unpredictable state funding.

Comparison of Revenue Per Pupil for Lake County High School Districts (FY 2017)

High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$29,257	\$1,394	\$700	\$31,351
Lake Forest District 115	\$26,129	\$753	\$424	\$27,306
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$24,782	\$1,317	\$256	\$26,355
Adlai Stevenson High School 125	\$24,237	\$1,052	\$410	\$25,699
Grayslake District 127	\$17,594	\$4,266	\$168	\$22,028
Mundelein District 120	\$15,936	\$5,239	\$506	\$21,681
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$16,894	\$3,187	\$324	\$20,405
Zion Benton District 126	\$13,194	\$5,497	\$972	\$19,663
Grant Township District 124	\$15,141	\$2,841	\$625	\$18,607
Warren Township High School District 121	\$12,453	\$2,106	\$567	\$15,126

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education

Tax Rates for Lake County High School Districts (2013-2017)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Grayslake District 127	5.23	5.53	5.40	5.06	4.88
Zion Benton District 126	4.76	5.09	5.31	4.96	4.65
Antioch Lakes District 117	3.65	3.83	3.93	3.82	3.79
Adlai Stevenson District 125	2.99	3.04	3.00	2.86	2.86
Mundelein District 120	2.65	2.82	2.77	2.62	2.55
Grant Township District 124	3.25	3.55	3.51	2.61	2.52
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	2.92	2.68	2.73	2.53	2.49
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	2.36	2.42	2.31	2.19	2.16
Warren Township High School District 121	2.39	2.50	2.48	2.10	2.12
Lake Forest District 115	1.42	1.44	1.41	1.33	1.31

Source: Lake County Government website.

Operating Cost Per Pupil for Lake County High School Districts (FY 2013-2017)

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$22,306	\$24,848	\$24,256	\$24,762	\$25,519
Lake Forest District 115	\$22,917	\$23,672	\$23,518	\$24,392	\$24,785
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$20,271	\$21,255	\$22,028	\$22,420	\$23,079
Adlai Stevenson District 125	\$18,287	\$18,778	\$18,662	\$18,918	\$19,652
Grayslake District 127	\$14,645	\$15,560	\$16,550	\$17,652	\$19,099
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$15,227	\$16,280	\$16,649	\$16,779	\$17,634
Mundelein District 120	\$12,501	\$14,500	\$13,355	\$15,200	\$14,597
Zion Benton District 126	\$13,381	\$14,230	\$14,297	\$14,486	\$14,339
Warren Township High School District 121	\$11,740	\$12,090	\$12,411	\$14,486	\$13,504
Grant Township District 124	\$11,262	\$11,809	\$12,455	\$13,209	\$13,426

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education

District News

Enrollment and Staffing

Over the past seven years, Warren's enrollment has decreased by nearly 500 students and the administration has been monitoring this decline and the potential impact on staffing.

Warren has been utilizing an *Enrollment and Staffing Plan* which was put into place during the 2015-16 school year as they knew that many of the reductions in staffing would take place at the end of the 2017-18 school year. This reduction was based on a significant number of retirements and potential internal promotions without a need for replacements. Warren has been addressing this plan for the last several years by implementing a natural attrition process with retirements and resignations, trying to minimize the potential impact of reductions on current staff.

Moving forward in preparing for the 2018-19 school year and beyond, Warren does anticipate that their enrollment will continue to decline at a rate of about 80-100 students annually. They anticipate this may happen for at least the next five years. Their ability to modify the staffing plan to align with enrollment is critical for the development of a sustainable financial plan for the district.

While Warren is currently in a downward trend for enrollment and staffing, maintaining all programming options available for students continues to be a high priority. Warren anticipates they will continue to be creative in the staffing assignments and resource allocations to ensure that they continue to provide excellence for the WTHS community.

Enrollment Data

2007-2008	4150
2008-2009	4216
2009-2010	4397
2010-2011	4502
2011-2012	4525
2012-2013	4373
2013-2014	4354
2014-2015	4362
2015-2016	4276
2016-2017	4262
2017-2018	4137
2018-2019	*4057

Source: ISBE Fall Housing Report

District Info

About Gurnee Park District

Gurnee Park District, a municipal governing agency, provides parks, recreation facilities and programs for its residents including aquatics, art, crafts, before and after school programs, day camps, fitness, martial arts, music, performing arts, preschool, sports and much more.

