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Division of Water Pollution Control ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

This fillable form may be completed online, a copy saved locally, printed and signed before it is submitted to the Compliance Assurance Section at the above address. Complete each section of this report.

Report Period: From March, 2021 _____ To March, 2022 _____

Permit No. ILR40 0196

MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION: (As it appears on the current permit)

Name: Village of Gilberts Mailing Address 1: 73 Industrial Drive
Mailing Address 2: _____ County: Kane
City: Gilberts State: IL Zip: 60136 Telephone: (847) 428-4167
Contact Person: Aaron Grosskopf Email Address: agrosskopf@villageofgilberts.com
(Person responsible for Annual Report)

Name(s) of governmental entity(ies) in which MS4 is located: (As it appears on the current permit)

Village of Gilberts Township of Rutland
Township of Dundee County of Kane

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED.

A. Changes to best management practices (check appropriate BMP change(s) and attach information regarding change(s) to BMP and measurable goals.)

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| 1. Public Education and Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction Site Runoff Control | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Participation/Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Post-Construction Runoff Control | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Attach the status of compliance with permit conditions, an assessment of the appropriateness of your identified best management practices and progress towards achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, and your identified measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures.

C. Attach results of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any during the reporting period.

D. Attach a summary of the storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (including an implementation schedule.)

E. Attach notice that you are relying on another government entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

F. Attach a list of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

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Owner Signature:
Aaron Grosskopf

Printed Name:

5/18/2022

Date:
Public Works Director

Title:

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COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE SECTION #19
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Village of Gilberts

NPDES Permit No. ILR40 0196

Annual Facility Inspection Report Attachment 1

March 1st, 2021 to February 28th, 2022

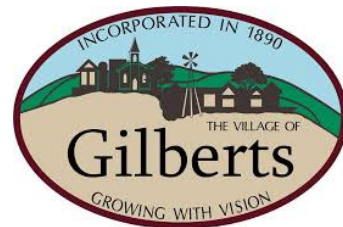
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Any questions or comments regarding this report may be directed to either of the following:

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(847) 428-4167 or agrosskopf@villageofgilberts.com

Mr. Jacob Wellbank, P.E., Robinson Engineering, Ltd.
(815) 412-2723 or jwellbank@reltd.com



Village of Gilberts, NPDES Permit No. ILR40 0196
Annual Facility Inspection Report – Attachment 1

Item A: Description of Changes to BMPs

No changes have been made in the Village BMPs for the next reporting cycle.

**Item B: Status of compliance with permit conditions
and assessment of minimum control measures**

The Village believes that the BMPs completed within the reporting period are appropriate for the permit conditions. The status of each BMP is as follows:

Public Education and Outreach

1. A1: Literature Distribution (Newsletter)

The Village published three community newsletters during this reporting cycle, which are mailed to businesses and residents in the Village and delivered via email, containing stormwater pollution prevention related articles. The newsletters are also available on the Village's website. Attached are newsletters from this reporting cycle.

Public Participation and Involvement

2. B4: Public Hearing

The Village provided time during a committee of the whole meeting for public education and comment on an annual basis. A meeting agenda is published on the Village website prior to the meeting as public notification.

3. B6: Program Involvement

The Village notified residents of the start of yard waste pick-up during this reporting period. The event encourages the public to properly dispose of debris which might otherwise be washed into the Village's storm sewer system and into the environment.

4. B7: Other Public Involvement (Public Reporting)

The Village maintained a contact number on the Village website that residents can use to report stormwater-related issues, including ordinance violations, construction site soil erosion and sediment control violations, maintenance issues, and illicit discharges.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

5. **C1: Storm Sewer Map Preparation (Storm Sewer Atlas)**

The storm sewer system GIS dataset is updated as needed as new outfalls are discovered during maintenance or created by new development.

6. **C2: Regulatory Control Program (Ordinance)**

The Village has adopted and continued to enforce an Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance (Title 8 Chapter 3 of the Village Code of Ordinances) that prohibits non-stormwater discharges in the Village's storm sewer system. The Ordinance also includes enforcement procedures and penalties for violations. The Village maintains a link to the ordinances on the Village website.

7. **C3 / C4 / C5: Illicit Discharge Detection, Tracing, and Removal Plan**

As discussed above, Title 8 Chapter 3 of the Village of Gilberts Code of Ordinances contains an Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance that prohibits non-stormwater discharges into the Village's storm sewer system and includes enforcement procedures and penalties for violations. The ordinance provides the Village the regulatory authority to enforce illicit discharge removal. The detection, tracing, and removal procedures includes inspection of all mapped, Village-owned stormwater structures and outfalls once every three years, along with providing residents a method of notifying the Village of potential illicit discharges. In addition, a local Gilberts environmental consultant performs pre- and post-rainfall event inspections for flood control and pollution prevention. The Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition's annual report on the Tyler Creek Watershed contains monitoring and BMP effectiveness data and can be viewed on their website.

