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## Recreational Cannabis Sales

On June 25, 2019, Governor Pritzker signed into law the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, making Illinois the 11th state to legalize recreational cannabis sale and use. The Act provides for the State licensure of a variety of adult-use cannabis business establishments, preserves the legalization of medical cannabis and includes a provision allowing "home grow" cannabis by medical cannabis program participants only. Recreational marijuana use by adults 21 and over will become legal on January 1, 2020. Municipalities may not restrict the private consumption of cannabis as authorized by the Act. The Act does however prohibit the use of cannabis in public places, schools and childcare facilities among other locations. Municipalities may adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate possession and public consumption of cannabis so long as the regulations and penalties are consistent with the Act.

The State of Illinois is allowing municipalities to decide whether to prohibit recreational cannabis businesses from locating in their communities or to allow these type of uses subject to local zoning restrictions. In addition to granting or restricting the authority of adult-use recreational dispensaries, municipalities have the option of authorizing on-site consumption of cannabis (i.e. cannabis cafes / smoke lounges), as well as the collocation of craft growers, infusers and cultivation centers.

The Village of Gurnee is seeking feedback from residents regarding whether to potentially ban the sales of recreational cannabis, or allow them via ordinance. To gather opinions, the Village has an online survey available at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/GurneeRecCannabisSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GurneeRecCannabisSurvey) or in person at Village Hall (325 N O'Plaine Road).

Additionally, a by-phone survey will be sent to all residents in the Connect CTY system at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. The survey will ask:

"Would you support allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries to operate in the Village of Gurnee?"

Press 1 if you strongly support allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries in Gurnee  
Press 2 if you somewhat support allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries in Gurnee  
Press 3 if you somewhat oppose allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries in Gurnee  
Press 4 if you strongly oppose allowing recreational cannabis dispensaries in Gurnee

If you would like to provide further thoughts on the issue and have not already completed the online survey, please visit the Village's website at [gurnee.il.us](http://gurnee.il.us) to complete the survey and provide comments."

To sign up for the Village's Connect CTY phone notification system and receive the recreational cannabis sales phone survey on October 7th, register your phone number at [www.gurnee.il.us/connect-cty](http://www.gurnee.il.us/connect-cty) or call the Village at 847-599-7500.

# Upcoming Events

## Village Meetings

### Village Board

Oct.  
**21**  
7:00 p.m.

Oct.  
**28**  
7:00 p.m.

Nov.  
**4**  
7:00 p.m.

Nov.  
**18**  
7:00 p.m.

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

### Planning & Zoning

Oct.  
**16**  
7:30 p.m.

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

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

### Other Boards

Oct.  
**22**  
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



The fourth and final East Grand Farmers and Artisans Market will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot near the Salvation Army Store (3557 Grand Avenue). This family-friendly event and market will feature live 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,

Whether you prefer warm weather or cold, I'm pretty sure we can all agree that Fall is a spectacular season in the Village. Investment in landscaping really stands out right now. The Village's parkway tree program, superbly maintained by our Public Works Department, combined with the care and pride our residents and businesses take in their properties, creates a colorful and beautiful streetscape across all our neighborhoods. It certainly makes me proud and appreciative of the hard work and commitment our community makes towards keeping Gurnee attractive.



Fall is also a good time of year to slow down a little bit and take stock of everything we have to be thankful for and sometimes don't really think about. A recent wonderful "aha" moment came for me when making a stop at one of our neighborhood shopping centers - Washington Crossings at the corner of Washington Street and Ambrogio Drive. The center is comprised of businesses or services that are owned/operated by individuals of various nationalities who have made our Village their home. I've always been proud of the Village's tagline "Community of Opportunity" but to see it in action with our own small United Nations of successful businesses really made me thankful and appreciative of the opportunities our country offers everyone who wants to make a better life for their family. Washington Crossings includes My 1 Special Day (event planning and decorating), El Durango Mexican Restaurant, The Authentic Cheese Bread Company, KIHAP Martial Arts, Desi Needs Grocery, Prestige Cleaners Company, Mr. Pita Restaurant, Staffing Network, Edward Jones and Christian Fellowship Flock Church led by Pastor Jesus and Kim Gerena. I encourage you to visit the center to meet the wonderful business owners and check out their products or services.

