

Village of Palatine

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2009

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Village of Palatine Welcomes Two New Elected Officials

Mayor Jim Schwantz

Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz is truly a native son. He was born in Palatine, is a Fremd High School graduate, and is now raising his own family in the Village that he has called home all of his life.

Schwantz has gathered an array of awards and accolades along the way. Fremd honored him as its "Distinguished Graduate" in 1998 in recognition of his achievements in professional sports and service to the community.

Schwantz's adult life has been focused on academic achievement, sports, and community service. He received a full scholarship to Purdue University, where he was a freshman All-American, All Big-Ten Player, team MVP and a recipient of the Kiwanis Citizenship Award. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at Purdue, the Chicago Bears signed him to play professional football for his hometown team. In 1994, Schwantz was traded to the world champion Dallas Cowboys where he spent his next three seasons. As sports fans know, while playing on the winning Super Bowl XXX team, Schwantz set a single season team high 32 tackles on special teams, and was selected to the Pro Bowl as the Special Team's Player in 1996.

Schwantz also received the NFL's "Unsung Hero Award," given to those whose unselfish dedication and commitment to their community goes unrecognized. In addition, (continued on page 4)



District 1 Councilman Aaron Del Mar

Like Mayor Jim Schwantz, Palatine's new District 1 Councilman, Aaron Del Mar grew up in Palatine and has been the recipient of numerous academic and athletic awards.

While attending Palatine High School, Del Mar was a varsity wrestler, earned All-State honors, and set several school records in wrestling, some of which still stand today. He earned a scholarship to Indiana University-Bloomington where he received a degree in Public Management from the nationally ranked school of Public and Environmental Affairs. While at Indiana University, he was a varsity letter winner in wrestling, a three-time Judo All-American, and a member of the 2000 University World Judo Team.



After college Del Mar was a resident athlete-in-training in Judo at the (continued on page 4)

Upcoming Events

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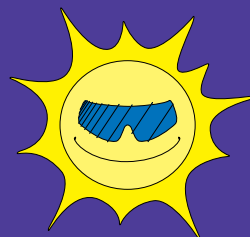
JULY
4th of July FESTIVAL -
Carnival - July 1 to July 5
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Parade - Saturday, July 4
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AUGUST
STREET FEST
August 28, 29, 30; see page 8

SEPTEMBER
SECOND ANNUAL ZIMMER
CLASSIC CUP CAR SHOW
16 N. Brockway Street
Sunday, September 27
12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.; see page 4

ROTARY CLUB OF PALATINE
OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION
September 18, 19 & 20
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Palatine Welcomes These New Businesses To Our Community

The Village would like to welcome the following new businesses to Palatine. Please note that the list does not include home occupations or existing businesses that changed their ownership or address.

Retail Stores/Services

Waist Up

416 S. Vermont Street
(Garment Decorating)

Gardens of Palatine

2260 N. Rand Road
(Ponds/Fountains)

Contractors/Remodeling

Lehner Brunton Remodelers

334 E. Colfax Street, D1
(Remodeling)

Move out Makeovers, LLC

1408 E. Northwest Hwy.
(Construction/Remodeling)

Restaurants/Delis

Twin Lakes Grill

1200 E. Twin Lakes Drive
(Snack Shop)

Cucina Bella

2001 N. Rand Road, A
(Italian Restaurant)

Services/Service Providers

Six Degrees Search Inc.

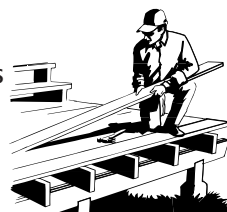
800 E. Northwest Hwy., 510
(Employment Agency)

Call Home Health Care

800 E. Northwest Hwy., 625
(Home Health Care)

Need to Dispose of Construction or Remodeling Materials?

Working on a do-it-yourself residential construction or remodeling project and need to dispose of building materials? The following guidelines are intended to assist you with the proper disposal of such building materials. Please note that certain building materials may be disposed of with your weekly garbage collection as long as they meet collection guidelines. Other materials which exceed collection guidelines or are unacceptable will require a special collection with a fee charged by Groot, the Village's solid waste hauler.



Unacceptable Materials

The following unacceptable materials will not be collected as part of weekly refuse collection:

- ☐ Earth
- ☐ Sod
- ☐ Rocks
- ☐ Concrete
- ☐ Trees or parts thereof
- ☐ Refuse from remodeling or construction by commercial contractors

Unacceptable materials can be collected at an additional charge by arranging a special collection with Groot. Contact Groot at (800) 244-1977 to arrange for collection and payment.

Acceptable Materials and Guidelines

The following building materials from do-it-yourself residential remodeling projects will be collected with your weekly garbage collection provided that the following guidelines are followed:

All building materials must be cut up to no more than 4 feet in length and no larger than 2 feet in diameter. All building materials must be bagged or bundled not to exceed 45 pounds. The first 2 cubic yards (3'x3'x3') of building materials from do-it yourself projects shall be collected at no additional cost, each additional yard will require a yardage fee of \$15.00 per yard which must be scheduled and paid to Groot in advance of your regular service day. Cement or concrete is not included with the 2 cubic yards. If collection is requested on a day other than your regular service day, there will be a \$25.00 trip fee along with the yardage fee.

