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## 2016 Construction Season in Full Swing

Summer is a time not only for fun and relaxation but also the busy construction season. A number of projects are underway in the Village of Gurnee that will impact local traffic, including the following:

- **The IL Route 21/Milwaukee Sidewalk Project** has been approved by IDOT. The plan includes sidewalk installation along the west side of IL Route 21 between Washington and South Road. The Village is opening the bids for this project on June 14.
- **The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Roadway Resurfacing Project** includes curb & gutter repairs, pavement milling, pavement patching and asphalt resurfacing throughout the Village in order to provide new and long-lasting roadway surfaces. Work is currently in motion on curbs and sidewalks in Ravinia Woods, Bittersweet and Concord Oaks.
- **Magnolia Avenue** is currently under construction. The northern section, between Glen Flora Avenue and Pacific Avenue, has been excavated and asphalt placement is in progress. Work on driveways is planned for the following weeks. Road surface milling is in motion on the southern section, between Woodlawn Avenue and Blackstone Avenue. Work is being done in 150 ft. sections that will occasionally be impassable. Plan accordingly and drive cautiously.
- **Belle Plaine Avenue** is currently having work done on storm sewers. Further construction is planned after the binder layer of Magnolia Avenue is set and will follow the same process.

Work on Magnolia, Belle Plaine and other capital projects has been funded primarily by a 0.5% sales tax increase that went into effect on January 1, 2015. Remember: every dollar spent locally helps support local roads and other vital infrastructure.

For regularly updated information, visit the Village's Road Construction Updates page at [www.gurnee.il.us](http://www.gurnee.il.us) or call the Engineering Division at (847) 599- 7550. To sign up for email updates from the Village's Construction Updates email Listserv, visit [www.gurnee.il.us/](http://www.gurnee.il.us/) subscribe and click on the "Construction" option.

# Upcoming Events

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

June  
**20**  
5:00 p.m.

June  
**27**  
7:00 p.m.

July  
**11**  
7:00 p.m.

July  
**25**  
7:00 p.m.

August  
**8**  
7:00 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning

June  
**15**  
7:30 p.m.

July  
**6**  
7:30 p.m.

July  
**20**  
7:30 p.m.

August  
**3**  
7:30 p.m.

### Other Boards

June  
**23**  
5:30 p.m.

July  
**21**  
5:30 p.m.

July  
**26**  
7:00 p.m.

All Village meetings are held at Village Hall (325 N. O'Plaine Road) unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Meetings in red and outlined in black are Committee of the Whole meetings where no formal action is taken. Meetings in green are Economic Development Committee meetings, and meetings in purple are Civil Service Meetings.

## Community Events

### Coffee with the Mayor

Saturday, June 18, 2016  
10 a.m. - Noon  
Hunt Club Dunkin Donuts  
350 North Hunt Club Road  
[www.gurnee.il.us/village\\_board/coffee](http://www.gurnee.il.us/village_board/coffee)



### Gurnee Farmers' Market

Fridays, June 10th-  
September 30th  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Esper Petersen Park



### Looking for more events?

Check out the Gurnee Park District ([www.gurneeparkdistrict.com](http://www.gurneeparkdistrict.com)), Warren-Newport Public Library ([www.wnpl.net](http://www.wnpl.net)) and Warren Township ([www.warrentownship.net](http://www.warrentownship.net)) websites for even more events and information!

# LPGA'S UL International Crown at Merit Club in Gurnee July 19th-24th, 2016

Come watch the best female golfers in the world as they tee off at the UL International Crown, July 19-24 at the Merit Club. The event is the first-of-its-kind biennial, team match play competition featuring the best female golfers from the top eight



countries across the globe, based on the combined Rolex World Ranking of the top four players from each country. The countries that have qualified to compete at Merit Club include Australia, Chinese Taipei, Japan, The Republic of Korea, China, England, the United States and Thailand. At the conclusion of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the four highest ranked players from each of the eight qualifying countries will make up the respective teams. In 2014, Team Spain won the title of the best golfing country in the world when they played the inaugural event at Caves Valley Golf Club in Baltimore, MD.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at [www.ulcrown.com](http://www.ulcrown.com).