Construction Site Runoff Control

8. **D1 / D2 / D3 / D4 / D6: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

The Village has adopted, by reference through Section 11-1-2 of the Village Code of Ordinances, all the provisions of the Kane County Stormwater Management Ordinance (SMO) and continued to enforce its provisions through the plan review process and site inspections. A link to the Village ordinances is hosted on the Village's website.

Post-Construction Runoff Control

9. **E2 / E3 / E4 / E5 / E6: Stormwater Drainage Ordinance**

As discussed above, the Village has adopted, by reference through Village Ordinance Section 11-1-2, all the provisions of the SMO and continued to enforce its post-construction runoff control provisions through the plan review process prior to

construction, inspection(s) during construction, and post-construction inspection(s). A link to the Village ordinances is hosted on the Village website.

Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

10. F1: Employee Training Program

The Village has conducted employee training to educate staff on prevention and reduction of stormwater pollution from municipal activities. The Village retains Phoenix & Associates as the Village's program maintenance consultant. Phoenix & Associates conducts all Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) inspections and assists with employee training, as necessary. Training includes typical topics such as proper disposal of oil, salt storage, snow plowing, and other items.

11. F2: Inspection and Maintenance Program

Phoenix & Associates, as referenced above, continued to conduct formal inspections and regular maintenance of Village-owned stormwater conveyance facilities and structures. Inspections of all facilities are conducted after rainfall events greater than 0.5" or equivalent rainfall. No changes have been made to the program during the current reporting period.

12. F3: Municipal Operations Stormwater Control

The Village has maintained a formal SWPPP for the Village's municipal operations, which is contained in the Village's Stormwater Management Program Plan. The SWPPP is reviewed annually, and no changes have been made to the program during the current reporting period.

Item C: Results of information collected and analyzed, monitoring data (if any).

No illicit discharges or incidents of non-compliance were identified. No water samples for analysis were taken during this reporting period.

Item D: Summary of stormwater activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (and implementation schedule).

See the attached Summary that is numbered to correspond with the Village's BMPs.

Item E: Notice that you are relying on another governmental entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

The Village of Gilberts does not rely on any other government entity to satisfy permit requirements. Kane County offers public education and outreach programs which benefit the Village and its residents, but the Village's SWPPP is intended to meet the requirements of its NPDES Permit in the absence of the County programs.

Item F: List of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

The Village of Gilberts has not let any construction projects with an area of disturbance of one acre or greater during this reporting period.

Sample Documentation for Minimum Control Measures

The remaining sheets in this report include some available documentation for various Best Management Practices discussed under Item B.

VILLAGE OF GILBERTS

SUMMARY AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE		MAR-20	MAR-21	MAR-22	MAR-23
A. Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts					
A1	Literature Distribution (Newsletter)	X	X	X	A
B. Public Involvement/ Participation					
B4	Public Hearing	X	X	X	A
B6	Program Involvement (Village-Wide Cleanup)	X	X	X	A
B7	Other Public Involvement (Public Reporting)	X	X	X	A
C. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination					
C1	Storm Sewer Map Assessment	X	X	X	A
	Storm Sewer Map Preparation	X	X	X	A
	Field Identification of Outfalls	X	X	X	A
	Storm Sewer Map Update Program	X	X	X	A
C2	Regulatory Control Program	X	X	X	A
	- Ordinance (IDDE)	X	X	X	A
C3	Illicit Discharge Detection, Tracing, and Removal Plan	X	X	X	A
C4					
C5					
D. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control					
D1 /	Regulatory Control Program	X	X	X	A
D2 /	- Ordinance Adoption	X	X	X	A
D3 /	- Enforcement Ongoing	X	X	X	A
D4 /	- Site Plan Review Procedures	X	X	X	A
D6	- Site Inspection/Enforcement Procedures	X	X	X	A
E. Post-Construction Stormwater Management					
E2 /	Regulatory Control Program	X	X	X	A
E3 /	- Ordinance Adoption	X	X	X	A
E4 /	- Enforcement Ongoing	X	X	X	A
E5 /	- Long Term O&M Procedures	X	X	X	A
E6 /	- Post-Construction Site Inspections	X	X	X	A
F. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping					
F1	Employee Training Program	X	X	X	A
F2	Inspection & Maintenance Program	X	X	X	A
F3	Municipal Operations for Stormwater Control	X	X	X	A

