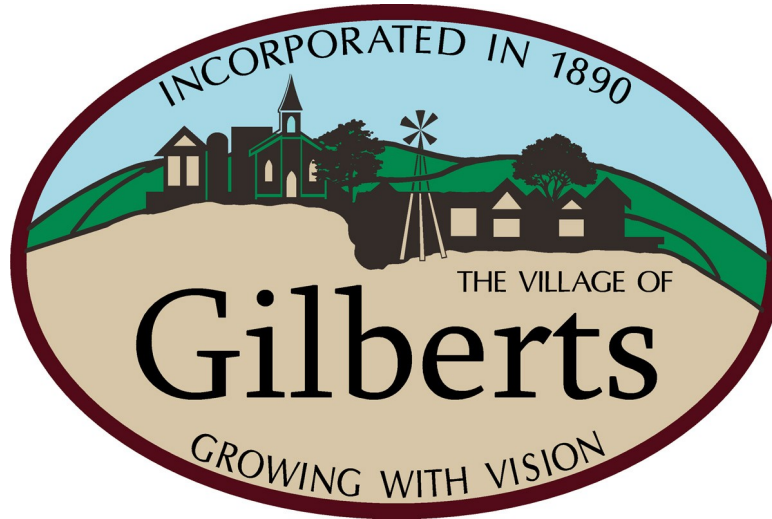


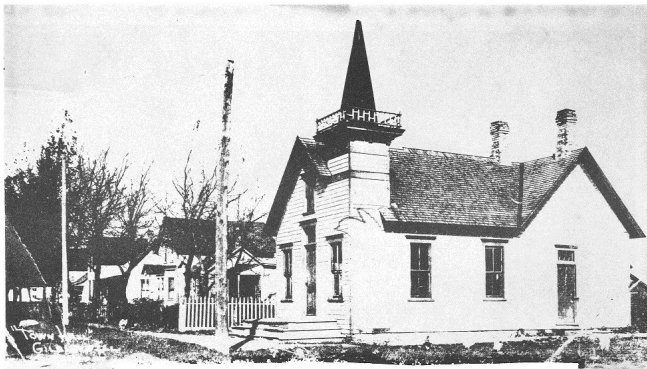
# POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT VILLAGE OF GILBERTS, ILLINOIS



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For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

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ORIGINAL GILBERTS VILLAGE HALL, EAST OF GALLIGAN RD. AT TURNER



Original Village Hall and Present Day Village Hall

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“INFORMATION IS THE CURRENCY OF DEMOCRACY”  
THOMAS JEFFERSON

# POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available on line at <http://www.villageofgilberts.com>  
 The Popular Annual Financial Report is available on line at <http://www.villageofgilberts.com>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Village Hall

87 Galligan Road  
 Gilberts, Illinois 60136  
 847-428-2861



### Building , Finance, Public Works, Utility Billing Department

73 Industrial Drive  
 Gilberts, Illinois. 60136  
 847-428-4167



### Gilberts Police Department

86 Railroad Street  
 Gilberts, Illinois 60136  
 847-428-2954



In an emergency dial 911. The Gilberts Police Department is a Safe Haven location

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ELECTED OFFICIALS



PRESIDENT  
RICK ZIRK



TRUSTEE  
DAN CORBETT



TRUSTEE  
NANCY FARRELL



TRUSTEE  
DAVID LECLERCQ



TRUSTEE  
LOUIS HACKER



TRUSTEE  
PATRICIA MIERISCH



TRUSTEE  
GUY ZAMBETTI

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APPOINTED OFFICIALS



VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
RAYMOND KELLER



VILLAGE CLERK  
DEBRA MEADOWS



FINANCE DIRECTOR  
MARLENE BLOCKER

# **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting**

**PRESENTED TO**

**Village of Gilberts  
Illinois**

**for the Fiscal Year Ended**

**April 30, 2011**



*Linda C. Davidson*  
President

*Jeffrey L. Esser*  
Executive Director

## POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) established the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program (PAFR Program) in 1991 to encourage and assist state and local governments to extract information from their comprehensive annual financial report to produce high quality popular annual financial reports specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance and then to recognize individual governments that are successful in achieving that goal.

