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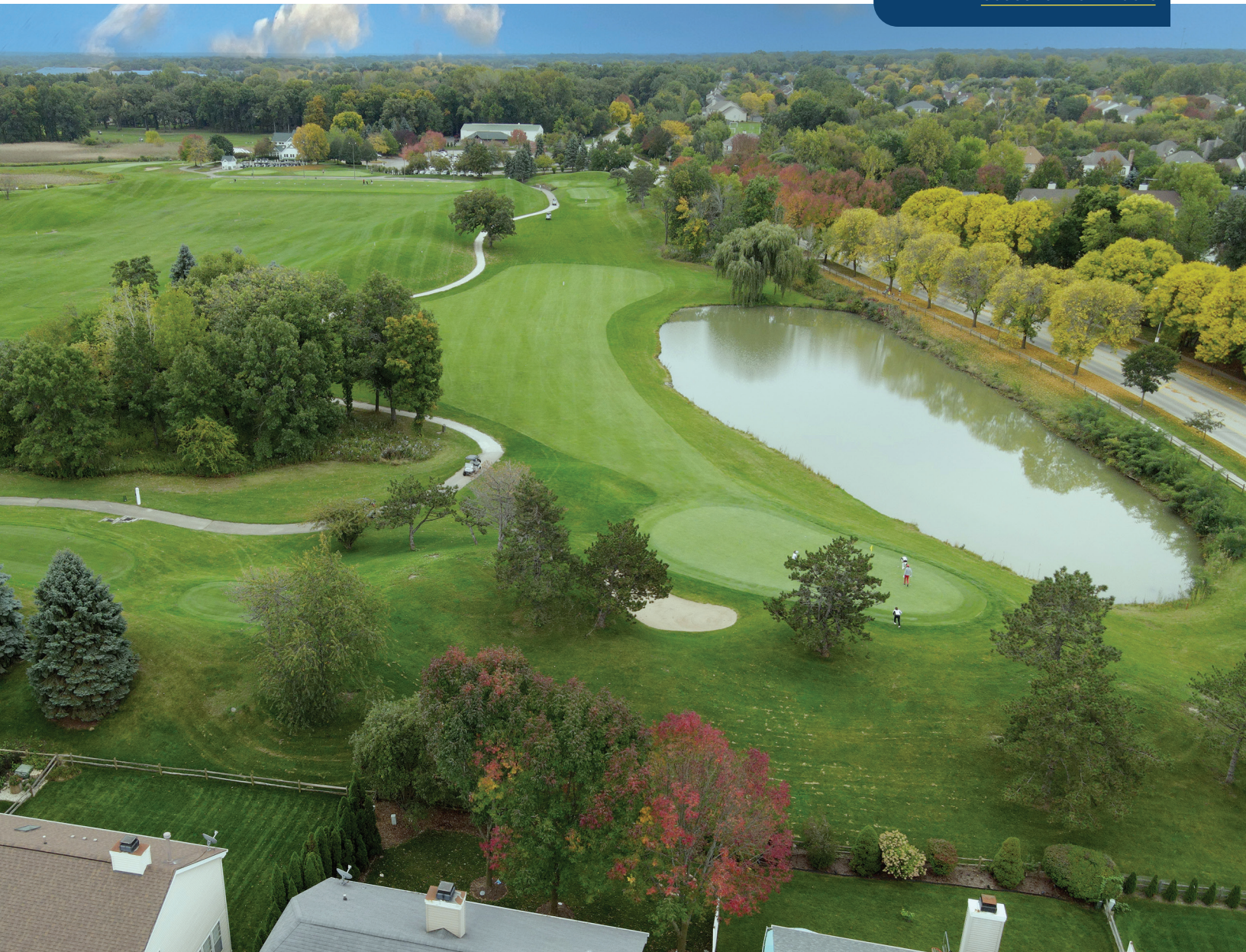
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

Summer will soon be here and so will the opportunity for us to enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer. One of my goals when I was elected Mayor was to increase opportunities for our residents to get outside and enjoy meeting other residents and the amenities in Gurnee. The Village's partnership with the Park District has produced many opportunities that I look forward to continue to grow. Holiday Lights (around Christmas) and Bonfires and Brews (now offered in both the Spring and the Fall) have been two of the recent additions to the many activities in the Village, headlined by the ever-popular Gurnee Days in August.