Officials

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Goshorn, President
Libby Baker, Vice President
Michelle Klemz, Secretary
Vicki Paddock
Gerald Crews

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Susie Kuruvilla, CPA, CPRP

Facilities

VIKING PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

Administrative Office
4374 Old Grand Avenue
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 623-7788

HUNT CLUB PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

920 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 623-7788

HUNT CLUB PARK AQUATIC CENTER:

900 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
(847) 599-3780

FITNATION:

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

Park District facilities also include 28 parks located in neighborhoods throughout Gurnee which feature playgrounds, sports fields and courts, trails and conservation areas.

Park District

Celebrates 50 Years

On September 7, 1968, voters approved a referendum, initiated by the Village of Gurnee, establishing Gurnee Park District. Since then, Gurnee Park District has been an integral part of this community providing beautiful parks and a variety of recreational opportunities.

From the first swim program at Gowe Beach in the 1970s, to a 2010 National Gold Medal winner, Gurnee Park District continues to promote fun and preserve nature for the community.

Today, there are over 28 park sites, 25 playgrounds, 2 community centers, 2 fitness centers including a 75,000sf fitness center, a 1,500 bather load outdoor aquatic center, 6 outdoor tennis courts, 23 outdoor basketball courts, 21 soccer fields, 16 baseball or softball fields, 6 outdoor volleyball courts, 3 skate parks, 14 picnic shelters, a fishing area, sled hill, 4 outdoor ice rinks and outdoor pickleball complex with 8 individual courts.



Gurnee Park District is proud to be a top employer within the community, employing 501 year round as well as 127 seasonal positions. Everyone shares a role in supporting the park district mission and providing safe recreation for all ages.

As you can see, the last fifty years have been filled with fun and Gurnee Park District is marking the occasion with a big celebration. On September 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., enjoy live music, a car show, games and bounce house village at our flagship location, Viking Park (4374 Old Grand Avenue).

New Swim School at FitNation



Gurnee Park District has been offering swim instruction to the Gurnee area for the last 40 years. This summer, the district launched an innovative and NEW approach to swim lessons, our Swim School! With the flexibility to start and stop lessons at any time, ages six months to adults can progress at their own pace. Traditional swim lessons are still available outdoors and at Warren pool, but Swim School gives swimmers added perks like open swim access for students' families and exclusive special swimming events.

Park District

Building Fun

New playgrounds and pickleball courts!

Three parks will receive new playgrounds between summer and fall 2018. Renovations are determined based on our Master Plan, current equipment conditions, industry trends/standards and overall playground value. With an estimated 20 year lifespan, each playground receives site visits once a week as well as a full inspection once a month to ensure both safety and quality.

Built in 1996, Shaw, University and Westgate parks' playgrounds were selected for renovations. Each site will receive structures geared towards toddlers (ages 2-5) and youth (ages 6-12).

Shaw Park

Construction will take place from late summer to early fall. Shaw Park is located at Belle Plaine and Lee Avenue. The playground will be receiving new components such as decks, panels, climbers and slides utilizing existing support structures.



Westgate Park

Westgate will also receive new playground equipment this fall. Located at Lawson Boulevard and Hancock, this community park will include new slides, a shelter and climbers.

University Park

Ground will break this fall on a new playground at University Park featuring a NEW surf board feature. The park is located at the corner of University Avenue and Estes Street.

Timberwoods Park

A new tot lot was completed in June. Features include multiple ADA accessible access points and play panels including bongos and chimes as well as a toy car race track surround. This area is ideal for children ages 2-5 years.



NEW Pickleball Courts at O'Plaine Park

Since 2014, pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in the United States. This all ages, racquet-based game is easy to learn and fun to play. This summer, O'Plaine Park opened eight outdoor pickleball-only courts. The courts offer more space for beginners to learn and advanced players to participate in tournaments.

District Events

Fall and Winter Special Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events!

