

# VILLAGE of PALATINE

## PALATINE IS OPEN! SHOP & EAT LOCAL!



Now that we have entered Phase 3 of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan, many Palatine restaurants are now offering outdoor dining, and many other stores and services are open, as well.

To prepare businesses as they re-open the State of Illinois has issued guidelines and requirements that focus on safeguards to protect both customers and employees. Palatine businesses are working hard to comply so that residents can be assured of their safety. Village Staff is working closely with the business community during these transitions.

Please be patient with local businesses while they re-open and adjust to their new operational requirements.

Continue to support our local businesses and restaurants! If you can't get a table outside, restaurants are still open for delivery, take-out or curbside pick-up!

Stay safe, continue social distancing and use face coverings.

View **guidelines** for restaurants, retail stores, personal care salons and more.

To learn more about Phase 3 and the Restore Illinois Plan **click here**.

*Reopening is at the discretion of individual business owners. Contact businesses directly to learn more about services provided and operating hours.*



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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE! RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS!



Do you have 10 minutes? That's all it takes to do your part to help our community plan for a variety of community needs including new roads, schools and emergency services.

The Village is well on it's way to passing our 2010 self-response rate of 75%.

The census questionnaire asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020.

You can still respond online at **2020census.gov** — without ever

having to leave home or meet a census taker.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Self-Response phase has been extended to October 31, 2020.
- Census takers will visit homes that have not responded from August 11 - October 31, 2020.

Completing the census is a way to participate in our democracy and say "I Count"!

**For more information, please visit [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov).**

## VILLAGE HALL HOURS

8 am to 5 pm  
Monday through Friday

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....911  
Village Hall.....358-7500  
TDD (Emergency)..... 911  
Village Action Line ..... 705-5200  
Community Services..... 359-9042  
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## THANK YOU, PALATINE



The Palatine Police and Fire Departments want to say "Thank You" to the citizens and business owners in Palatine for their thoughtful donations to our first responders.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has likely been difficult on you personally as it has been for many of our Palatine businesses.

This has also affected both of our Departments. The Palatine Police and Fire Departments were required to make modifications to how we approach our jobs as we collectively serve the residents of and visitors to Palatine. The ability to adapt is something that we train for and have experienced throughout the years. Essentially speaking, although we have made some minor modifications, we are still doing the job that we all signed up for.

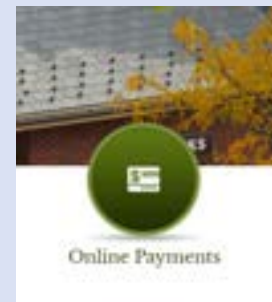
As we are all trying to make sense of the current situation, many of us feel that we need to help. The outpouring of well wishes and support that we have received from residents and business owners has been nothing short of remarkable. While we always welcome the kind thoughts and well wishes, we don't feel it's appropriate to accept gifts of food and services for doing our jobs while so many around us are struggling and in need. If you feel the need to show your appreciation, may we suggest that you donate to the Palatine Township Food Pantry or support our local businesses in any way you can.

Thank you for your understanding. Stay healthy and thank you so much for always thinking of us. **We truly appreciate your generosity.**

**- Police Chief Dave Daigle and Fire Chief Scott Andersen**

## NEW DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS & ANIMAL LICENSES

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 issue and corresponding Stay at Home and social distancing mandates, the Village of Palatine has delayed the implementation of the Village's 2020-2021 vehicle sticker program until this fall.



The expiration of all current vehicle stickers will be extended until **October 31, 2020**. The new deadline to purchase a 2020-2021 vehicle sticker will be **October 31, 2020**.

Beginning on September 1st, 2020 log on to use the **FREE** service at **palatine.il.us**. Click on the 'Online Payments' icon, choose 'Vehicle Sticker or Animal Licenses' and follow the instructions. Your Vehicle Stickers and Animal Licenses will be mailed promptly.

To avoid delay and long lines and to maintain social distance, please consider paying online or by mail.

The last day to purchase online without penalty is **Saturday, October 31, 2020**.