The GFOA has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to The Village of Gilberts for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012. This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal. An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. The Village of Gilberts has received a Popular Award for last year ending April 30, 2011. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to The Village of Gilberts for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

To the Citizens of Gilberts:

I am pleased to present the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for Fiscal Year 2013 for the Village of Gilberts. I would like to note that both the PAFR for FY 2012 and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2012 were granted awards for financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. Each year the Village of Gilberts publishes a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which contains a review of Village finances presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). GAAP guidelines are set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and are intended to provide all reporting governmental entities with a consistent and uniform financial reporting standard. Many of the GAAP requirements result in dense technical financial documents which do not convey much in the way of information to the average non-financial person.

As part of The Village of Gilberts effort to manage a transparent government, this popular financial summary provides a less technical over-view of Village finances. If you have any questions about this Popular Annual Financial Report please contact me or the Village Finance Director for assistance.

Thank you

Rick Zirk, Village President

## A HISTORY OF GILBERTS

The Village of Gilberts began in the spring of 1836 when E.R. Starks and Elijah Rich filed claims to what would be Rutland Township, which they named after the Vermont City that had been their home before moving to the Illinois frontier. In 1839, Albro Gilberts arrived and established a farm in what is now the center of Gilberts. As farming became a dominant local occupation, several businesses opened to serve the farmers, citizens formed local chapters of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the "Grange" became an important part of the social and political life of the area.

Around 1852, a post office established near the railroad station, was named Gilberts Station, a name which generalized to the surrounding community. A key factor in the growth of the Gilberts area was its proximity to the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad, now the Union Pacific Railroad, which became a central transportation point shipping large amounts of rail freight which consisted primarily of milk collected from local farmers.

By 1875, Gilberts was a thriving community with a train station, two blacksmith shops, a steam feed mill, two grocery stores, live stock sales barns, a wagon shop, a drug store, a lumber store, several saloons, a dance hall, a local jail, two milk processing companies, and elementary school. In 1890 Gilberts incorporated as a village.

In 1956, the construction of the Chicago-Northwest Tollway ignited new development in Gilberts. A light industrial manufacturing area was established in the 1960's which grew with the development of three additional industrial parks in the 1970's. In 1988, a new water system was constructed which supported new residential development that tripled the Village population.

The Village of Gilberts today, offers easy access to the Chicago metro region while preserving the identity and character of the quaint rural living environment that drew the early settlers to the area.



Gilberts School



D. R. Dewey

## OVERVIEW OF THE POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Village of Gilberts' finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Information contained in the Popular Annual Financial Report is based on data sourced from the Village of Gilberts Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Each year the Village of Gilberts publishes the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which is a technical document that summarizes village finances according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This document contains an independent auditors report which indicates the financial data has been reviewed and with reasonable assurance the data is complete, presented accurately and formatted correctly. This Popular Annual Financial Report has been prepared to provide a summary overview of the CAFR in a format that is readable and available on the village website.

The Village of Gilberts is governed by a Village President and Board of Trustees. The Village's policies are set by the Village President and the Village Board. The Village Administrator is responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the Village President and the Village Board.

The village provides a full range of services. Gilberts' public safety activities include police protection and a neighborhood watch program. Public works provides street and right-of-way maintenance and repair, as well as building maintenance, and park maintenance. Water service including a treatment plant, sanitary sewer service and a sanitation treatment plant are functions which are included in the 'Water and Sewer enterprise fund.

The village also assists with various community events, which are blended into the village's departmental program budgets. These include the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Bonfire and Community Days celebration. In addition, the village is accountable for the Gilberts Police Pension Fund, managed by a legally separate Board, and three Special Service Areas which are administered by independent Trustees (Wells Fargo and Amalgamated Bank of Chicago)

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, requests for additional information, or copies of the Gilberts Comprehensive Annual Financial Report should be directed to Office of the Finance Director, Village of Gilberts, 73 Industrial Drive, Gilberts, IL 60136.



94 Railroad Street



Hansen Farm

## FUND ACCOUNTING

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### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Village of Gilberts operates on a modified accrual basis, a form of accounting in which expenditures are recognized when goods and services are received, and revenues such as taxes are recognized when measurable and available to pay expenditures in the current accounting period. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Village of Gilberts, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Village of Gilberts can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

### **Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Village of Gilberts' near-term financing requirements and readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. The Village of Gilberts maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and SSA#20 Project Funds, which are considered major funds. Data from the other four governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report. The Village of Gilberts adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund. The Village also prepares a working budget to monitor day-to-day operations.