- Saturday, September 8, 2018: 50th Anniversary Celebration at Viking Park
- Friday, September 14, 2018: Touch-A-Truck at Hunt Club Park Parking Lot from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- September 17 -23, 2018 : Chalk the Walk Design Raffle
- Saturday, September 29, 2018: GO LAKE COUNTY Joint Community Event and Walk at Independence Grove in Libertyville at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, October 13, 2018: Trick or Treat Path at Viking Park from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 8, 2018: Breakfast with Santa at Viking Park Community Center 8:30 a.m. with two separate seatings

Visit www.gurneeparkdistrict.com or www.facebook.com/gurneeparkdist.com for updates and event activities!





Park District

Fun and Fiscally Sound

It is a priority of Gurnee Park District to sustain long term financial strength while providing the many parks and activities residents have come to enjoy. The District is a recipient of the GFOA awards for responsible budgeting and transparent financial reporting for the past many years. The District also maintains an AA+ bond rating. Gurnee Park District's annual total budget for fiscal year 18/19 is 17.6 million dollars which includes \$2 million for capital projects. The District maintains a balanced budget through careful planning and close management of expenses.

The two main revenue sources for the Park District are property taxes (37%) and fees (57%). The District aims to maintain this ratio to ensure financial stability while supporting existing and future infrastructure as well as offering affordable recreational programs and services.

Revenues:

Fees and Charges - \$7,916,659 (dollar bill graphic)

- Developer Donation - \$31,644
- Property Taxes - \$5,677,057
- Grants and intergovernmental - \$388,688
- Interest, reimbursements and miscellaneous income - \$176,362
- Other financing sources - \$2,559,400

Revenue Sources



Expenditures

Gurnee Park District strives to deliver excellent customer service while seeking operational efficiencies to assist with savings. Operating expenditures are always less than operating revenues unless discretionary spending is approved by the Board of Commissioners for capital improvements.

- Operating - \$11,251,171
- Capital Projects - \$3,916,687
- Debt Payments - \$2,439,678

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

- 628 employees of Gurnee Park District
- 127 seasonal
- 449 part time
- 52 full time

Started in 2016, GO GURNEE is a local wellness movement designed to increase people's health and well-being by encouraging them to walk 30 minutes a day.

GO GURNEE has expanded its footprint in this last year through partnerships with schools, businesses, clubs and government agencies like the Lake County Health Department. As a result, Gurnee Park District's intergovernmental efforts were awarded the Best of the Best by Illinois Parks and Recreation and Illinois Association of Park Districts last fall. Neighboring park districts have also adopted GO Lake County and to date over 15 agencies have also embraced GO with events and activities tailored to their community's specific needs.



How to join the GO movement

Joining GO GURNEE and being a champion for healthy change is free and easy. Visit GOGurnee.com and enroll as a champion. Champions receive a free GO GURNEE T-shirt and newsletter. Champions are asked to promote the movement by wearing their shirt while increasing their daily exercise through simple activities like walking either independently or by participating in GO programs.

GO GURNEE Walking Club

The Walking Club is one of several GO programs offered year round and is FREE to those 14 years of age or older to join. The club takes guided walks to parks, preserves and places of interest around Lake County. Join the walking club at register.gurneeparkdistrict.com

Village of Gurnee

Third Annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest - September 15, 2018



When the Gurnee American Legion Post 771 came to the Village in need of assistance in 2015, Mayor Kristina Kovarik proposed a craft beer festival as a creative, community-building way to raise funds for the Legion and other local veterans' organization, Lake County Honor Flight. Months later, the first annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest made its debut in Gurnee with all proceeds benefiting local veterans.

"This is the perfect way to offer another spectacular community event while raising funds for our veterans at the Gurnee American Legion and Lake

County Honor Flight," said Mayor Kovarik. "The community has a chance to come together for a worthy cause while having a blast along the way!"

The festival is about to kick off its fourth year and is set for Saturday, September 15th from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Gurnee Mills, Parking Lot E. The event will feature craft beer from more than 30 breweries like Only Child Brewing (Gurnee, IL); five gourmet food trucks; live music from headlining band the GOOROOS; beer alternatives like wine and cider; and fest-themed merchandise.

Tickets can be purchased at www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com. General Admission tickets will be \$40 for "early bird" pricing through the end of Gurnee Days (Sunday, August 12th at Midnight) and increase to \$50 thereafter. If you miss the early bird pricing, tickets can be purchased for \$10 off from August 13th through August 20th using promo code GURNEEDAYS.