Additionally, the Village encourages neighborhoods to have block parties by offering a visit from both the Police and Fire Departments. I would like to add an extra block party incentive by offering those that qualify a block party grant. These funds would assist in buying food and inflatables and more. Attending a block party is a great way to get to know those that live around us. More information will be made available soon on how to obtain a block party grant for your neighborhood.

I appreciate the neighborhoods in town and how neighbors help each other out. I came across an example of this just a few months ago. In late February, we had a heavy rain that poured into Providence Village (a neighborhood located near the southwest corner of O'Plaine Road and Washington Street) causing some streets and yards to be filled with water. Over the years, Providence Village has experienced some drainage issues but this was larger than most events.

These rain events have raised concerns in the neighborhood and a group of residents from Providence Village contacted Village Hall to arrange a meeting with staff. A group of well-prepared residents came to Village Hall to present information, ask questions and seek a solution. The Village staff welcomed this approach and the Village Administrator, Engineer, Community Development Director, Streets and Utility Supervisors, Public Works Director and myself presented information about how the drainage system works in Providence Village, answered questions and most importantly listened to the residents about what they saw and experienced in late February.

The Village gained valuable information and so did the citizens. Rather than blame and discord, there was an atmosphere of community and cooperation. Basic information about calling the Police Department non-emergency line when a flooding event happens was shared and plans to lessen the impact of large rain events in the future were discussed as well as the implementation of those plans.

At Village meetings and in discussions with residents, I have found that difficult conversations have been addressed in very respectful ways as we both share our thoughts and look for solutions that will benefit all. I so appreciate the kindness of our citizens and their willingness to be patient and open to working with other neighbors, the Village Staff and myself. Thank you for that attitude in approaching your fellow neighbors and our Village staff. This attitude of community contributes to making Gurnee a great place to live.

I continue to pray that we enjoy all that God has given to us and to especially appreciate those that He has placed in our lives.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me to discuss whatever you have on your mind.

I hope you enjoy your Summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Hood

GURNEE NEWS



GURNEE OFFICERS READ AT WOODLAND'S "READERS ARE LEADERS"

On March 8th, officers from the Gurnee Police Department had the privilege of joining Woodland School District 50 for their "Readers Are Leaders" event! Gurnee officers didn't just read books, they shared stories, sparked imaginations, and highlighted why reading is crucial in the line of duty. From fostering critical thinking skills to enhancing communication abilities, Gurnee Police Officers emphasized how literacy plays a pivotal role in their daily interactions with the community. By instilling a love for reading, Gurnee's Officers inspired the leaders of tomorrow, empowering them to thrive in any endeavor they pursue.

VILLAGE HONORS 2024 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

The Village of Gurnee is proud to announce the 2024 Gurnee Teacher of the Year Awards. This year's recipients are John Bird (Warren Township High School District 121), Carrie Monterroso (Woodland District 50) and Stephanie Esteban (Gurnee District 56). These annual awards were created through the collaboration of the Village, the school districts and local business owner Donald Henderson under the leadership of Mayor Tom Hood. The awards recognize the distinguished accomplishments of a peer-nominated recipient from each district in service to their students, school and school district. These teachers have really made a difference in the community and have helped to shape Gurnee's future. To learn more about these teachers' accomplishments and to view the full press release, please go to www.gurnee.il.us.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: TRUSTEE KAREN THORSTENSON

Village Trustee Karen Thorstenson has lived in Gurnee for over three decades, raising two children with her husband, Kris. She is a Certified Business Continuity Planner (CBCP), overseeing incident management and emergency planning. Over the years, she has held a variety of volunteer and leadership roles. When asked what motivated her to become involved in municipal government, Karen responded, "As a long-time community volunteer and activist, I have learned the value of resident involvement. In the Trustee role, I strive to further the economic and fiscal strength built by the former Mayor Richard Welton." Since 2023, she has led Gurnee's Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC), in which she and the committee members drive recycling awareness through resident and business opportunities. Karen was also asked of her work background, and responded, "In my career, I have held several roles teaching me effective collaboration skills. In my current role, I oversee Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery. As a result, I am most interested in progressing the exceptional Village police, fire and emergency services, and ensuring these essential services can be maintained as a top priority."