### **Proprietary Funds**

The Village of Gilberts maintains only one proprietary fund, an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Village of Gilberts utilizes an enterprise fund to account for its water and solid waste utility operations. The proprietary fund financial statements provide financial information for the Utility.

### **Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Village programs. The reporting focus is on net assets and changes in net assets and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. Pension trust funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for pension benefit payments.



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## **PENSION FUNDS**

The village contributes to two defined benefit pension plans, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a defined benefit agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system; and the Police Pension Plan that is a single-employer pension plan. Separate, audited GAAP-basis financial statements for the Police Pension Plan can be obtained by writing the Village at 87 Galligan Road, Gilberts, Illinois 60136. IMRF does issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole, but not by individual employer. That report may be obtained on-line at [www.imrf.org](http://www.imrf.org). The benefit, benefit levels, employee contributions, and employer contributions are governed by Illinois Compiled Statutes and can only be amended by the Illinois General Assembly.

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GOVERNMENT PROMOTES SERVICES AND GOODS  
FOR WHICH THERE IS NO PROFIT INCENTIVE  
AND ADDRESSES POLITICAL OR SOCIAL  
CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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## **THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BUDGET**

- Budgets help manage government through a financial plan that balances revenues with expenditures and limiting the amount of money each department may spend.
  - Budgets perform social and political functions by giving interest groups a forum to express their needs and providing government an opportunity to choose whether to fund those needs. Budgets raise the social conscience of a community by making inequities more visible and exposing a governments commitment to fairness. Budgets are political spending decisions which both shape and are shaped by the values of the community. Thus the budget becomes a contract for the provision of services between the government and those it serves.
  - Budgeting involves converting data and information on community needs and wishes into an action plan with resources. Economically the budget process converts the factors of production (labor and capital) into goods and services. The process of preparing a budget is about discovering the linkages between inputs and outcomes.
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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FY 2012

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### New Development

Late 2012, the Village Board was presented with a new \$67M industrial/retail development by Interstate Partners. This will be a phased multi-year project with initial construction starting in April, 2013. The first unit being built will house at least four industrial users. To help facilitate this project the Village approved our second tax increment financing district to assist with infrastructure costs.



### Road Program

In August 2011, the Village issued bonds to finance a road improvement project within the Village. During this fiscal year, the project was brought to completion with additional drainage issues being addressed.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS—REVENUES 2012

### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

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The government-wide financial analysis provides readers with a broad overview of the Village of Gilberts' finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. Government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Village of Gilberts that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Village of Gilberts include general government, public safety, public works, and parks and recreation. The business-type activities of the Village of Gilberts include waterworks and sewage operations.

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**Intergovernmental:** Sources in this category include state income tax, replacement tax, sales tax and use tax.

**Utility Taxes:** Sources in this category include taxes on communications, gas and utilities.

**Property Taxes:** Sources in this category include general property taxes along with road and bridge

**Operating Grants:** Sources in this category include motor fuel tax (MFT) granted to the Village. The State of Illinois imposes a tax on each gallon of gasoline sold at retail. Local governments receive a portion of the collections which is calculated based upon population.

**Capital Contributions:** This is the result of a development (Town Center Unit 1B) turning common property over to the Village in 2012.

**Charges for Services:** Sources in this category include, but are not limited to licenses, permit and fees, (Building permits, liquor license) fines and forfeitures (fines-Court, Police Enhanced DUI, Drug Forfeitures) and Charges for Services (franchise fees, impact fees, refuse removal services, antenna rental).

