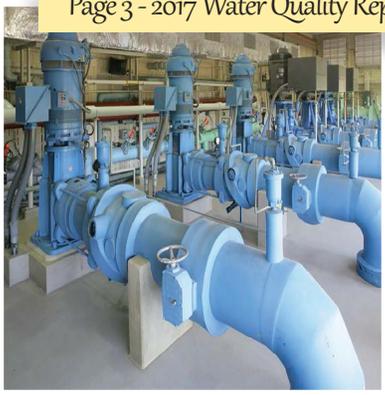


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2017 Construction Updates

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:

- **CLCJAWA Project on Almond Road:** CLCJAWA is aiming to finish construction and final repairs by Fall 2017 along Almond Road. This project includes installation of a 20" watermain, which will increase water capacity to residents on the far West side of the community with the connection to a two million gallon capacity water tower at Knowles Road (scheduled for 2018).
- **The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Roadway Resurfacing Project:** This 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, Stonebrook/Concord Oaks, Deer Run/Pembrook, and Providence Oaks/Suda Estates.
- **Magnolia Avenue** is currently under construction. Water main replacement work has been completed and individual home services are being switched to the new water main. Upon completion of the water portion of this project, roadway crews are expected to begin mobilizing to rebuild the roadbed.
- **Illinois Route 132/US-41 Railroad Bridge Underpass Widening:** Telecommunication crews continue to perform exploratory work to identify conflicts with the proposed bridges. These operations require daily lane closures and motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes. There is no schedule for the start of the bridge work at this time.

Work on Magnolia Avenue 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 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/ subscribe and click on the "Construction" option.

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

June
5
7:00 p.m.

June
19
7:00 p.m.

June
26
7:00 p.m.

July
10
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

June
7
7:30 p.m.

June
21
7:30 p.m.

July
12
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

June
15
5:30 p.m.

June
27
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 17, 2017
10 a.m. - Noon
PPG Paints - 3590 Grand
www.gurnee.il.us/village_board/coffee



Outrun the Cops

Saturday, June 10th
7:00 a.m.
Gurnee Police Station
www.gurnee.il.us/outruncops



Looking for more events?

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

Coyotes and Skunks: What to Know About Our Wildlife Neighbors

Coyotes

What to Know:

Coyotes are Illinois' largest predator. They eat small rodents/rabbits, fruit, and birds. Urban coyotes are mainly nocturnal, where rural coyotes are daytime active.



Caution:

Coyotes rarely attack humans, but there have been reports of coyotes attacking small pets. Always monitor small pets outside, even when in a fenced yard.

What to Do:

If a coyote approaches you, do not run. Yell, stand up straight and wave your arms to scare it. Remove fallen fruit and do not feed pets outdoors to cut off their food supply.

Where They Live:

Residents have noticed coyotes throughout the community, but particularly West of I-94 and near forest preserves and prairies.

Skunks

What to Know:

Skunk populations are declining in Illinois due to the lack of farm crops. Skunks make dens out of rock piles, storm sewers, and abandoned dens of other animals.



Caution:

Skunks are not naturally aggressive, but they have an active scent gland that can spray when threatened. The compound is painful to eyes and foul.

What to Do:

If you or a pet are approached by a skunk, back away slowly. Do not panic. To keep skunks out of your yard, minimize the bugs they eat with eco-safe pesticide.

Where They Live:

Skunks can be found throughout Lake County. They traditionally were more prevalent in rural areas, but are becoming more bold and live in subdivisions, too.

More Information

The Village of Gurnee will not remove wild animals. If you experience an aggressive wild animal or are attacked, dial 9-1-1 to report the incident. To find out more about coyotes, skunks, and other wildlife, visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/wildlife/

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents:



It is summer already! The Village's new fiscal year started May 1st and, with it, our capital improvement projects are underway. 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.

In May I gave the annual "State of the Village" address sponsored by the Village of Gurnee Chamber of Commerce. This year we streamed it on Facebook Live and the video is still available on the Village's page for those interested. I talked about the progress over the past year on major projects, our strategic plan and highlights for the coming year. I spent a great deal of time emphasizing the importance of shopping local. As a community, we decided in 2001 to fund all our operations, pensions, debt service and capital projects from primarily sales tax revenue. Taxes pay for public services that reflect what we, as residents, want and expect them to be. When residents choose to shop on the Internet, the Village gets no portion of the sales tax and it is a direct hit to our operating budget. I illustrated that those small decisions add up. If we were going to replace sales tax (approximately \$17.5 million) with property tax, it would result in about \$1,600 in additional property tax on a \$300,000 home to continue the service levels and response times that are provided today. It's important to keep in mind that those pennies on a dollar when you shop locally add up and are the main funding source for police, fire, public works capital improvements and all of the other services the Village provides. Myself and the Village Board work hard to keep the retail economy strong and are committed to continuing our reliance on sales tax but we need your help! Even though it might be more convenient to order it on the Internet, if you can get it locally think about it in terms of keeping this community and its services something we can all be proud of.

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 24th, Naval Station Great Lakes will host a spectacular 4th of July celebration for the area, Gurnee Days is August 10th- 13th and is full of new events and all the old favorites, and the 3rd Annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest will wind down the summer on September 16th.

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. Visit Lake County also has 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. We also have some of the most beautiful and bountiful natural resources to enjoy in the area with parks, trails and lakes.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

Village 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 working. 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.

2017 Water Quality Report Available

The Village has published its annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report at the following website address: http://www.gurnee.il.us/2017_water_quality_report.pdf. 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.

Noise Violations - Animals

According to the Gurnee Municipal Code, it is unlawful for an animal to be habitually disturbing the peace of neighbors. If there is a complaint of a barking dog, the Police Department will investigate the complaint. The Department will issue a written warning and subsequent citations for repeat offenders, but only if the dog is barking when the officer arrives.

Keeping Posted

KRISTINA M. KOVARIK, MAYOR
Andy Harris, Clerk

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Jeanne Balmes Michael Jacobs
Greg Garner Cheryl Ross
Thomas Hood Karen Thorstenson

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Patrick Muetz

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES

Police, Fire and Medical Emergencies: 9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency: 847-599-7000

Fire Non-Emergency: 847-599-6600

Village Hall: 847-599-7500

Utility Billing: 847-599-7525

Community Development: 847-599-7550

Public Works: 847-599-6800

Visit us online at www.gurnee.il.us.

Keeping Posted

325 N. O'Plaine Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

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Postal Patron Gurnee, IL 60031

Families on the Fairway: Saturday, June 24th

The Village, Gurnee Park District and Bittersweet Golf Course will be holding the annual Families on the Fairway event on Saturday, June 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bittersweet (875 Almond Road). The event is free and open to the public, and features activities for the whole family! There will be 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 games! 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.

Village Update



Join us for the kickoff meeting of the East Grand Avenue Merchants' Committee! This committee is informal; all are welcome (businesses and residents). The committee will meet monthly to discuss the promotion of shopping, dining and services on East Grand Avenue.

The first East Grand Merchants' Committee meeting will be **Thursday, June 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at PPG Paints (3590 Grand Avenue). No RSVP necessary. For questions, contact Economic Development Director Ellen Dean at (847) 599-7574. To follow updates on East Grand, sign up for our listserv emails at www.gurnee.il.us/subscribe

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!

New Businesses:

- Loved Twice Thrift Boutique, 3621 Grand Avenue
- Julia's Pizza, 1810 Delany Road Ste A
- Backstage Salon (formerly Studio One), 5572 Grand Avenue Ste 4
- CM Dance Estudio, 3563 Grand Avenue Ste B
- The Dutcher Company, 4187 Grove Avenue - accounting services
- Lake Heart Specialists, 731 S. Rt. 21 (relocated)
- Huntington National Bank, 6121 Washington Street Ste 101
- Marvelous Technologies Inc., 5445 Grand Avenue Ste 206 - IT consulting services

Coming Soon:

- Chick fil A, 6550 Grand Avenue - Grand Opening June 22nd
- Cold Stone Creamery - 7105 Grand Avenue (next to Giordano's)
- MyEyeDr Optometry of Illinois, 312 Tri State Parkway, Ste 100 - vision care

For updates on new developments, please check out the Projects in Progress report on the Village's website: www.gurnee.il.us/projectsinprogress