A = Future Required/Planned Annual Activity
R = Future One-time Required Activity

D = Deferred Activity
X = Completed Activity

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Spring 2021 Village of Gilberts E-Newsletter

Important Spring Dates to Remember

March 14 - Daylight Saving Time

April 1 - Yard Waste Pick Up Begins

April 3 - Drive-Thru Visit with the Easter Bunny

May 9 - Mother's Day

May 31 - Memorial Day (Village Offices Closed)



A Word From the Village President

My Fellow Gilberts Residents,

After what seemed like one of the longest years in history, we are hopeful of the positive changes we may see in 2021. Our Village staff continues to serve residents while keeping COVID-19 protocols in mind in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

For the tenth consecutive year, Gilberts has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. In addition to diligent financial reporting, we are set to finish our current fiscal year in a strong

on which community events the Village will be able to host this year. We ask that all of our residents keep an eye on our Village website and Facebook page for updates on our events. We will keep everyone apprised of cancellations, modifications, and further details of our regularly scheduled events as soon as we can.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to Village Hall with any questions or concerns you may have.

Yours for a Better Gilberts,

Rick Zirk

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Drive-Thru Visit with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 3rd, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Location: The Fraternal Order of Eagles, 325 Raymond Drive, Gilberts, IL

This year's Easter event will look a little different in order to keep everyone safe while still having fun! The event will feature festive "eggs" stuffed with candy and trinkets, optional boxed lunches, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

The Village will partner with the Gilberts Fraternal Order of Eagles and Boy Scout Troop 1047 for this event.



Yard Waste Pick-Up

Yard waste pick-up resumes April 1

Here are some important things to remember:

- Place yard waste in 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper bags or in open 30-gallon garbage cans.
- Each bunch of bundled tree branches cannot be longer than 4 feet and no larger in diameter than a 30-gallon garbage can.
- Maximum branch diameter is 4 inches for individual branches.
- All bundles and bags must not exceed 40 pounds.

General Garbage Collection Reminders:

- Have cans out by 7:00 am.
- Place cans 4 feet apart.
- Electronics are not allowed to be put in trash. Items such as televisions, computers and computer monitors need to be taken to an electronics recycling facility.
- Latex paints can be disposed of in your regular trash. First let it air dry or add kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper to help it dry more quickly. Once solidified, place cans in trash.
- Bulk items are accepted: couches, tables, beds, bundled carpets. Bulk items do not need to be tagged prior to pick-up.

Electronic Recycling

The Kane County Electronics Recycling Program is for residential equipment only, and includes 2 year-round drop-off locations and a schedule of Saturday collection events. TVs and Monitors cost \$25 (under 21" measured diagonally) or \$35 (21" or over). TVs and monitors contain lead and/or mercury and must be processed as hazardous



the County's contracted electronics recycler - eWorks, a non-profit that employs people with developmental disabilities. You are helping a good cause and responsibly disposing of your used electronics!

Drop-off Locations:

West Dundee Public Works

900 Angle Tarn, West Dundee, IL 60118

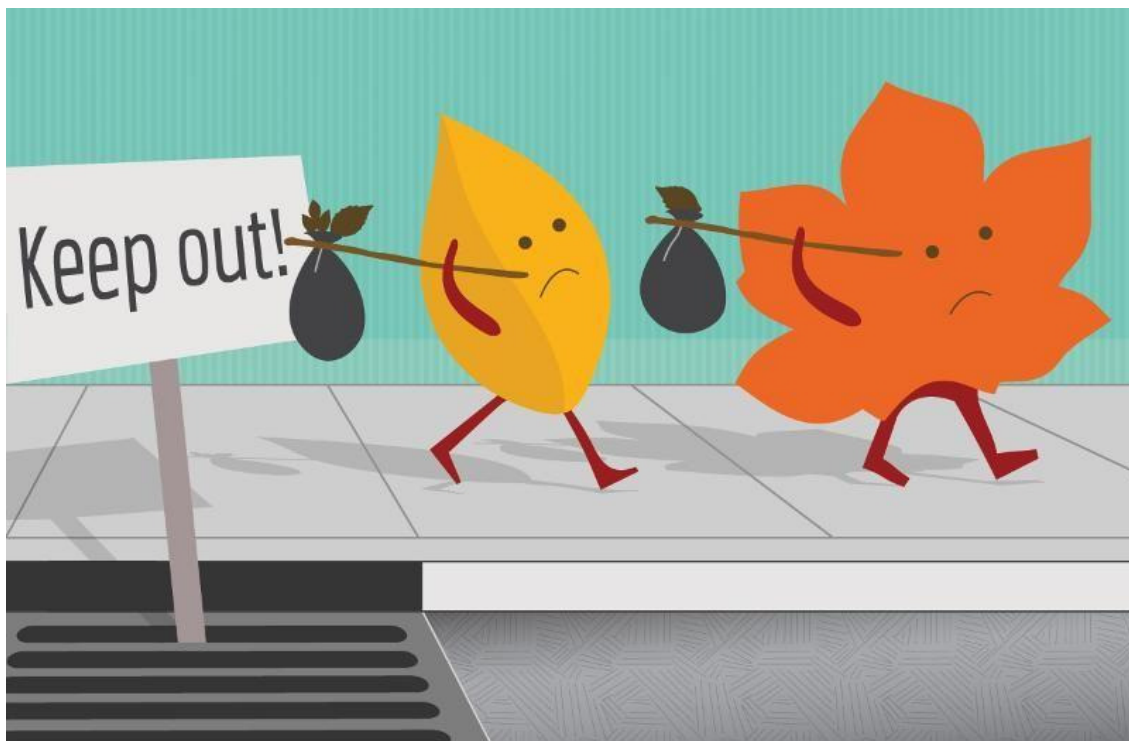
Hours: M-F 7am-3pm

Batavia, Fabyan Parkway

517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL 60510

Hours: M-F 8am-4pm

For more information on The Kane County Electronics Recycling Program [click here](#) or call (630) 208-3841.



Important Information from Public Works

In the Spring debris from foliage, maple tree's samara (helicopters), grass clippings and fall leaves can clog the drains rather quickly. The Village Public Works Department works hard to keep the drains clear manually as well as with an annual street cleaning utilizing a street sweeper. Even with ideal drain conditions, during intense storms our infrastructure can only handle so much at once. We ask that every capable resident try to work together to help keep storm drains near their own residence clear of debris, this can have a large impact to reduce potential local flooding risk. If you see an issue with a storm drain near your home give us a call at

Do Not Dump anything into the street grates.

Please remember that all storm drains eventually flow to the local creeks and rivers.

Hydrant Flushing

To ensure hydrants are operating properly, the Village of Gilberts Public Works Department performs the necessary task of hydrant flushing once a year during the Spring. This year the Village's tentative date to begin hydrant flushing is Monday April 12. Signs are placed at the entrances to the subdivisions on Friday the week before flushing is to begin in that neighborhood. Further detail regarding the timing of flushing in subdivisions will be published on the Village's Facebook social media account at a later date.



Flushing hydrants is an important preventive maintenance activity that verifies proper operation of the hydrant and ensures adequate water flow will be available if the need for firefighting arises. Flushing also removes sediment that naturally accumulates in water pipes. Removing these materials through flushing maintains the high quality of the water we provide to you.

When hydrant flushing occurs, you may notice slightly yellow, orange, or brown-colored water coming from your faucet. If this happens, simply run your cold water tap for three to five minutes. If the water is still discolored, wait about 30 minutes and run the water again. This temporary discoloration only affects the appearance of the water – it does not cause a health or safety risk.

While the water is safe to drink, you should avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times, as the flushed sediment could discolor white clothing. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark clothes first. You should also avoid using hot water until the cold water runs clear.

If you experience discoloration for a prolonged time or if you experience a significant loss of water pressure after hydrant flushing has occurred, please call our Public Works Department at (847) 428-4167.

While it may seem like a waste of water, flushing of hydrants is essential to keep you safe by ensuring proper water flow in the event of a fire emergency.



YMCA Sports

Spring Soccer at the Taylor Family YMCA will start April 12th. Registration will open March 15th through April 17th. The season runs April 12th through June 5th. We will then roll right into Summer Baseball. Baseball will be played at Waitcus Park. Registration is open May 10th through June 12th. The season runs June 7th through July 31st.

For more information, contact Zach Bomkamp at (224) 760-7010 or by email at zachb@gcfymca.org

New Resident Packets

Are you or someone you know a new resident of Gilberts? If so, stop by Village Hall any time between 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday through Friday to pick up a New Resident Packet! It's filled with helpful information about our community and the resources available to you.



How to Pay Utility Bills

For your convenience, The Village of Gilberts offers several ways to pay your utility bill.

- Pay online as a one-time payment.
- Sign up for auto-pay.
- Drop off payments in our 24-hour locked drop box located in the parking lot of Village Hall at 87 Galligan Road (picture on right).
- Pay in person at the Utility Billing Department in the Public Works building at 73 Industrial Drive or at Village Hall with cash, check, or credit card.

