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Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

Spring marks the start of our annual budget cycle. Our first budget hearing is March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. The Trustees have been conducting a line-by-line review of revenues and expenses and asking questions of the management team in anticipation of the first hearing. If you are unable to make the hearing, I encourage you to review the proposed Budget which is online at www.gurnee.il.us/FY21Budget. The Transmittal Letter section of the budget document provides an excellent summary of the proposed spending plan and outlines our vision and goals and how we plan on achieving them while balancing forecasted revenues in the coming year. If you are interested in greater detail, the Executive Overview section covers major revenue and expense categories, while the Budget Summary section reviews spending on a department by department basis. We welcome your feedback and hope you find that we continue to be conservative in our budgeting while still achieving the goals given to us by the residents during the Strategic Planning process. This year will mark the 20th year that the Village of Gurnee has not levied a property tax. This is a rarity in Illinois and we are proud to maintain that tradition in our Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Proposed Budget.



As with prior budgets, public safety and infrastructure improvements remain at the forefront of operations. Public safety is always a priority of the Village Board and both Police and Fire have made major upgrades in technology as a result of last year's budget. Fire Inspections are now all handled digitally and our 9-1-1 communications operators have emergency medical dispatch software to aid in assisting calls for help. Taking advantage of technology has been a wise investment, allowing our staff to keep up with increased demands for service while meeting the expectations of our residents. Proposed improvements for next year include additional communication operators, replacement of aging police squads and continuing progress to construct a third fire station.

We have made significant progress in updating our infrastructure and adding to our walkability network. A portion of the sales tax residents and visitors pay when shopping local goes directly towards capital infrastructure. The Capital Improvement Budget section of the proposed budget makes it easy for residents to see exactly how those dollars are being invested and what upcoming transportation, facility, water, vehicle, stormwater and technology projects are proposed for next fiscal year.

Another very important upcoming event is the 2020 Census. Please watch for a postcard from the Census Bureau inviting you to participate. Besides being a constitutional mandate, it also is important that we all participate as the results have a direct impact on the Village. Federal and State funding for the next ten years will be allocated and driven by our census count. It is important for all the taxing bodies locally to bring home some of the Federal and State taxes we each pay. There is more information on the Village's census page at www.gurnee.il.us/2020census.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that while we still issue a few publications such as the Keeping Posted, it's impractical to communicate by mail on the many things happening daily. Therefore, I encourage you to check the Village's website often and follow us on social media. We post new information on a daily basis and we don't want anyone to miss out.

As always, if you see something of interest or have questions, don't hesitate to send an email (mayor@village.gurnee.il.us) or call my office (847-599-7510).

Happy Spring!

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

Planning & Zoning

Other Boards

March
23
7:00 p.m.

March
18
7:30 p.m.

March
17
7:00 p.m.

April
6
7:00 p.m.

April
1
7:30 p.m.

April
28
7:00 p.m.

April
20
7:00 p.m.

April
15
7:30 p.m.

April
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 purple are Civil Service meetings.

Community Events

Days Off School at Gurnee Park District

March 23rd - March 27th
Daily 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Drop Off at Hunt Club Park
Ages: Kindergarten to Sixth Grade
www.gurneeparkdistrict.com/events/

2020 Fire Expo

Saturday, May 16th
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Gurnee Mills
www.gurnee.il.us/fire_expo



Looking for more events?

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

2020 Parkway Tree Program

THE PROGRAM

As part of Gurnee's ongoing effort to increase the number of trees in town, the Village will share the cost of about 60 new parkway trees. The Village will contribute 50% of the cost of the trees with residents providing the remaining \$175.00. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary and is limited to owner-occupied homes. Trees will be planted in May (as weather permits) and our certified arborist will monitor the health of the tree during the initial growing season.

PLACEMENT

Each new parkway tree must be placed midway between the curb (or pavement edge) and the sidewalk (or 7' from the pavement for locations without a sidewalk), at least 30' from any other parkway tree, at least 10' from a driveway and at least 45' from an intersection. Every attempt will be made to locate the tree as requested on the order form; however, locations will be reviewed for suitability and to avoid utility conflicts. Please make your drawing as clear as possible, noting the location of your house, curb, sidewalk, driveways, intersections, existing trees, fire hydrants or any other objects in the area.

Choice	Description
	<i>Exclamation Planetree</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (60' tall x 30' wide at maturity) medium growing hybrid selection of London Planetree selected for its uniform, upright-pyramidal habit and resistance to anthracnose. Attractive, exfoliating bark of cream, olive and light brown color.
	<i>Swamp White Oak</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (55' tall x 55' wide at maturity) medium growing, broad spreading and majestic native oak with yellow fall color.
	<i>'State Street' Miyabe Maple</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (40' tall x 30' wide at maturity) medium sized, upright rounded shade tree, free of serious insect or disease problems. Good yellow fall color.
	<i>'Triumph' Hybrid Elm</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (55' tall x 50' wide at maturity) fast growing tree with shiny dark green leaves turning a nice yellow in fall. Bred for its resistance to Dutch Elm Disease and shows many of the desirable traits of the American Elm.
	<i>'Autumn Splendor' Horsechestnut</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (20' tall x 20' wide at maturity) medium sized horsechestnut with rounded canopy, large yellow panicles of flowers in spring and maroon fall color. Resistant to summer leaf scorch.
	<i>'Ivory Silk' Japanese Tree Lilac</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (20' tall x 15' wide at maturity) slow growing tree of small stature that makes it suitable for planting beneath power lines. Large clusters of creamy white flowers in June.
	<i>'Renaissance Reflection' Paper Birch</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (50' tall x 25' wide at maturity) tall, fast-growing tree with striking bark that displays dark green foliage throughout the season, changing to a golden color in the fall. Resistant to bronze birch borer.

Indicate tree location noting objects in area

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____

Return form with payment by April 2, 2020 to Gurnee Village Hall, 325 N. O'Plaine Road

2020 US Census

This year is the 2020 Census. The Census is mandated to occur every ten years by the U.S. constitution and is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Participation in the census is required by law and the data from the census will provide critical data that will influence daily services, congressional representation, and community funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads and other resources.

Starting in mid-March, every Gurnee address will receive an invitation by mail to participate in the 2020 Census. Addresses will be given three options for responding: online, by phone or by mail. It is important that you respond by April 1, 2020 to allow for an accurate count.

All census responses are confidential and responses will not be shared with any other governmental agencies. Newborn babies, parents or any other person living in your household as of April 1st (or for the majority of the year) needs to be included in your count. For information on who should be counted, visit www.lakecountyil.gov/2020census.

For more information on the US Census and information specific to Gurnee, visit the Village website at www.gurnee.il.us/2020census.

Spring Flooding and How You Can Protect Your Home

Flood Hazards

With spring showers on the horizon, the potential for riverine or localized flooding in the community is very real. The area upstream of the Village of Gurnee that is tributary to the Des Plaines River is about 235 square miles. This is a large area that will melt and drain through our community this spring which can lead to riverine flooding. If you are a property owner in the flood plain, you potentially need flood insurance. Renters in the flood plain can also purchase a contents policy to protect their assets.

Anyone who experiences flooding or seepage into their home or business is encouraged to take pictures of the area during the event and contact the Engineering Division (847-599-7550) to inspect and evaluate the cause. Many times a simple grading change can make a huge difference.

Drainage System Maintenance

Keeping storm sewers, ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as reduce the chance of a blockage that can contribute to localized flooding. To report debris in one of the Village's waterways, please contact the Gurnee Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800. Please note that it is illegal to dump materials into a waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone dumping, please contact the Gurnee Police Department at (847) 599-7000.

Flood Protection Assistance

The Village has professional staff available to assist property owners with drainage or flooding problems, flood map interpretation, flood insurance requirements and building protection guidance. Please contact the Engineering Division with any questions or concerns that you may have at (847) 599-7550.

Historical Information

The Village of Gurnee maintains historical flood information from the 1986 Des Plaines River flood through the present day. Damage assessment data and photographs are available to be viewed at the Village Hall during normal business hours. Information on flooding in Gurnee and preventative tips can also be found at www.gurnee.il.us/residents/safety/flooding-in-gurnee.

Village Reminders

Unlimited Yard Waste Weeks

New for 2020 is TWO weeks of unlimited spring cleanup! Waste Management will collect unlimited containerized landscape waste at no charge to current customers the weeks of April 6th and April 13th. These dates are weather-dependent, so make sure to check the Village website closer to the date to ensure it hasn't been delayed. This collection will take place on your regular pickup day. This service is for Village residents only. Collection requires that landscape waste be containerized in a Kraft-type paper bag not to exceed 45 lbs.; a rigid can not to exceed 32-gallons; and/or bundles of brush not to exceed two feet in diameter by four feet long, no heavier than 60 lbs., with no individual branch greater than three inches in diameter. Landscape waste must be placed at the curb or the edge of the road by 6:00 a.m.

Regular landscape waste collection through Waste Management's subscription service or sticker program will begin on April 27th. Visit www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape for more information.

FY20/21 Annual Budget

The Village is currently working on a proposed annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. The proposed budget can also be viewed online at www.gurnee.il.us/FY21Budget or in person at Village Hall. The initial budget hearing will take place on Monday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. and the final budget/appropriation will tentatively be presented to the Village Board for a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:40 p.m. at Village Hall, with approval at the regular Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Building Permits

Spring is just around the corner and, with that, so are the home improvement projects. Please remember to check the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/community_dev/building_safety/building_apps to verify when permits are required. Contact the Building Safety Division at (847) 599-7550 with any questions.

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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

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Gurnee, IL 60031

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Gurnee, IL
Permit No. 45

Postal Patron
Gurnee, IL 60031

Censo Del 2020 (English version Pg. 3)

El censo cuenta a todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos, independientemente de su país de origen o su estatus migratorio. Este incluye a los niños y a los bebés recién nacidos, a los abuelos, a los amigos, a los que no son familiares y a todas aquellas personas que vivan o estén con usted a partir del 1 de abril del 2020. El Censo del 2020 es SEGURO y CONFIDENCIAL. Por ley, la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos no puede compartir sus respuestas con NADIE, ni siquiera con el ICE. El Censo del 2020 es importante para nuestra comunidad. Al responder al censo, le está ayudando a Lake County a obtener fondos federales y estatales para apoyar programas importantes tales como: Escuelas, Bibliotecas, Calles, Programas Escolares de Almuerzo Gratuito, Parques Recreativos, y Transporte Público. Para saber más visite www.gurnee.il.us/2020census.

Village Updates

Electronic Fire Inspections

- The Fire Department is an integral part of the Village's public safety services. Beyond extinguishing fires, the Department also provides Emergency Medical Services, Public Education, Fire Training and Fire Prevention. Duties of the Fire Prevention Bureau include annual inspections on all 2,770 businesses within the Village of Gurnee and Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District to ensure compliance with International Fire Safety Codes. Last year the Gurnee Fire Department deployed an electronic fire inspection program, which was an update from an antiquated system that used carbon paper. Equipped with iPads, Fire Department Inspectors are able to efficiently complete a more thorough inspection, email it to business owners and track any violations. Continuous access to such information helps the Department see trending deficiencies in an effort to accurately target public education. The efficiency and accuracy of electronic fire inspections decrease the threat of fires while increasing life safety. If you would like to report a life safety concern call the Fire Department at 847-599-6600.

Ethylene Oxide (EtO)

- The Village of Gurnee, the City of Waukegan and the Lake County Health Department have partnered for an additional 30 days of ambient air sampling that is anticipated to begin in early March. The results of the sampling will be sent to the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for a community health risk assessment to determine what ethylene oxide emissions mean for Lake County. Results from this round of EtO sampling will be published online and all prior sampling data is available at www.gurnee.il.us/eto.

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:

Bushido Martial Arts (6021 Washington) - martial arts instruction
• **Dearbone Counseling** (135 N. Greenleaf) - counseling practice
• **Generaciones Home Loans** (401 N. Rt. 21) - mortgage services
• **Mission: Virtual Reality** (Gurnee Mills) - entertainment
• **ParkerStore** (3608 Grand) - motion and control systems
• **Sports Interiors** (1547 St. Paul) - tennis facility lighting
• **Sullivan Acupuncture** (495 N. Rt. 21) - acupuncture clinic
• **UHaul** (860 Waveland) - interior self storage units

Coming Soon:

A & G Finishing Systems (1300 Rt. 41) - heating consultant/contractor
• **Adore Essence** (4343 Old Grand) - spa remodel
• **Alpha Media Radio Stations WXLG/WIIL/WLIP/WKRS** (Gurnee Mills) - entertainment
• **Community Trust Credit Union** (6543 Grand) - financial institution
• **Five Below** (Gurnee Mills) - value retailer
• **Gurnee Nails and Spa** (6541 Grand) - nail salon
• **Gurnee Ortho** (7900 Rollins) - orthopedic healthcare services
• **Launch Trampoline Park** (880 Lakeside) - formerly Jump America, adding new amenities/café
• **Lisa Wolf Partners** (1350 Tri-State) - real estate staging
• **Miles of Smiles** (5101 Washington) - dental practice
• **Northwestern Medicine** (6155 Grand) - new construction, medical professional office building
• **Shawarmah King** (401 N. Rt. 21) - quick service restaurant
• **Sherwin Williams** (6300 Grand) - paint supply store
• **Six Flags Great America Tsunami Surge Water Coaster** (1 Six Flags)