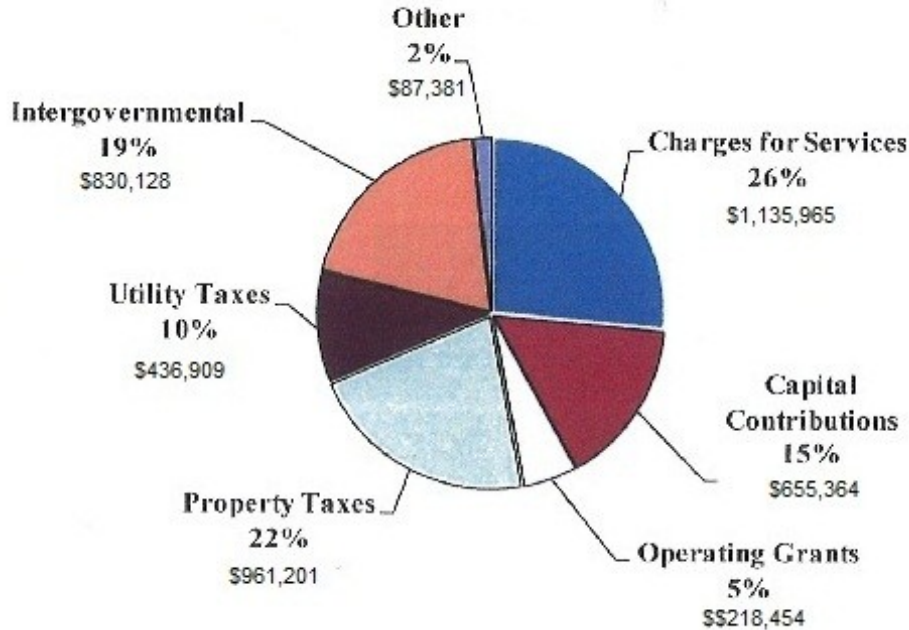
**Other:** Revenue in this category comes from investment income. A prudent investment strategy can yield significant revenue. All money not immediately needed must be invested within two working days in an interest-bearing account. Municipalities are authorized to combine cash balances from more than one fund for investment. However, money combined for such purposes must still be accounted for separately, with earnings apportioned to the appropriate fund.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS—REVENUES 2012

### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

#### Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities at April 30, 2012

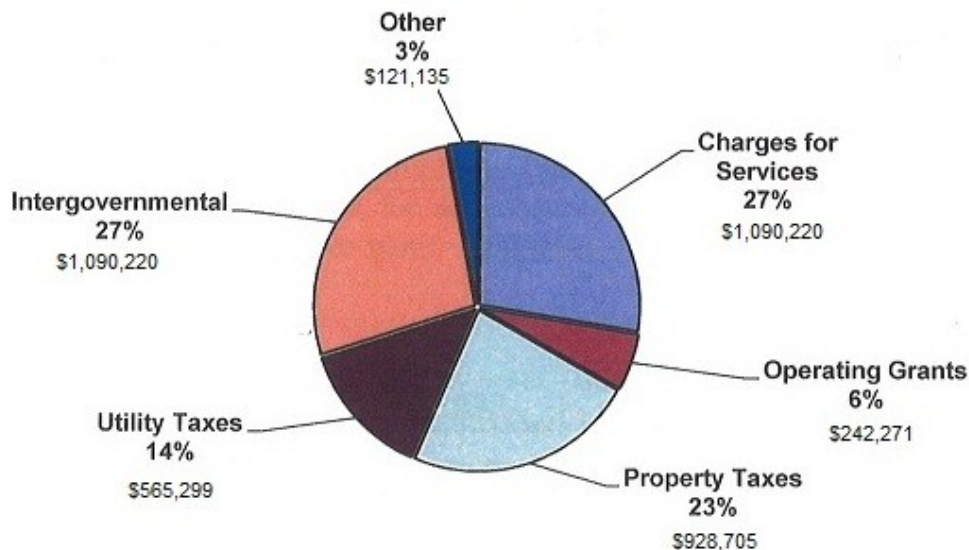
Total Revenue \$4,369,097



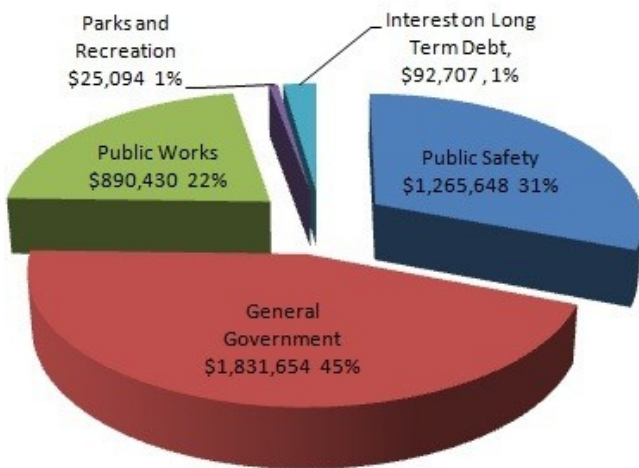
There were nominal changes in revenue for property taxes and charges for services over the two-year period. Intergovernmental revenues increased due to a catch-up of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) payment from the State and the January 2012 start of a 1% Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax imposed by the Village.

#### Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities at April 30, 2013

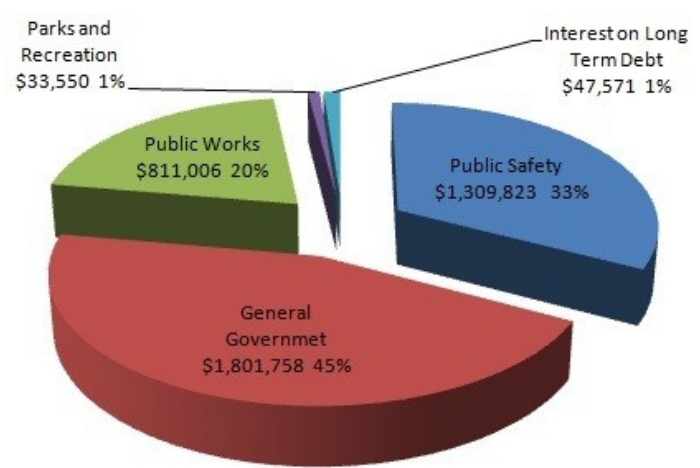
Total Revenue \$4,037,852



## WHERE THE MONEY GOES



Expenses as a percentage of total expenditures  
April 30, 2013



Expenses as a percentage of total expenditures  
April 30, 2012

### Public Works:

The Public Works Department is committed to maintenance, repair and general upkeep of the streets, buildings public areas and parks of the Village of Gilberts.

### Public Safety:

The Village of Gilberts Police Department is a full service department engaged in the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, preservation of the public peace, enforcement of laws and ordinances and the enhancement of public safety and promotion of community services.

### General Government:

The Village Administrator is responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the Village President and Board of Trustees, budget administration, internal controls and strategic planning. The Administrator supervises the Village staff and consultants, leads the development of staff recommendations to the Village President and Board, and supports the Village's various committees and commissions.

### Interest on Long Term Debt:

The Village issues bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and enters into installment notes to provide funds for the acquisition of capital assets.

### Parks and Recreation:

*Town Center Park* is the Village's newest and largest park. Located at Tyrrell Road and Columbia Lane, Town Center Park offers ball fields, soccer fields and open space for free form activities, all with ample parking.

*Town Square Park* is located off Rt. 72 and Center Drive. This park is the site of the Villages annual Community Days festival and winter holiday events. The park features Lake Gilberts, a gazebo, open space and a playground.

*Memorial Park* is located at 355 Tyrrell Road and offers a baseball diamond, soccer field, basketball court, playground, fishing pond, and a picnic pavilion. Additionally, this park features a Skate Park which was the recipient of a Governor's Home Town Award.

*Waitcus Park*, located on Rt. 72 and Railroad Street, offers a baseball diamond, basketball 1/2 court, playground, and a picnic pavilion.