If you have questions regarding your utility bills or would like more information about payment options, please contact our utility billing department at (847) 428-4167.

We are excited to announce that we now accept debit and credit cards for any Village payment at our counters at Village Hall and Public Works! Please note that there is a transaction fee of 2.8% of the total amount with a \$1.50 minimum.

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS



DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!

THESE ARE NOT FLUSHABLE!

- Fats, oil, and grease
- Flushable wipes
- Prescription medications
- Chemicals
- Feminine products
- Disposable diapers
- Condoms
- Floss



News From the Fox River Valley Public Libraries



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Spring Greetings from the Fox River Valley Libraries

The Dundee Library and Randall Oaks Library happily welcome the residents of Gilberts back into their buildings to take advantage of their many services and delightful selection of materials for all ages.

New this Spring is Book Club in a Bag. FRVPLD will help with all the details so you and your group can focus on the reading and talking. There are selections for both adults and children. Each bag includes copies of the featured title and a book discussion guide, all packaged up for an easy checkout. Search “FRVPLD Book Club in a Bag” in the library’s catalog to browse available titles. Check back often as new titles will continue to be added.

Since poetry is having a moment, FRVPLD invites patrons to enter our very first Earth Day Poetry Contest. Write a poem about the environment and share it with your library! One winner will be selected from three categories: elementary school, middle and high school, and adult. Submissions will be accepted March 1 through April 16. Winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22. Each winner will have their poem published on our website and receive a \$50 gift card: the elementary prize is from Around the Corner Candy, the middle and high school prize is from Village Pizza, and the adult prize is from Platt Hill Nursery.

Email your submission to contest@frvpld.info. We ask that you limit your writing to 1,000 words. Please include your name, age, city and contact information. You must live within the library district to be eligible for participation. Library card is not required.

Once again FRVPLD is offering more than 100 virtual programs for all ages. Virtual programs are held live on Zoom, and our storytimes are held on Facebook Live. Patrons can view and register for programs on the library’s online calendar at www.frvpld.info/events.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be a little different this year. Instead of coming into the library to search the stacks, you’ll search the neighborhoods of the Fox River Valley Public Library District (you might be surprised how large this area is!). We’ve hidden 25 Easter eggs – find 10 to win an Easter Goodie Bag! Email pictures or a description of where you saw them to librarykids@frvpld.info. Check our Facebook page for hints on where to look. The hunt will be on from March 28 through April 30.

With the warmer weather of spring, we look forward to meeting safely in person outside at Storytime on the Front Lawn at the Dundee Library every Monday in May from 10 to 10:30 a.m. No registration is required to attend storytime.

As always, we invite all residents to keep up to date on the most current services and programs by visiting our website at www.frvpld.info, and following us on our social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. If you have any questions about your account, our friendly staff are waiting to take your call at (847) 428-3661. Hope to see you soon!



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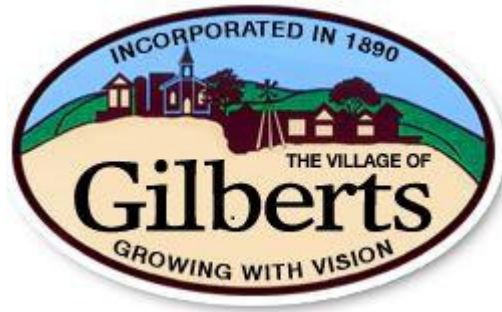
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Fall 2021 Village of Gilberts E-Newsletter

Important Fall Dates to Remember

- August 12** - First Day of School for District 300
- August 14** - Fishing Derby, 8am at Memorial Park
- October 23** - Fall Bonfire, 3:30-5:30 pm at Memorial Park
- October 31** - Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours 3-7pm
- November 7** - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 11** - Veteran's Day (Village Offices Closed)