NEW BUSINESSES

Baxter Credit Union (Relocation)
6411 Grand Ave.

Brittane's Event Center
5101 Grand Ave.

Bullfrog Spas
6961 Grand Ave.

Dippin Dots / Doc Popcorn
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Forest Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry
7500 Grand Ave.

Taylor's Stop & Shop
726 Milwaukee Ave.

Thai Esane
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Waggoner Behavioral Health
6121 Washington St.

WAW Athletics
726 Milwaukee Ave.

Women's Health Care Group
25 Tower Ct.

Zaldivar Driving School
4262 Old Grand Ave.

ZM Protech Corp
6071 Washington St.

COMING SOON:

Action Behavioral Centers
25 Tower Ct., Ste. A

AR Development (Apartments)
1 Woodlake Blvd.

Belle Tire
7340 Grand Ave.

Boot Barn (Relocation)
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Charlotte Russe
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Doctors of Physical Therapy
6621 Grand Ave.

Ebisu
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Fave Pizza
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Kyoto Ramen
4949 Grand Ave.

McCullough Kubota
7225 Grand Ave.

Midway Staffing
4949 Grand Ave.

Milan Laser
6941 Grand Ave.

Pandora
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

QT Kinetix
15 Tower Ct., Ste. 225

RamenYa
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

Round One Entertainment
6136 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

SDM Transport
1500 N. Delany Rd.

Texas Roadhouse
6060 Grand Ave.

The Inspiration Co.
6170 Grand Ave.
(Gurnee Mills)

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board

May 20
June 3
June 17
June 24
July 1
July 15

Planning and Zoning Board

May 15
June 5
June 26
July 10
July 24

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

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS



OUTRUN THE COPS 5K WALK/RUN

Saturday, June 29 at 8AM
Gurnee Police Department
100 N. O'Plaine Rd.



GURNEE MAYOR'S GOLF BENEFIT

Friday, August 23
Bittersweet Golf Club
875 Almond Rd.

This benefit will be for BiG Great Lakes, an organization that changes the way the world views adults with special needs.

Upcoming Events

Park Beautification Day

Saturday, May 18, 9:00am to 10:30am

It's time to grab your gardening gloves and join the Park District to help beautify community parks! They will be planting flowers, mulching, and picking up branches/trash at four Gurnee park locations. Please plan to dress in layers based on the weather (long pants, old sneakers/shoes, gardening style gloves, etc.) Additional tools and supplies will be provided and all ages are welcome! For park locations and to sign up, please visit <https://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com>

2024 First Responders Expo

Saturday, May 18, 10:00am to 3:00pm

You will not want to miss your chance to see police cars, ambulances, fire trucks and more all in one location. The family-friendly event will feature Police & Fire Departments from across the region with live demonstrations, interactive fire safety & crime prevention displays and free giveaways.

Join us Saturday, May 18th from 10am to 3pm at Gurnee Mills and attend the largest First Responder event in the region!



Gurnee Fire Department Blood Drive

Saturday, July 13, 8:30am to 1:30pm

Want to help the Gurnee Fire Department save lives? Join us on Saturday, July 13th for a blood drive at Fire Station 2 located at 6581 Dada Dr. from 8:30am to 1:30pm. All blood types are needed. Appointments are strongly recommended but not required. Use code ORD0G110 when making your appointment at www.vitalant.org

Can't make the drive? Stop by Vitalant's Gurnee office (5250 Grand Ave.) and use the code to take part in our event!

