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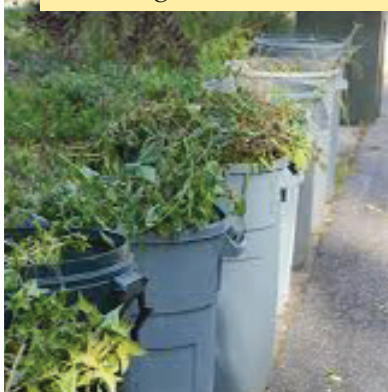
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Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

Every March we undertake our most important and crucial responsibility to our residents - the annual budget process where we appropriate funds to operate the Village for the next fiscal year which is from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. This process involves forecasting revenue sources highly reliant on consumer spending, meeting our debt and pension obligations, and providing adequate funding for day-to-day operations. As in past years, the focus is on continuing capital investments in our infrastructure, maintaining strong public safety services and protecting the vitality of our local economy. The budget gives us a clear picture of our anticipated expenditures to make sure that we are meeting the needs and expectations of our residents without the use of a property tax. I encourage you to read the proposed budget which is available on our website at www.gurnee.il.us/FY20Budget. These are your tax dollars that we have a fiduciary responsibility to use wisely to provide services and your input and feedback is important. The public hearing on the budget is April 1st at 6:40 p.m. and I welcome your participation.



We also have local elections on April 2nd. The Gurnee Village Board has three trustee positions on the ballot. This is your opportunity to choose who will represent you and act on your behalf when it comes to municipal issues. Every decision made by the Mayor and the Trustees has consequences not just today or this year but far into the future impacting the viability of our Village. With close to 20 years in an elected position, I have had the opportunity to work with many elected officials at every level of government. My observation of the most effective elected leaders has nothing to do with a policy position or a stand on a social issue. In my experience what truly makes elected leaders effective is a combination of "soft" skills. They are lifelong learners, curious, open-minded and have a commitment to excellence. We all know there are a lot of great ideas out there but the ability to take an idea, rally the necessary resources and manage it through to implementation is key to getting things done. In addition to these attributes, I believe the most important quality is a servant's heart. Being elected is about serving selflessly through the sacrifice of personal time, the willingness to listen and the passion to act where needed. There are many choices on the ballot for Village, Park District, schools and library. Please take a few moments to do your homework on each candidate and then think about who will best deal with the thousands of decisions and issues that come up over a 4-year period.

As spring approaches, the one thing you can count on is it will be busy in the Village. We are looking forward to the exciting new Maxx Force launch coaster at Six Flags Great America and ribbon cuttings for several new restaurants and retailers at Gurnee Mills and our other shopping centers. I hope to see many of you at those events. If you can't make one of these events swing by a Coffee with the Mayor to chat with me. I'm always available to answer your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kristina Kovarik

Upcoming Events

Village Meetings

Village Board

March
18
7:00 p.m.

April
1
7:00 p.m.

April
15
7:00 p.m.

April
22
7:00 p.m.

May
6
7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

March
20
7:30 p.m.

April
3
7:30 p.m.

April
17
7:30 p.m.

May
1
7:30 p.m.

Other Boards

March
19
7:00 p.m.

April
23
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

Coffee with the Mayor

Saturday, March 16th
10 a.m. - Noon
Starbucks
1500 Nations Drive



2019 Fire Expo

Saturday, May 18th
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!

2019 Parkway Tree Program

THE PROGRAM

As part of the Village's ongoing environmental effort and 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 indicated 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>'Green Whisper' Bald Cypress</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (55' tall x 30' wide at maturity) medium to fast growing pyramidal tree with soft, fernlike leaves and exfoliating reddish-brown bark. Orange fall color.
	<i>'New Horizon' Elm</i> - 2 1/2" caliper (40' tall x 25' wide at maturity) medium to large, fast growing American elm hybrid that has excellent resistance to Dutch Elm Disease, elm leaf miner and verticillium wilt with yellow fall color.