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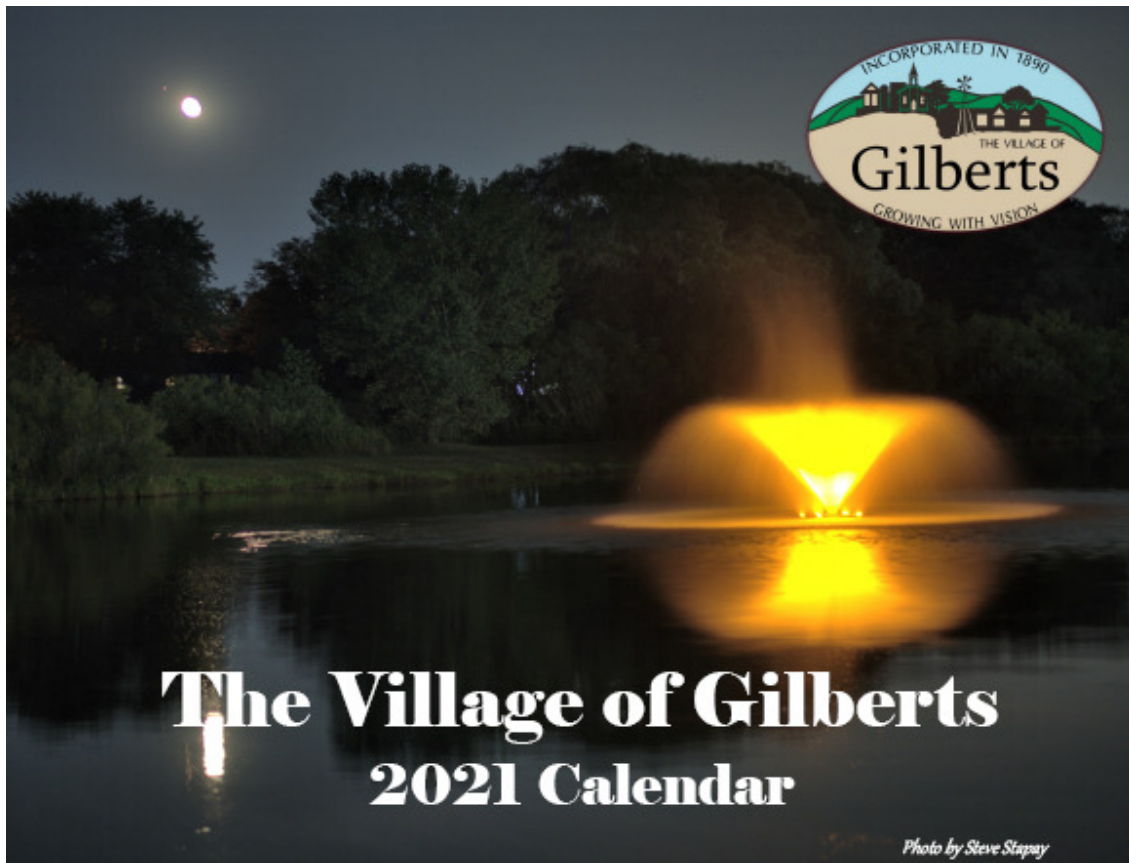
Village of Gilberts 8th Annual
Fishing Derby
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th
8:00 AM – Memorial Park
\$5 per person, payable at the event.
Includes Bait.

Bring your lawn chairs and poles to the 8th Annual Gilberts Fishing Derby, Saturday August 14th at Memorial Park (355 Tyrell Road). We'll supply the worms! All ages

fish 8:30 AM-9:30 AM, awards at 10 AM.

Fall Bonfire & Hayride

The Village will be hosting it's annual Fall Bonfire on **Saturday, October 23** from 3:30-5:30 pm at Memorial Park. The bonfire will feature a horse-drawn hayride, crafts, games, music, snacks, apple cider, and much more! Check out our Facebook page and Village Website to stay up to date on all of the details to come. *



2022 Village Calendar Photo Contest

Village of Gilberts residents are invited to enter the Annual Village Calendar Photo Contest for the year 2022! One lucky winner will have their photo on the cover of our 2022 Village Calendar that is mailed out to all of our residents! The Annual Village Calendar Photo Contest is open from July 1 – October 1.

1. Entries submitted must be the original work of the entrant and in digital format not to exceed 10MB. Larger files may be mailed or dropped off to Village Hall at 87 Galligan Road in the form of a CD or USB Flash Drive.
2. Submit entries to info@villageofgilberts.com. Each entry should include:
 - A short description of the photograph, including location and date taken
 - Full name and contact information of the photographer
 - If photo releases are necessary, please include those with the entry
3. Entries must be horizontal photos and not vertical photos.
4. Entries will be reviewed by members of the Village. The top 5 photos will be displayed on the Village of Gilberts website, the Village's social media page, and at Village Hall.
5. One photograph will be chosen for the official 2022 Village Calendar Cover.
6. Employees of the Village of Gilberts and their families are not eligible.
7. Photos submitted for the 2022 Village Calendar Photo Contest may be used in other Village of Gilberts publications.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

are from 3-7pm! To start the conversation, use the tips in the accompanying infographic:



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

-  Costumes should be light-coloured and flame resistant with reflective strips so that children are more easily seen at night. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!).
-  Remind children to keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
-  Remind children to walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks - not in the street.
-  Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.
-  Have children plan their route and share it with you and the family.
-  Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
-  Make sure children know they should accept treats at the door and must not get into cars or enter the homes or apartments of strangers.
-  Trick or Treaters should travel in groups of four or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
-  Explain to children that calls should be made along one side of the street first and then the other, and that it's best to cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks.
-  Set agreed-to boundaries with your children. Explain the importance of staying within them and arriving home on time.