Inside this issue you will find valuable information about upcoming events that will allow you to enjoy the Fall temperatures and colors in the Village. While you will be out and about enjoying the season, the Village will be gearing up to start budget planning, finishing up the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update, making a final decision on recreational cannabis sales and starting to get organized for the next update to our Strategic Plan. In addition we'll be closing out construction projects, preparing for the holiday season that brings an influx of shoppers and visitors to the area and putting the final touches on our Snow and Ice Control plans. I'm also excited about quite a few new developments in the works. As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kovarik

## Best of Gurnee 2019 Applications Open!

The Best of Gurnee nomination period is open to recognize outstanding businesses in Gurnee this year! Best of Gurnee started in 2016 as a business recognition campaign that awards and recognizes businesses, large and small, national and local, for exemplary contributions to building and bettering our wonderful community.

Businesses may be nominated or self-nominate in two categories: Paying It Forward and Bringing Me Home. The nomination form is open for submittals until October 25, 2019. Winners will be selected from among the nominees to receive a Best of Gurnee award, which will be presented by Mayor Kristina Kovarik at the Mayor's Business Luncheon hosted by the Village of Gurnee Chamber of Commerce on November 7, 2019!

To nominate your own business or a business you believe deserves one of these awards, complete the fillable form at [www.gurnee.il.us/business/best-of-gurnee](http://www.gurnee.il.us/business/best-of-gurnee).

# Leaf Collection Program to Begin the Week of Monday, October 21st

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 21st and runs until Saturday, 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. It is recommended you place leaves out as early as possible to account for snow that can disrupt the program in late November.

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 25th 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.

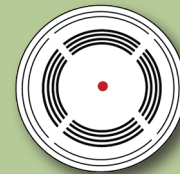
## Seasonal Reminders

### Change Your Clock and Your Battery

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday, November 2nd. 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

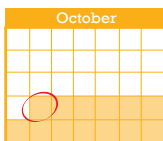
As a friendly reminder, the Village prohibits burning landscape waste. This ban includes leaf burning, the burning of brush, landscape waste or construction materials and large bonfires.

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

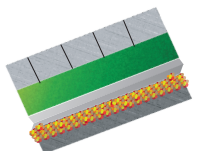
# DO



**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 25th - Saturday, 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).

### Census Complete Count Committee

The Village of Gurnee has teamed up with the Warren Newport Public Library to help promote the 2020 United States Census. To kick off census promotion in the community and to help ensure everyone in Gurnee gets counted, the Complete Count Committee will be hosting a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the WNPL. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!

### 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).

## Legions of Craft Beer Fest

The Legions of Craft Beer Fest is back for its fifth year of specialty craft brews, and this time it includes thrilling coasters and fall fun! The event is being held at Six Flags Great America on Saturday, November 9th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's festival will be serving up specialty drinks with a twist from more than 35 craft beer vendors and some wine, cider and cocktail samples too.



All proceeds will benefit the Gurnee American Legion Post 771 and the Lake County Honor Flight. The four years of the Fest helped raise over \$90,000 for these organizations!

To join us, you'll need the following: a Legions of Craft Beer Festival Beer Ticket and a valid admission ticket. You can get a discounted single-day admission ticket in the same transaction as your Beer Ticket, or you can use your valid 2019 Six Flags Season Pass or Six Flags Membership! All tickets include free parking at Six Flags.

### 2019 Ticket Options:

- **Beer Pass** - \$30 (for Six Flags Great America Pass Holders / Members). Includes free parking, access tasting glass, lanyard, access to the Beer Fest, and 20 beer samples.
- **Beer Pass + Park Admission** - \$60. Includes everything in the Beer Pass, in addition to General Admission access for Six Flags Great America.

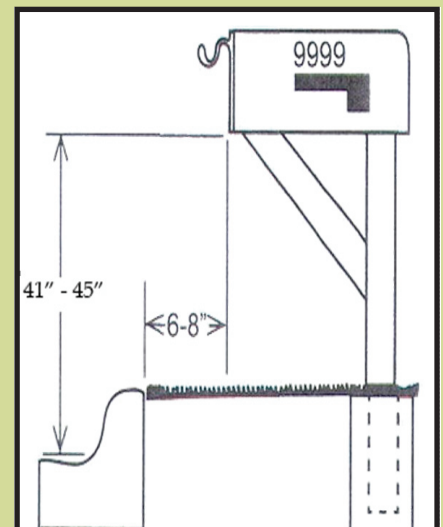
Tickets are available at the event website: [www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com](http://www.gurneelegionsofbeer.com).

For more information about the event and participating vendor highlights and other special events, visit the event Legions of Craft Beer Fest Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LegionsFest](http://www.facebook.com/LegionsFest).