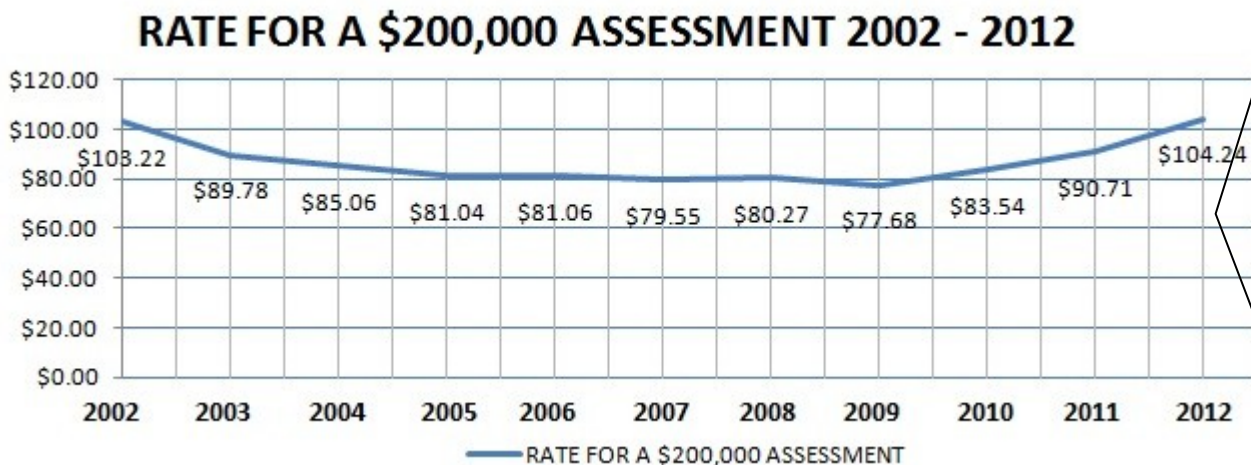
## TAX LEVY

The act of adopting a budget has evolved into a forum for establishing strategic goals and performance expectations. The resulting budget has become the public record of a community dialogue for improving organizational performance and management oversights. Annually the Village adopts a budget that defines its legal spending authority. Departments submit requests to the Village Administrator so that a budget may be prepared. The requested budget document is prepared by fund, function and activity. The budget is presented to the Village Board for review. The Village Board holds a public hearing and adjusts the requested budgeted amounts to reflect anticipated operations and capital spending for the delivery of services offered by the Village.

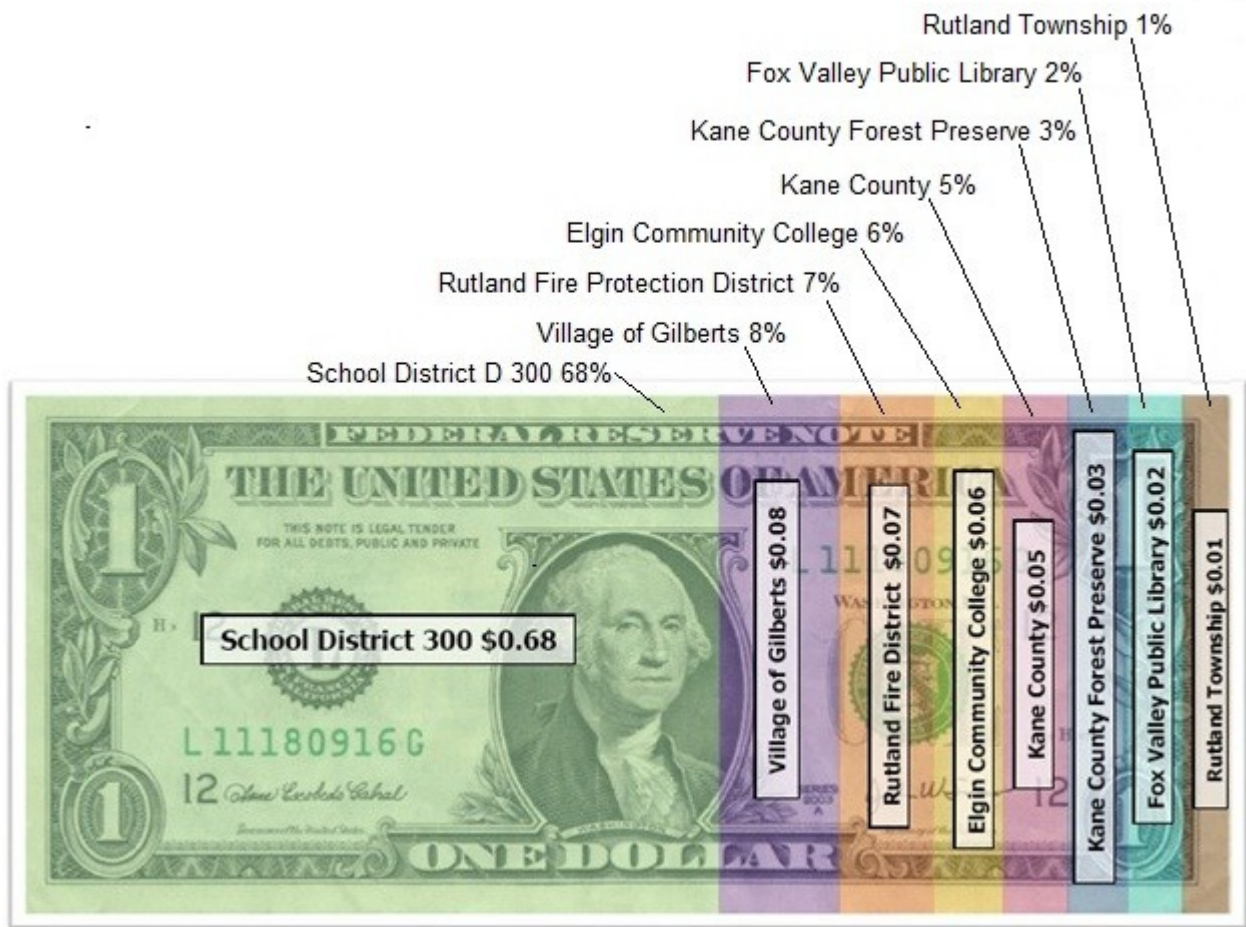
The Village of Gilberts faces an economic environment similar to many of the other local municipalities. The Village’s elected and appointed officials consider many factors when setting the fiscal year budget. These factors include tax rates, fees, the economy, inflation, unemployment rates and the state of the residential housing market. The Village of Gilberts sets a General tax levy and a Pension tax levy, each of which are expressed as a ratio of cents to each \$1000 of assessed value.