Do not participate in trick-or-treat activities if you or family members have any COVID-19 symptoms. Residents who feel comfortable participating should leave front porch lights on. Trick-or-treaters should avoid any homes with no front porch lights on. If residents would like to participate and do not feel comfortable handing candy out, please leave front porch lights on while keeping candy out front in a well-lit area. *

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Stormwater Public Education

Did you know there are things you can do around your home to protect the environment and our water sources?

The following are a few healthy household habits:

- When washing your car consider using a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water bodies.
- Always recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

remember to remove your pet's waste.

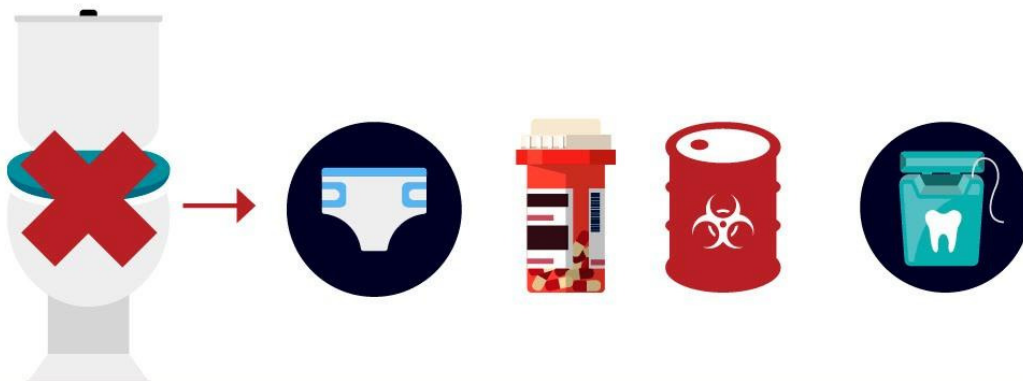
- Chose potassium –free fertilizers. Potassium gets into our lakes and streams causing the green algae blooms.

For more information on ways to create healthy household habits for clean water visit the Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.gov.

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- Fats, oil, and grease
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- Prescription medications
- Chemicals
- Feminine products
- Disposable diapers
- Condoms
- Floss



Important Information From Public Works

Fall will be fast upon us and, with that, the leaves will fall. This is a reminder that MDC will pick up your leaves when stored in the brown paper leaf bags purchased from any local hardware, landscape or farm store. Please bag up your leaves and place the bags at the curbs on your normal trash collection days. Bags and any trash put on the curbs prior to 6:00 pm the day before pick up is a violation of the Village Code.

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Fall Greetings from the Fox River Valley Libraries

The Dundee Library and Randall Oaks Library are excited about events planned for this fall as they resume in person programming. Plans are in place to hold storytimes, book clubs, craft programs, computer classes and more. With ever changing guidelines regarding public health, the library encourages all to keep watch

Here are some highlights coming this fall:

The Outdoor Job Fair will be held on the front lawn at the Dundee Library on Sat., Oct. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. Talk to local employers about permanent or seasonal job opportunities and get tips for improving your resume and interview skills. Dress professionally and bring your resume. No appointments necessary; stop by any time. Participation is free. Job seekers of all ages are welcome. Weather permitting.

Free Cold Suppers for kids 18 and under will resume in September. They can be picked up from the Youth Services Department at the Dundee Library Monday-Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Dinners are paid for by the Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federally funded program managed by the USDA and operated by the Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

FRVPLD invites all patrons to enter their first Art Contest. Share an original work of art, in any medium, that represents your vision of our diverse community. All residents aged 13 and over are invited to participate. The winning submission will be displayed at the Dundee Library for one year, serving as a public celebration of the creativity of our diverse users. Additionally, the winning artist will receive Member Plus access to the Art Institute of Chicago (\$150 value). To enter the contest, send an email to contest@FRVPLD.info with the following information: your age, city, contact information, the title of your work of art, its dimensions (in inches), and a high-resolution photo of your work of art. You must live within the Library District to be eligible for participation. Library card is not required. One submission per person, please. Submissions will be accepted September 1 through October 15. Winner will be announced on November 8.