## 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.

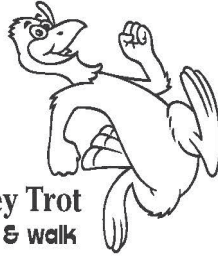
Residents who receive a letter and fail to repair the mailbox will not be eligible for reimbursement of damage caused by snow and ice control operations. If you have questions regarding your mailbox placement, please contact Public Works at (847) 599-6800.



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 28th

Village of Gurnee 2019  
**26th 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 28
- 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:** \$30.00 registration fee (age 10 and under runs/walks FREE!)  
 Pre-registration ends November 25th, 2019.  
 After 11-25-19 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 “26th 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 “26th 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

### Vipers Basketball

The Vipers Pro Men's Basketball team will be playing a game at Warren Township High School - Almond Campus on Saturday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m.! Make sure to welcome Gurnee's new pro basketball team with great attendance! The Vipers are an international professional basketball team of the American Basketball Association and play out of WTHS. For tickets and more information, visit [www.vipersprobasketball.com](http://www.vipersprobasketball.com).

### 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 Department from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remaining session is as follows:

- October 16th: South Park Area Neighborhoods
- October 23rd: Elysian Fields/ Bittersweet / Ravinia Woods
- October 30th: Prairie Oaks/ Pembroke Oaks / Westgate Neighborhoods
- November 6th: University Park / Thompson Park Neighborhoods
- November 13th: Kingsport Woods and Timberwoods Neighborhoods
- November 20th: Heather Ridge
- 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.

# Keeping Posted

KRISTINA M. KOVARIK, MAYOR  
Andy Harris, Clerk

## VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Jeanne Balmes                      Quin O'Brien  
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).

## Keeping Posted

325 N. O'Plaine Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Gurnee, IL  
Permit No. 45

## Postal Patron Gurnee, IL 60031



## Trick-or-Treating 2019

The Village of Gurnee has designated Trick-or-Treat 2019 to be on SATURDAY, October 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Village 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

As we've entered fall and it will soon be winter, the Village of Gurnee and other agencies including the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Lake County Department of Transportation, have a number of construction projects in Gurnee that will affect local traffic patterns and improve infrastructure:

- **Delany Road Closure:** Delany Road is currently closed from Old Grand Avenue to US-41 for the replacement of a water main. Detour signs are up and on display. Delany Road will remain closed for the duration of the construction project, with current estimates for completion in November.
- **Knowles Road Water Tower:** The water tower construction crew is currently beginning the process to paint to tower. There is a large "curtain" being lifted into place around the tower during construction to protect the paint from dust. The painting project will last approximately 12 weeks and is highly weather dependent. The water tower is being built to increase overall capacity of our entire system and increase water pressure for customers on the western limits of Gurnee. For more info on the tower, visit [www.gurnee.il.us/knowles](http://www.gurnee.il.us/knowles)
- **Union Pacific Railroad at US-41/Grand Ave Bridge Construction:** IDOT is anticipating having the redesigned steel completed by late 2019/2020 at which time the new structure can be erected. Work would restart on IL 132 once the train traffic is switched over and the temporary bridge demolished. The US-41 exit ramp widening may take place ahead of the steel; however, construction will likely be delayed until the temporary bridge is removed.

## 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 2019

#### What's New:

AKIRA (Gurnee Mills Entry B) · Christian Fellowship Flock (3900 Washington) · D'Queens Boutique (Gurnee Mills Entry J) · Famous Footwear (Gurnee Mills Entry F) · Good Life Veterinary Care (1475 Dilleys) · Griffin Machining (4170 Grove) · Iris Beauty Boutique (Gurnee Mills Entry A) · Joe's Boots (Gurnee Mills Entry E) · Kattner Orthodontics (4165 Old Grand) · Kohn Plumbing (4262 Old Grand) · My 1 Special Day (3900 Washington) · Stiltz of Chicagoland (83 Ambrogio) · Tanimar's Beauty (Gurnee Mills Entry A) · Wing Stop (6409 Grand) · Zuma Law (401 N. Rt. 21)

#### Coming Soon:

All on Target (Gurnee Mills Entry E) · Claudette Washington Insurance (5455 Grand) · Fast Signs (401 N. Rt. 21) · Launch Trampoline Park (880 Lakeside) · Lisa Wolf Partners (1350 Tri-State) · Maple Flooring Manufacturers' Association (1425 Tri-State) · Meraki Nails (401 N. Rt. 21) · North American Title Co. (1800 Nations) · Northwestern Medical (6155 Grand) · ParkerStore (3608 Grand) · Sports Interiors (1547 St. Paul) · Waddell & Reed (1800 Nations)