Families on the Fairway

Friday, June 7, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

The Village of Gurnee, Gurnee Park District and Bittersweet Golf Club will hold the annual Families on the Fairway event on Friday, June 7th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Bittersweet Golf Club located at 875 Almond Rd.

This FREE event is open to the public and features activities for the whole family! There will be bounce houses, face painting, mini-golf, music, photo booth and crafts courtesy of the Warren Newport Public Library's Bookmobile, access to the driving range (limited golf clubs available or bring your own) and more! Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Club House. For more information, please contact the Gurnee Park District at 847-623-7788.

Sounds of Summer

Thursdays, June 13 - August 15, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Join the Gurnee Park District for the Sounds of Summer FREE concert series for all ages. The concerts will take place at the Viking Park Band Shell at 4374 Old Grand Ave. from 7:00pm to 8:30pm each evening. The 2024 dates announced include:

- June 13 - 90's Pop Nation
- June 27 - Radio Gaga (WSRA Choir Open)
- July 11 - Taylor Swift Dance Party
- July 25 - Chicago Tribute Band
- August 15 - China Grove (Doobie Brothers Tribute Band)

Be sure to bring blankets or chairs and snacks or drinks. Dogs are welcome but they should be well behaved and remain on a leash at all times. Remember to check the Rainout Line by calling 847-268-2080 for inclement weather updates.

GURNEE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Street Resurfacing Program (May - October)

The Village's contractor, Payne & Dolan Inc., will be resurfacing 7.6 miles of roadway as well as completing pavement patching and curb and sidewalk replacement. The following streets will be resurfaced this year:

- Meadow Crest Cir., Boulevard View Ave. to East end
- Grandmore Ave., Boulevard View Ave. to East end
- Hawthorne Ave., Boulevard View Ave. to South end
- Pacific Ave., Magnolia Ave. to Belle Plaine Ave.
- Atlantic Ave., Magnolia Ave. to Belle Plaine Ave.
- Gatewood Dr., North end to Lawson Blvd.
- Rosemary Ln., North end to South end
- South Rd., Fuller Rd. to Darlene Dr.
- Darlene Dr., South Rd. to South Rd.
- Darlene Ct., West end to Darlene Dr.
- Spruce St., Grand Ave. to Cedar Ave.
- Cedar Ave., Dilley Rd. to Six Flags Pkwy.
- Red Pine Ave., Fuller Rd. to East end
- Ravine Dr., Red Pine Ave. to Boulders Dr.
- Boulders Dr., Ravine Dr. to Rte. 21
- Florida Ave., Belle Plaine Ave. to Green Bay Rd.
- Knowles Rd., North end to Dada Dr.
- Drexel Ave., Greenleaf St. to East end
- Ferndale St., Grand Ave. to South end
- Estes St., Grand Ave. to University Ave.
- University Ave., Estes St. to East end
- Oakview Ln., Lawson Blvd. to Beechwood Ave.
- Parkside Ct., West end to Oakview Ln.
- Windsong Ct., North end to Hancock Ln.
- Hancock Ln., West end to Constitution Ave.
- Adams Ct., Lawson Blvd. to East end
- Beechwood Ave., N. Intersection w/Lawson Blvd. to E. end
- Sprucewood Ln., Beechwood Ave. to Beechwood Ave.
- Habitat Ct., West end to South Fork Dr.
- Estate Cir., Wildflower Ln. to South end
- Honeysuckle Ln., West end to Cemetery Rd.
- Morningside Ct., Cemetery Rd. to East end
- Lone Tree Ct., West end to South Fork Dr.
- Barn Swallow Ct., West end to South Fork Dr.
- South Fork Dr., Wildflower Ln. to portion of South Fork Dr.
- Leonard Dr., Farwell Ct. to Heather Ridge Dr.
- Eagle Ridge Dr., Leonard Dr. to Leonard Dr.
- Sandwedge Pl., Eagle Ridge Dr. to Eagle Ridge Dr.
- Greenleaf St., Old Grand to dead end
- Oakwood St., Grandview Ave. to dead end
- Constitution Ave., Lawson Blvd. to Liberty Ln.

The public should expect to see impacts such as lane, sidewalk and temporary driveway closures throughout this project.



Route 21 Water Main Project (May to October)

The Village's contractor, Campanella & Sons, will be replacing water main along Route 21 from Grand Ave. to Prairie Oak Rd. Water outages are possible during this work. The Village will provide notice to residents if water will be out for a prolonged period of time. There will be temporary lane, driveway, and sidewalk closures.

Dilley's Road Pedestrian Path (April to August)

The Village's contractor, Everlast Blacktop, is installing an 8 ft. wide pedestrian path along the east side of Dilley Rd. from Stearns School Rd. to the ComEd pedestrian path near the Pembroke Water Tower. There will be temporary lane, driveway, and sidewalk closures.

Sidewalk Replacement Program (May - September)

The Village's contractor, Everlast Blacktop, will begin sidewalk work in the general area of Kilbourne Rd. to eastern Village limits from northern to southern Village limits. Prior to the work beginning, the contractor will be providing door hangers to residents who will lose access to their driveways. There will be temporary lane, driveway, and sidewalk closures.

O'Plaine Rd. & Kings Way North Crossing (Mid-Summer - Early Fall)

The Village is working with the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) to develop plans to put a pedestrian crossing just north of the intersection of Kings Way North and O'Plaine Rd. There will be traffic delays and temporary lane closures.

Stearns School Road and Rte. 41 Improvement (April - TBD)

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and LCDOT will be improving the intersection at Stearns School Rd. and Rte. 41. Additional turn lanes will be added from the E bound Stearns School to S bound Rte. 41 and from S bound Rte. 41 to W bound Stearns School Rd. There will be traffic delays and lane closures.

Hunt Club Rd. and Washington St. Intersection (Fall 2024 - 2025)

LCDOT will be expanding the intersection at Hunt Club Rd. and Washington St. They will be adding dedicated left and right turn lanes for all four legs of the intersection as well as installing a pedestrian path that will tie the existing Washington St. path to the Village's path, north to Dada Dr. There will be traffic delays and lane closures.

Route 120 & O'Plaine Rd. Intersection Improvement

IDOT and LCDOT are improving the intersection at O'Plaine Rd. and Rte. 120 by installing new traffic signals, pedestrian facilities, and improving the turn lanes for each leg of the intersection. IDOT will also be resurfacing the bridge deck over the Des Plaines River. There will be traffic delays and temporary lane closures.

LRS WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSITION

Starting June 3rd, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will begin residential waste and recycling collection for the Village. This change applies to residents who do not pay a homeowners association (HOA) for waste collection services. Here's what you need to know:

- **Cart Distribution:** Each residence will receive one LRS garbage cart and one LRS recycling cart. Residents who have a yard waste subscription will also received a LRS yard waste cart.
- **Cart Delivery:** Expect delivery of your new LRS carts between May 20th and May 27th.
- **Weekly Collection:** LRS will empty garbage and recycling carts once a week on your service day.
- **Route/Service Day Changes:** Minimal changes were made to optimize pick-up with only about 12% of service days changing. You should have received notice of your service day in the mail, however you can confirm your service day at gurnee.il.us/LRS.
- **Yard Waste Stickers:** New LRS yard waste stickers will be required after June 1st as Waste Management stickers will not be accepted.
- **Billing:** Your first bill from LRS, covering June, July, and August services, will arrive in mid-May. Billing will be quarterly in advance of services rendered.
- **Transition from Waste Management:** Waste Management will only empty their carts during the final week of service beginning Tuesday, May 28th. Do NOT put out new LRS carts during this week as they will not be serviced.
- **Leave Waste Management Carts Empty:** After Waste Management's final collection, leave their carts completely **EMPTY** at the curb until removal to avoid service issues.

Your Role During the Transition Timeline

New LRS Cart Delivery: Monday, May 20 - Monday, May 27

Be ready to accept the new carts and store until first week of pick up beginning, Monday June 3rd. The contractor will be delivering carts on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

Last WM Service & Cart Removal: Tuesday, May 28 - June 1

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27th. Therefore, beginning Tuesday, May 28th, LEAVE your WASTE MANAGEMENT carts empty at the curb. A contractor will pick up your WM cart. Failure to have your cart empty may result in service issues.

First Week of LRS Service: Monday, June 3 - Thursday, June 6

Have your Lakeshore Recycling Systems cart ready for first use of weekly collection.



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Transition

Why is the Village changing my garbage and recycling hauler?

The Village of Gurnee's agreement with Waste Management (WM) expires on May 31, 2024. Waste Management issued a statement that a renewal would include significantly higher rates in excess of 30% and with no fall leaf vacuum service. As the Village tries to keep rates down for residents and provide desired services, the Village issued a request for proposal. The Village Board voted on and chose the lowest of the only three bids received.

Will my garbage/service day remain the same?

Very minimal route service day changes were made to optimize pick up. It's likely that your service day will remain the same. However, please read your letter or view the map at gurnee.il.us/LRS.

How will the landscape waste collection subscription/sticker program work throughout this transition?

Residents who have yard waste stickers will have to use all their Waste Management stickers by May 31st. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will issue new stickers to retailers prior to June 1st. Residents who already paid Waste Management for the yard waste subscription were charged a prorated rate. Their yard waste subscription will transfer to LRS and they will be charged a prorated rate.

What if my cart does not get delivered, I receive the wrong size, or want a different cart after the delivery takes place?

Although cart deliveries in the Village will begin on May 20th, not all homes will receive 1, 2 or more carts requested on the same day or at the same time. Different trucks will have certain sizes and styles on them. All homes should have a trash container by the first day of service by June 1st. If you do not have your new cart by June 1st, have the wrong cart or want a different size, you should call LRS at 844-633-3577 or contact them at Service@LRSrecycles.com

What types of waste and recycling will the new hauler collect?

LRS will take everything that Waste Management picked up. With the addition of white good service such as washing machines, freezers and refrigerators for a service charge.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SEASONAL REMINDERS

2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Village has published its annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report at www.gurnee.il.us/2023waterquality. This report gives customers an understanding of the source of the Village's water, how our water is treated and the regulated compounds it contains, as well as the levels of these compounds and minerals.

For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-599-6800.



BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING

Residents with in-ground lawn irrigation systems are required to have backflow prevention devices installed on them. These devices protect you and the public water supply from possible contamination from hazardous chemicals or solvents that could come in contact with an underground irrigation system. These backflow devices must be properly maintained and tested annually by a licensed plumbing contractor certified to perform this type of work. Not only does this protect the safety of the public water supply, but it is also the law in Illinois. Please do your part and have your device maintained and tested annually.

SENIOR HOMEOWNER WATER RATE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The Senior Homeowner Water Rate Discount Program automatically enrolls qualified seniors in a discounted rate for the first 7,000 gallons of water used during a two-month billing period. To qualify for the discount program, a senior must be receiving the Senior Homestead Exemption on their property tax bill and have a separate water meter (not billed to a Homeowner's Association). Seniors receiving this discount will continue to receive it and new seniors that qualify for it will have it applied on their water bill that will be arriving after the 2nd week of June.

The Village receives a list of properties receiving the Senior Homestead Exemption from Lake County and has a record of separately billed meters in our billing system. **Therefore, seniors will be automatically enrolled if qualified and will not need to apply or take further action.**

SAY NO TO PANHANDLING AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION

With the warm weather here, you may have noticed panhandlers throughout the surrounding communities as well as the Village. We encourage you to not give money to panhandlers and to instead contribute to the solution by:

- Referring panhandlers or anyone you see who may be in need to United Way Lake County's 2-1-1 program. They have a wide-range of services and housing resources and can be reached by dialing 2-1-1 at any time to connect with services that help those in need.
- Contacting PADS Lake County at 847-616-5557. PADS will send one of its outreach staff to determine what services may be needed.
- Consider making a donation or volunteering for United Way's 2-1-1 Lake County, which is dedicated to assisting Lake County residents.

