

# Keeping Posted

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## Back to the Basics: Keeping Recycling Free from Contamination

Curbside recycling is currently in danger across the U.S. With many handlers no longer accepting plastics due to contamination (materials that shouldn't be in recycling), it is important everyone takes a few moments to re-educate themselves regarding some of the recycling basics.

### Always Recycle:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cartons



Glass Bottles & Containers

### Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:

**NO Bagged Recyclables**



**NO Plastic Bags**



**NO Food Waste**



**NO Garden Hoses, Rope, Leashes, Wire & String**



**NO Dirty Diapers**



**NO Needles**



For more information on recycling, visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) or [www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com](http://www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com)

# Upcoming Events

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

### Planning & Zoning

### Other Boards

Oct.  
**22**  
7:00 p.m.

Oct.  
**17**  
7:30 p.m.

Oct.  
**24**  
7:00 p.m.

Oct.  
**29**  
7:00 p.m.

Nov.  
**7**  
7:30 p.m.

Nov.  
**5**  
7:00 p.m.

Dec.  
**5**  
7:30 p.m.

Nov.  
**19**  
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.

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

## Community Events



The fourth and final East Grand Farmers and Artisans Market will be held on Sunday, October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot near the Salvation Army (3557 Grand Avenue). This family-friendly event and market will feature family entertainment, fresh fruits and vegetables, organic meats, and other artisan wares! For more information, visit [www.gurnee.il.us/eastgrandmarket](http://www.gurnee.il.us/eastgrandmarket).

### Looking for more events?

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

# Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are into the fall season already. While summer passed quickly, we had several significant accomplishments. We held our new East Grand Farmers & Artisans Markets in July, August and September, with our fourth market scheduled for October 21st. We are pleased by the overwhelming support and attendance from the community and I am very appreciative of Village Staff for their dedication to its success and the many hours of extra effort put forth.



We finished up two large capital projects over the last few months: The reconstruction of the length of Almond Road and the installation of a roundabout to slow and calm traffic in the area. The total project cost was approximately \$1.1 million dollars and we should get 25 years of life out of the new roadway. While there was initially some angst over the installation of a roundabout, we've been continuously monitoring the intersection and traffic is flowing smoothly. Residents have begun to give us positive feedback as everyone becomes familiar with the intersection. As part of our long-term planning, a water pumping station will soon be installed along Almond Road in anticipation of the construction of the new water tower on Rollins Road. All this work is possible due to local shopping and the 1/2 percent sales tax that is dedicated to infrastructure improvements. We continue moving forward on the update to our Comprehensive Land Plan including a market study for a specific area of the Village that we feel could have potential for uses that would complement our existing tourism and shopping venues and produce revenues that will keep us in a strong position to continue to operate without a property tax.

As we get underway with preparation for snow and ice control, I can't stress enough how important it is to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter or to follow us on Facebook or Twitter (look for the blue check to avoid less reliable sources). We also post regularly on NextDoor. With so much going on in the areas of public safety, community development and public works, it is our first and best method to communicate timely and important information to our residents and businesses. The Village Board and I want to make sure that everyone is kept informed and that we are accessible to those we serve.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

## Warren-Newport Public Library Offers Sapphire Club Memberships

The Warren-Newport Public Library is celebrating 45 years of service to the Gurnee community. For a \$45 donation, trade your old library card for a limited edition "sapphire" library card. Just visit the WNPL Checkout Desk and ask for a sapphire card membership form. Proceeds support renovation of the computer lab into "The Flex," a multi-use space for a variety of ages, activities, and programs. For more information on obtaining a sapphire card, visit the WNPL website at [www.wnpl.info](http://www.wnpl.info) or call (847) 244-5150.

# Leaf Collection Program to Begin the Week of Monday, October 22nd

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 22nd** and runs **until Friday, November 30th**. 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/residents/recycling/leaf-collection](http://www.gurnee.il.us/residents/recycling/leaf-collection). 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 26th 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

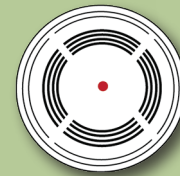
### Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 4th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, November 3rd. 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

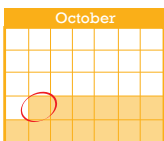
As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials and large bonfires.

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/government/departments/fire-department/fire-prevention/recreational-fires](http://www.gurnee.il.us/government/departments/fire-department/fire-prevention/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.



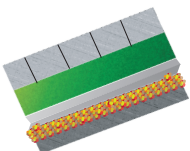
**Compost:**  
Leaves can make an excellent compost for plants in the spring.

**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 Nov. 30th

Subscription and stickered landscape waste collection will conclude for the year the week of Monday, November 26th - Friday, November 30th. 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](http://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](mailto:publicworks@village.gurnee.il.us). It will then be put on a repair list and every effort will be made to have it working within one week of the call.

## Shop Local



With Thanksgiving and the holiday season quickly approaching, you may already be looking for deals on a number of different items from food to gifts. When you do, please keep in mind that shopping local is one of the biggest things you can do to support the community. Each dollar spent in Gurnee not only bolsters local business, it also pays for many of the services you rely on, such as police and fire protection. Please consider making your purchases in Gurnee this year. For a list of local businesses, visit the Village's website at [www.gurnee.il.us/business/directory/list](http://www.gurnee.il.us/business/directory/list).