Indicate tree location noting objects in area

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____

Return form with payment by April 3, 2019 to
Gurnee Village Hall, 325 N. O'Plaine Road

Local Code Reminders For Spring

Village Code Enforcement conducts inspections of properties for compliance with Village ordinances. These regulations and inspections were established for the general health, safety and welfare of Gurnee's residents. The following are the three most common violations Village inspectors find, as well as a brief explanation of the Village's regulations:

1. Tall Grass/Weeds: Property owners must keep weeds or grass less than eight inches in height on their property.
2. Vehicle Parking: It is illegal to leave vehicles, boats, campers, and other recreational vehicles at any residence where it is not on gravel, pavers, concrete or asphalt.
3. Yard Waste: Property owners must remove brush from their property in a timely manner.

If a violation is noted during a property inspection, the property owner will be provided a notice and must remedy the violation by the stated deadline. After the deadline, the property will be reinspected. Outstanding violations are subject to penalties as provided in the Village Code. Residents who witness code violations should report the violations directly through the Gurnee OneStop website, located at <https://onestop.gurnee.il.us> or by calling (847) 599-7550.

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. Info on flooding in Gurnee and preventative tips can also be found at www.gurnee.il.us/residents/safety/flooding-in-gurnee.

Village Reminders

Garage Sale Permits No Longer Required

As of April 3rd, 2017, it is no longer required to receive a garage sale permit from the Village of Gurnee prior to a sale as long as they follow the below guidelines:

- Garage sales cannot last more than four consecutive days.
- Residents are allowed to hold a maximum of two separate garage sales each year (January 1 - December 31).
- Individuals who exceed two sales per year or four days per sale will be in violation of Village Ordinance and subject to notice from Village Code Enforcement.

Questions regarding the Village's Garage Sale Policy should be directed to the Community Development Department at (847) 599-7550.

FY19/20 Annual Budget

The Village is currently working on an updated annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. The proposed budget can also be viewed online at www.gurnee.il.us/FY20Budget or in person at Village Hall. The final budget/appropriation will tentatively be presented to the Village Board for a public hearing on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. at Village Hall, with approval at the regular Village Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings

The Spring 2019 Neighborhood Watch meetings are underway. In addition to reviewing crime statistics specific to your neighborhood, the topic for discussion will be new and updated laws that went in to effect January 1, 2019. The full spring schedule can be found by visiting www.gurnee.il.us/neighborhoodwatch.

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.

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325 N. O'Plaine Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

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

Postal Patron
Gurnee, IL 60031

April 2nd Consolidated Election

Exercise your right to vote in the consolidated election on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019. This year, the following positions are up for election: Four-year term trustee (3). Gurnee Village Hall (325 N O'Plaine Road) will be an early voting location for all Lake County residents beginning on March 18th until April 1st. For a complete list of voting locations, voting questions and early voting hours, visit www.gurnee.il.us/2019consolidatedelection

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.

Unlimited Landscape Waste Week

Waste Management will collect unlimited containerized landscape waste at no charge to current customers the week of **April 8th to April 12th**. 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. Failure to have materials out at this time could result in waste not being collected. As a result, you will have to wait until regular landscape waste pickup resumes the following week.

Regular landscape waste collection through Waste Management's subscription service or sticker program will begin on April 15th. Visit www.gurnee.il.us/waste/landscape for more information.

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:

- Extreme Flight Simulation (1350 Tri State Pkwy)
- United Scientific Supplies (4081 Ryan Rd)
- Royal Furniture Outlet (Gurnee Mills Entry J)
- 5.11 Tactical (6430 Grand Ave)
- Relocated Outback Steakhouse (6210 Grand Ave)
- Expanded/Remodeled Habitat ReStore (3545 Grand Ave)
- Code Ninjas (6021 Washington St)
- Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County (501 N. Route 21)
- Wingate by Wyndham (6090 Gurnee Mills Cir E)
- Jose's Auto Repair & Sales (1081 N. Rt. 41)

Coming Soon:

- The Authentic Cheese Bread Co. (3900 Washington St)
- Remodeled Burlington Coat Factory (Gurnee Mills Entry G)
- KT Furniture (3701 Grand Ave)
- GI Partners of Illinois (731 S. Route 21 Ste 150)
- Aldi (7520 Grand Ave)
- Dunkin Donuts (5414 Grand Ave) - addition of drive through coming soon
- Abbott Laboratories Employee Credit Union (325 Tri-State Pkwy)
- Straight Up Spine and Posture (6021 Washington St)
- Tsunami Car Wash (4145 Grove Ave)