## Legions of Craft Beer Fest: Gurnee's Second Annual Fundraiser for Veterans

The time has come for cold beer and outdoor fun, and the Village of Gurnee, in cooperation with Gurnee Mills, Timothy O'Toole's and the Gurnee American Legion, is offering both at this year's second annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest.



On Saturday, September 17, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., 50 breweries are joining up with food trucks and live music in the Gurnee Mills parking lot, between Bass Pro Shops and Value City. Attendees will receive 20 sampling tickets and a commemorative glass. This tented event will also feature on-air interactions with the DJs from 102.3 XLC.

Early Bird tickets are available now through Sunday, August 14 and can be purchased on the website. Additional ticket options include a "Designated Driver" admission and a "Stilettoes and Stout" package for those who want to enjoy the fest while also taking advantage of Gurnee Mills' shopping amenities.

Visit [www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com](http://www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com) and like the Facebook page for more information and to purchase tickets. All proceeds benefit the American Legion Post 771 and Lake County Honor Flight. Cheers!

## Mayor's Message

Dear Residents:

It is summer already, the start of the Village new fiscal year and, most importantly, the beginning of our capital improvement season. While we seem to fly through the seasons, the months of May through October are the busiest for most of our Village teams. The Village is hard at work on sidewalks, streetlights, road repairs, water system upgrades, tree maintenance, building permits and managing the increase in traffic and visitors during peak tourism months. While the work around the Village can be inconvenient for short periods of time, it is an investment of our tax dollars in the community to ensure quality of life is maintained. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about work being performed in your neighborhood.



Things are certainly shaping up to be a busy and fun summer season for all of us to enjoy. Families on the Fairway is June 18th, Naval Station Great Lakes will host a spectacular 4th of July celebration for the area, Gurnee Days in August is full of new events and all the old favorites, and the 2nd Annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest will wind down the summer on September 17th.

Those looking for great deals all summer long should check out the Gurnee's Got It Facebook page for the latest news on specials, events and promotions from the business community, the Gurnee Community Guide for a 2-page advertisement of local dining options you may have not be aware of, and Visit Lake County for a wealth of ideas you can take advantage of every weekend right here in our backyard. These are excellent resources to keep you aware of local deals and events.

If you are into more relaxing activities without the hassle of travel, check out the bountiful natural resources Gurnee has to offer. The Gurnee Park District does a wonderful job providing parks and recreational programs that can be enjoyed by any age group and activity level. In support of GO GURNEE – get out and walk a trail for 30 minutes as often as possible, and we might just bump into each other!

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

## Families on the Fairway: Saturday, June 18th

The Village, Gurnee Park District and Bittersweet Golf Course will be holding the annual Families on the Fairway event on Saturday, June 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bittersweet (875 Almond Road). This year's theme is "Olympic Style Family Fun" and will feature activities for the whole family, including access to the driving range, tips from golf pros, a putt putt course for kids, giant miniature golf, remote controlled vehicles, a face painter, an ice cream social, and a variety of Olympic-inspired games! The event is free and open to the public. Food and adult beverages will be available for purchase at the Club House. For more information, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 599-7500 or the Park District at (847) 623-7788.

## Community Reminders

### Call Before You Dig!

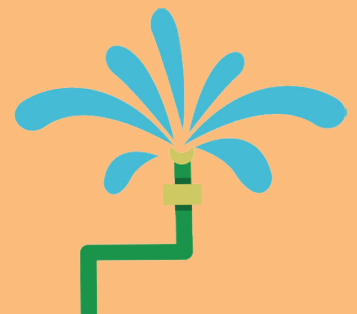
No matter if your project is large or small, Illinois law requires anyone digging to call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (J.U.L.I.E.) hotline at least two working days prior to the start of excavation in order to locate and mark any utilities in the area in which you are digging. The J.U.L.I.E. hotline can be reached at (800) 892-0123 or 811, 24 hours a day. Alternatively, requests may be submitted online at [illinois1call.com](http://illinois1call.com).

### 2016 Water Quality Report Available

The Village has published its annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report at the following website address: [www.gurnee.il.us/public\\_works/water\\_quality\\_reports/2016](http://www.gurnee.il.us/public_works/water_quality_reports/2016). This report gives customers an understanding of the source of the Village's water, how our water is treated and the regulated compounds it contains, as well as the levels of these compounds and minerals. For any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800.

### Sprinkling Restrictions Reminder

As a friendly reminder, sprinkling and landscape watering restrictions are in effect from May 15th through September 15th. During this time, even-numbered addresses may sprinkle on even-numbered days (i.e. the 2nd, 4th, etc.) beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until 10 a.m. the following day. Odd-numbered addresses may do the same on odd-numbered days. For any questions, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800.



# Keeping Posted

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Village Hall: 847-599-7500  
Utility Billing: 847-599-7525  
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Visit us online at [www.gurnee.il.us](http://www.gurnee.il.us).

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Gurnee, IL  
Permit No. 45

Postal Patron  
Gurnee, IL 60031

## June 10-19th is Lake County Restaurant Week

Get ready for "10 Days to Savor: Lake County Restaurant Week" happening June 10 - 19, 2016. Each participating restaurant will offer a special Restaurant Week prix fixe menu or a dining offer. Participating restaurants in Gurnee include: The Crazy Toucan, The Chocolate Sanctuary, Giordano's Gurnee, Momcorn, Primo Italian American Cuisine, Rainforest Cafe, Salutos Pizza & Pasta, Spice Restaurant, and Steven's Steakhouse. Updates for Restaurant Week and special deals will be posted on the Visit Lake County website [www.visitlakecounty.org](http://www.visitlakecounty.org).

## Village Update

For each issue of *Keeping Posted*, the Village will call out one or two exceptional projects, events or employees that epitomize the Village's strategic goals of engaging the public, preserving our community and quality of life or advancing our services in response to public needs.

### ULI East Grand Corridor Study

The Village has been selected by the Urban Land Institute, an international, multi-disciplinary real estate organization, to host a two-day technical assistance panel to study the East Grand Gateway corridor (Grand Avenue east of Route 41). Development experts - including developers who are currently building and investing in projects throughout the Chicago area - will take up residence in Gurnee for two days in mid-July to study the corridor and formulate market-based recommendations for redevelopment and revitalization.

Businesses and residents are invited to participate in a community reception to be held at Spaulding School on the evening of July 12th or 13th (date TBD). Please come and share your vision for putting more "grand" into East Grand! To stay tuned for details, please subscribe to the East Grand Avenue mailing list at: [www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe](http://www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe) or visit the Village's website for updates on the study.

## Be in the Know

Curious about new businesses or projects in the Village? Be in the know with this listing of new or upcoming projects!

### What's New:

- Mobile Room Escape - an entertainment adventure - Gurnee Mills Parking Lot E
- Sardis Media - video production and event services - 4081 Ryan Road Ste 107
- Joe's Pizzeria - Sicilian pizzeria - 401 N. Route 21 Ste 20
- FMC-Fresenius Dialysis Center - 101 S. Greenleaf Street
- Marcus Cinemas - recently remodeled with 4DX technology - Gurnee Mills Entrance J
- Speedway - reopened! - 5499 Grand Avenue
- LOFT Outlet - women's fashion - Gurnee Mills Entrance E or D

### New Gurnee Fire Department Ladder Truck

- The Gurnee Fire Department will be replacing an aging 95 foot ladder truck in FY2016-2017. This replacement is made possible in cooperation with the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District, who has agreed to help fund 50% of the replacement cost.

### Gurnee Strategic Plan

- The FY2017-2021 Strategic Plan is available for viewing at Village Hall or online at [www.gurnee.il.us/strategicplan](http://www.gurnee.il.us/strategicplan). A status update on the plan will be provided in June 2016.