To avoid penalty or citations for the 2020-2021 year, stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by October 31, 2020. **The appropriate late fees will be charged beginning Sunday, November 1, 2020.**

## BACK YARD FIRE PIT SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS

As we enter into the summer and fall months more and more people are enjoying gathering outside by their fire pits. With that being said, please be mindful of your neighbors. Many people suffer from medical conditions where smoke can affect their breathing. Be courteous to your neighbors and inquire if they have any medical conditions that may restrict your fire.



The Village would also like to remind residents that the use of fire pits must be limited to UL Listed commercially manufactured containers or built-in fire pits approved through the Village's building permit process. Most commercially manufactured fire pits come with a mesh screen. Mesh screens control sparks of the popping firewood and flying embers that could cause a fire elsewhere.

The use of properly selected firewood, which is dry and well-seasoned (aged), will minimize the development of smoke. Oak and Hickory firewood produce less smoke, popping and sparks than unseasoned or soft woods like pine or cedar. It is unlawful to burn any rubbish, construction material, leaves or other combustible refuse anywhere in the Village. Treated wood can give off a poisonous smoke and should not be burned.

### Fire Pit Safety Tips

- Never use on a combustible surface such as a deck or balcony
- Fire pits must be 15 feet from combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Have a way to extinguish the fire readily available such as a garden hose, bucket of water or a fire extinguisher
- Do not use flammable fluids (gasoline or lighter fluid) to start a fire
- Do not wear flammable clothing like nylon or loose fitting clothing around fires
- Take into consideration wind conditions before starting a fire
- Never leave a fire pit unattended
- Keep children a minimum of 3 feet away from the fire
- Properly extinguish the fire with water when done
- Dispose of properly extinguished ashes in an empty metal container that has a lid and never leave this container on or next to combustible surfaces like a deck, balcony or wall
- Follow the manufacturer's specifications for gas fire pit and table use



### Built-In Fire Pit Construction Requirements

- Built-in fire pits should be 15 feet from any combustible material (house, deck, fence or shed)
- Fire pits must have a maximum interior dimension of 3 feet and a maximum height of 2 feet
- Ember screens are required for any wood burning fire pit; Gas fire pits do not require an ember screen.

Finally, the Village of Palatine has a nuisance ordinance that if any open burning becomes offensive or objectionable, the Palatine Fire and Police are authorized to order the extinguishment of a recreational fire, and this includes built-in fire pits.

**For additional fire safety tips, go to FEMA's website at [usfa.dhs.gov](http://usfa.dhs.gov).**

## 2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT ONLINE

Each year, the Village of Palatine provides an Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) to its customers with details on how our water quality compares to established Federal and State drinking water standards, and about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to the community in 2019.

To be more environmentally responsible, this report is no longer printed, but will be available online after June 30, 2020. To view the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report, visit our website at **<http://www.palatine.il.us/2019CCR>**.

Customers may print a copy of the report from our website or request a copy from the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.

**ATTENTION LANDLORDS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER GROUPS:** Please share this information with tenants, students and other water users at your location who are not billed customers.





## PALATINE GUIDE TO PARKS & TRAILS

The Palatine Trail is a bicycle, hiking, and nature trail system which extends through the Palatine Park District. Combining paved trails with designated side streets, Palatine Trail provides access to schools, Harper College, neighborhood parks, Palatine Hills Golf Course, and several other northwest suburban bike trails.

### SAFETY ALONG THE PALATINE TRAIL

#### Guidelines for Cyclists

- Always wear a helmet
- Ride single file
- Yield right of way to pedestrians
- When riding at night, equip your bike with a headlight and reflectors
- Use a moderate recreational speed of 12 mph
- Speed training and racing are prohibited
- Traffic laws apply to cyclists where trail crosses or runs along roads
- Use hand signals for turns and stops

### ILLINOIS BICYCLE SAFETY QUIZ CHALLENGE

Test your bike safety knowledge! Discover relevant laws and best safety strategies for sharing the road successfully. Created by Ride Illinois, a nonprofit organization working statewide for better bicycling conditions. Online quizzes are available for child bicyclists, adult bicyclists, motorists, and driver's education students. [Take the Bike Safety Quiz.](#)

### VILLAGE OF PALATINE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

In 2016, the Village of Palatine added a variety of bicycle-related improvements to Village roads as part of ongoing implementation of the Village's Bicycle Transportation Plan adopted in 2011. Riders, runners, walkers, and drivers should make themselves familiar with these Bike Route and Bike Lane improvements.

#### Bike Route Type 1

- Quiet residential streets with little to no on-street parking. Low traffic volumes.
- Designated by green Bike Route signs, no pavement markings.

#### Bike Route Type 2

- Streets with no parking, no bike lane, and high traffic counts.
- Designated by green Bike Route signs, and bicycle pavement markings (sharrows).

#### Bike Route Type 3

- Streets with parking or higher traffic counts; usually a divided road.
- Designated by shared bike/parking signs, green Bike Route signs, solid white line seven feet from curb, bicycle markings (sharrows) outside the shared lane.
- Riders will ride outside the bike lane when cars occupy the shared parking area.

#### Bike Lane

- Streets that prohibit parking that are also wide enough to accommodate the required width for both vehicular and bicycle lanes.
- Designated by black signs, solid white pavement stripe five feet from curb and bicycle markings (sharrows) inside the bike lane.



### TRAIL MILEAGE

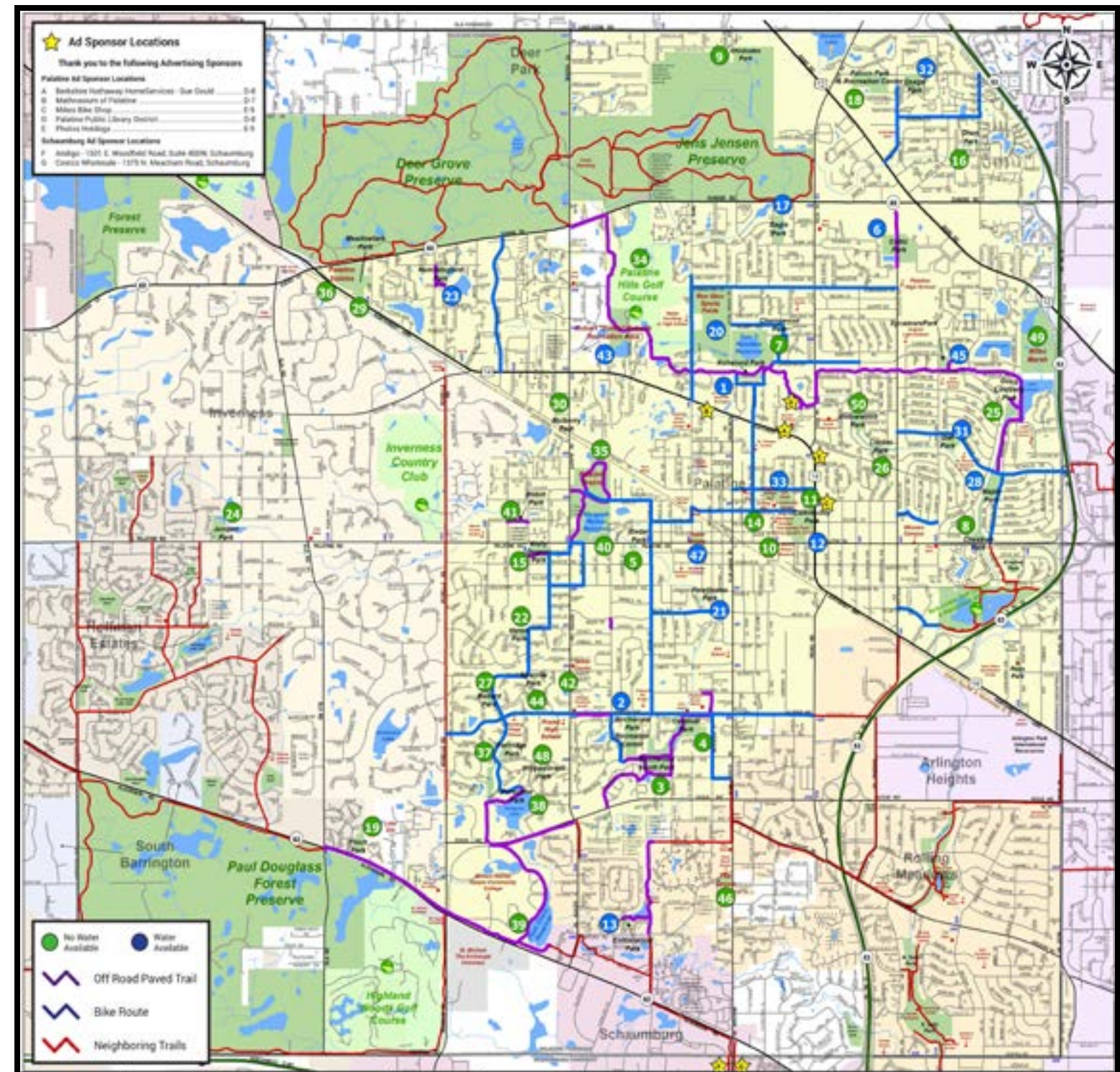
#### TRAVELING NORTH TO SOUTH

- Ashwood Park to Community Center - 0.8 mi
- Community Center to Riemer Reservoir - 1.1 mi
- Riemer Reservoir to Quentin & Palatine Roads - 0.4 mi
- Palatine Road to Heron Park - 1.2 mi
- Heron Park to Illinois Avenue - 0.7 mi
- Illinois Avenue to Peregrine Park - 1.3 mi
- Euclid Avenue to Quentin Road - 0.5 mi
- Harper College Drive to Quentin Road - 0.5 mi
- Total (Riemer Reservoir to College Hill Circle) 5.3 mi*

#### TRAVELING EAST TO WEST

- Anderson Drive to Williams Drive - 1.0 mi
- Williams Drive to Hicks Road Rest Area - 0.9 mi
- Hicks Road Rest Area to Ashwood Park - 0.6 mi
- Ashwood Park to Golf Course Parking Lot - 1.3 mi
- Golf Course Parking Lot to Quentin & Dundee Roads - 0.9 mi
- Total (Anderson Drive to Quentin & Dundee Roads - 4.7 mi)*

## PALATINE TRAILS



For more information on Palatine Parks & Trails visit [www.palatineparks.org](http://www.palatineparks.org)





## POLICE QUARTERLY ENFORCEMENT

At the start of 2020, The Palatine Police started a Quarterly Enforcement of Vehicle Violations / Plate Violations / Village Sticker enforcement. This program is intended to educate residents on our laws and Village ordinances. Every three months, the featured violation will rotate. The next quarterly enforcement will be Village Stickers. We hope through education and awareness, compliance will be raised in our community.



## Visit the Summer Farmers' Market Every Saturday, through October 31, 2020

Palatine Train Station parking lot (137 W. Wood Street)

The Sister Cities Association of Palatine invites area residents to come out each Saturday between 7 am and 1 pm from May 2 – October 31, 2020 to browse the Palatine Farmers' Market for fresh farm produce, organic meats and eggs, breads, soaps, pet treats, sweets, crafts, musical entertainment and more! Visit [palatinesistercities.org](http://palatinesistercities.org) for more information.

## PALATINE POLICE OFFICER APPLICATIONS

The Palatine Police and Fire Commission will be accepting applications to become a Palatine Police officer from June 5, 2020 through August 5, 2020.

Palatine Police Officer applications and all eligibility requirements can be found at [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us).

The deadline for submitting your online application, including all other required documentation, is August 5, 2020 by 12 pm.

Initial screening tests will be conducted Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 8 am at Palatine High School.

The expected duration of the selection process is approximately four weeks, starting with the application and ending with a medical exam and background check.

For further information, contact Kasia Cordell at **(847) 359-9010** or [kcordell@palatine.il.us](mailto:kcordell@palatine.il.us).



## NEW BUSINESSES

Bingaman Precision Metal Spinning  
538 S. Vermont Street  
847-392-5620  
Light Manufacturing/Metal Spinning

Ela's Hair Studio and Spa  
1613 N. Rand Road  
847-508-1459

Garsillos Italian Bar & Grill  
383 W. Northwest Highway  
847-496-5256  
Restaurant

Kini Tax & Accounting Solutions Inc.  
616 N. North Ct., Suite 220  
847-496-5497  
Accounting/Tax Service

Kinsch Floral Market  
48 W. Palatine Road  
847-359-1182  
Florist

Law Offices of Sandra Stermer  
Coscino  
110 N. Brockway, Suite 220  
224-801-2255  
Legal Services

NSalon  
220 N. Smith, 117V  
815-355-5145  
Hair Salon

Pelvic Dysfunction and Urinary  
Incontinent Clinics of America  
236 W. Northwest Highway  
847-496-9111

Shindengen America, Inc.  
1540 E. Dundee Road, Suite 350  
847-444-1363  
Electronic Components

TLC Pregnancy Services  
855 E. Palatine Rd. #230  
847-622-1235  
Pregnancy Support

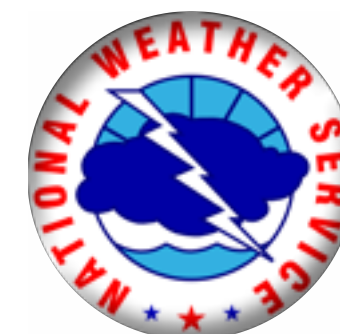
Z's Beauty Salon  
189 W. Northwest Highway  
847-496-5483

## THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO SAFETY

Thunderstorms and tornados can develop quickly and occur with little to no warning. Heavy winds and lightning from storms can cause extended power outages, uprooted trees, landslides, and downed or broken utility lines. Additionally, heavy rains can cause flash floods.

Familiarize yourself with the following terms to stay alert and prepared during heavy storms:

- **Tornado Watch:** conditions that are favorable for the development of tornadoes.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms containing large hail and/or damaging wind.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** large hail and/or damaging wind has been reported by spotters or is about to develop. Go to substantial shelter immediately.
- **Tornado Warning:** a tornado has been reported by spotters, or National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists have determined that one is about to form in the next several minutes. Go to substantial shelter immediately.



### DURING THE STORM

- Avoid contact with metal, electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets or sinks, because electric currents from lightning can travel through wires and pipes.
- If you are outside, take cover in a stable facility. Avoid taking shelter under trees.
- Tune in to local TV/radio channels for emergency advisories and instructions.
- Avoid walking through water that has seeped into your home; it may contain hazardous materials.
- If you are asked to evacuate your home, follow instructions given to you by emergency personnel.
- Call the Public Works Department at **(847) 705-5200** or Village Hall at **(847) 359-9050** to report fallen trees or tree limbs, clogged catch basins or flooded streets.
- Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them by calling **9-1-1**.

### AFTER THE STORM

- Assess your immediate environment.
- Report fallen trees, flooded streets or damaged public utilities to the proper department.
- Stay tuned to local weather stations for updated information.



## NOMINATE PROPERTIES FOR HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARDS

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission is hosting the 2020 Hometown Pride Awards to honor residential and business properties in Palatine that display attractive landscaping and exceptional curb appeal. Only the front of properties visible from the street will be evaluated. Criteria includes overall appearance, design, maintenance, color and diversity.

One 4"x6" photograph taken within the last 30 days must accompany the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the Village's website. Simply fill out the form and enclose a photograph to be entered in the competition.

Individuals can nominate a residence or business by e-mailing the form to [bhiggins@palatine.il.us](mailto:bhiggins@palatine.il.us) and attaching a digital photo, or by mailing/dropping off a paper version of the form and photo to the Public Works Department c/o *Hometown Pride Awards 148 W. Illinois Avenue, Palatine, IL 60067* by Friday, July 24, 2020.

Judging will take place on Monday, July 27, 2020. Winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, call Public Works at **(847) 705-5200** or visit [palatine.il.us](http://palatine.il.us) and search: 'hometown pride awards'.





## CLOGGED PIPES AND INCREASED DISINFECTANT USE

To combat COVID-19, people are using more and more disinfecting products to keep themselves healthy and safe. However, proper disposal of cleaning items is crucial to maintaining our vital infrastructure. There are two main dangers with the increased use of disinfectant products: damage to sanitary sewer pipes by clogging and damage to the wastewater treatment process via chemicals.



### CLOGGED PIPES

Sanitary and disinfecting wipes should not be flushed down the toilet. They do not break apart or degrade in the sanitary sewer system like toilet paper does. With so many people flushing wipes, increases in clogged pipes, broken pumps and residential backups are real possibilities. These can pull limited resources away from where they are needed, expose Public Works staff to biological hazards, and cost the Village thousands of dollars to fix.

### DISCARD WIPES AND PAPER TOWELS IN THE TRASH

Paper towels, napkins, sanitary wipes, plastic and most other things cannot be flushed down the toilet. Even wipes that say "flushable" should not be flushed. The only things that should ever go down your toilet are human waste and toilet paper. The solution to this issue is easy: throw wipes and paper towels in the trash instead of the toilet.



### INCREASED USE OF DISINFECTANTS

The process of cleaning wastewater includes using helpful bacteria to break down human waste so the effluent (treated wastewater) can be safely discharged into the environment. The amount of antibacterial chemicals going down residential drains directly or on antibacterial wipes has increased dramatically.

Products that can kill bacteria and viruses in your home can also kill the bacteria we rely on to process waste at treatment facilities or in your own septic system. This reduces our ability to produce clean, safe water and causes upsets that ripple all the way through the system.

### BE SMART ABOUT YOUR USAGE

To minimize chemical disposal, make sure to dilute bleach and other cleaners to the recommended amount. All bottles have a guide for how much disinfectant to add to water to get the desired results.

Be mindful of your chemical usage. Please use the right amount of cleaning product to keep your home clean and not more than is necessary. Avoid any unnecessary flushing of such chemicals down your sink or toilet.



**Thank you for helping to keep our sanitary sewer system functioning. It is crucial that we have fully operational wastewater services to contain the virus and protect against other health risks. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 705-5200.**

## FIREWORK SAFETY REMINDERS

When you think about Independence Day, you often think about fireworks that light up the night. However, for some, fireworks can be a source of stress, especially for those Veterans who suffer from PTSD. The loud noises can sometimes be a trigger. Although not every individual who lives with PTSD may be affected, many Veterans are stepping up to raise awareness of those who might be and ask people to please be courteous and aware when lighting fireworks in your neighborhood.

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using illegal fireworks. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 18,500 fires a year are caused by fireworks across the country.

The Palatine Fire Prevention Division reminds residents that all fireworks, including so-called 'safe' varieties, are illegal in the Village of Palatine.

Illegal fireworks classified as 'Approved Consumer Fireworks' include sparklers, cones including showers of sparks, fountains, repeaters/cakes, mines, comets, tubes, shells, fancy florals, and parachutes.



'Prohibited Consumer Fireworks' are those that are illegal to use and possess in Illinois, but are legal in some neighboring states. These include sky lanterns, all hand-held fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers of any size or type, sky rockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, pin wheels, and planes.

Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks, which can include fires, eye injuries, devastating burns, loss of appendages, and even death.

**The Palatine Fire Prevention Division encourages residents to have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.**

## COMMUNITY SUMMER EVENTS UPDATE

As we all navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related uncertainties, the following events have been postponed or canceled:



**St. Nectarios  
Greek Fest  
June 26-28, 2020  
Postponed**



**Hometown Fest  
July 2-5, 2020  
Canceled**



**Street Fest  
Aug. 28-30, 2020  
Canceled**



**For information regarding the Village of Palatine's service adjustments, as well as resources related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) issue, please [click here](#).**