Upon the resident's request, a Groot supervisor can perform an estimate for collection. All materials must be out 24 hours in advance of the regular service day. Once the supervisor conducts an estimate, the customer will be contacted by Groot with the fee. If the customer agrees to the fees, a work order will be scheduled for collection on the regular service day. If the resident chooses another day, a \$25.00 trip fee will be assessed. Residents must pay Groot in advance with a credit card or debit card. The Groot driver is unable to accept payment during collection.

Should you have any questions, please contact Groot at (800) 244-1977 or the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.

Vehicle Stickers Must be Displayed by June 30

If you live within the corporate limits of the Village of Palatine, you must purchase and display your 2009-10 Village vehicle sticker by June 30, 2009. The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning July 1, 2009. Stickers may be purchased in person, by mail, or by using the 24-hour drop box at the Village Hall.

A reminder that Wood Street in front of the Village Hall will be closed to vehicles during June 29th-July 5th due to the 4th of July Festival.

COST

The vehicle stickers are valid from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The price for passenger car stickers, if purchased by June 30, is \$25.00. Stickers purchased on July 1 and after are \$45.00 per passenger vehicle.

DISCOUNTS

One vehicle sticker per person is available at the reduced rate of \$5.00 if the driver qualifies as a disabled veteran (proof by vehicle registration), holder of handicapped license plates issued by the State of Illinois (proof by authorization from the Secretary of State of Illinois), or as a senior, 65 years or older. There is only one reduced rate vehicle sticker per household.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION TAGS

Village ordinance requires that all dogs and cats be registered and wear tags. Animal tags are \$6.00 per pet, and must also be purchased by July 1. A current rabies vaccination number is required for purchase.



HOURS

The Village of Palatine office hours are:
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays (June only) 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Palatine Jaycees present the 52nd annual

4TH OF JULY - "Hometown Fest"



Community Park ★ July 1 - July 5
FIREWORKS ON JULY 3 ★ PARADE ON JULY 4

Think Floyd-USA



WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 (5:00 PM - 10:00 PM)

Carnival (Wristbands 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM)	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Food and Soda	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Adult Beverages (last call at 9:30 PM)	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Movie Night (Mamma Mia)	8:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 2 (5:00 PM - MIDNIGHT)

Special Needs Carnival (2:15 PM check in)	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Food and Soda	5:00 PM - Midnight
Carnival (Wristbands 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM)	5:00 PM – Midnight
Adult Beverages (last call at 11:30 PM)	5:00 PM - Midnight
Entertainment:	
AVM	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Brit Beat	7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Trippin Billies	10:00 PM - Midnight

FRIDAY, JULY 3 (NOON - MIDNIGHT)

Food and Soda	Noon - Midnight
Carnival (Wristbands 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM)	Noon – Midnight
Adult Beverages (last call at 11:30 PM)	Noon - Midnight
Fireworks	9:30 PM
Entertainment:	
Optical Distortion	Noon – 1:30 PM
Frank Catalano	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Kevin Mileski	4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Bucket Number 6	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Modern Day Romeos	10:00 PM – Midnight

Think Floyd-USA



SATURDAY, JULY 4 (10:00 AM – MIDNIGHT)

Parade

Carnival (Wristbands Noon – 5:00 PM)
Arts & Crafts Fair/Business & Charity Expo
Food and Soda
Adult Beverages (last call at 11:30 PM)
Corn Hole Tournament
Bingo

10:00 AM

Noon – Midnight
Noon – 6:00 PM
Noon - Midnight
Noon - Midnight
1:00 PM
Noon – 6:00 PM

Entertainment:

Winner of Palatine Park District

Battle of the Bands

Noon – 1:30 PM

U Know Who

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Janesville

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The Catch

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Think Floyd – USA

The American Pink Floyd Show

9:30 PM - Midnight



PARADE ROUTE

SUNDAY, JULY 5 (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Food and Soda	Noon – 5:00 PM
Carnival (Wristbands Noon – 5:00 PM)	Noon – 5:00 PM
Adult Beverages (last call at 4:30 PM)	Noon – 5:00 PM
Arts & Crafts Fair / Business & Charity Expo	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Family Day	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Karaoke Contest	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Trippin Billies



Band & event schedules subject to change without notice

Nominate a Beautiful Palatine Property for 2009 Hometown Pride Award

It's that time of year again to be on the lookout for gracious, aesthetically appealing properties that make our neighborhoods and community such a great place to live. Again this year, the Hometown Pride Award will honor properties in Palatine that have beautiful landscaping and exceptional curb appeal.

In order to expedite the judging process, **one 4" X 6" photograph must accompany the nomination.** Residents are invited to nominate any property – your own, a neighbor's, or a business whose curb appeal/landscaping is a real asset to the appearance of the community. Simply fill out the form below, enclose the photograph, and return both to the Department of Public Works by Friday, July 24, 2009. Judging will take place on Monday, July 27th. Winners will be notified by mail shortly thereafter.

NEW CATEGORY – The "Doors of Palatine" will acknowledge specifically front entrances of residential buildings. This would include plantings, statuary, pots and potted plants, etc.

Please Note: Judges are looking for "curb appeal," and will be considering ONLY the front of property visible from the street.

You must include a current 4x6" summer photo of the FRONT yard of the home you are nominating.

Village of Palatine Hometown Pride Award Nomination Form

Category

- ☐ Single-family home
- ☐ Multi-family home
- ☐ Subdivision entrance/Cul-de-sac island
- ☐ Business
- ☐ "Doors of Palatine"

Address Location: _____

Contact person (if known) _____

Phone number (if known) _____

Return form with ONE current 4" x 6" photo of the FRONT yard by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009 to:

Village of Palatine • Hometown Pride Award • 148 W. Illinois Avenue • Palatine, IL 60067



REMEMBER: A photograph of the property labeled on the back with the property owner's name and the address must accompany this form in order for the property to be judged. We regret that photos will not be returned.



Nomination must include a current 4" x 6" photo of the front yard

Mayor Jim Schwantz

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he was named the NFL Alumni's Special Teams Player of the year in 1996. The San Francisco 49ers signed Schwantz in 1997, and after playing there for a season, he came back to Chicago for his final season.

Schwantz currently works in Palatine as the National Account Sales Manager of Von Sydow's Moving & Storage. He also co-hosts the Chicago Bears' pre-game and post-game shows on WBBM Newsradio 780 AM, as well as various sports shows on The Score, 670 AM.

District 1 Councilman Aaron Del Mar

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Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He competed internationally representing the United States in overseas competitions. He was nationally ranked in the top ten while training for the 2000 and 2004 U.S. Judo Olympic Team.

After returning to his hometown of Palatine, Del Mar created a new business with a focus in promotions and marketing called Articulate Promotions, Inc. Now located in Palatine, Articulate Promotions has organized many community-based events in Palatine including the Halloween Hustle 5k Run/Walk benefiting Fathers Helping Fathers, a national not-for-profit organization which, Aaron founded after dealing with a custody case for his son. Del Mar also founded a retail jewelry store called Exquisite Jewelers, located in Palatine, and Chicagoland Office Solutions, an office furniture installation company.

Aaron is married to Jennifer Del Mar, a Marketing Manager at Sears Holding Corporation in Hoffman Estates. They currently reside a block away from the home where Aaron grew up, and have three children: Konnor, 6; Aaron Jr. (AJ), 3; and Isabella, ten-months-old.

Cool Cars, Great Fun!

If you missed the first annual Zimmer Car Show last year, don't make the same mistake again!

In celebration of its 126th continuous year in business, Zimmer Hardware will again host a car show in downtown Palatine on Sunday, September 27 from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Last year's show included 73 show-stopping show cars, as well as food and fun for the entire family. This year's event promises to be just as much fun with events including a Weber Grill demonstration, charity Downtown Merchants poker walk, and a charity pigeon race. Mark your calendar today!



Palatine Farmers' Market Expands Variety, Adds Organic Items

Palatine's Saturday morning Farmers' Market is known for its fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables, brought to the Market by the farmers who grow it and know it all the way from the seed to harvest.

Jordan is back from Wisconsin with herbs, mushrooms, a wide variety of vegetables and the ever popular sweet corn. Mike Churchill is loaded with sweet Michigan berries, apricots, cherries, peaches, and apples.

Peter Grubbe is new this season, bringing organic vegetables from Barrington and Harvard. He has tender organic spinach, bok choy, Swiss chard, lettuces, beets, carrots, turnips and heirloom tomatoes.

The Indiana Boys, Michael and Daniel, have moved their extensive vegetable crops to new, untainted farm land and have adopted organic procedures. They'll be happy to explain the process and the rationale of organic production and certification.

In a similar vein, Courtney and Diane create natural, environmentally friendly soaps, shampoo bars, cleaners, bug repellent, and lip balm all made by them to the strict standards they've set for their company, Journey to Greendorm.

Lisa Balen has recently opened Feast of Eden Cafe® in the lower level at 800 E. Northwest Highway. She is introducing her sensational varieties of gourmet cheesecake at the Market. She'll be offering samples.

Scott Hasselman is bringing the freshest eggs from organically vegetarian fed free-range chickens. "Where else can you get eggs that were laid just 24 hours ago?" asked Market Manager Marg Duer. "Only from the hen herself!" Scott also has whole-hog sausage and whole wheat pancake mix – everything you need for a hearty, healthy breakfast.

A wonderful variety of bakery goods are being offered by two new bakers, Dave's Specialties and High Rise Bakery, fresh baked white and whole wheat breads, and more unusual rosemary and sea salt loaves, French bread, focaccia, semolina, sweet coffee cakes and pizza.

The variety at the Palatine Market can't be beaten with international spices and teas, olives from France, Spain, and Italy, fresh pickles and spicy olive muffalata, sweet and spicy nuts, and the ever popular buffalo meat from Ron who has expanded to have a full line of Wisconsin cheeses and a variety of specialty meat and fish.

For the gardener and landscaper, the U of I Master Gardeners are back with solutions to lawn, tree, bush, and flower problems. They can identify the problem by inspecting the infected foliage; just bring a sample.

The Palatine Farmers' Market is open every Saturday morning, (except July 4) from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the train station parking lot on Wood and Smith streets.



Local Musicians and Special Events Energize Palatine's Farmers' Market

It's the place to be on Saturday mornings -- the Palatine Farmers' Market at the train station. Not only can you find the freshest fruits and vegetables direct from the farm, you are entertained by local musicians and informed by a variety of special events.

- **Alexian Brothers will offer blood pressure screening and complimentary pedometers on September 26.** Wayne of Mikes Bike Shop provides tips on bicycle safety and area bike paths on August 15. The Palatine Lions Club offers free hearing screening at the Market on August 22.
- **Sweet corn season will be celebrated with a corn roast July 18.** You can't get corn any fresher, sweeter, or more tender. Learn about the varieties, nutrition, cooking methods, and freezing of corn from the experts. Tom Smith and the CERT team of volunteers will explain Palatine's emergency readiness program and invite interested citizens to join on July 11.
- **Care of prairie land and wild life is emphasized by the Audubon Society August 1, September 19, and October 3,** with information on activities in and around Palatine, a particular favorite of bird lovers.
- **A special mid-summer day for children will be August 8,** when professional jugglers join the music to entertain, and face painters will add a touch of whimsy to children's faces.
- **Elected Officials' Day on September 12.**

The 18th Market season in Palatine will end on Halloween with costumes, games, and tricks, but mostly treats. Due to the Independence Day parade on Saturday, July 4th, the Market will not be open, but every other Saturday morning the best of the season's produce is available at the Market for everyone to enjoy from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the train station parking lot on Wood and Smith Streets.

Rotary Club of Palatine Presents: Oktoberfest 2009!

When: Friday, September 18th-Sunday, September 20th

Where: Firefighters Memorial Parking Lot
Downtown Palatine

Time: Friday, 4:00-11:00 p.m.
Saturday, Noon - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Highlights: Authentic German food, beer and entertainment. This year's lineup includes original and cover bands, German Bands and DJs. Friday evening, Oktoberfest will kick-off with a traditional keg rolling ceremony. Other highlights include the Family and Senior Day activities on Saturday afternoon from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, and a Group Bike Ride with City Limits Harley Davidson on Sunday. There is no excuse not to come to this completely tented event, as Oktoberfest will have a large screen television broadcasting the weekend sports games! The Rotary will also be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win some great prizes – including wheelbarrows of beer!

Admission: Free. Monies raised will support local charities including The Bridge Youth & Family Services, Northeast Palatine Opportunity Center, PHD, Little Sisters of the Poor, Clearbrook, Shelter, Inc., Journeys from PADS to HOPE, and many more. Oompah!

Information: If you have a group that would like to volunteer to help during the event, please contact Oktoberfest@palatinerotary.com. Watch for the complete schedule of events starting in August.

Visit www.palatinerotary.com to learn more about the Rotary Club of Palatine.

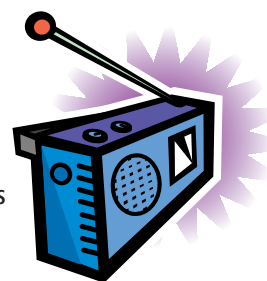


Announcing . . . The Debut of the Palatine Weather Station

“What's the weather for the weekend going to be? Will it be hot? Cold? Rain? Snow?” If you listened to Chicago AM rock stations in the 1960's you may remember that little ditty that preceded the weather forecast. Well, Palatine is not in the business of forecasting the weather, but we do now have our very own weather station.

Purchased with Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Technology grant money from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF), the weather station became operational in April of this year. The Davis Wireless Vantage Pro2 Plus weather station sits high atop the Village Hall where it collects up to the minute weather readings. Readings include current outdoor temperature, dew point, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, rainfall amounts, heat index and wind chill.

“I see this as a great tool for Village departments like Public Works, Police, Fire and Emergency Management because it gives real time weather right here in Palatine,” said Palatine Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Smith. “Additionally, our residents can go right to our website and see for themselves current conditions in their home town.”



In order to view the new site, which updates information every five minutes, log onto the Palatine Emergency Management Agency website at www.palatine-ema.org and click on the “Palatine Weather Station” icon on the left side of the page. Or you can go to the Village of Palatine main web page at www.palatine.il.us, scroll down on the left side under Village Departments and click on “Emergency Management”. This will take you to the above mentioned webpage.

“This is just another example of the Village of Palatine looking for ways to improve our services to our residents,” said Village Manager Reid Ottesen. “In addition, we are being fiscally sound by taking advantage of grant opportunities wherever they present themselves.

For more information about Emergency Preparedness issues please go to www.palatine-ema.org or email at ema@palatine.il.us.

Have an Unpaid Ticket from the Palatine Police Department? One-Time Amnesty Program Available Now Through September 30

During these difficult economic times, it has become more common for individuals' credit reports to be negatively affected by unpaid bills, fines and fees. Therefore, in an effort to help individuals improve their credit score rating or keep a good credit score from being negatively affected, the Palatine Police Department is offering a one time Ticket Amnesty Program. This program will be offered from July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. Tickets issued during 2008 or the years prior, including parking, compliance, animal and/or Village sticker violations, will be eligible for a 50% reduction in fines on the total amount owed. Red Light camera violations do not qualify. Refunds for tickets paid prior to this program will not be issued.

Payments must be made to ARMOR SYSTEMS by calling 1-800-785-8551. MasterCard, Visa and check are all accepted methods of payment.

If you are unsure whether you have unpaid tickets that qualify for this program, please contact the Palatine Police Records Department at (847) 359-9004 or (847) 202-6618 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Emerald Ash Borers . . . They're Not Here Yet, But They're Moving Ever Closer to Palatine

Although the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has not been detected in Palatine as yet, it has literally surrounded our community. To the east, south and northwest of Palatine, this infestation has been identified. As such, the Village is requesting that you inspect and report any Ash trees you feel have any of the following conditions by calling Public Works at (847) 705-5200.

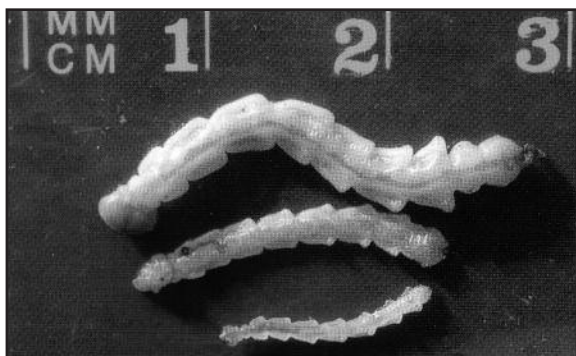
Life Cycle

This metallic green insect is very small but is a very destructive beetle. Measuring one-half inch long and an eighth of an inch wide – it can easily fit on a penny. The adult emerald ash borer emerges in May – July and the female lays numerous eggs in bark crevices and between layers of bark.

The eggs hatch in 7 – 10 days and larvae then bore into the tree where they chew the inner bark and phloem creating winding galleries as the feed. This cuts off the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, causing dieback and eventually kills the tree.

Signs and Symptoms

It is extremely difficult to determine whether an ash tree is infested or not with the Emerald Ash Borer because tree decline is usually gradual. The Emerald Ash Borer is active from early June to mid-August and only attacks Ash trees. On warm sunny days it will feed on ash foliage, making small irregular patches along leaf margins.



Emerald Ash Borer larvae shown actual size. They can be transported to new locations while hidden under the bark of firewood.

Early symptoms of an infestation might include:

- Dead branches near the top of the tree
- Leafy shoots growing out from its lower trunk
- D-shaped exit holes and bark splits exposing S-shaped tunnels are significant signs of EAB.
- Woodpecker activity might also indicate the presence of Emerald Ash Borer as they pound away at an ash tree to get at the larvae.



Public Works crews have identified every ash tree on public property in the Village, all 4,300 of them. Ash trees represent about 20% of the Villages' entire tree population on both the public and private land. That is why controlling the spread of the borers is so important.

What you can do . . .

- **Don't move firewood.** EAB larvae can survive hidden under the bark of firewood. Play it safe -- don't move any firewood and you won't move any insects. There may be state or federal quarantines in place that will restrict the movement of ash logs, branches or other materials in your area. Check with the Illinois Department of Agriculture for information.
- **Purchase firewood locally from a known source.** Be sure to use all firewood in cold months so no hidden larvae or adults can survive on logs left through spring.
- **Visually inspect your trees.** If trees display any signs or symptoms of Emerald Ash Borer infestation, contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture or Palatine Public Works.
- **Spread the word.** Public awareness and education is an ongoing process. Talk to your friends, neighbors and co-workers.
- **Ask questions.** If you receive ash nursery stock, know its point of origin and your supplier. EAB larvae may be hiding under the tree bark.

Safer Sidewalks

Did you ever have to dodge low lying limbs while walking down the sidewalk? Did you ever have to stop or even step off to allow others to pass because bushes blocked part of the walkway? Have you ever been scratched by branch or bush adjacent to the sidewalk?

If so, then you know some of the reasons why earlier this year the Village Council approved a new program designed to remove any tree limbs or bushes that may hinder the safe passage of pedestrians along Village sidewalks.

During the week of July 20, 2009, crews will be inspecting and removing tree limbs and branches that obstruct Village sidewalks. The Village will only be removing all limbs and branches that infringe upon the sidewalks, to a point seven feet above the sidewalk.

In an attempt to streamline this program and reduce cost, crews will remove all branches and limbs from both public and private trees and bushes. No letters will be sent nor notice given to the abutting property owner. This work is being done for safety purposes only and is at no cost to the abutting resident.

Homeowners who are concerned about the shape or aesthetics of their trees or shrubs are strongly encouraged to inspect and remove any obstructions which may infringe upon the sidewalk.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
STREET FEST IS
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS !!!

Friday, Aug. 28
Saturday, Aug. 29
Sunday, Aug. 30

www.palatine.il.us/streetfest

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

Sister Hazel



Ralph's World



BRITBEAT BEATLES TRIBUTE



Sixteen Candles

Family Entertainment

Jesse White Tumbling Team

Kids Karaoke

Jeanie B! Music

You're a Good Man
Charlie Brown Tour Group

Magic Matinee

Kids Karaoke

and much much more...

Street Fest Partners:



HARRIS



Gear Up for a Great Summer of Bike Riding!

The Greater Palatine Bike Task Force has a lot of ideas "geared" toward encouraging folks to consider heading out by bike instead of car, especially now that the days are warm and the sun is up late!

You may have noticed more riders on our streets during Palatine's recent participation in Bike-to-Work Week and Bike-to-Metra. In addition to promoting commuting and errand-running by bike, the task force is also hard at work improving trail connections with neighboring suburbs and forest preserves, adding more on-road bike accommodation, promoting kids riding to school (like we did back in the day), and making cycling safer for all.

Bikes aren't just for kids! What better way to get your heart pumping, feel the wind in your hair, the sun on your face, and reconnect with your neighborhood than by dusting off that too-long-ignored bike that's calling your name.

For more information or to join us, check out www.bikepalatine.com or stop in and see Wayne at Mikes Bike Shop. Just like the song says: GET ON YOUR BIKES AND RIDE!



Give the Gift of Life On August 12

The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, August

12, 2009 from 1:00

to 7:00 p.m. at

the Palatine

Village Hall, 200

E. Wood Street in

Meeting Room C.

The blood drive

will be conducted

by LifeSource,

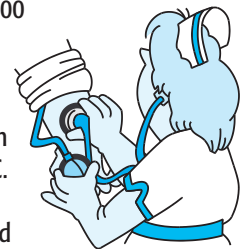
Chicagoland's Blood Center. The need for

blood is constant and ongoing. For more

information or to schedule an appointment,

contact LifeSource at (847) 803-7943 or visit

www.lsbrighten.org.



Blood drive walk-ins are always welcome.

REMEMBER: Every time you donate blood you can save the lives of three people.

Myths and Facts About Flood Insurance



There are a lot of misconceptions about the availability of flood insurance and what it does and doesn't cover. Your regular homeowners insurance does not cover flood losses. The only real protection is flood insurance backed by the National Flood Insurance Program. Here are some of the more common myths and the real facts.

MYTH: You can't buy flood insurance unless you are in a designated flood hazard area.

FACT: If you are located in a designated flood hazard area, federal law requires that the mortgage lender for that home makes sure that flood insurance is carried. However any homeowner in Palatine can purchase flood insurance even if the home isn't in a designated flood hazard area. Homes located out of the designated flood hazard area are eligible for a Preferred Risk Policy which has a reduced rate. Another very important fact to know is that 25% of all flood insurance claims paid are for homes located outside of a designated flood hazard area. Statistically your home has a 26% chance of being damaged by a flood during the course of a 30-year mortgage compared to a 9% chance of fire.

MYTH: Flood Insurance is only available for single family houses.

FACT: Flood insurance is available for all buildings including single family homes, townhomes, condominiums, non-residential and commercial buildings. In fact flood insurance is even available for people renting apartments that will cover the loss of their possessions.

MYTH: You can't buy flood insurance if your property previously flooded.

FACT: You are still eligible to purchase flood insurance no matter how many times it has flooded in the past and it cannot be cancelled if it floods again. However if your property experiences severe repetitive losses, it may be eligible for a FEMA mitigation grant to do improvements to minimize future risks of flooding. Property owners who refuse the grant money could be required to pay increased flood insurance premiums but they cannot be canceled.

MYTH: Flood insurance does not pay anything if your basement floods.

FACT: Since most flood damages in Palatine are a result of flooded basements, it is important to know what flood insurance does and doesn't cover. Under a basic building damage coverage, some of the things it will pay for in a basement includes structural damage; staircases; unpainted drywall for walls and ceilings; insulation; electrical outlets, switches and circuit breaker boxes; furnaces; central air conditioners; hot water heaters; water softeners and sump pumps. With optional content coverage it will also pay for the following items in a basement; washers; dryers; food freezers and the food in them (but not refrigerators); portable and window air conditioners. Flood insurance will not pay for the following items in a basement; carpeting; tile; walls and ceilings not made of drywall; books and bookcases and most personal property such as clothing, electronic equipment, kitchen supplies and furniture. To view the Standard Flood Insurance Policies for dwellings and for general property to see exactly what it covers and the terms of the coverage go to www.fema.gov/nfip/sfip

MYTH: Flood insurance does not cover sewer backups.

FACT: A common cause of flood damage in Palatine is a result of sewer backups, especially in older neighborhoods where the homes do not have overhead plumbing. Damages caused by a sewer backup are covered if the backup is a direct result of flooding. However, if the backup is caused by some other problem say like tree roots, the damage is not covered.

