

Keeping Posted

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End of Summer Capital Improvement Update

Magnolia & Belle Plaine Rebuild

In Year 2 of the Gurnee Capital Improvement plan, the Village reconstructed 4,850 feet of roadway on Belle Plaine Avenue (between Keith and Crescent Avenue) and Magnolia Avenue (between Pacific and Glen Flora Avenue; and Blackstone and Woodlawn Avenue). Additionally, over 3.6 miles of streets were resurfaced, and various striping and patching locations were completed throughout the community.



Richard A. Welton Plaza

The former Village of Gurnee Municipal Center at 4575 Old Grand Avenue was dedicated to be repurposed as the Richard A. Welton Village Plaza, in honor of late Mayor Dick Welton. Major infrastructure was completed in FY 2016/17 including the pergola structure, sidewalk & curb installation and reconstruction of the parking lot. In Summer 2017, decorative pavers, landscaping, and WiFi will be installed at the site.



Other Project Updates

One of the primary pedestrian improvements of 2016 will be the installation of sidewalk on the west side of Route 21, connecting Washington to Grand Avenue. Also in 2016 the Village improved the accessibility of the Swanson-Trigg trail by removing brush. Other projects in 2016 included the replacement of water mains, drainage improvements and brush clearing.



For proposed 2017 capital projects, visit www.gurnee.il.us/capitalplan

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

Oct.
17
7:00 p.m.

Oct.
24
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
7
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
21
7:00 p.m.

Nov.
28
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

Oct.
19
7:30 p.m.

Nov.
2
7:30 p.m.

Nov.
16
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

Oct.
27
5:30 p.m.

Nov.
15
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

Super Saturday



On November 5th, 2016, Gurnee residents and friends will have the opportunity to live out their childhood dreams at Gurnee Park District and GO GURNEE's free Super Saturday event. The day will start with a 9:00 a.m. Superhero Sprint at Hunt Club Park (\$5/pre-registration or \$7/day of registration). Following the sprint, the entire community is invited to go to Hunt Club Park Community Center (920 Hunt Club Rd) for some free fun! Free activities include a superhero meet and greet, superhero training, free super foods as well as some super activities. For more information, please visit [Facebook.com/GOGURNEE](https://www.facebook.com/GOGURNEE).

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Looking for more events?

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

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

The start of school always makes it feel like the start of a new year. It's been a rapid wrap-up to summer with the Village finalizing our road improvement projects, completing major infrastructure work at Welton Plaza and closing out another outstanding Gurnee Days celebration. It was a fast start to Fall with a moving remembrance ceremony in honor of 9-11, a very successful Legions of Craft Beer Festival and Leaf Collection and Snow & Ice Control preparation right around the corner. Finally, after a few hiccups along the way Trick-or-Treat hours have been set for Sunday, October 30th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



A year has gone by since Portillo's opened, and given the Village's financial participation in infrastructure to bring the restaurant to fruition, I feel it's prudent to give an update on this investment. The Gurnee Portillo's opened strong with the second highest grossing "Opening Day" in the entire chain, and has shown no sign of slowing down. Our total investment ended up being lower than originally assumed, too. This, combined with stronger sales than anticipated, has resulted in the current payback schedule being six months ahead of what was originally projected.

To keep you informed of all of the above, as well as other Village business, we constantly work to improve our communications and interactions with our residents. Communication, relationships and transparency really are what makes the Village work for staff, residents and businesses. We measure the effectiveness of the methods we use and are pleased that two-way communication has increased. Myself, the Village Board, and staff are here to represent, serve and respond to the best of our ability. Having multiple platforms available to the public helps us carry out that mission.

With that said, please "Like" us on Facebook, "Follow" us on Twitter, and sign up for Blackboard CTY (automated phone, text or email notifications), as well as our weekly electronic newsletter and Board agendas. Make sure that you also connect with us on NextDoor. Blackboard CTY and NextDoor are our primary notification systems for emergency situations and allow us to target information to specific streets, neighborhoods or the entire Village. Also, be on the lookout for the launch of the Village's new website, which we expect will go live in the first quarter of 2017. If you have any questions about what's happening in Gurnee, feel free to ask us directly on our social media pages, send us an email, or give me a call. For those of you that crave face to face communication, attend one of my monthly Coffee's and I'll fill you in on all the Village news and answer any questions you may have!

Enjoy Fall!