As we strive to make the festival bigger and better each year, the event has shown tremendous growth and is developing a dedicated following. In the first three years of the Legions of Craft Beer Fest, the event has raised over \$57,000 for the Legion and \$17,400 for Honor Flight.



Village News

Save the Date

Gurnee Trick-or-Treat is Saturday, October 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information on trick-or-treat in Gurnee and for safety tips, visit www.gurnee.il.us/trick-or-treat.

Road Construction Updates

Looking for the latest updates on road construction in Gurnee? Follow along with our "Road Construction Updates" to find out about the latest projects or closures in your area. You can sign-up for regular email updates at www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe, or visit our Road Construction Updates page at www.gurnee.il.us/construction-updates

Citizen Police Academy

The Gurnee Police Department will again be holding its Citizen Police Academy this fall. This 36-hour course gives residents a working knowledge of the Department and its various operations. Classes will be held every Thursday for twelve weeks beginning Thursday, August 30th. For more information and to sign up, visit the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/police/cpa.

Mosquito Abatement

The Village contracts with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. to provide mosquito abatement services. Clarke notifies the Village the day a community-wide treatment will be conducted. The Village then notifies residents via the website (www.gurnee.il.us), email listserv, CTY and social media including Twitter and Nextdoor. Learn more about mosquito abatement at www.gurnee.il.us/mosquito-abatement.

Keeping Posted

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Don't live in Gurnee?

If you are in any of the Gurnee school districts but don't live in the Village, find all the information for your community on these websites.

- Beach Park: villageofbeachpark.com
- Green Oaks: greenoaks.org
- Grayslake: villageofgrayslake.com
- Lake County: lakecountyil.gov
- Lindenhurst: lindenhurstil.org
- Park City: parkcityillinois.com
- Old Mill Creek: villageofoldmillcreek.org
- Warren Township: warrentownship.net
- Wadsworth: villageofwadsworth.org
- Waukegan: waukeganweb.net

For the Village of Gurnee, visit our website: gurnee.il.us.

Village Update

For each issue of *Keeping Posted*, the Village will call out one or two exceptional projects, events or employees that epitomize the Village's strategic goals of engaging the public, preserving our community and quality of life or advancing our services in response to public needs.



First East Grand Farmers & Artisans Market

On July 15, over 500 visitors enjoyed the first of four East Grand Farmers & Artisans Markets scheduled for 2018. Organized by the Village of Gurnee as part of its East Grand revitalization initiatives, the Market featured over 30 vendors selling a variety of fresh produce, food, and artisanal products. Children's entertainment, free child safety seat checks by the Gurnee Police Department, and a special visit by the Gurnee Fire Department rounded out a day full of family fun! Join us for the remaining markets of 2018: August 19, September 16, and October 21, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the shopping center parking lot at the southeast corner of Belle Plaine & Grand Avenues (3545-3575 Grand Avenue).

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Be in the Know

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:

- Great Wolf Lodge (1700 Nations Drive) – waterpark resort
- Comcast XFINITY (6440 Grand Avenue) – hands-on experience with Comcast's cable, internet, mobile phone, and home automation services – Grand Opening August 18th!
- Mission BBQ (6440 Grand Avenue) – BBQ pulled pork, brisket, ribs, and sandwiches
- Panera (6440 Grand Avenue) – counter service bakery/café, relocated with new drive-through
- ArtVan Furniture (6911 Grand Avenue) – furniture retailer
- America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses (6931 Grand Avenue) – vision exams and eyewear
- Kiddie Academy (1555 Nations Drive) – daycare facility
- Learning Experience (465 N. Riverside Drive) – daycare facility
- Batteries + Bulbs (6300 Grand Avenue) – battery, light bulb and smartphone/tablet repair

Coming Soon:

- 60 to Escape (Gurnee Mills) expanded! – live, interactive puzzle rooms
- McAlister's Deli (6557 Grand Avenue) – deli restaurant and sandwich shop
- Wicked Egg (1508 Nations Drive) – breakfast/lunch restaurant
- The Room Place (Gurnee Mills) – furniture retailer
- SheeGoo (Gurnee Mills) – Thai rolled ice cream
- Spotless Car Wash (Riverside Plaza – Rt. 21) – luxury auto spa
- Tsunami Car Wash (4145 Grove Avenue) – express car wash

For development updates please visit www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress