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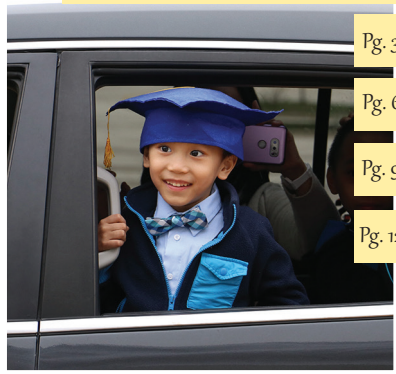
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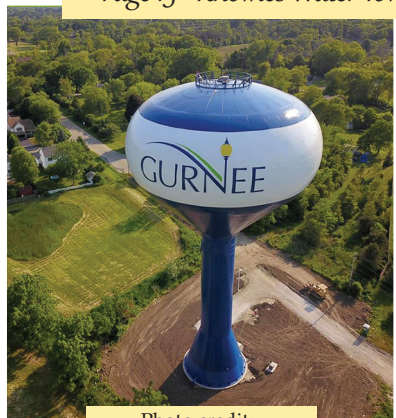


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Keeping Posted(+)

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,

First and foremost, I hope that this newsletter finds you, your family and your friends safe and well.

As we all navigate these challenging times, I cannot help but be grateful for virtual connections that I have with residents, Village staff and business owners. This would normally be the time that I would be out enjoying our great summer events and recovering from another great Gurnee Days celebration. In the midst of a pandemic, however, many of our normal summer activities were put on hold to protect the community. We are looking at new ways to connect with you this fall and hope to have a mix of in-person and virtual events.



Over a few short months all our lives have been drastically disrupted. So many residents have lost jobs, had pay cuts or are furloughed. There is no business in town that has not felt the financial impact of COVID-19. If you are facing any type of challenge, whether it is paying bills or finding other support, please reach out to the United Way Lake County 2-1-1 service. 2-1-1 will be able to direct you to help or assistance and is a free resource for residents in need.

While things look bleak, the one thing I have learned in my tenure as Mayor is this Village truly pulls together and helps each other when faced with adversity. I have always been in awe of the volunteer spirit of our residents. Through the pandemic I have witnessed heart-warming tales of neighbors helping neighbors. It is truly inspiring to see the kindness of our residents.

I would like to give a special thank you and acknowledge the extraordinary efforts to protect our Village early this summer by the Gurnee Police Department. Never have I been prouder of the men and women who serve this community. The threat of widespread civil unrest was a first for the Village. The Gurnee Police Department had a well-thought out plan that allowed it to act quickly and flawlessly to defend our commercial corridor. Thank you to Public Works for assistance to add extra protection for the officers on duty.

Right now the school year is top of mind for many residents. Each district had their own set of challenges to adapt to the COVID-19 guidance and create a safe learning environment. Inside of this newsletter is a list of resources from each district that will take you to the latest information available. I am hopeful by the time we publish our next newsletter we will have all found our rhythm and settled into new routines. Until then, please follow the Lake County Health Department guidance by wearing a mask in public spaces and social distancing to be safe and stay well.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

THE VILLAGE OF GURNEE

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Village News

Village Meetings

Village Board

August
24
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
14
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
28
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
5
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
19
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
26
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

Sept.
2
7:30 p.m.

Sept.
16
7:30 p.m.

Oct.
7
7:30 p.m.

Oct.
21
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

August
25
7:00 p.m.

Sept.
22
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
27
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. Committee meetings and meetings in purple are Civil Service Meetings.

Chamber of Commerce Local Rewards

The Gurnee Chamber invites residents to show their support for local businesses by entering for a chance to win gift cards at participating businesses, September - December. Visit www.gurneechamber.com September 1 for details.

Follow the Village on Social Media

Keep up-to-date with the latest from the Village of Gurnee on Social Media! You can follow us at the following locations:

Facebook: @VillageofGurnee

Twitter: @VillageofGurnee

Instagram: @VillageofGurnee

YouTube: youtube.com/user/VillageofGurnee

NextDoor: nextdoor.com/agency-detail/il/gurnee/village-of-gurnee/

Village of Gurnee

A Message from Vice Mayor Tom Hood

Welcome to the first ever Vice Mayor's message. My name is Tom Hood and I was appointed as the Vice Mayor of Gurnee a few months ago while serving as a Village Trustee for the past seven years. The Vice Mayor's position was formed this past year with the purpose of providing support to the Mayor.

While the Gurnee Mayor position is a part-time position, it regularly requires full-time hours (and sometimes more!). That is where I, as Vice Mayor, step in and provide support to Mayor Kovarik. Whether it's leading an occasional Village Board meeting, representing the Village at a business grand opening, meeting with potential developers or collaborating with Village staff, the Vice Mayor position allows the Village to be more responsive, accessible and available to our citizens.



I am one of six Village Trustees that serve a four-year term elected by the citizens of Gurnee. I serve with Jeanne Balmes, Cheryl Ross, Karen Thorstenson, Greg Garner and Quin O'Brien as Village Trustees. Our primary responsibilities as trustees are to provide general direction to the Village in forming an annual budget, deciding issues that come before the Board and setting the general direction of the Village that is carried out by Village staff.

One of the ways that general direction is provided for the Village is through a strategic plan that is approved every five years by the Village Board. This plan guides the Village staff and Village Board on what to focus their efforts upon. The input provided to form the strategic plan is of the greatest importance and is drawn from a variety of sources, one of the most important being the citizens of the Village of Gurnee. In future messages I will be providing more detail on the content of the strategic plan and I will be inviting you to contribute to the formation of the upcoming five-year plan.

The Village of Gurnee will only be stronger and safer if we work together. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Vice Mayor Tom Hood

Bill Payment Assistance from ComEd

ComEd is offering bill payment assistance for your energy bill for income eligible customers as they understand that some customers are experiencing financial hardship in this time. The ComEd Bill Assistance Program is available to eligible customers who are past-due on their energy bill for a one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 for past-due balances, up to the amount of the bill. This program expires on December 31st, 2020, or until funds are exhausted, as the funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For additional information on the program and information on the eligibility requirements, please visit the program webpage at: www.ComEd.com/BillAssistance

Woodland District 50

Dr. Casey Begins as Woodland's New Superintendent

Dr. Lori Casey officially began her role as the Superintendent of Woodland District 50 on July 1, 2020, after serving as Acting Superintendent since earlier this spring. Stepping in to such an important leadership position at the same time a global pandemic completely changed everything we knew about education was a daunting task. Luckily Dr. Casey has lived in this community and worked in this district for more than 20 years, and has built relationships with Woodland staff, students and families, making the transition easier despite these very uncertain times.



Dr. Lori Casey

Dr. Casey began her career in education at the Special Education District of Lake County. From there, she went on to work with children who have learning disabilities and social emotional disorders at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park. She then went to Hawthorn Primary in Vernon Hills to work as a diagnostician and teacher of first and second grade children with learning disabilities, and then as a supportive programs teacher and coordinator at Hawthorn Junior High School.

The position of Education Supervisor for Woodland Middle School brought Dr. Casey to District 50. After that, she became the assistant principal at Elementary East and principal at Woodland Primary. Before becoming Superintendent in July of 2020, she served in the role of Associate Superintendent of Education for 10 years.

Dr. Casey has been awarded the Special Education District of Lake County Outstanding Educator of the Year, Walmart Teacher of the Year as well as a commendation from the Gurnee Police Department for her work in relation to school safety. She serves as a Board Member for the Exchange Club of Gurnee as well as Warren Township Healthy Communities Healthy Youth.

While the 2020 school year will be anything but normal, Dr. Casey knows that Woodland is powered by a special team of people cultivating a #LifeintheW spirit for the entire learning community. It is not the physical school buildings, but the people and the relationships that build strong educational experiences for our Wildcats. She stands firm in her belief that we will all get through this together, even if we must stay apart temporarily.

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 5,500 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.

Officials

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SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Lori Casey

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

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. In 2016 the district refinanced its current debt to reduce its tax rate to area residents.

Credit Ratings History

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

2019	AA+	S & P
2018	AA+	S & P
2017	AA+	S & P
2016	AA+	S & P
2015	AA+	S & P
2014	AA+	S & P
2014-2019	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:

2019	Review
2018	Recognition
2017	Recognition
2016	Recognition
2015	Recognition
2014	Review
2013	Recognition
2012	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

Woodland Remote Learning 2.0

The Woodland District 50 Board of Education recently approved the plan for Woodland to return to Remote Learning 2.0 for the 2020-2021 school year. Coming to this decision was not easy, but the safety of our staff and students is something we take very seriously, and this is the safest option for the start of the school year during a global pandemic.

One thing we learned early on in our response to COVID-19 is that this is a very fluid and rapidly changing situation. We began actively planning for the next school year in May, and the return to school plan changed and evolved nearly every day. While we had hoped to bring students back in-person to some extent, it became clear that we could not follow every protocol and procedure outlined in state health guidance to develop a plan that was safe for everyone. With more than 5,500 students and 850 staff members moving through four school buildings each day, physical distancing and managing the quarantine and contact tracing requirements would be nearly impossible. We could potentially have hundreds of students, teachers and staff members quarantined for up to 14 days at various points throughout any given month and the continual interruption would have a serious and negative impact on our ability to provide students with a consistent high-quality learning experience.

The Woodland Remote Learning 2.0 plan is a welcome relief for some families, and a difficult change of course for others. We hope this plan is temporary and we can return to in-person school in the fall because we miss our students and we crave that return to normal like the rest of our community. But just because students will not be on buses and in buildings at the start of the school year, doesn't mean school isn't in session. Woodland staff and educators will be working diligently to provide a rigorous education, with clear expectations, live instruction, and meaningful connections among teachers and students. Students will be expected to attend classes, complete all assignments, and work with their teachers and classmates just as if they were in a traditional classroom. In addition to providing an education for students, Woodland staff will continue to support our students in other ways. Many related school services will still be available while we are in remote learning such as technology assistance, food service distribution, and social-emotional support (e.g. counseling, behavioral support, crisis intervention).

Woodland will continue to work with other school districts in the area, community partners, child care providers and other support service providers to help build a network of support for our students and families. Nobody should have to navigate this global pandemic alone.



Woodland District 50

Intermediate Teacher Named Woodland's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

Fifth grade Advanced Math and Language Arts teacher Kathy Shinnars was named one of the Village of Gurnee Teachers of the Year for 2020.

Kathy Shinnars began her teaching career in 1987 at Woodland Junior High, after graduating from the University of Illinois with a double major in English and Elementary Education. She has been a teacher in the district for more than 30 years!



Mrs. Kathy Shinnars

Each year, Mrs. Shinnars creates a classroom that is a safe place for collaboration and academic risk-taking. She encourages students to discover a delight in learning that stays with them long after they leave her class. She teaches her students that if you fill the day with laughter and hard work, you will be having fun.

Woodland opened the Teacher of the Year nomination period in January. Staff, students, families and community members were invited to submit nominations for teachers and staff that go above and beyond to support Woodland's learning community and truly live #LifeintheW. We received nearly 500 nominations in a matter of a few weeks.

Woodland selects a school winner from each of the five schools in the district. From the list of five finalists, an overall winner is selected for recognition as the Village of Gurnee's Teacher of the Year. This year's school finalists were:

- Mrs. Concidine, Woodland Primary
- Ms. LeFevre, Woodland Elementary East
- Mrs. Parrott, Woodland Elementary West
- Mr. Thompson, Woodland Middle School

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www.dist50.net

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WoodlandDistrict50/

Twitter:
twitter.com/Woodland50News

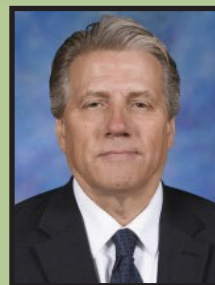
#LifeintheW



District News

Welcoming to the Team

Woodland is excited to welcome Dr. Robert Machak as our new Associate Superintendent of Education. Dr. Machak replaced Dr. Casey as she moved into the role of Superintendent.



Dr. Machak has 12 years of experience as a Superintendent in elementary school districts, most recently in Evergreen Park D124 (8 years) and before that for Emmons School District. These roles have included many of the responsibilities of the Associate Superintendent of Education, as well as business manager and curriculum director. He has also served in the role of principal and assistant principal. Dr. Machak is student-centered, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the #LifeintheW team.

Also new to the team is Dr. Lanée Walls, our new Assistant Superintendent of Special Education! Dr. Walls has an impressive 26-year career in education including positions as Superintendent,



Principal, Director of Special Education, School Psychologist, Special Education Teacher and Elementary Classroom Teacher. Most recently she has served as the Director of Special Education for Evanston Township High School District #202, and before that she held the same position at Niles Township High School District #219. She holds a doctorate from Loyola University and is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University. Dr. Walls has a strong reputation for collaboration with parents and staff and an impressive knowledge of education and special education law.

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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Becky Kotsinis
Odie Pahl

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

Return to Remote Learning

Despite months of planning for a full or blended return, it was determined that a continuation of remote learning would be the best choice for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Although this is not what most wanted, this option assures the lowest risk and the most safety for students, staff and our community. Many factors including availability of staff, positivity rates, guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education, and transportation influenced the decision. With the ever changing nature of the situation, we did not feel confident that we could create a sustainable system with the necessary continuity of instruction and stability of staff with the guidelines provided. It is our hope that we will be able to return to either the blended or full return models for the second quarter with a decision being made as we move towards mid-October.

The Gurnee area school districts have been in constant contact to create programs and plans that will work well throughout our community, especially for families with elementary and high school students. Gurnee School District 56 families completed surveys to indicate what worked and did not work in the spring. The planning process that occurred this summer took these results into account. The remote learning program will not only be longer in time per day, but it will be more rigorous. There will be a mix of online and paper/pencil tasks used in most classrooms. Students will be working with their teachers through their iPad, but will also be reading novels, working in workbooks, utilizing math manipulatives, textbooks and other resources teachers require. Students will be provided with supplies, books and iPads prior to the start of the school year. Parents will find a simplified set of platforms and support systems in place for help.

The abrupt end to in-person school has created the need and opportunity for us to think about education from the viewpoint of students and families more than ever. While we expect this experience to look and feel different than last spring, we will continue to work on improvements throughout the new year.

Director of Curriculum and Multilingual Services

Gurnee School District 56 is pleased to welcome Dr. Luis Correa as the new Director of Curriculum and Multilingual Services. Dr. Correa joins District 56 with a wide range of educational experiences ranging from bilingual classroom teacher to his most recent position as a middle school principal, all in a variety of diverse settings.

Dr. Correa's priority is to become familiar with people, processes, partnerships, and community values which represent the school system that makes up District 56. Dr. Correa will be focusing on practices for continuous improvement such as analyzing student achievement and staff performance data, curricular materials, and other resources to determine ways to improve curriculum and instruction.

As a bicultural, biliterate individual, Dr. Correa understands the importance of making every effort necessary to engage all District 56 families. He believes effective communication and engaging the community through responsive and honest practices are essential. Dr. Correa is committed to encouraging and promoting community engagement by delivering timely, accurate information, and using mutually beneficial two-way communication that reflects District 56's community.



Dr. Luis Correa

Gurnee District 56

District 56 "Teacher of the Year" Mrs. Stephanie Parker

Each year, a teacher is recognized from each of the three school districts in our Village. It is a wonderful program that allows each district to recognize one deserving teacher. This program is sponsored by the Henderson Foundation. The Hendersons are a long-standing Gurnee Family who founded the Joseph J. Henderson & Son contracting business in the early 1900's. The foundation supports and recognizes the wonderful educators that work in our local schools.

Unfortunately, due to the Stay at Home orders related to COVID-19, this year's ceremony to recognize the winners was cancelled. District 56 would like to take this opportunity to recognize our winner Mrs. Stephanie Parker, a sixth grade Language Arts teacher, from Viking School.

Mr. Jones, Principal of Viking School states, "Stephanie stands out because of her true love of teaching. She recognizes what her students need and she puts so much thought into helping them find it. Student engagement is always incredibly high no matter what the lesson is like in the classroom. She is an excellent blend of traditional teaching methods and expectations with a balance of technology utilization.

Mr. Jones continued, "Stephanie has been an excellent example of a teacher who will utilize all resources necessary to help students learn. Students are always excited and wanting to learn in her class because it is understood by all that it is the expectation. Stephanie is very good at utilizing technology, support staff, and all teaching methods to help her students grow. Many of her lessons are very observable examples of watching students grow within a single class period."

Gurnee School District 56 is so lucky to have many teachers worthy of recognition and even luckier to have supporters within the Village of Gurnee that value teachers and want to acknowledge their hard work.

Congratulations, Mrs. Parker!



Mrs. Stephanie Parker

Gurnee School District 56 Food Drive

In an effort to support our community during the school closure in the spring, Gurnee School District 56 organized a Food Drive to help our families in need. We received monetary and food donations from the community and from our staff members. On a weekly basis, volunteers from the Gurnee District 56 staff went grocery shopping, bagged our donated and purchased food items, and delivered groceries to many of our families. Each week resulted in 30-50 bags of food being shared with our community. The strong character and dedication of the families and staff within District 56 were evident in their willingness to go above and beyond to help support others during this time.



District Finances

Budgeting & Reporting

Copies of Gurnee District 56's budget, teachers' 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 S & P in 2020.

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
2020	AAA	S&P

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

Spaulding Library Space

Spaulding School, a District 56 Pre-K thru 2nd grade building, is the site of a construction project renovating the library for the new school year. The library is most often the hub of the school and can set the tone for the building. Library services have transformed over the past ten years to include not only digital content, but to be a space for the creation of content and hands on learning opportunities in Maker Spaces. These are not intended to be a quiet room to find a book and leave. They are now used for activities, to support instruction in the classroom and to provide a space for students to think differently. Spaulding School is the last of the Gurnee District 56 facilities to update their library space and create a Maker Space for students.

The primary students were key in the development of the design for the updated library space. Students from all grade levels participated in planning meetings as well as teachers, parents, administrators and architects. The students identified characteristics of what they wished they had available to them in their library that would make them excited and engaged. Trends and themes were identified leading to the concept for the new space.

The end result is the creation of Spaulding Woods. Students' drawings and presentations spoke to their love of the outdoors, animals and adventure. The outdoor theme will be evident throughout the space where a river runs past the campground and treehouse that are creative cubbies for kids to curl up with a good book. Log cushions for seating on the grass (carpeting) create special group teaching spaces. Graphics and a new color scheme will completely change the tone of the library, with bright and bold colors, and should peak the interest of the students as they walk by this new space. This new space will truly be a reflection of the students in our school.

This space is expected to be ready for the students on the first day of school. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 virus, the students will only get a peek though pictures at this time. We cannot wait to get students in the new space and see their reactions!

Gurnee District 56

The Cost of Poverty Experience

This past spring, the staff of Gurnee District 56 hosted the Cost of Poverty Experience. This simulation activity placed each person in the role of an individual working their way through one month of living in poverty. Staff were placed into various family units such as single parent, two children, two parent, four children, elderly couple, etc. Each family's scenario placed them in the position of needing to utilize community resources to make it through the month on an income at the poverty level. They were required to pay rent, buy food, go to school, and manage transportation all while meeting deadlines.

This was an opportunity for our staff to get a small glimpse into the lives of some of our students and families. One in three students in our classrooms is considered to be living in a low income home. Recognizing, understanding and empathizing with the challenges that they face on a daily basis is important because all of our students need support in order to be the best learners they can be.

This event also brought members of our community together to share in the experience. Volunteers gave up their own time to work at the simulation stations acting as employment office representatives, bankers, mortgage and rent collectors, police officers and representatives from other community resources. We were so excited to see staff and community volunteers from Living Justly, Warren High School, Woodland School District, Warren Newport Library, Gurnee Park District, the Gurnee Village Board, the District 56 Board of Education and Mayor Kovarik volunteering their time to increase awareness.

At the conclusion of the event, participants in the experience shared many take-aways. They reflected on being evicted, leaving a loved one in jail because they knew where they were and that they would be fed, and the frustrations of waiting in line for help when feeling pressured by a deadline. For some, this experience brought painful memories of their own experiences with poverty. For others it was very close to their current reality. "We need to do better," and "I was so stressed," were common comments. This was a half day simulation for our staff that led several to take time to recognize and reflect upon the fact that poverty is an everyday reality for many of our students.

This activity was just one step District 56 has taken to improve our understanding and relationships with our students and the community as a whole. In trying times such as these, it is increasingly important for all of us to learn what it is like to walk in the shoes of another and take the time to do what we can to make our journey together a better one.



Warren Township High School District 121

Remote Learning to Start the 2020-2021 School Year

At its July 21, 2020 meeting, the District 121 Board of Education approved a return to school with our fully remote learning plan, at least through Friday, October 2. Our first day of remote instruction will be on Monday, August 17. The link to our Fully Remote Plan, which is in the Academics section of our website, is available here: <https://www.d121.org/domain/135>.

We will continue to monitor guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health and Lake County Health Department and hope to have our students back with in-person instruction as soon as we are safely able to do so. Regardless of our instructional platform, we are committed to maximizing the growth and achievement of every student through rigor, support and innovation. We believe in the principle that "we are in this together." We are committed to hold all students to high academic standards, build positive and supporting relationships, create engaging learning experiences, support social and emotional needs, embrace the responsibility and accountability to our community and emerge from this pandemic stronger than we began.

Dual Credit and Transitional Credit Course Expansion

A key focus of our strategic plan the past few years has been to increase access to dual credit courses for students at Warren Township High School. Research has proven that high school students who are exposed to college-level coursework, such as dual credit or Advanced Placement courses, are more successful in their postsecondary education. Dual credit courses are different from advanced placement (AP) courses. Students enrolled in AP courses take an end-of-course exam in the spring, and if they earn a score of three (3) or higher, then they are awarded credit from most colleges/universities. Students enrolled in dual credit courses are subsequently enrolled at College of Lake County (CLC). Upon successful completion of the course, students earn high school credit through Warren and college credit through CLC.

Warren has traditionally offered dual credit through our Honors Earth Science course, and students enrolled at the Lake County Tech Campus are able to earn dual credit in their areas of study. Dual credit information for the Technology Campus is available at: <https://www.techcampus.org/>. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, WTHS is expanding our dual credit offering to include Honors Language and Composition. This course is offered in our English Department to senior students who successfully completed English III or Honors American Studies.

We are also offering transitional courses in English and Math beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Transitional courses allow students who successfully complete the course to enroll directly into credit-bearing English and Math courses upon enrolling at CLC, without having to take a placement exam. Students enrolled in Language and Composition and Preparatory Math and Statistics will complete a curriculum focused on strengthening their skills to be considered college ready by CLC.

District Info

About District 121

Warren Township High School District 121 is a comprehensive four-year high school with an enrollment of approximately 3,950 students. Warren is one of the largest high schools 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

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Thomas Drake
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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
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IN A COMBINED FACILITY, WARREN 121 AND GURNEE 56 SHARE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THEIR STUDENTS. THESE SHARED SERVICES HELP REDUCE TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR EACH OF THE DISTRICTS.

Student Recognition

Academics - Class of 2020

By the Numbers:

- 1,007 students graduated officially as of May 17, 2020, and a parade celebration on July 12, 2020 in the Almond Campus parking lot due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 137 Illinois State Scholars
- 1 National Merit Finalist
- 25 National Merit Commended students
- 70 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy
- 50 students earned the Commendation towards Biliteracy
- 66 students recognized for receiving scholarships and awards
- 227 students with academic honors according to the Cum Laude system

Blue Devil State Recognitions

Notable individual (senior)/team athletic achievements

- 2019-20 Football Team IHSA 8A State Runner-Up
- All-State Athletes - Christian Phillips (Football), Willis Singleton (Football), Juan DeLaCruz (Football), Derrick McLaughlin (Football)
- Girls' Swim and Dive Team - Trinity Springer 50 Free State Qualifier and member of State Qualifying 200 Medley Relay Team
- Spencer Burton - Diving State Qualifier
- Cameron Domke - Wrestling State Qualifier
- 2020 Varsity Devillettes IHSA 3A State Finals Qualifier in Competitive Dance
- Seamus Mellican - IHSA All-State Academic Team Honorable Mention
- 2019 Boys' Track - Hunter Subry and Jason Langevin members of 4th Place finish at IHSA State Finals in the 4X800. Cortez Albarran State Qualifier in Triple Jump
- 2019 Boys' Lacrosse Team IHSA State Runner-Up

Notable individual (senior)/team extracurricular achievements:

- Science Olympiad Team Qualified for State
- Brooke Moeller Speech Team State Qualifier in Dramatic Interpretation
- Bailey Holman ILMEA All-State - 1st Bassoon for ILMEA Honors Band, first in state
- Andy Nisipeanu ILMEA All-State - 2nd Oboe for ILMEA Honors Band, second in state
- Trinity Look - Senior District All-State Chorus Participant

Warren Township High School District 121

Laura Oeffling Named Warren Township High School's Gurnee Teacher of the Year

Math teacher Laura Oeffling has been voted by her colleagues as Warren Township High School's 2019-20 Gurnee Teacher of the Year. Each school year, the Village of Gurnee recognizes three Gurnee teachers, including one from Warren Township High School District 121, Gurnee School District 56 and Woodland School District 50. The Gurnee Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 honorarium.



Laura Oeffling

Oeffling has served in education for 30 years, teaching at Warren Township High School for the last 23 years and Waukegan High School during her first seven years. She loves teaching because the classroom offers a unique work environment.

"Students enter, often knowing nothing about a topic—say, for example, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus—and then leave 45 minutes later with a good working understanding of it. That is thrilling," said Oeffling.

Oeffling believes math is its own language of sorts, and once students are taught how to speak it, a whole new world can open up for them. She also believes that organization and preparation are the most important tools in the toolbox of success, both in and out of the classroom.

"Laura is the role model for student-centered teaching," said Dr. John Ahlgrim, Warren Township High School District 121 Superintendent. "The time and commitment she dedicates in and out of the classroom to help her students reach their potential on an individual basis is second to none. We are so proud to help recognize her as our Gurnee Teacher of the Year."

"I understand that some kids will use math in their future careers and others will not. But whatever their future holds, I hope that one thing they all take away from their time in my math class is the knowledge of what it feels like to be really challenged and the confidence to persevere, work through it and overcome," Oeffling said. "Above all, this is the skill I want them to all walk away with for life."

Oeffling holds a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from DePaul University, both in mathematics education.

WTHS Launches New Facebook Page

Warren Township High School District 121 has launched a new Facebook page as a way to better connect with district families, students, staff and community members.

The page, available at www.facebook.com/WTHSDistrict121, is part of the high school district's efforts to enhance its communication and engagement with its stakeholders. It will use the page to communicate news and events, provide updates, share photos and engage the community in all that's happening at WTHS.

This school year, WTHS has been working to examine its current communication practices to determine what is working well and where improvement may be needed. As it continues this process, the district will seek feedback from its stakeholders through a variety of means.

Community members are encouraged to "like" and follow the district's new Facebook page at @WTHSDistrict121.

Warren Township High School District 121

District Finances

Referendum Planning Efforts Postponed

This past February, Warren Township High School District assembled a Citizen Task Force comprised of business, civic, and educational leaders to evaluate the District's funding challenges and proposed solutions.

What the Task Force members learned at the first meeting is that compared to other Lake County high school districts, WTHS receives the least amount of federal, state and local tax dollars. In fact, the District's tax rate is among the lowest of its peer districts, with some districts having access to more than twice the amount of local funding.

Given the District's current level of funding, and the need to balance its budget each year, more than 40 teacher and staff positions have been eliminated in the past five years. And without additional revenues, continued staff reductions and other cuts will be necessary, negatively impacting programming, student services, and class sizes.

Due to COVID-19, the Citizens Task Force's planning efforts came to an abrupt halt in early March. Hopefully, the Task Force will be able to regroup early this fall to continue vetting possible funding solutions.

After the Task Force fully weighs in, WTHS plans to roll out a comprehensive public engagement program starting in late September or early October. The District seeks to allow the entire community to provide their thoughts and recommendations on possible funding solutions that the Task Force helps craft. Public outreach efforts will likely include in-person and/or virtual community information meetings, online surveys, a public opinion mail survey, and other strategies for gathering public input.

The Board of Education understands the challenges our community faces due to the pandemic and stands committed to only pursuing funding solutions that it is confident our community will support. Nothing is set in stone until we gather additional public input.

Comparison of Revenue Per Pupil for Lake County High School Districts FY 2019

High School Districts	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	Total
Lake Forest District 115	\$32,671	\$979	\$355	\$34,005
Highland Park Deerfield District 113	\$30,549	\$1,388	\$538	\$32,475
Libertyville Vernon Hills District 128	\$27,029	\$1,142	\$214	\$28,386
Adlai Stevenson High School 125	\$26,161	\$1,444	\$371	\$27,976
Grayslake District 127	\$20,536	\$4,649	\$275	\$25,459
Zion-Benton District 126	\$16,432	\$7,264	\$1,010	\$24,705
Antioch Lakes District 117	\$18,825	\$4,688	\$317	\$23,830
Mundelein District 120	\$19,362	\$2,309	\$497	\$22,168
Grant Township District 124	\$14,464	\$3,908	\$702	\$19,073
Warren Township High School District 121	\$14,052	\$2,808	\$361	\$17,221

Source: Lake County Regional Office of Education

District News

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan

During the 2019-20 school year, the District 121 Equity Team was committed to creating a District 121 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Master Plan to capture some of our District's core tenets, as well as to document some past, current and potential future initiatives to support our work with equity. District committees have been working on equity-related initiatives for four years, and the master plan is intended to capture many of the most critical outcomes of this essential work. The document itself, which was reviewed by the Board of Education in conjunction with the 2020 Strategic Plan Addendum, comprises six commitments:

- District Leadership Commitments
- Staff Efficacy Commitments
- Instructional Program Commitments
- Advocacy Commitments
- Community Engagement Commitments
- Student Life Commitments

This District 121 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Master Plan is also intended to be reviewed regularly, and no less than annually, to review progress and modify initiatives to help achieve goals related to our equity work.

Completion of Solar Project

Warren Township HSD 121 (WTHS) took full advantage of the sunshine this spring. A new 2.4-megawatt solar array has been completed and was energized on May 29, 2020. The solar project, identified in a 2018 bond issuance, is distinguished as one of the largest for an Illinois school district and will generate enough electricity to account for nearly all the electricity needs of the Almond Campus — an estimated \$300,000 annually. The new ground-mounted solar facility is located on the south end of the Almond Campus, along Gages Lake Road.

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

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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 25 parks located in neighborhoods throughout Gurnee that feature playgrounds, sports fields and courts, trails and conservation areas.

Park District

Stay Safe, We're in this Together

Since March, Gurnee Park District programs and facilities have looked a little different as a result of COVID-19. Growing Tree Preschool's graduation was a drive-thru celebration, Hunt Club Park and Viking Park community centers remain closed and FitNation opened at 50% capacity on Friday, June 26, 2020. Summer Camp continued with plenty of outdoor fun and excitement, serving 120 children safely. Gurnee Park District missed the 1,200 smiling faces that usually attend.

Virtual programs and outdoor options have been available for dance, soccer and martial arts. Parks and playgrounds are open too. It is great to see so many active families enjoying playgrounds, picnics in the park or walking the many trails.

Despite some challenges, Gurnee Park District continues to serve the community, while keeping safety a top priority during these unprecedented times. All COVID-19 related updates can be found at gurneeparkdistrict.com.

Here are a few additional program/facility updates:

BE FIT. BE HEALTHY. FITNATION REOPENS DURING PANDEMIC

Community health remains a top priority. FitNation on Nations Drive is open to current members for fitness classes and indoor fitness floor workouts at 50% capacity. FitNation staff follow new safety and cleaning protocols and are working with members to adhere to new safety and cleaning guidelines. Members are encouraged to wear face coverings, remain 6 feet apart from others and clean equipment before and after use.

OUTDOOR RENTALS

During this time, Gurnee Park District has opened three outdoor rental options to help residents enjoy their parks with friends and family members while practicing safe, social distancing. Complete rental information and applications can be found at gurneeparkdistrict.com/rentals.

All three rental options include:

- Outdoor picnic table seating
- Outdoor grill
- Access to public restrooms
- Space to social distance with 50 guests or less

Viking Park Rental Options

Summer Kitchen

Rent the Summer Kitchen at Viking Park on Saturdays or Sundays. To align with Phase 4 of Restore Illinois, the Summer Kitchen is available for 50 guests or less.

Game Shelter

The Game Shelter at Viking Park is also available to rent on Saturdays or Sundays. To align with Phase 4 of Restore Illinois, the Game Shelter is available for 50 guests or less.