Mayor Kovarik

3rd Annual Holiday Cards for Vets

On Veterans' Day (Friday, November 11th), thank those who have fought for our freedom by personalizing holiday cards for men and women being treated at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago. The event is open to all ages and hosted by Friends of the Warren-Newport Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Library Meeting Rooms A and B. Cards, crayons and refreshments provided.

Leaf Collection Program to Begin the Week of Monday, October 17th

The Village offers an annual leaf collection program through its contract with Waste Management. Through this program, residents have the ability to dispose of leaves that accumulate in their yards during the fall season.

Gurnee's annual Leaf Collection Program begins **Monday, October 17th and runs until Saturday, November 26th**. Waste Management will make six trips throughout the Village to collect leaves during this time period. Waste Management makes great effort to collect leaves along each Village roadway every week. However, factors such as weather or large volumes of leaves may slow down collection efforts.

Residents should have their leaves at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the Monday of each collection week to ensure they are collected. Leaf collection does not necessarily take place on the same day as your regular garbage pick-up. A leaf collection map has been posted to the Village's website for your reference: www.gurnee.il.us/files/Leaf_Collection.pdf. Please note that this map assumes normal conditions for pickup and is subject to change based on collection volume and weather.

Residents should rake leaves to the curb where the vacuum trucks will collect them. When placing the leaves at the curb, please do NOT put them in the street as this may block culverts or storm sewer openings. Leaves piled in these areas may create drainage problems in the event of heavy rains or melting snow. Do NOT place leaves in plastic bags.

Residents with limited street frontage, such as those who live on cul-de-sacs, should continue to rake leaves as close to the curb as possible. If you are concerned you will not have enough room to place all the leaves, you can place them in kraft-type paper bags and dispose of them through the regular landscape collection service. However, if you do not subscribe to the service, you will need to purchase landscape stickers to affix to the kraft-type bags.

Once the collection truck makes its final run in your neighborhood, it will not return to collect any additional leaves. **Residents with leaves after the final run during the week of Monday, November 21st will need to make alternate arrangements for pickup.**

The Village requests that residents contact the Village prior to the final collection week with any concerns or issues so that they may be adequately addressed prior to the close of the program. For any questions, please contact Village Hall at (847) 599-7500.

Seasonal Reminders

Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, November 5th. As this date approaches, the Village of Gurnee Fire Department would like to remind all residents to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they turn their clocks back one hour. Changing the batteries in your smoke alarm is a simple task that can save lives.



In the United States, smoke alarms are present in 96% of American homes, but 20% do not work because of worn or missing batteries, preventing families from achieving the full potential of increased fire safety from smoke alarms. If a fire occurs, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half by providing an early warning and extra critical seconds to escape. Approximately 84% of fire deaths occur in homes where smoke alarms are not working.



Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau with any questions at (847) 599-6650.

Leaf Burning Prohibited

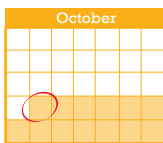
As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes a prohibition against leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials, and large bonfires.

The Village does allow residents to create small, outdoor wood burning fires. The ordinance permits residents to use portable outdoor fire pits and build small wood burning campfires. For full requirements for outdoor fires, please visit the Village's website at www.gurnee.il.us/fire/recreational_fires.

For any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 599-6650.

THE DOs AND DON'Ts of leaf collection

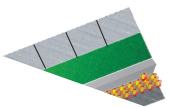
DO



Plan ahead:
Get leaves to the curb on Monday to avoid missing pickup.



Compost:
Leaves can make an excellent compost for plants in the spring.



Don't place leaves in the street:
Leaves can clog sewers and make roads hazardous if wet.



Don't wait until the last minute:
Make sure to put leaves out each week to prevent service slowdowns.

DON'T

Village News

Landscape Waste Collection Ends 11/26

Landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 21st - Saturday, November 26th. Landscape waste pickup takes place on the same day as your regular trash/recycling collection. Any landscape waste placed at the curb after this week will not be picked up. For more information visit www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape.

Village Street Lights



There are over 2,000 street lights in the Village of Gurnee. If you know of one that needs repair, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 599-6800 or via email at publicworks@village.gurnee.il.us. It will then be put on a repair list, and we will make every effort to have it working within one week of the call, weather permitting.

Code Enforcement Tips

The Village Code Enforcement division works to ensure codes are in compliance with Gurnee's standards to protect property values and maintain the safety of all residents. The following are a list of common violations to keep in mind this winter:

- All buildings shall have address numbers that are a minimum of 4" in height and plainly legible and visible from the street.
- Snow shall not be placed upon a roadway or sidewalk.
- Parking is not allowed on roadways after a 2" or greater snowfall until snow removal operations have been completed.
- It is illegal to block a public sidewalk with a parked car.

If you see a violation that you would like to report, call the Village's Code Enforcement Division at 847-599-7576.

Legions of Craft Beer Fest 2016 Recap



On Saturday, September 17th, upwards of 1,600 people gathered outside Gurnee Mills to enjoy the sunny weather, drink craft beer, dine from food trucks and support local veterans at the 2nd Annual Legions of Craft Beer Fest.

With over 50 breweries in attendance, including 3 Floyds and Gurnee's own Only Child, six food trucks serving up everything from gourmet grilled cheese to Jamaican Jerk chicken and wine and hard cider for the non-beer fans, this year's Fest had something for everyone.

Attendees celebrated the start of Oktoberfest with German Oompah band The Alpiners and other live entertainment acts including Outpatience, Dylan James and The Keelan Jones Experience. The Fest also featured raffles from the Gurnee American Legion and on-air broadcasting by 102.3 XLC DJ Haynes Johns.

Thanks to the generosity of the Fest-goers, sponsors and founders, over \$25,000 was raised for the Gurnee American Legion Post 771 and Lake County Honor Flight. The festival continues to be an opportunity for local organizations to support Lake County veterans groups.

"The turnout to this year's Craft Beer Fest was Fantastic!" said Mayor Krysti Kovarik. "Our goal is to continue to provide an event for visitors to come to Gurnee and support our veterans."

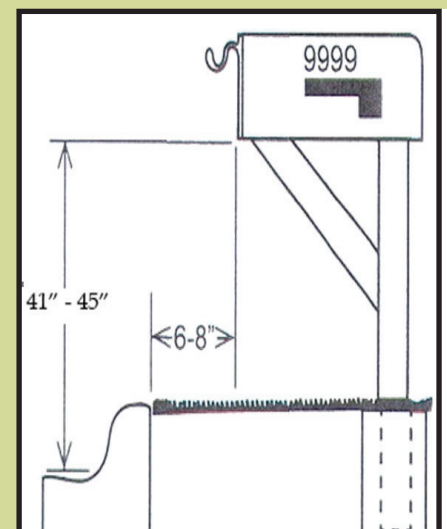
The date for the 2017 Fest will be Saturday, September 16th. Make sure to follow the Gurnee Legions of Craft Beer Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LegionsFest or visit the festival website at www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com.



Is Your Mailbox Ready for Winter?

With the winter quickly approaching, residents are reminded that mailboxes must be properly positioned. In late October, plow trucks will drive through snow routes, making note of right-of-way hazards and improperly placed, leaning, or damaged mailboxes. Residents with mailboxes with these issues will be sent a letter asking for their cooperation in bringing the mailbox into compliance with USPS standards.

Residents who receive a letter and fail to repair the mailbox will not be eligible for reimbursement of damage caused by snow and ice control operations. If you have questions regarding your mailbox placement, please contact Public Works at (847) 599-6800.



Above: The diagram shows the proper setback requirements to ensure mailboxes are protected from routine plowing procedures.

Jon Callaghan Memorial Turkey Trot to Be Held Thursday, November 24th

Village of Gurnee 2016
23rd ANNUAL
 Jon Callaghan Memorial Turkey Trot
 5K fun run & walk



SPONSORED BY

The Gurnee Police Department and The Gurnee Fire Department

Come join us in this annual fund-raiser. Proceeds from entry fees will be split between the Jon Callaghan Memorial Fund and the Gurnee Community Church Youth Work Camp.

RUN INFORMATION

- Date:** Thanksgiving Day—November 24
- Start Time:** 8:00 am “sharp”
- Starting Line:** In front of Insurancenter, Stolarick & Company, Inc., 4673 Grand Avenue, Gurnee
- Check-in Time:** 7:00 am—The Gurnee Old Grand Ave. Fire Station, 4580 Grand Avenue, Gurnee
- Entry Fee:** \$25.00 registration fee (age 10 and under runs/walks FREE!)
- T-shirts:** Provided to the **first 350 paid participants to check in on race day**
- Payment:** (Make checks payable to the Gurnee Turkey Trot)
Mail check and completed waiver form to:
 The Gurnee Turkey Trot
 325 North O’Plaine Road
 Gurnee, IL 60031
- Web site:** For more info and downloads go to www.gurneeturkeytrot.org



— FORM MAY BE COPIED FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRANTS —

Waiver: In consideration of my participation in the “23rd Annual Village of Gurnee Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk,” I, for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge all race organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and benefactors of the “22nd Annual Village of Gurnee Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk,” and hold and save them harmless for and against any and all actions, claims, liabilities, loss damage, expense of whatever nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by my preparation for aforesaid race. I attest and verify my knowledge of the risks involved in this event and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

PLEASE PRINT NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ ADDRESS _____

(IF UNDER 18, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN) _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

CHECK CASH Please specify your payment method

Resident Notices

Village Seeking Photographers

The Village of Gurnee is rebuilding its website to be more user friendly, mobile responsive and modernized. As part of the update, we are looking for any high quality photos you have from around Gurnee that we could use: people, places and events. Post your photo on Facebook.com/VillageofGurnee with the photographer's name for photo credit, or tag us in your photo of Gurnee!



Neighborhood Watch Meetings

The fall session of Neighborhood Watch meetings will continue now through mid-November. The meetings are held in the community room of the Gurnee Police Station from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remaining session is as follows:

- October 6th: Stonebrook Area Neighborhoods
- October 13th: Southridge, Fairway Ridge, Rolling Ridge
- October 20th: Chittenden Park Neighborhood
- October 26th: South Park Area Neighborhoods (may be held at Bethel Lutheran Church)
- November 3rd: Elysian Fields/ Bittersweet Neighborhoods/ Greystone
- November 10th: Prairie Oaks/ Pembroke Oaks / Westgate Neighborhoods
- November 16th: University Park and Thompson Park Neighborhoods
- TBD: Brookhaven Apartments
- TBD: Gurnee Meadows
- TBD: Northlake Farms Apartments

If you missed your session & want to attend the training block, you may go to any other meeting. For questions, contact the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 599-7080.

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KRISTINA M. KOVARIK, MAYOR
Andy Harris, Clerk

VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Jeanne Balmes Cheryl Ross
Greg Garner Karen Thorstenson
Thomas Hood Don Wilson

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

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Gurnee, IL 60031

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Gurnee, IL
Permit No. 45

Postal Patron Gurnee, IL 60031

Trick-or-Treating 2016

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2016 to be on Sunday, October 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Village also asks that you be respectful of your neighbors while trick-or-treating--go only to homes of people you know. If you have questions regarding trick-or-treating hours, please contact the Village of Gurnee Police Department at (847) 599-7000.



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.

Best of Gurnee



Best of Gurnee is a newly launched business recognition campaign that awards and recognizes businesses, large and small, national and local, for exemplary community-building activities. It's sponsored by the Village of Gurnee Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Anyone - individuals, businesses or organizations - may submit limitless nominations through an online form. This form may be submitted any time, and nominees will be recognized via the Village's communication channels (social media, website, newsletter). Nominations through the Village's or the Gurnee's Got It Facebook pages will be accepted as well. Winners will be selected to receive a Best of Gurnee award, presented by Mayor Kristina Kovarik twice annually, in the spring and fall.

Get more information or fill out a form at www.gurnee.il.us/bestofgurnee

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!

October 2016 - What's New:

- MOD Pizza (6447 Grand Avenue)- Artisan-style pizzas and salads.
- Navy Federal Credit Union (6447 Grand Avenue)
- The Vitamin Shoppe (6447 Grand Avenue)
- 60 to Escape (Gurnee Mills, near Entrance J) - An interactive, themed entertainment experience.
- Jalisco (4949 Grand Avenue) - Mexican restaurant.
- Wentworth Gurnee (6417 Doral Drive) - New, low-maintenance living, luxury ranch homeplans by D.R. Horton.
- Mac and Pricila's Studio (3575 Grand Avenue Ste F) - Photography and video services.
- Nypro Chicago (955 Tri-State Parkway) - Groundbreaking for 78,000+ sq. ft. expansion of medical molding, healthcare and assembly business.

Coming Soon:

- Dickey's Barbecue Pit (6681 Grand Avenue Ste A1)
- Carhartt (7055 Grand Avenue Ste 4A)
- Chicago Woodfire Pizza Co. (Gurnee Mills, near Entrance A)