

# VILLAGE of PALATINE

## COMMUNITY EVENTS RETURNING THIS SUMMER!

The Village of Palatine is excited to announce the return of several community events this summer. As the COVID-19 related metrics within Illinois continue to improve, we are currently within the 'Bridge to Phase 5' of the State's Restore IL plan. Barring any significant reversals in key COVID-19 statewide indicators, Illinois could enter Phase 5 as soon as June 11th (which will eliminate crowd size restrictions).

While there will be some changes to these events this year, we are excited to have them back!

Visit the links below for more details about Greek Fest, Hometown Fest and Street Fest:



**St. Nectarios Greek Fest Drive-Thru Event**  
June 24 - 27, 2021



**Hometown Fest**  
July 1 - 5, 2021



**Street Fest**  
August 27-29, 2021



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## NOMINATE PROPERTIES FOR HOMETOWN PRIDE AWARDS!

The Village of Palatine Beautification Commission is hosting the 2021 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.

Entry photos must be taken within the last 30 days and accompany the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the Village's **website**. Please submit only one photo per entry.



Nominate a residence or business by emailing the form and digital photo to **bhiggins@palatine.il.us**, by mailing/dropping off a paper form and one 4x6 photo to Public Works Department c/o Hometown Pride Awards, 148 W. Illinois Avenue, Palatine, Illinois 60067, or by completing the online submission by Friday, July 23, 2021.

Judging will take place on Monday, July 26, 2021. Winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

For more information, call Public Works at (847) 705-5200 or visit **palatine.il.us** and search: 'hometown pride awards'.



### VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

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## DROP-OFF PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL MATERIALS

The Village of Palatine, in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is pleased to offer free drop-off programs for residentially-generated special materials, including pharmaceuticals, sharps, mercury thermometers, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and fluorescent light tubes. Details about specific materials are listed below.

Many of the materials collected as part of SWANCC's residential special material programs have recoverability, recyclability or require special disposal due to environmental concerns. Only residential waste will be accepted. Waste from businesses, schools or other institutions will not be accepted. Please see **drop-off guidelines** or contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9242.

### Collection Location and Times:

**Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood Street**  
**Village Services Counter – First Floor**  
**Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



### Pharmaceuticals

Accepted pharmaceuticals include over-the-counter, non-controlled medications. No controlled substances will be accepted. See below for acceptable and unacceptable items. Pharmaceuticals must be identifiable and in the original, labeled container. Personal information such as name, address or phone number on the prescription label can be blackened out.

- **Acceptable Items:** Unused and expired prescription medications, prescription cough syrup, prescription eye or ear drops, unused and expired over-the-counter medications.

- **Unacceptable Items:** Controlled substances and non-prescription liquids.

### Sharps/Needles

Bring sharps in a red biohazard container, a rigid plastic laundry detergent bottle with a lid, or a coffee can with a lid. All sharps should be put into containers at home. No loose or bagged sharps will be accepted. The Environmental Health Division will also provide a free quart or gallon-sized sharps container to residents who administer home-injections, while supplies last. When the sharps container is full, the resident should bring the container back for proper disposal.

### Mercury Thermometers, Thermostats and Wall Switches

Mercury containing items such as thermometers, thermostats and wall switches will be accepted. All mercury containing items should be sealed in a plastic bag. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes Mercury containing light bulbs of all shapes and sizes, such as compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, will be accepted. Fluorescent light tubes up to 4 feet in length that are sealed in a plastic bag will also be accepted. Do not bring any incandescent bulbs, as they contain no mercury and can be disposed of in the garbage. Broken light bulbs will not be accepted.

Contact the **Environmental Health Division** at **847-359-9042** with any questions.

## LEARN HOW TO COMPOST IN YOUR BACKYARD!

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, more than 33 million tons of food is wasted each year. Americans throw away up to 40 percent of their food, an average of 20 pounds per person a month. When food is discarded in landfills, it produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

Backyard composting is nature's way of recycling. Composting converts organic materials, including food scraps (such as fruits and vegetables) and yard waste trimmings (like leaves, grass and small tree branches) into a dark, earthy-smelling soil conditioner, thereby preserving valuable nutrient-rich organic resources. Additionally, composting can save money by replacing store-bought fertilizers. Compost helps the soil retain, reducing water runoff. Composting can make a significant contribution to achieving waste reduction goals, especially if organic waste comprises a large proportion of your waste stream.

A properly constructed compost pile is needed to minimize nuisances (such as odors) and achieve quality finished compost. Section 10.3.8 of the Palatine Code of Ordinances regulates the location, construction, and maintenance of compost piles. Below is a summary of those requirements. For questions related to Village Code compost regulations please contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042.

- Size of compost bins should be limited to 4'x4'x4'.
- A maximum of three (3) compost bins shall be allowed on residential properties.
- Bins need to be made of commercial grade material, and self-contained, rotating, barrel-type containers are also acceptable.
- Yard waste should primarily make up compost piles.
- Items that are prohibited include: oils, grease, lard, meat, bones, fish, dairy products, human or animal waste, and inorganic materials.
- All compost piles shall be enclosed in a freestanding compost bin and be maintained to deter pests.
- Compost bins are allowed only in rear yards of residential properties, meet a 5-foot setback from rear and side property lines, and be 25 feet away from neighboring homes.



Composting is easy with some basic guidelines. To learn more about backyard composting and tips for success, visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) **website**.

# SWANCC ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION EVENT AT HARPER COLLEGE

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, the Village of Palatine, Palatine Park District, and Harper College are partnering with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to host an Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event. This event will be held at Harper College, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All vehicles must use the Euclid Avenue entrance only and follow the signs provided. No vehicles will be allowed to enter the event after 12:00 PM.

Residents from Palatine and other **SWANCC communities** are eligible to participate. IDs will be checked for verification of residency. Materials will not be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools, or institutions.

Event participants must follow all COVID-19 safety guidelines:

- Please stay home if you have COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms.
- Participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- All participants must be in a vehicle and no walk ups are allowed.
- All materials should be placed in the back of the vehicle.
- Participants must remain in their vehicle at all times while in line to drop off materials.
- Residents will unlock/open the trunk from inside the vehicle to allow staff to unload the items.

## Electronics:

Please remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes prior to bringing to the event. Acceptable Materials: Cable Receivers, Cell Phones, Computer Monitors, Computers (Desktop, Notebook, Tablet), Converter Boxes, Desktop Fax Machines and Printers, Keyboards, Mice, MP3 Players, Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs), Satellite Receivers, Scanners, Televisions, Video Game Consoles, Video Recorders/Players, and Zip Drives. If an item is not listed, please do not bring it.

## Paper:

There is a limit of six (6) file boxes or paper bags per vehicle. Bring only sensitive documents containing personal information such as medical history forms, bank statements, personal files, and retired tax forms. Plastic and metal clips or binders must be removed. Do NOT bring paper in plastic bags. Do NOT include photos, books or store receipts. Do NOT include anything that is a non-paper item. Do NOT include magazines, junk mail, or newspapers, as these can be recycled curbside.

Please do not bring household chemical waste, batteries, light bulbs, or other unacceptable materials. Do not drop off materials other than during the posted event date and times.

For more info on other SWANCC electronic one day events and weekly drop off locations, visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) or contact **847-724-9205**.



# HEAT-RELATED EMERGENCIES

There's a lot to do when the weather heats up: picnics, bike riding, hiking, and enjoying the summer sun with friends and family are just a few of the many activities to do outside. Unfortunately, too much fun in the sun can be dangerous. Excessive heat exposure can cause dehydration, which in turn can cause dangerous conditions like heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke (also called sunstroke). Here are the signs and symptoms of each to better understand what to look for during a heat-related medical emergency:

- Heat Cramps: Muscle cramps that may be mild to severe. Nausea and vomiting may also occur.
- Heat Exhaustion: Heavy sweating; weakness; cool, pale, moist skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea and vomiting, possible unconsciousness.
- Heat Stroke: High body temperature (above 103F); Hot, red, dry, or moist skin; rapid pulse; confusion, possible unconsciousness.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a heat-related emergency take action! Call 911 and attempt to relocate to a cool environment.

## STAY WELL HYDRATED

The best way to prevent heat-related illnesses this summer is to stay well hydrated. Water is essential to the human body and staying hydrated is crucial to maintaining your body temperature. Your body loses water through sweat during physical activity and in hot environments. Your sweat keeps your body cool, but your body loses electrolytes and plasma when it's dehydrated. If you're sweating more than usual, make sure you drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Don't wait until you're thirsty! Drink water throughout the day to prevent dehydration or over-exhaustion. Avoid sugary or caffeinated beverages as they can increase your dehydration. A good guide to check if you're hydrated enough is the color of your urine. Darker colors are signs of dehydration and other health conditions while clear means you are hydrated.

For more information on hydration visit **CDC.GOV**. Have fun this summer and stay hydrated to prevent heat illnesses.

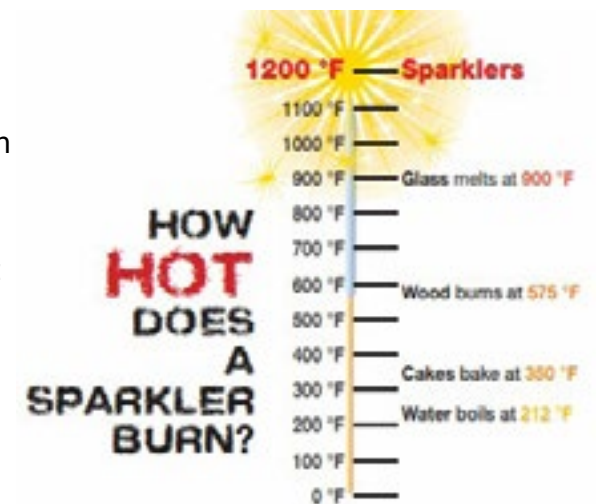


## FIREWORK DANGERS

Fireworks are used to mark special occasions and holidays, most notably the 4th of July. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a show put on by professionals from a distance. The Nation Fire Protection Association (NFPA) records more than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually and cost \$105 million in direct property damage.

The four weeks surrounding July 4th see the highest amount of injuries, over 9,000, with 44% being burn injuries. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the injuries are to the hands, legs, and eyes. Children ages 10-14 have the highest rate of injuries with more than one-third of the victims under the age of 15. Firecrackers are the number cause of injury, with sparklers accounting for one-quarter.

Sparklers can reach temperatures up to 1,200 degrees and stay hot enough to cause injury long after the sparks have stopped. Illinois does not allow the selling or use of several well-known types of fireworks, such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, and roman candles. The Village of Palatine has enacted an ordinance to prohibit the possession, manufacturing, storage, handling, and use of fireworks including sparklers (Palatine Code of Ordinances Sec. 7-39.6).



# LOOKING FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUN THIS SUMMER?

Go on a bike ride! Riding your bike is a great way to have fun and get some exercise. Always wear your helmet and make sure you're wearing it properly. Bicycle helmets are an essential element of bicycle safety and must be properly fitted and adjusted. While riding, always wear an approved safety helmet to protect your head from serious injury in case of a crash. Wearing a helmet properly can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%.

## To make sure your helmet fits properly, use the "Eyes-Ears-Mouth" test.

- **Eyes:** Position the helmet on your head and look up. You should see the front rim of the helmet.
- **Ears:** The helmet straps need to be snug but comfortable and should form a "Y" shape under each of your ears.
- **Mouth:** Open your mouth wide. You should feel the helmet push down on your head.

If your helmet does not pass the test, adjust the straps or add bigger pads to get the right fit.

## TIP: Replace your helmet if it becomes damaged in a crash.



Wear the helmet flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle!



Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct the field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.

Resource: Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road

# REGISTERING YOUR BICYCLE

Now that Summer is rapidly approaching it is time to break out that Summer Safety Checklist and mark one more to-do item off. Getting your bicycle registered! The Palatine Police Officers often take reports for lost or stolen bicycles in addition to found or recovered ones. When a bicycle is found or recovered and it has a bicycle registration sticker on it, finding the owner of the bike is fairly easy. Even bicycles that have registration stickers that have been scratched off will have a serial number associated with their registration.

## There are many ways to register your bicycle:

- Visit the Village website
- Visit the front desk of Police Department and request a registration form.
- Stop by one of the advertised events where officers will be registering bicycles. (watch for advertisements)



## When registering your bicycle you will need the following information:

- Make and model
- Serial number (usually located on the frame of the bicycle and engraved into the metal)
- Name, address, telephone number (for contact purposes if your bike is found)
- Wheel size and color of the bike.

When placing the sticker on your bicycle it is always best to place it in a location that can't be removed (for example, the seat can be removed but the frame is a solid piece). Make sure to register your current bicycle and any new ones as soon as possible and enjoy your summer riding.

For more information you may contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847-359-9061.

**VILLAGE OF PALATINE  
2021/2022 VEHICLE STICKERS**

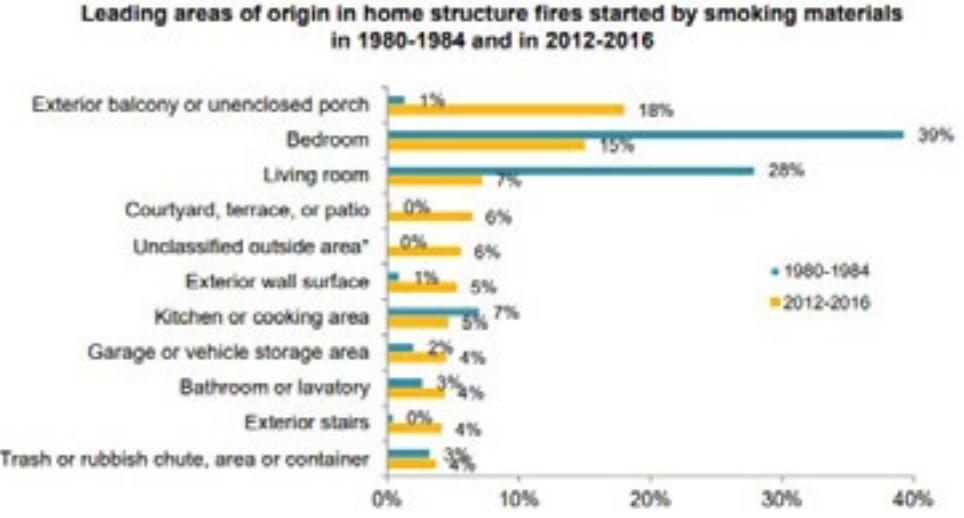
Vehicle Stickers and Animal Licenses will go on sale starting September 1, 2021. Current 2020 stickers will expire October 31, 2021.

More details on how to purchase vehicle stickers and animal licenses will appear in our August Newsletter.

# IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SMOKING MATERIALS FIRES

Improper disposal of smoking material causes on average 18,100 (5%) residential structure fires each year in the United States. These fires are responsible for 590 deaths, 1,130 injuries, and cause over 475 million dollars in direct property damage per year. Fires resulting from the improper use of smoking material cause 20% of all residential fires, 25% of all residential fire deaths, and 10% of all residential fire injuries.

As the concerns about the health effects of second-hand smoke have increased over the last few decades, so has the location where the smoking occurs at home or when visiting friends. Not surprisingly, the location of where home fires are caused by smoking material has also changed. This has resulted in a significant increase in smoking material fires that start in the outdoor area of the residence (balcony, patio, deck, and planting areas). Even though these fires start outside, they can cause significant damage to the interior of the residence.



As you can see, the leading area of origin for residential smoking material fires is now exterior balconies and open porches (18%). Whereas in the early 1980's they accounted for just 1% of these fires. When balcony and porch fires are combined with the fires originating in courtyards, terraces, patios, unclassified outside areas, exterior wall surfaces, and exterior stairs they account for 39% of smoking material fires.

Since January of 2019, the Palatine Fire Department has responded to six structure fires confirmed to have been caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials originating on the exterior of the structure. The department has also responded to several more fires that were suspected to have been caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials. Several of these fires resulted in significant damage to the structure and caused multiple families to be displaced from their homes for an extended time.

While the best method to prevent smoking material fires is not to smoke, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and experts recommend the following tips for proper disposal of smoking material:

- Never discard or extinguish smoking materials directly on a combustible surface such as a wood deck, plastic containers, directly into a garbage can, or in knotholes or joint spaces in siding/decking.
- Do not discard cigarettes in or around vegetation, including mulch, potted plants, landscaping, peat moss, dried grass, or leaves. Dry vegetation can catch fire when it is exposed to cigarette butts that are not completely extinguished.
- Use a deep non-combustible ashtray that is properly emptied regularly and placed away from any combustibles.
- Before throwing away cigarette butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dousing in water or sand is the best method. This needs to be done before discarding cigarette butts and ashes in the trash, even from an ashtray.
- Never smoke or allow someone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Oxygen causes materials to ignite easier, burn hotter, and at a faster rate.

Of late nationally, there has been an increase in fires caused by e-cigarettes. Most e-cigarettes use lithium batteries. Charging them improperly or when damaged can lead to battery failure that results in a small explosion, fire, and injury. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended.

The Palatine Fire Department reminds everyone that fire safety begins at home. Visit our [website](http://www.palatinefire.org) and [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org) for more fire safety tips.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

The Palatine Fire Department, in partnership with the BoatU.S.® Foundation, is proud to be a life jacket loaner site. The life jacket loaner program was started in 1997 by the BoatU.S.® Foundation and currently has more than 575 sites where parents can borrow life jackets for their children up to 90 pounds.

Each Palatine Fire station has an inventory of life jackets in infant, child, and youth sizes. Yearly, the Palatine Fire Department loans out around 150 life jackets through this program. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children 1-4 years of age. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for children 1-14 years and is the fifth leading cause of death for people of all ages. Most boating deaths that occurred in 2020 were caused by drowning, with 86% of victims not wearing life jackets according to [americanboating.org](http://americanboating.org).

Illinois law requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires persons of any age to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft.

For more information about our life jacket loaner program please call **847-202-6340** or visit our [website](#).



## PALATINE BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 19TH



The Palatine Board of Health is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 12 until 6 pm at the Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street in Room Community B. The blood drive will be conducted by Vitalant.

Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to give back to your community. If you've never donated blood before, we encourage you to try! Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This constant need for blood can only be met by generous donors like you, and when you give blood, you could save the life of a cancer patient or someone needing open-heart surgery. Remember, it's the blood on the shelves hospitals turn to in emergency situations. Make blood donations a part of your routine.

The actual donation time for whole blood only takes about 10 minutes. The entire process, from registration to post-donation refreshments, takes about one hour. Donors can save time by registering in advance before arrival and completing the health history questionnaire online using **DonorPass**.

Your donation may help patients battling COVID-19. Are you fully recovered from COVID-19, or suspect you may have had COVID-19 but weren't tested - and have been symptom free at least 14 days? If so, your blood or platelet donation could help COVID-19 patients. Vitalant is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies. If your donation is antibody positive, they can produce convalescent plasma from it to help COVID-19 patients - and the remaining blood components will help other patients with serious medical conditions.

For more information on the donation process or to schedule an appointment, call **877-258-4825** or visit **Vitalant**. Appointments are strongly encouraged but walk-in donors are always welcome.

## LATEX PAINT AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, each year, residents flush thousands of gallons of leftover or unwanted paint and chemicals down their sinks and drains or dump thousands of gallons more into their trash cans. These actions can overwhelm sewage systems, destroy septic tanks, and damage landfills' protective barriers. You can ease these threats to human health and the environment by following a few simple steps:



### REDUCE

First and foremost, think before you buy paint or any household product for that matter! Do not purchase more paint than you will need and make sure that you have the right color. Also be sure to ask for "environmentally-friendly" or no/low VOC paint to reduce your exposure to harsh chemical fumes. Then, use up what you buy - cover areas with a second coat of paint or find something else to paint for instance, use the paint as a base coat on a basement floor or outdoor fence.

### REUSE OR RECYCLE

Try to donate good left-over paint to an area high school, local theater troupe, church, etc. If your latex paint is not usable and you are unable to dry it out yourself or if you have a significant amount of good paint to be reused, see **SWANCC's Reuse and Recycling Directory**. Oil based paints and thinners are considered Household Hazardous Waste.

### DISPOSAL: HOW TO DRY OUT LATEX PAINT

In a protected and well-vented area (garage or basement), away from children and pets, remove the lid and allow paint to naturally dry out over a period of time. This method works best if the can is less than ¼ full. For fuller cans, mix shredded newspaper, kitty litter or a hardware store-bought waste paint hardener to the paint can and allow it to absorb and dry out over a period of time. When finished, remove the lid and let the can dry out and dispose of it in your regular garbage. Be sure to leave the lid off so that your hauler knows the can is empty.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste collections are conducted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and are available to all Illinois residents. There are one-day drop-off events scheduled for 2021 and four long-term collection locations in Illinois for residentially-generated materials only. Please visit **SWANCC.ORG** for a list of collection locations, hours and a complete list of acceptable materials. Latex paint is not an acceptable material at household hazardous waste collections.

For further questions about paints and household hazardous waste disposal, please contact the **Environmental Health Division at 847-359-9042**.

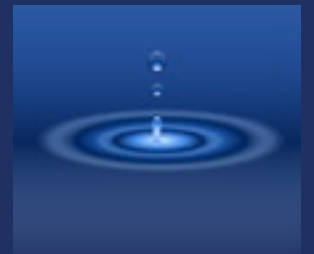
## 2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT ONLINE

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 2020.

To be more environmentally responsible, this report is no longer printed, but will be available online after June 30, 2021. To view the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report, visit our website at [www.palatine.il.us/2020CCR](http://www.palatine.il.us/2020CCR).

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.



## PREPARE! DON'T LET SEVERE WEATHER TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE

Find out what you can do before severe weather strikes. Preparation is key to staying safe and minimizing impacts.



- **Be Weather-Ready:** Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for severe weather. Listen to local news or a **NOAA Weather Radio** to stay informed about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings. Check the **Weather-Ready Nation** for tips.
- **Sign Up for Notifications:** Know how your community sends warning. Some communities have outdoor sirens. Others depend on media and smart phones to alert residents to severe storms.
- **Create a Communications Plan:** Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. Pick a safe room in your home such as a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Get more ideas for a plan at: **ready.gov/make-a-plan**
- **Practice Your Plan:** Conduct a family severe thunderstorm drill regularly so everyone knows what to do if a damaging wind or large hail is approaching. Make sure all members of your family know to go there when severe thunderstorm warnings are issued. Don't forget pets if time allows.
- **Prepare Your Home:** Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.
- **Help Your Neighbor:** Encourage your loved ones to prepare for severe thunderstorms. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt during severe weather.

## WATER SAFETY



Swimming is a great way to cool off, a great exercise, and a fun way to spend time together as a family during the summer months. As we head to cool off in the water, many people don't realize how dangerous swimming can be. In the United States, someone dies from drowning every 10 minutes, 20% of the victims are children. For every child who drowns, another five children get treated for injuries related to submerging in water. The following tips are recommended when swimming in a pool or open water.

- Never swim alone – swim in areas where a lifeguard is on duty. When a lifeguard is not on location use the buddy system. Never swim alone. Swim with a friend or sibling.
- Supervise children in the water – be alert when your child is in the water even if a lifeguard is on duty. A parent should be within arm's reach of a young child in a pool, lake, ocean, or bathtub. Older children should stay close and supervise them at all times.
- Don't play breath-holding games – competing to see who can hold their breath longer can be dangerous, put you at a higher risk of passing out, and lead to drowning.
- Use reach, throw, row, go method to help – if you see a swimmer struggling, use the reach, throw, row, go. Use a long object to reach the person, throw them a life preserver or jacket, use a boat, paddleboard, or surfboard to get to the person. If you are not a strong swimmer or completed swimming lifesaving training, go for help. If you must swim, take along something that floats.
- Enter water feet first and don't jump into the water if you don't know the depth – injuries happen every year from kids jumping into shallow water headfirst. Make sure to know the depth before jumping blindly into the water. If your child wants to dive in, teach the proper method in the designated areas.
- Stay away from pool drains – Hair, bathing suits, and even limbs have become stuck in drains. Drains can create suction equal to hundred pounds of pressure if completely covered. Stay away from the drains and never go by a missing or broken drain. If the drain is not operating correctly, report it and don't swim in that pool.
- Stay within the designated swimming area – whether it's a pool, lake, or ocean, stay within the swimming areas. Never encourage someone to swim in water deeper than their ability will allow. Understand lakes and oceans can change daily and even throughout the day with the tide.
- Use approved life jackets – only use a life jacket that is approved by the coast guard. "Floaties", water wings, pool noodles, or blow-up rafts are not a substitute for life jackets.
- Learn CPR – accidents happen no matter how safe you are. Drownings or water-related emergencies happen and bystanders are the first available to react and respond. CPR can also save a life away from the water.
- If you have a pool, secure it – secure access to the pool by using appropriate barriers such as fencing and proper height above ground level.

## SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Illinois law requires all drivers and passengers (front and back seat) age 8 and older to wear safety belts even if the vehicle is equipped with air bags. Passengers under age 8 must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system as covered by the Child Passenger Protection Act. When riding in a truck with only a front seat equipped with safety belts, a child under age 8 must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system.

If a passenger has a disability or medical condition that makes him/her unable to secure his/her own safety belt, the driver is responsible for securing and adjusting the safety belt for that passenger.

It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure ALL passengers obey the safety belt law and the Child Passenger Protection Act. Anyone found guilty of disobeying this law is subject to a fine and court costs.

### Child Passenger Protection Act

The Child Passenger Protection Act requires that all children under age 8 be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system. This includes the use of booster seats, which must only be used with a lap/shoulder safety belt. If the back seat of the vehicle is not equipped with lap/shoulder type safety belts, a child weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat without a booster seat, secured with a lap belt only.

Questions about child car seats? Call the **Palatine Police Crime Prevention Unit** at **847-359-9061**.

Source: *CyberDriveIllinois.com*



For more safety information, visit **redcross.org**.

## NEW BUSINESSES

### **American Furniture & Mattress Outlet**

727 E. Dundee Road  
630-340-0025  
Furniture & Mattresses

### **Caliber Collision Centers**

1930 N. Rand Road  
469-948-9500  
Auto Body Paint and Repair

### **Epic Salon & Spa Inc.**

1502 W. Algonquin Road  
847-496-5434  
Salon & Spa

### **Hair by Nicole**

772 W. Euclid Avenue  
847-917-3829  
Hair Stylist

### **IFC**

507 S. Vermont  
847-502-6185  
Private Gym

### **Miel LLC**

473 W. Northwest Hwy 2D  
779-777-4968  
Online Retail Clothing

### **Natural Nails**

173 W. Northwest Highway  
847-963-9874  
Nail Services

### **Roadster Salon LLC**

627 S. Vermont Street  
847-769-7880  
Auto Restoration

### **Solutions Therapy**

1581 N. Quentin Road  
847-287-7780  
Life Coaching

### **The Travellin' Table by Jamie**

220 N. Smith 117B  
815-207-9833  
Therapeutic Massage



## THE PALATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!

The Palatine Fire and Police Commission have begun recruiting for the position of Palatine Police Officer. Interested candidates can find more information and eligibility requirements on the Village **website**.

All candidates must successfully pass an online written examination by July 16th, 2021 at 3 pm. Those qualifying candidates who pass the written examination will be sent a Village of Palatine Employment Application and potentially be invited to participate in the physical ability test on August 14th, 2021.

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

## POLICE VACATION NOTIFICATION

The Palatine Police Department takes vacation notifications. If you are going to be away from home it is a good idea to contact the Police Department and provide a vacation notification. Please understand that this program is intended to provide the Palatine Police Department with information and emergency contact number to reach you if needed. It does not mean the officers will be able to watch your home.

When you to call to make a vacation notification, you will be asked the following:

- Name
- Address and a phone number to reach you
- Reason for vacancy (vacation, for sale, other)
- Date leaving and returning
- Any alarm information
- Key holder information
- Any individuals who may be at the property?
- Vehicle description and location on premises
- Newspaper stopped?
- Mail stopped?
- Deliveries stopped?
- Utility information?
- Lights and/or timers
- Any pets at home?

To make a vacation notification, you must call or stop by the Palatine Police Department. **Palatine Police non-emergency 847-359-9000.**