Through practicing this, you are truly lending a helping hand. For more information on panhandling, please visit www.gurnee.il.us/panhandling.

OUTDOOR SIRENS

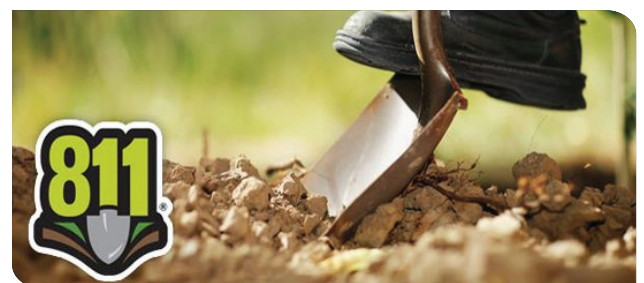
Summer weather means an increased chance of tornado warnings. The Village has twelve outdoor sirens to warn residents to move indoors and seek shelter in the event of a tornado warning. This siren is only activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Gurnee. The outdoor warning system will sound a VOICE MESSAGE ONLY. In the event of a tornado warning, the system will sound a VOICE MESSAGE & SIREN.

Note: The siren system is intended to be heard only while outdoors. Indoor warnings are relayed through television and radio. During severe weather, additional information can be received by tuning your radio to WKRS 1220 AM or STAR 102.3 FM. When the sirens are activated, residents should NOT call 911 and just seek shelter and monitor local emergency broadcast stations. The outdoor siren system is tested monthly on the first Tuesday at 10:00am. For a list of siren locations and more info, visit www.gurnee.il.us/outdoorsirens.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

No matter if your project is large or small, Illinois law requires anyone digging to call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (J.U.L.I.E.) hotline at least two working days prior to the start of excavation in order to locate and mark any utilities in the area in which you are working.

The J.U.L.I.E. hotline can be reached at 800-892-0123 or 8-1-1, 24 hours a day. Alternatively, requests may be submitted online at illinois1call.com.





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THE REAL MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

As Memorial Day approaches on Monday, May 27th, let's take a moment to reflect on the significance of this solemn day. Beyond the barbecues and gatherings, the real meaning of Memorial Day is a time to honor the brave men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. Military. Symbolism saturates every aspect of Memorial Day, from the solemn notes of Taps to the sight of fluttering flags adorning countless graves. Each symbol carries with it a profound message of gratitude, remembrance, and the enduring legacy of those who gave everything for our freedom.

As we enjoy the long weekend, let's remember to visit local memorials, lay wreaths, and offer prayers for the fallen. Let's teach our children the importance of this day and ensure that the memory of the fallen lives on.



SAVE THE DATE FOR GURNEE DAYS

Mark your calendars! Gurnee Days 2024 will be held Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th! Join us for your favorite Gurnee Days traditions, such as delicious food, sponsor and vendor booths, the Gurnee Days Race, parade, one of the best fireworks shows in Lake County and so much MORE!

The Gurnee Days Parade will be held on Sunday, August 11th at noon. The 2024 Gurnee Days theme is "Gurnee Days Goes for Gold". Local businesses, school groups and organizations are encouraged to come up with creative float entries that celebrates this theme. The parade route begins at N. Greenleaf St., continues west on Old Grand Ave. and ends at Emerald Ave.



GURNEE FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 9

The Gurnee Farmers Market at Saratoga Square located at 5101 Washington St. opens Sunday, June 9th. The Farmers Market will run every Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and conclude on Sunday, September 15th. Management is still accepting vendors and those interested in joining the Gurnee Farmers Market as a vendor should email gurneefm@gmail.com for the application and more information.

Follow Gurnee Farmers Market @ Saratoga Square on Facebook for event updates. We look forward to seeing you there!