Hunt Club Park Rental Options

Hunt Club Park Shelter

More outdoor space is available at Hunt Club Park! Shelter is located by the Hunt Club Pond and walking path. Hunt Club shelter is available for 50 guests or less.

Gurnee Park District is eager to move forward, open community centers and welcome residents back for programs. In the meantime, Gurnee Park District continues to serve the community in a safe manner. We are all in this together.



Park District

Playgrounds and Capital Improvements

Parks and playgrounds are an essential resource now more than ever. Enjoy swings, slides, trails, basketball courts, athletic fields and so much more. Many parks provide access to public restrooms and picnic areas. When visiting your favorite Gurnee Park, please remember to practice social distancing, remaining 6 feet away from others. If you are unable to socially distance, we ask that guests wear a face covering during their visit. In addition, please wash your hands before and after playground use.

This year, residents are able to enjoy new playgrounds, completed this spring as part of the Park District's Master Plan. The Master Plan identifies all parks and facilities owned and operated by the District as well as the need for future improvements and additions. Projects are then made part of Gurnee Park District's 5 year Capital Plan. Updates on capital projects such as new playgrounds, Viking Park Maintenance Facility and an upcoming project at Hunt Club Park can be found below:

Providence Park – Completed Spring 2020

Location: Longmeadow Dr. & Waterbury Ave.

Originally built in 2000, Providence Park's playground has been equipped with ADA pathways and equipment as well as new engineered wood fiber surfacing. Other features include faster, updated slides, new swings and an array of fun and challenging climbers.



Providence Park

Chittenden Park –

To Be Completed Early Fall 2020

Location: Grandville Ave. & Estes St.

Chittenden Park's playground construction is in progress. Features will include a play structure for children 5 to 12 years old, a rock climbing wall, a rope obstacle course, and tall twisty slides.



Chittenden Park

Viking Park Maintenance Facility – Completed Spring 2020

Location: 4374 Old Grand Ave.

The new maintenance building replaced a dirt floor pole barn with no heat. The new facility includes a new woodshop and Park District fleet storage. With improvements to this location, the parks team now has access to equipment in West Gurnee at Hunt Club Park and in East Gurnee at Viking Park. With safe and secure storage, this asset will increase the longevity of equipment and provide the opportunity to make repairs and take on additional woodshop projects. This facility will also provide efficiencies for routine facility maintenance, mowing, athletic field upkeep, park beautification and preservation efforts.

Hunt Club Park Community Center Paved Pathway – To Be Completed Fall 2020

The charm of Viking Park's brick pathway will be duplicated across town, outside of Hunt Club Park Community Center. The new pathway will lead guests to the entry way of the community center and around the facility. Construction is expected to start mid-August and be completed by early fall.

District Events

Virtual Fall Art Show

Show off your artistic skills and join us for our Fall Virtual Art Showcase. All ages (adults and children) are eligible to submit a Fall themed entry.

Entries will be showcased on Tuesday, November 17 on Facebook LIVE as a virtual art show from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

Please submit your entries to the showcase by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12 by emailing your submission to gpd@gurneeparkdistrict.com.

Art Show Requirements:

- Fall Theme
- All Mediums Accepted

What to Include in Submissions:

- Artist's Name
- Artist's Age (optional for adults)
- Title of Artwork
- Photos of Submission
- Photo of Artist with Submission (optional)



To watch the Fall Virtual Art Show, follow Gurnee Park District at facebook.com/gurneeparkdist.

District Awards

Congratulations to Above the Barre

On Saturday, July 25, Gurnee Park District's Above the Barre Dance Company performed at the Spotlight Dance Cup Competition at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee. The awards show was live streamed on Saturday, August 1. Safety was a top priority. Dance companies arrived individually, performed all entries and then departed from the theater. Spectators were not allowed and dancers were asked to only have one parent attend. Above the Barre remained focused despite the new atmosphere.

Awards clinched at the Spotlight Dance Cup Competition include:

- Olivia and Emma Kunz (Student Choreography) - 1st in category and 3rd overall
- Lily Burch (Junior Solo) - 1st in category
- Janae Vaughn - 4th overall for solo piece
- ATB Senior 1 division (Jazz) - 4th overall for group piece
- ATB Senior 2 division (Jazz) - 1st in category for group piece
- ATB Senior 1 division (Lyrical) - 1st in category for group piece
- ATB Senior 2 division (Lyrical) - 1st in category and 3rd overall for group piece
- ATB Petites - 1st in category and 1st overall for their group piece

An enormous thank you to the Above the Barre Company dance instructors and staff: Kris Norwood, Samantha Murphey, Nicole Lother, Kelly Hume and Marie San Pedro.



Park District

Gurnee Park District Financial Updates

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. Like many businesses, Gurnee Park District had seen a great deal of impact from COVID-19 closures. The District is heavily reliant on program fees which usually make up 55% of the budget. Due to COVID-19, most programs are on hold or are being offered at a much lower capacity. As we have entered into the new fiscal year (2020/2021), we had to modify our budget considerably. Below is a snapshot of our budget from last year (2019) versus what it is currently with the impact of COVID-19.

Gurnee Park District Budget

	2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET
Annual Total Budget	17.2 Million	11.9 Million
Capital Projects	3 Million	1.2 Million

Revenues:

- Fees and Charges - \$3,264,952 (generally this is approximately \$9 million)
- Property Taxes - \$5,966,620
- Interest, reimbursements and miscellaneous income - \$129,758

Expenditures:

Gurnee Park District strives to deliver excellent customer service while seeking operational efficiencies to assist with savings.

- Operating - \$8,210,501
- Capital Projects - \$1,237,919
- Debt Payments - \$2,484,400

Successful operations would not be possible without Gurnee Park District's many employees. Unfortunately, staffing has decreased, due to most recreation programs and facilities being cancelled or closed. The grid below demonstrates changes in staffing from 2019 to 2020.

	2019	2020
Total Employees	479	187
Seasonal	130	42
Part Time	305	101
Full Time	44	44

The District is an annual recipient of the GFOA award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports as well as its annual budget and we are confident that we will continue to receive these awards even during these challenging times. The District also maintains an AA+ bond rating.

Even during these challenging times, Gurnee Park District strives to ensure financial stability while supporting existing and future infrastructure as well as continuing affordable recreational programs and services.

Village of Gurnee

Knowles Road Water Tower

The Village of Gurnee is close to finishing the construction of the Knowles Road Water Tower after the project planning began in 2018.

This project was started following the removal of the Old Grand Water Tower #1, one of the five above ground water storage facilities maintained by the Village of Gurnee. Due to this facility being taken out of service, the total storage capacity dropped from 6.2 million gallons to 6.0 million gallons, which is equal to 1.7 days of average consumption.

The Village also identified the need to improve water pressure and reliability for some residents. Although the average water pressure throughout the Village is between 70 and 80 pounds per square inch, the western limits of the town have experienced lower water pressures between 30 and 50 pounds per square inch. This difference is due to the western limits of the Village having the highest elevation of the grade above sea level.

In order to improve water pressure, the new water tower was built on the highest elevation in the Village to utilize gravity to pressurize the water distribution system. It was built on a vacant parcel that was owned by the Village of Gurnee, near the end of Knowles Road, adjacent to Rollins Road. Along with this increased water pressure, the Village also saw additional water storage, increasing the total capacity to approximately 8 million gallons, or 2.2 days of average consumption.

In addition to the construction of the Knowles Road Water Tower, the Village made additional improvements to the Village's water distribution system by constructing a booster pump station and a steel prefabricated pressure reducing valve stations located on Almond Road and Foxworth Lane. These improvements are financed primarily through a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The \$6,132,208 loan has an interest rate of 1.84% and will be repaid over 20 years.



New Knowles Road Water Tower

Lake County 2-1-1

What is it?

211 is Lake County's FREE one-stop-shop for help that is OPEN 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and is always confidential and anonymous.

How does it work?

211 Lake County is meant to reduce time and frustration by acting as a central access point to the health and human services of Lake County. 211 can help navigate and provide connections for mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, financial support, disaster information and relief, and much more. United Way of Lake County contracts with Interface Children & Family Services, highly trained, certified professionals, as the contact center for 211 Lake County.

How is it available?

211 is available as a telephone hotline, texting chatline, and as a website and live interaction is available in English and Spanish. 211 Lake County will also interpret for more than 150 other languages.

- To use 211 on the phone, just dial 2-1-1
- To use 211 through text, just text your zip code, 60031 for Gurnee, to 898211
- To use 211 online, visit <https://211lakecounty.org/>

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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: parkcityil.org
- Old Mill Creek: historicmillburn.org
- Warren Township: warrentownship.net
- Wadsworth: villageofwadsworth.org
- Waukegan: waukeganil.gov

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

What's New

Interested in new businesses in Gurnee? The following have recently been approved to open or are now open!

- Alpha Media radio stations WXLC/WIIL/WLIP/WKRS (Gurnee Mills) - entertainment
- Athletico (FitNation, 1655 Nations Drive) - physical therapy services
- Five Below (Gurnee Mills) - specialty discount retailer
- Gurnee Ortho (7900 Rollins) - orthopedic healthcare services
- Heavenly Beauty Studio (3900 Washington) - hair salon
- Law Offices of Laura D. Frye (1800 Nations) - legal services
- Nosco (2199 N. Delany) acquisition of Haapanen Brothers - graphic arts and printing and temporary occupancy (1175 Tri-State)
- Revolution Motorsports (1472 St. Paul) - online, preowned auto sales
- Shawarma King (401 N. Rt. 21) - quick service restaurant
- Sherwin Williams (6300 Grand) - paint supply store
- Smoke Daddy (173 Ambrogio) - sales/distribution of BBQ grills and smokers
- USTradeEnt (4237 Grove) - wholesale apparel and accessories
- Wrecking Ball (905 Lakeside) - mixed martial arts training

Coming Soon

Are you curious about what may be coming soon? The following businesses are currently in the development stage:

- A Safe Place (5455 Grand) - counseling/mentoring services
- Abbott Laboratories (605 Tri-State) - manufacturing/assembly
- Binny's Beverage Depot (6911 Grand) - beer, wine, spirits
- Bulls Moving (3909 Grove) - household goods moving services
- Community Trust Credit Union (6543 Grand) - financial institution
- Fontana Group, CPA (135 N. Greenleaf) - accounting services
- Illinois Army National Guard (5328 Grand) - recruiting office
- Martin & Menneke Attorneys at Law (4212 Old Grant) - legal services
- Miles of Smiles (5101 Washington) - dental practice
- Nefertiti M. France Law Offices, P.C. (495 N. Rt.21) - legal services
- Northwestern Medicine (6155 Grand) - new construction, medical professional office building
- Quick Trade (new location 3608 Grand) - phones and electronics
- Re/Max Showcase (6409 Grand) - real estate services
- Riverside Pancake House (401 N. Riverside) - breakfast and lunch café
- Ryse Athletic Club (5328 Grand) - personal training, gym
- Shipping Point (6615 Grand) - shipping and printing services
- Spirit Halloween (6961 Grand) - temporary holiday retail

To keep up-to-date with new construction, visit www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress.