

## Cedar Street from Palatine Road to Illinois Avenue To be Improved Over a Three Year Period

**M**ajor roadway improvements will take place in the Cedar Street corridor from Palatine Road to Illinois Avenue over a three year period. The project got underway last summer with repairs to the pavement base, installation of new curb, and resurfacing on the



*Cedar Street prior to resurfacing*

section of Cedar Street from Illinois Avenue to Pleasant Hill. The road improvements began at the south end of the project and will continue to move northward over the project's three year span.

A similar scope of improvements is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006 between Pleasant Hill and Daniels Road. The entire corridor will have new curb and gutter installed, additional storm sewer will be installed at each intersection, a uniform pavement width will be created to match work completed in 2005, sidewalk gaps will be filled, and the pavement will be resurfaced.

If you have questions about the project, contact the Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044.



*Cedar Street from Illinois Avenue to Pleasant Hill has a whole new look, thanks to recently completed resurfacing.*

## 2006 Budget Reflects 3.35% Decrease

Palatine's Annual Budget for 2006 is \$84,702,325, a decrease of 3.35% as compared to the 2005 budget. There are no new taxes or fees in the 2006 budget. In fact, the 2006 Budget anticipates a REDUCTION in the Village of Palatine's real estate tax rate to \$1.07 per \$100 of Equalized Assessed Valuation, a reduction of 1.0%. This is the lowest rate since Lake Michigan water came to Palatine in 1982.

The Village has a proud history of providing exceptional services at the lowest possible cost. The 2006 budget was developed with expenditure caps. All non-personnel costs were capped at a 1.75% increase over the previous year unless there were outstanding contractual obligations.

The 2006 budget reflects the service levels expected by our residents, while living within our financial means. The budget prioritizes core services and administrative functions and reflects one of the leanest and most efficient municipal corporations within the suburban Chicago area.

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# Portions of 34 Streets Scheduled for Improvements in 2006

The Village of Palatine has budgeted a total of \$2 million for street resurfacing in 2006.

Using both on-site visual inspections and computer projections, the Department of Public Works has recommended that 34 sections of the streets, listed at the right, should be resurfaced to keep them from deteriorating further and to extend their life an additional 12 to 15 years. Some of these streets have had extensive watermain and sewer repairs done in the last year, and because of this work, need resurfacing.



The average time from start to finish on

any one street, not including pavement markings and landscaping, is 40 days. Improvements planned include the spot replacement of curb and gutter, adjustment of manholes and inlets, and asphalt overlay.

Work is expected to start in mid-March with an anticipated completion date of mid-July.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Abby Hill Lane	Dorset Avenue	Kelly Ann Drive
Benton Street	Colfax Street	Palatine Road
Benton Street	Washington Street	Helen Road
Boardwalk Drive	Brockway Street	Cul-de-Sac
Bothwell Street	Sherman Street	Colfax Street
Brockway Street	Colfax Street	Wood Street
Brockway Street	Comfort Street	Colfax Street
Cardinal Court	Cardinal Drive	Cul-de-Sac
Comfort Lane	Plum Grove Road	Benton Street
Cornell Avenue	Quentin Road	Dead End West
Cunningham Drive	Old Virginia Drive	Williams Drive
Daniels/Hart Street	Rose Street	Kenilworth Avenue
Elm Court	Elm Street	Cul-de-Sac
Greenwood Avenue	Palatine Road	Northwest Highway
Hickory Street	Palatine Road	Kenilworth Avenue
Kerwood Street	Palatine Road	Parallel Street
Krista Lane & Court	Glencoe Street	Krista Court
Lanark Lane	Gilbert Avenue	Cul-de-Sac
Long View Lane	Quentin Road	Elm Street
Marshall Court	Old Hicks Road	Cul-de-Sac East
Medford Drive	Quentin Road	Elm Street
Morris Drive	Rohlwing Road	Mid Block - 863 East
Mozart Street	Robertson Street	Colfax Street
Nichols Road	Old Hicks Road	N. Baldwin Road
Nightingale Drive	Partridge Drive	Peregrine Drive
Old Bridge Road	Home Avenue	Hicks Road
Old Hicks Road	End of Curb & Gutter	Lake-Cook Road
Parallel Street	Northwest Highway	Cul-de-Sac
Pinehill Court	Willow Street	Cul-de-Sac
Stuart Lane	Dorset Lane	Bennett Drive
Whitehall Court	Kenilworth Avenue	Cul-de-Sac
Whitehall Drive	Kenilworth Avenue	Whytecliff Road
Willow Street	Clyde Street	Pondview Drive
Wilson Street	Forest Avenue	Rohlwing Road

## Give the Gift of Life: Give Blood!

**Monday, February 27**

Palatine Village Hall,  
200 E. Wood Street,  
Police Training Room  
(lower level)  
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

No appointment is necessary --  
just stop by!



## New Street Lights Being Installed On Plum Grove Road

Twenty-seven new street lights have been installed on Plum Grove Road between Washington Street and Aldridge Avenue as part of the Villages continuing efforts to add lighting along arterial streets.

The new lights are the same style as those that were installed on Illinois Avenue west of Plum Grove Road in 2002. Com Ed is expected to have the street lights operational in the coming months.

Weekly updates on the installation schedule will be posted on the Village homepage: [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). If you have questions or need further information, contact the Engineering Department at (847) 359-9044.



# New Early Voting Options, Changes in Absentee Voting, And New Optical Scan Ballots in March 21 Primary Election

March 21, 2006 is the date of the Primary Election in Illinois in which voters can select their choice for federal, state and county candidates for the November 7, 2006 General Election.

<b>FEDERAL OFFICES</b>	United States Representatives
<b>STATE OFFICES</b>	Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer State Senators, State Representatives
<b>COOK COUNTY OFFICES</b>	County Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Assessor President-County Board of Commissioners Commissioners (all 17 Districts in Cook County) Commissioners-Board of Review (1st & 2nd districts only) Commissioners-Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated) Regional Superintendent-of Schools
<b>JUDICIAL OFFICES</b>	Judges of the Supreme Court Judges of the Appellate Court Judges of the Circuit Court Judges of the Subcircuit Court
<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	Township Committeemen

To view a list of all candidates running for office and/or a sample ballot, visit the Cook County Clerk's website at: [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)



## **EARLY VOTING (no reason or excuse needed) Monday, February 27th through Thursday, March 16th**

Starting in 2006, anyone who wishes to vote early may do so. Early voters do not have to provide a reason or excuse such as being out of town to vote early. Village of Palatine residents (**only**) can vote early at the Village of Palatine Clerk's Office from Monday, February 27th through Thursday, March 16th. **Early voters must show a current government-issued photo ID (Illinois Driver's license, a state ID, or a passport) to vote early.**

## **IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (must have a reason to vote early) Friday, March 17th, Saturday, March 18th and Monday, March 20th**

On Friday, March 17th, Saturday, March 18th and Monday, March 20th, voters must have a reason to vote early and cast an in-person absentee ballot. Absentee voting by mail will remain unchanged. Upon request, the Cook County Clerk's office will mail ballots to the homes of qualified absentee voters prior to Election Day. You may download an application for a mail-in absentee ballot at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

## **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION and voting is from February 22 through March 7, 2006**

During this 14 day grace period (February 22-March 7) you may register to vote **ONLY** at the Cook County Clerk's main downtown Chicago office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500. You must show two pieces of identification to register. Grace-period voters must vote absentee. You can: 1) vote in person at the Cook County Clerk's downtown office immediately after signing up to vote; or 2) receive an absentee ballot by mail that you can complete at home and return to the Cook County Clerk's office before Election Day. Grace-period registrants are not allowed to vote at the polls on Election Day or vote at any early voting site.

For further information about early voting or in-person absentee voting, visit the Village of Palatine's website, [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us)



## **Optical Scan, Touch Screens will Replace Punch Cards**

Early voting will be done on the new Optical Scan paper ballots, which are replacing punch cards beginning with the March 21st Primary Election.

The Optical Scan ballots are similar to standardized tests. To use them voters simply mark an oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice and place the ballot in an envelope.

In addition, on Election Day, the Cook County Clerk's office will provide at least one touch-screen machine for each of its suburban Cook County polling places to enable physically disabled voters to cast ballots privately and independently as required under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

For more information, visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

## **ELECTION JUDGES**

If you are interested in being an Election Judge, contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312) 603-0965 or visit their website at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) for more information.





Honored for service areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina: Public Works Director Andy Radetski, Palatine Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Tom Smith, Police Officer Pat McGee, Police Sgt. Kyle Ingebrigtsen, Police Officer Gary Snep, Fire Captain James Mayer, and Firefighter Rick Glavey.

## Seven Village of Palatine Employees Honored for Their Service in Hurricane Ravaged Gulf Coast

Seven Village of Palatine employees were recently honored by the Village Council for their efforts in assisting with rebuilding and recovery in the Gulf Coast following the massive destruction left in Hurricane Katrina's wake.

The Police and Fire personnel – Police Sgt. Kyle Ingebrigtsen, Police Officer Gary Snep, Police Officer Pat McGee, Fire Captain James Mayer, and Firefighter Rick Glavey – assisted through the Village's involvement with local and state mutual aid organizations that were called in to assist after the hurricane struck.

Public Works Director Andy Radetski volunteered his time to assist in the recovery effort through his church; Palatine Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Tom Smith volunteered through the Red Cross.

## Three Village Employees Honored for Service in Iraq

A Palatine police officer, firefighter/paramedic and Planning and Zoning Administrator have all recently served the country with tours of duty in Iraq.

**Firefighter/Paramedic Dale Stankiewicz** served in Iraq from December 2004 through November 2005 with the 373 Medical Company as a Staff Sergeant in Army Reserve.



Firefighter/Paramedic Dale Stankiewicz, Planning and Zoning Administrator Edgardo Prats-Reyes, and Police Officer Mark Dockendorff.

**Planning and Zoning Administrator Edgardo Prats-Reyes** served in Iraq from November 2004 through October 2005 with the 1644th Transportation Company as a Second Lieutenant.

**Police Officer Mark Dockendorff** served nine months in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, H&S Company, as a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

## New Orleans, Up Close and Personal

I spent a week in October participating in an effort to restock and repair two schools in the New Orleans area. Our team of volunteers transported school supplies (desks, chairs, books, tables, computers, paper, and other materials) that were collected in the Chicago area and donated to schools located in Gretna, Louisiana and Harahan, Louisiana. Thanks to the efforts of more than 80 volunteers from around the country, both schools were able to open up the second week of October. We were also able to assist in the repair of two individual homes in order to make them habitable again. Both projects were coordinated through Lutheran Church Charities of Northern Illinois.

Public Works Director Andy Radetski



This was how Faith Lutheran School looked before the team of volunteers that Radetski was part of completed major structural repairs. Photo inset shows some of the truckloads of items that were donated to area residents.

## Out with Red Recycling Bins, in With Large Capacity Wheeled Toters Designed to Increase Recycling & Reduce Blowing Litter

Recycling is good. But blowing litter is not. That's why the Village of Palatine is replacing its open red recycling bins with new 65 gallon wheeled toters. The toters' fitted lid will eliminate the problem of plastic bags, aluminum cans, newspapers and other debris blowing out of the bin on collection day. In addition, the toters' large 65 gallon capacity will enable residents to recycle considerably more of their household waste.

Several surrounding communities that have adopted the recycling toter service have seen a significant reduction in blowing litter, as well as an increase in the community's overall recycling rate.

During the first week of April 2006, a 65-gallon recycling toter will be delivered to all single family residences and townhomes by Groot Recycling and Waste Services, Inc. The 65-gallon recycling toter has basically the same footprint as the 18-gallon recycling bins but is taller (see photo to the right).

Toter use makes recycling more convenient for residents to transport materials to the curb. Paper, newsprint, magazines, cardboard, glass, bottles, plastics, tin, and aluminum can all be commingled. Additional information about the program will be mailed to residents from Groot prior to delivery of the toters.



*New 65 gallon recycling toters will be delivered during the first week of April.*

**Please note:** All garbage should continue to be placed only in plastic bags at the curb for collection. The use of these toters or other cans for garbage collection is not permitted. Due to rising fuel costs and as a way to improve the efficiency of refuse pickup, the Village recommends that adjoining residents place their garbage bags together on the parkway to eliminate multiple collection stops. Please do your part in helping Palatine reduce, reuse and recycle our waste.

## Palatine Marked Yard Waste Bags No Longer Required

The use of marked Village of Palatine yard material bags for the disposal of grass, shrubbery cuttings and leaves at the curb is no longer required. Since these bags are readily available at surrounding retailers, the marked bags will no longer be delivered by the Village to residents in the spring. Residents may now use any 30-gallon two-ply kraft paper yard waste bags. Remember that the weight of the filled bag may not exceed 60 pounds.

Please note that the Village will no longer issue credits for unused Palatine yard material bags, but residents may still continue to use any bags they may have left over. Unlimited collection of yard material bags will continue and stickers are not required.

Curbside collection of bagged and bundled yard waste begins April 1 and continues through November 30.

## Holiday Refuse Pick Up Schedule for 2006/2007

Mark your calendar for these holidays that will affect your solid waste pickup. Save and post this handy schedule for reference throughout the year and save yourself from hauling the trash to the curb a day early — or missing your pickup entirely for the week.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
Mon., May 29, 2006	Memorial Day Observed	<b>ALL</b> pickups will be one day later than usual
Tues., July 4, 2006	Independence Day	<b>Tues and Wed</b> pickups will be one day later than usual
Mon., Sept. 4, 2006	Labor Day	<b>ALL</b> pickups will be one day later than usual
Mon., Dec. 25, 2006	Christmas Day	<b>ALL</b> pickups will be one day later than usual
Mon., Jan. 1, 2007	New Year's Day	<b>ALL</b> pickups will be one day later than usual

**IMPORTANT:** Refuse should be placed at the curb **no sooner than 7:00 PM** on the day preceding pickup (4:00 PM during the winter months), and **no later than 6:00 AM** on your collection day.

Curbside yard waste pickup resumes April 1, 2006 and continues through November 30, 2006.

For further information regarding solid waste collection, please contact the Palatine Environmental Health Division at (847) 359-9090 or Groot Recycling and Waste Services at (847) 776-1728.

# Palatine News Briefs

## NEED A NEW SIDEWALK?

If the sidewalk in front of your home is uneven, severely cracked, or deteriorated in a way that meets specific safety standards, you can have it replaced for half the actual cost through the Village's 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program. The cost to the homeowner for 2006 is approximately \$40.00 per sidewalk square. Requests for participation in the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program can be made by calling the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

The Village's Hazardous Sidewalk Program is designed to identify and eliminate the worst tripping hazards, at no cost to the homeowner. The Village has been divided into areas, and each year one of the areas will be inspected and the **MOST HAZARDOUS SIDEWALKS REPAIRED**. The area targeted for this year is bounded approximately by: Smith Street on the west, the ComEd right-of-way on the north, Rohlwing Road on the east, and Baldwin Road/Northwest Highway on the south.

Call the Department of Public Works at (847) 705-5200 between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday for further information about the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program or the Hazardous Sidewalk Program.

## STREET FEST COMING AUG. 25-27!

Street Fest will be back for the 7th year on August 25, 26 and 27. Be watching for details about this year's event in the next Village newsletter.

We would like to hear from you! Send any suggestions about entertainment/bands/food to [streetfest@palatine.il.us](mailto:streetfest@palatine.il.us).

## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION SET FOR JUNE 30-JULY 4

The Palatine Jaycees will be hosting the 49th Annual Hometown Fest from Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4 at Community Park, Northwest Highway and Palatine Road. Bring the whole family to enjoy carnival rides and attractions as well as wristband savings, food and beverages, and live entertainment daily.

The Arts & Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2.

The 4th of July Parade will be held on Saturday, July 1 at 10:00 a.m. Fireworks are scheduled for Monday, July 3 at dusk, weather permitting. Rain date is Tuesday, July 4.

For more information, contact the Palatine Jaycees at P.O. Box 1517, Palatine, IL 60078; (847) 604-0288; or visit their website at [www.palatinejaycees.org](http://www.palatinejaycees.org)

## HOW WOULD A NEW TREE LOOK IN YOUR PARKWAY?

Planting trees has multiple benefits for us all. They add beauty, charm, and stately maturity to a community, not to mention cleaner air and a better environment. That's why the Village of Palatine offers a 50/50 tree planting program to encourage residents to plant parkway trees in front of their homes. Through the 50/50 program, the Village and homeowner share the cost of the tree, which includes planting and a one year guarantee. The homeowner's share ranges from about \$110.00 to \$250.00, depending on the size and species of tree selected. Call the Department of Public Works, (847) 705-5200, for an application for the spring 50/50 parkway tree program. The deadline for applying is **April 21**.

Please note: If the Village has removed a parkway tree within the last year, it will be replaced at no charge to the homeowner. Trees that were removed will be replaced with approved varieties according to availability.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS! ARBOR DAY

The Village of Palatine, along with the Palatine Park District, is hosting an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Louise School, 500 West Jonathan. Mayor Rita Mullins, Principal Adam Palmer and Assistant Principal Dawn Busse will join students from Lake Louise School in the celebration.

## FARMERS MARKET

The Palatine Farmers Market will open for its 15th season on June 3 and continue through October 28. Be watching the next Village newsletter for details!

## ART FAIR COMING IN SEPTEMBER

For the first time, this year's Art Fair will be held separately from Street Fest. The dates are September 16 and 17, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at Towne Square in downtown Palatine. The Palatine/Inverness Arts Council (PIAC), sponsor of the event, expects more than 50 vendors who will be exhibiting and selling art in a variety of media. For further information on participating in this event, call (847) 963-6451, or visit PIAC's website at [www.palatineinvernessarts.org](http://www.palatineinvernessarts.org)



## How Much Are You Willing to Gamble?



**QUESTION:** If you were given a choice of losing \$205 right now or taking a 50/50 chance of losing \$70,000 in the next year, which would you choose? Presented like this most people would probably choose losing the \$205. However when it comes to a decision about purchasing flood insurance, most people take the risk of losing the big money. 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.

**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 breakerboxes; 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](http://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 are available. For a typical single family home with a basement located in a Preferred Risk Area, the expected coverages and premiums are as follows.

Building	Contents	Premium
\$20,000	\$8,000	\$137
\$30,000	\$12,000	\$163
\$50,000	\$20,000	\$205
\$75,000	\$30,000	\$232
\$100,000	\$40,000	\$263
\$125,000	\$50,000	\$279
\$150,000	\$60,000	\$294
\$200,000	\$80,000	\$331
\$250,000	\$100,000	\$352



Let's ask the question again: Would you be willing to pay \$205 per year for flood insurance or risk paying up to \$70,000 out of your pocket if your house floods? 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, or call the National Flood Insurance Program's toll free number at 1-888-CALL-FLOOD.

## Palatine's Yellow Ribbon Support Group Honored with Governor's Home Town Award

A dedicated group of volunteers, including school students, scout troops, merchants, and local churches, were honored by Governor Rod Blagojevich with a 2005 Governor's Home Town Award in November.

The Yellow Ribbon Support Group, headed by Richard and Patricia McCoy, has been collecting items included in care packages and shipped to those serving in the Armed Forces overseas since April of 2003. It is a project that holds special meaning for the McCoy's – their son Rick is in the Special Forces Reserves and is currently on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

To date, the group has shipped 3,549 boxes filled with such things such as toiletries, toilet paper, shampoo, snacks, magazines, pens and writing paper. Each box also includes a 10 inch teddy bear that the troops give to the local children to help promote good will with the foreign nationals.

Pat McCoy tells of a recent instance where a teddy bear helped saved the lives of a military unit. "A little girl holding one of the teddy bears was standing in the road and refused to move out of the way so the troop vehicle could pass," McCoy said. "The man who had given her the teddy bear recognized her. When he got out of the vehicle she pointed at the ground to show him there was a land mine. If the vehicle had rolled over it, the troops could have been killed. She helped to save their lives."

The core group of 25 adult volunteers is assisted by school groups, scout troops and church youth groups. The volunteers are able to pack more than 85 boxes per hour. Local churches are covering the costs associated with mailing of the care packages.



*The Palatine Yellow Ribbon Support Group, winners of a 2005 Governor's Home Town Award*

Donations of cash or "wish list" items to be placed in the care packages are always needed. For further information on how you can help, call the McCoy's at (847) 359-2429, or visit the organization's website at [yellowribbonsg.org](http://yellowribbonsg.org)

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