# Early Voting for November 6th General Election

Early voting for the November 6, 2018 General Election begins on Monday, October 22nd. Gurnee Village Hall (325 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee, IL 60031) is a state mandated early voting site with extended hours from October 22nd to November 5th. During this time, the site is open to all Lake County voters for the opportunity to vote early. The full schedule of early voting hours at Village Hall can be seen below.

<b>Oct. 22 - Oct. 28</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b> 9am to 5pm	<b>Saturday</b> 9am to 2pm	<b>Sunday</b> 10am to 4pm
<b>Oct. 29 - Nov. 4</b>	<b>Monday-Friday</b> 9am to 7pm	<b>Saturday</b> 9am to 4pm	<b>Sunday</b> 9am to 4pm
<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>Monday</b> 9am to 7pm		

### Vote by Mail

Lake County residents correctly registered with their current name and address can now complete the required application to request a ballot by mail for the November 6, 2018 election. Although any registered voter can vote by mail, this is an ideal voting option for snowbirds, students away at school, and those who will be traveling on Election Day as your ballot can be mailed anywhere.

Electronic and paper forms are available by:

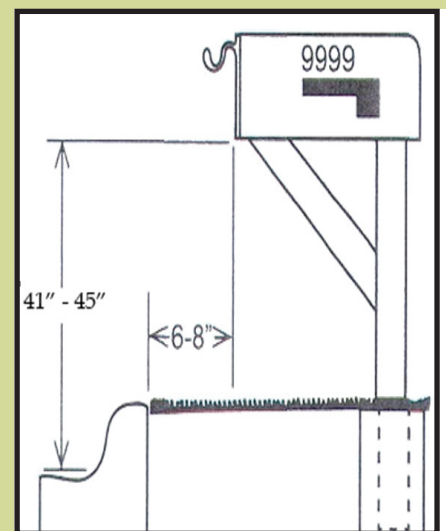
- Logging onto [LakeVoterPower.info](http://LakeVoterPower.info),
- Calling (847) 377-2406, or
- Emailing your name and address to [VotingbyMail@lakecountyl.gov](mailto:VotingbyMail@lakecountyl.gov).

Additional voting information can be found at [www.lakecountyl.gov/161/County-Clerk](http://www.lakecountyl.gov/161/County-Clerk)

## 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 having 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 22nd

Village of Gurnee 2018  
**25th 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 22
- 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!)  
 Pre-registration ends November 16th, 2018.  
 After 11-16-18 please register race day at the fire station.
- 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.eventbrite.com](http://www.gurneeturkeytrot.eventbrite.com)



— FORM MAY BE COPIED FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRANTS —

**Waiver:** In consideration of my participation in the “25th 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 “25th 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

### Child Safety Seat Recycling

Due to recycling centers no longer accepting plastic shells from car seats, the Gurnee Police Department is no longer able to provide car safety seat recycling for residents. With no other available sites in Illinois for accepting child safety seat shells, the Gurnee Police Department advises residents with expired or unneeded child safety seats to cut the straps on the seats and place them as a bulk item with their weekly garbage pickup.

### Neighborhood Watch Schedule

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 17th: South Park Area Neighborhoods
- October 24th: Elysian Fields/ Bittersweet / Greystone Neighborhoods
- October 31st: Prairie Oaks/ Pembroke Oaks / Westgate Neighborhoods
- November 7th: University Park / Thompson Park Neighborhoods
- November 14th: Kingsport Woods and Timber Woods Neighborhoods
- 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                      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](http://www.gurnee.il.us).

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Gurnee, IL 60031

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## Trick-or-Treating 2018

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2018 to be on SATURDAY, October 27th 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.

### Gurnee Days Seeks Volunteers!



The Gurnee Days Corporation is seeking volunteers interested in being event co-chairpersons for the annual August community festival. In this role, the volunteer would co-lead key Gurnee Days events and committees, such as Gurnee

Days Parade, Amusement Rides, Publicity, Entertainment, Gurnee Great Adventure, etc. The individual would be learning the activities from the existing chairperson, therefore no prior experience is required. Qualifications include ability to organize and lead other volunteers and/or manage a set of tasks. Interested individuals can get more information on Gurnee Days by visiting [GurneeDays.com](http://GurneeDays.com), and express interest by calling Gurnee Days President Kraig Owens at (847) 599-3763 or emailing [info@gurneedays.com](mailto:info@gurneedays.com) for more details.

## 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 2018

#### What's New:

- Legacy Salon & Spa (4949 Grand Avenue)
- Love Culture (Gurnee Mills Entry E)
- Habitat ReStore (3545 Grand Avenue) expanded!
- Bella's Creations (3575 Grand Avenue)
- Mande (Gurnee Mills Entry A)
- B Toys Zone (Gurnee Mills Entry A)
- ACW ProFit (Gurnee Mills Entry G)
- SheeGoo (Gurnee Mills Entry A)
- Kobie's Vienna Beef & Pizzeria, (1810 N. Delany)
- Crepe Café (Gurnee Mills Entry C or D)
- Wingate by Wyndham (6090 Grand Avenue)

#### Coming Soon:

- The Room Place (Gurnee Mills Entry J)
- McAlister's Deli (6557 Grand Avenue)
- 5.11 Tactical (6430 Grand Avenue)
- Outback Steakhouse (relocating to 6210 Grand Avenue)
- LaMichoacana Central (5338 Grand Avenue)
- Earthbound Trading Co. (Gurnee Mills Entry C)
- Code Ninjas (6021 Washington)