MYTH: Flood insurance is real expensive.

FACT: Your regular homeowner insurance will probably cost more since it needs to cover the replacement of the home and contents if it is totally destroyed by a fire or tornado. However since most flooding in this area of the country results only in damage to instead of totally destroying a home, the amount of flood insurance coverage need only to cover the cost of any expected damages. Several combinations of building and content protection or content only are available. For a typical single family home with a basement located in a Preferred Risk Area, the expected coverage's and annual premiums are as follows.

Building & Contents	Premium	Contents Only	Premium
\$20,000/\$8,000	\$137	\$8000	\$61
\$30,000/ \$12,000	\$163	\$12,000	\$86
\$50,000/ \$20,000	\$205	\$20,000	\$116
\$75,000/ \$30,000	\$232	\$30,000	\$131
\$100,000/\$40,000	\$263	\$40,000	\$146
\$125,000/\$50,000	\$279	\$50,000	\$156
\$150,000/\$60,000	\$294	\$60,000	\$166
\$200,000/\$80,000	\$331	\$80,000	\$181
\$250,000/\$100,000	\$352	\$100,000	\$196

The Village of Palatine participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program and currently has a rating of 7. This means anyone who has to or chooses to carry flood insurance is eligible for a discount in the premium. Since flood insurance can cover big ticket items like furnaces, hot water heaters, washers and dryers; it is worth considering. For more information ask your insurance agent or company, call the National Flood Insurance Program's toll free number at 1-888-CALL-FLOOD or check out www.floodsmart.gov. This web-site will also give you an estimate of the flood risk for your particular home, estimated insurance premiums and how to contact an insurance agent in your area.

FREE Loaner Life Vests Available for the Whole Family from the Palatine Fire Department

Many of us like to stay cool and have a good time by getting away to a lake, river or beach during the summer. This can, unfortunately, also lead to tragedy for those unprepared for that environment. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children and young adults. Even being a strong swimmer is no guarantee of safety; injury from boating accidents, hypothermia, and currents can all contribute to drowning. The best defense on the water is to wear a properly-fitted life vest, called a Personal Flotation Device, or PFD. These not only help you stay afloat, but they can also help keep you warmer in cold water. PFDs need to be Coast Guard approved, and need to be properly fitted for the wearer. Inflatable toys and "water wings" are NOT PFDs. While wearing a PFD on a boat is required for children 12 and under, it's a good idea for everyone to wear a vest while boating. Kids learn by watching their parents, so it's important to set a good example.



The Palatine Fire Department, in cooperation with the BOAT/US Foundation provides Coast Guard approved PFDs in a range of children's sizes for short-term loan at no cost. These are available to fit children up to 90 lbs with a chest size up to 29". Some basic information, including a driver's license number is all that's needed to check out a vest for up to two weeks. Remember to bring your child(ren) with you if possible to ensure they're properly fitted. If you only need a vest once or twice a year, this is a great alternative to purchasing a vest!

For more information on the program, call the Fire Department at (847) 202-6340 during regular business hours. For more information on water safety in general, call our Public Education office at (847) 202-6302. Vests are available at the following locations:

- ◆ Fire Station 82, 1475 N. Hicks Rd.
- ◆ Fire Station 83, 987 E. Palatine Rd.
- ◆ Fire Station 84, 220 W. Illinois Ave.
- ◆ Fire Station 85, 39 E. Colfax St.

Have fun this summer, and stay safe at the same time. Wear your PFD on or around the water.

Remember, "They float, you don't!"

Planning a Garage Sale This Summer?

If the discards you've discovered while spring cleaning your closets, basement and garage have you thinking about turning them into cash with a garage sale, here's some important information for you:



- ☐ Garage sales may last no longer than 12 hours per day for a maximum of three consecutive days.
- ☐ The Village limits each resident to no more than three garage sales per year.
- ☐ Signs advertising the garage sale may be posted on the day of the event only.
- ☐ Garage sales do not require a permit.



Please . . . Be a Dog-Gone Good Neighbor

Do you have a tail-wagging four-legged family member? If so, here's a reminder that Palatine ordinance requires that you pick up after your pet and properly dispose of all waste.

Village ordinance also requires that dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times when off of the owner's property.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Village of Palatine Animal Control Officer at (847) 359-9000.

Thinking of Renting Your Property?

Rentals on the Rise in Palatine

The recent change in the economic and housing markets has resulted in an increase in residential rentals in the Village of Palatine. In an effort to maintain a high standard of living within the Village of Palatine, the Village Council created the Rental Dwelling Licensing Program in 1990. This program has proven successful in helping tenants and property owners maintain living conditions and property value.

A list of currently licensed rentals is available on our website at http://www.palatine.il.us/communityservices/neighservices/active_rental_licenses.pdf

If you are renting a property you own, whether it is a single family home, a condominium, or town home, Village ordinance requires you to obtain a Residential Rental Dwelling License.

The Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Services Department will be happy to assist you in the process of licensing your rental property. Please give us a call at (847) 202-6673 for more information.

Make This the Summer Season of Water Quality Protection

A yard provides a very personal place to observe the four seasons. The first blooming bulbs of spring, tomatoes or corn of summer in the garden, fiery colors of autumn or the first winter snowfall are all important, annual events. Each season also has its own landscape maintenance needs.

Home landscape management activities have impacts far beyond the individual property lines, neighborhoods, and town boundaries because of the way landscapes are linked together by water moving through the environment. By recognizing how each home landscape is connected to the environment as a whole and managing the landscape with this connection in mind, everyone can make a contribution to protecting and restoring all natural resources, especially local water quality.

Where does one start in creating an environmentally friendly home landscape? It can seem like an overwhelming project, but it doesn't have to be. Very small changes in everyday landscape management activities in every season of the year can add up to very big changes in water quality protection.

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- **Avoid wasting water.** Invest in a rain gauge and keep track of weekly rainfall. Most plants and the lawn are happy with one inch of water a week, so keep the hose coiled up when the rain has been coming down.
- **A thick (at least two inches) layer of mulch in gardens, around shrubs and under trees prevents evaporation of water from the soil, keeping the ground cooler and plants happier.** Thick mulch layers also inhibit weed seed germination. Just don't mulch heat-loving vegetables like tomatoes and squash until the soil temperature is high enough or they won't thrive. Organic mulches provide some nutrients as they decompose, reducing the need for fertilizers.
- **Avoid lawn stress.** Keep the lawn mower blade sharp, mow often enough that no more than one-third of the grass blade is



cut off at a time, and try to mow when the grass is completely dry. A mulching mower blade recycles grass clippings while mowing, returning moisture and nutrients to the soil and reducing the need for fertilizer.

- **Cut down on chemicals.** Cut down on or eliminate fertilizer use. Upgrade your soils by adding composted organic matter rather than chemicals that may damage the natural microbial communities in the soil and promote pest problems. Use "Integrated Pest Management" or IPM strategies to reduce the need for toxic pesticides.

Each idea here is a tiny twist on "gardening as usual". Protecting water quality and the environment just requires a little thought and a little care from individuals and provides big benefits for everyone.

For more information, visit

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

To learn more or report possible illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call the Village of Palatine Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.

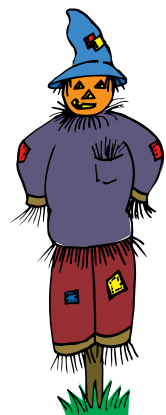
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Palatine's 2nd Annual Scarecrows on Parade Coming this Fall

Apple cider, hayrides, pumpkins – and scarecrows! They are all part of the fall season, and again this year, the Village of Palatine, the Palatine Beautification Commission, and Palatine Home Depot are sponsoring a scarecrow decorating contest, "Scarecrows on Parade," this fall.

Any business, non-profit, school affiliates, homeowner associations, sport's affiliates, ecumenical and civic groups, within the Village of Palatine, are welcome to participate.

For more information, please contact the Village of Palatine, Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 or stop by our offices located at 148 W. Illinois Avenue.



Preventing West Nile Virus Through Reporting

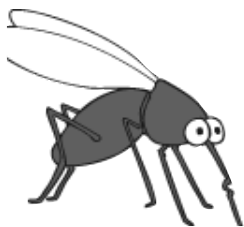
What is West Nile Virus and what should you know about it?

West Nile virus is an infection carried by mosquitoes. The virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Human illness occurs when a person is bitten by an infected mosquito. Residents play an important role in monitoring for West Nile virus by reporting dead birds and standing water to the Village of Palatine and the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District.

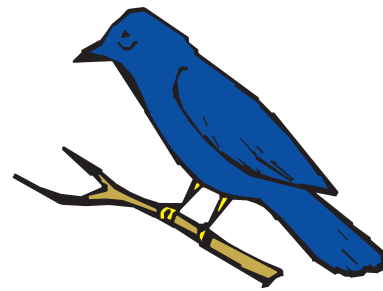
Dead Bird Reporting

The reporting of dead birds assists in the prevention, monitoring, and use of control measures to minimize the spread of the virus. Report all dead birds to the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.

It is important to also report any perching birds (crows, blue jays, grackles, robins, cardinals, sparrows, starlings, and finches) that have been dead for less than 24 hours. Perching birds are the only birds currently being collected for testing. Perching birds must be in good condition and have no signs of attack or decay. Perching birds may be



submitted in limited numbers by staff for testing. Staff will identify and determine if the bird will be collected for testing. Birds not collected for testing should be double bagged and disposed of in the garbage. Avoid handling any dead birds directly and always wash hands with soap and water.



Standing Water Reporting

To eliminate mosquito breeding, report any water sources on or near your property that hold water for greater than 7 days to the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at (847) 537-2306 or online at www.nwmadil.com. In addition, report properties which fail to remove standing water after 7 days from items such as tires, swimming pools, birdbaths, boats, clogged gutters and containers to the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090.

For Further Information

For further information on West Nile virus prevention, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or online at www.palatine.il.us and the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at (847) 537-2306 or online at www.nwmadil.com.

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