TAX YEAR	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
GENERAL	0.395600	0.361700	0.355570	0.358358	0.350226	0.343724	0.338881	0.324217	0.359732	0.383813	0.440582
PENSION	0.120500	0.087200	0.069710	0.046862	0.055084	0.054036	0.062479	0.064183	0.057948	0.069727	0.080608

The graph below expresses the tax rate on a property with an assessed value of \$200,000. The solid line tracks the tax rate changes from 2002 to 2011. The vertical axis is expressed in increments of \$20 each, and the horizontal axis is expressed on a year by year basis.



## UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY TAX



Property is assessed by the local assessor, using state of Illinois guidelines, so that values for property tax purposes can be determined. The chief county assessment officer ensures that assessment levels are uniform throughout the county by applying equalization factors to individual township assessments. This ensures that the statutory requirements of a 33 1/3% assessment (of market value) is met. The assessments may then be further equalized at the State level, if necessary.

Taxing districts determine the amount of revenue needed and certify levies to the county clerk. The county clerk calculates the tax rate needed to produce the amount of revenues each taxing district may levy legally according to the assessment value in their district, and applies any state equalization factors if needed.

The county treasurer prepares tax bills, receives payments and distributes taxes to the local government taxing districts that levied them and administers sales of liens on real estate parcels due to nonpayment of taxes.

## VILLAGE COMMITTEES

Village Board Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Plan Commission: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (as needed)

Zoning Board of Appeals- Meeting held on an as needed basis

Police Commission- Meeting held on an as needed basis

## VILLAGE WEBSITE [WWW.VILLAGEOFGILBERTS.COM](http://WWW.VILLAGEOFGILBERTS.COM)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Village of Gilberts website. The header reads "THE VILLAGE OF GILBERTS". On the left is a navigation menu with links such as "Our Community", "Board of Trustees", "Village Government", "Village Departments", "Village Code", "Latest Village News", "Economic Development", "Employment Opportunity", "Community Events", "Photo Gallery", "FAQ's", "Links/Resources", "Contact Us", and "Site Map". Below the menu are contact details for the Village Hall, Public Works Building, and Police Department. The main content area features a group photo of village officials. To the right of the photo are several informational boxes: "Message From The President" with a "Read More" link, "Online Payments" with an E-PAY logo and a "Pay Online" link, "Gilberts Business Directory" with a "Browse Directory" link, "E-mail List Sign Up" with a "Sign Up Now" link, and "Upcoming Events" listing meetings for 11/05/2013, 11/12/2013, 11/19/2013, and 12/03/2013, each with a "View PDF" link.

The Village website contains information about meetings, agendas and minutes, current events, and serves as a general reference guide for the citizens of the Village. Included are email addresses to contact Village officials, meeting schedules with agendas, online payment options and current events.



## VILLAGE OF GILBERTS RESIDENT CHECK LIST

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Welcome to the Village of Gilberts. We look forward to providing excellent customer service . For copies of all Village documents including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report along with the Popular Annual Financial Report please stop by Village Hall.

Village Hall is located at 87 Galligan Rd. in "Old Town". You can call us at **847-428-2861** if you need directions. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Hours on Tuesday begin at 8:30 a.m. and are extended for citizen convenience till 7:30 pm.

The Public Works building is at 73 Industrial Drive and houses the Building, Finance and Utility Billing Departments. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can call them at **847-428-4167**.

### **Animal Control**

No dog shall be permitted to be kept in the Village unless properly inoculated for rabies as required by law. No dog shall be permitted to run loose at any place in the Village except on the property of the owner. No person shall permit more than three dogs to be kept in or about any single-family residence or more than two dogs in any single-family unit of any multi-family housing building within the Village.

### **Block Parties**

Any neighborhood may hold a block party, but . You must notify the Police Department (**847-428-2954**), Public Works Department (847-428-4167) and the Rutland Dundee Fire Protection District (847-426-2522) to make arrangements to have barricades available on the day of the block party if you intend to block off the street.

### **Building Permits**

You must obtain a building permit for any additions or improvements you make to your home. The building department is located at 73 Industrial Drive. Please call **847-428-4167** for further information. Listed on the Village website [www.villageofgilberts.com](http://www.villageofgilberts.com) is information on many requirements you will need for your improvement projects.

### **Certificate of Occupancy**

If you purchased a newly built home, don't forget to obtain your final Certificate of Occupancy if you took possession of your home under a temporary occupancy permit. Call the Building Department at **847-428-4167** for further information.

### **Curfew**

It is unlawful for a person under eighteen years of age to be present at any public assembly, building, street, place, or highway within the Village of Gilberts unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on: Friday, Saturday and Sunday after 11:00 p.m. or Monday through Thursday after 10:00 p.m.

### **Email Alerts**

Visit our website at [www.villageofgilberts.com](http://www.villageofgilberts.com) to sign up to receive Village news and important updates via email.

### **Garage Sale**

You must purchase a permit to have a garage, yard or rummage sale. Permits are \$5 each and are sold at village facilities. Residents are allowed 3 garage sales per year.

## VILLAGE OF GILBERTS RESIDENT CHECK LIST

### **Notary Service**

Residents can have documents notarized at Village Hall free of charge. Please do not pre-sign a document you want notarized. You must sign your documents in the presence of the notary and provide a photo ID.

### **Post Office**

Gilberts' post office is located at 57 Railroad Street – open: 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday thru Friday, Saturday from 7:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. Be sure to notify the post office (**847-426-6313**) if you change your address.

### **Schools**

Gilberts' students attend District 300 schools. All children kindergarten thru 5th grade that reside in the Village attend Gilberts Elementary School located at 729 Paperbark Lane. The main phone number is **224-484-5900**. For information on other levels of education, contact District 300 at **847-551-8300** or visit their website at [www.d300.org](http://www.d300.org).

### **Siren Testing**

Warning sirens are tested in the village every first Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. The siren will sound if there is an imminent weather emergency. If you hear the siren, please go indoors.

### **Snow Parking Ban**

It is unlawful to park a vehicle on any village street following the accumulation of 2 or more inches of falling snow until removed.

### **Trash Removal**

MDC Environmental, Inc. will provide residential garbage pickup services. The service will be billed through the Village every other month. Contact the Village of Gilberts Utility Billing Department at **847-428-4167** to set up an account for trash removal. A trash and recycle toter will be delivered to your home. Refuse, recyclables and yard waste is collected on Thursday for residents south of Rt. 72 (Higgins Rd.) and on Friday for residents north of Rt. 72. When trash removal day falls on a holiday, your trash will be collected the next day. Holidays are New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Friday pickups will take place on Saturday for these holiday weeks.

### **Utility Billing**

The Village provides water and sewer for most properties. Please call **847-428-4167** to set up an account or with billing questions. The Village also bills for trash removal service which will appear on the water and sewer bill. Utility Billing is located at 73 Industrial Drive. You can reach them at **847-428-4167** or via email at [waterbills@villageofgilberts.com](mailto:waterbills@villageofgilberts.com). An online payment option is available through the Village website.

### **Utility Companies**

Cable: Mediacom – **1-800-824-6047**

Electricity: First Energy: **1-866-636-3749**

Natural Gas: Northern Illinois Gas: **1-800-642-6748**

ATT U-verse: **1-800-288-2020**

### **Voter Registration**

You may register to vote at the Village Hall, 87 Galligan Road. You must have 2 forms of identification one of which must be a photo ID. You may register any time other than 30 days before an election.