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** All Village events and activities are contingent on current State and Local health guidance and are subject to change.*

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Winter 2021 Village of Gilberts E-Newsletter

Important Winter Dates to Remember

November 11 - Veteran's Day, Village Offices Closed

November 12 - Annual Tree Lighting

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day, Village Offices Closed

November 26 - Village Offices Closed

November 25 & 26 - Last Day for Yard Waste Pickup

December 23 - Village Offices Closed

December 24 - Christmas Eve, Village Offices Closed

December 25 - Christmas Day, Village Offices Closed

December 31 - New Years Eve

January 1 - New Years Day, Village Offices Closed



A word from our Building Official,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the great 16 years of employment with the Village. When I arrived in 2005, Timber Trails and Woodland Meadows were just finishing up building. And see what you have accomplished since. It has been a great ride and I believe you have so much more to accomplish. This is a great town and a great place to live. Thank you again for my years with the Village of Gilberts. Live long

John L. Swedberg
Retired Building Official



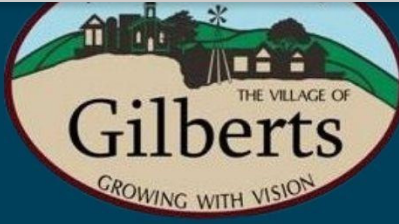
49 GREENBRIAR DRIVE



This year, we introduced the first annual Halloween House Decorating Contest. The winner of this year's contest was 49 Greenbriar Drive, or the "Greenbriar Cemetery".

This house is a must-see house in Gilberts and was even featured on WGN Morning News! Congratulations to the Nausid Family! You officially have the Spookiest House in Gilberts!

Check out some of our other participating houses decorations [here](#).



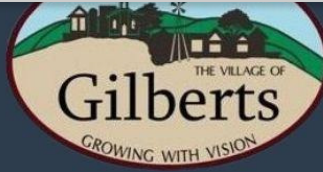
VILLAGE OF GILBERTS PRESENTS

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

NOVEMBER 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
TOWN SQUARE PARK
301 COLUMBIA LANE, GILBERTS IL 60136

Kick off the holiday season and join the Village of Gilberts in our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 12 at 5:30 PM in Town Square Park. Bring the kids to meet Santa and enjoy a hot chocolate bar with s'mores!





show your holiday spirit and outshine
your neighbors in the annual

Gilberts Holiday LIGHT FIGHT

register your address by December 3rd at
www.villageofgilberts.com

This Year's Categories:

Not-So-Silent Night

Deck the Yard

Up on the Rooftop

This year, we are also introducing an annual Holiday Light competition that is open to all of our residents! Based on the hit ABC show, the Gilberts Holiday Light Fight is a chance for our residents to show their holiday spirit and outshine their neighbors.

There will be three categories this year which are:

Not-So-Silent Night (best light/sound show)

Deck the Yard (best yard ornament display)

Up on the Rooftop (best roof and house decorations)

To participate in the competition, register your address here by December 3rd. Voting will take place the week of December 13. There will be one winner selected from each category. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from either Pub 72, LT Nails, or Cruisin.



Beginning November 12th through December 5th, children in Gilberts can drop off their letters to Santa at Village Hall (87 Galligan Road) weekdays between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in our North Pole mailbox. Letters can also be dropped off any time in the utility bill dropbox in the parking lot behind Village Hall. Include a name and return address and we'll be sure to forward them to the North Pole. Santa says to drop the letters off no later than Sunday, December 5th so he has time to personally respond to each one.



Holiday Lights and Tree Disposal

The Village of Gilberts' Waste Hauler (MDC) shall pick up discarded Christmas trees placed on the curbside on the resident's normal pickup day after the holidays until January 31st. If trees are over 6 feet tall, they must be cut into two pieces.

To recycle your holiday lights, please place them in the designated bin that will be placed next to the Utility Bill Dropbox in the Village Hall parking lot. This program will be available from December 1st until February 1st. Lights that will be accepted for this program are: Mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. All colors and lengths will be accepted. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables will not be accepted.



Christmas Tree SAFETY CHECKLIST



Get a fresh tree whose needles don't easily fall off -or- a UL-Listed artificial tree that is "flame resistant/retardant."



Place the tree away from heat sources!



UL-Listed Christmas Lights
(Pay attention to Indoor/Outdoor use)



Check your decor for damage and



Don't overload your sockets -- no more than 3 light strands in a row.



Turn off your lights before bed or while you're away from home.



Dispose of your live tree soon (less than 4 weeks after putting it up) and recycle, don't light it on fire!



Take down decorations outside sooner to help them last longer. Go ahead and replace decorations that didn't make it by hitting up the after-Christmas sales.



SEVERE WEATHER DRIVING: DOs & DON'Ts



DO SLOW DOWN



DON'T USE HANDHELD DEVICES



DO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT



DON'T USE CRUISE CONTROL



DO FILL YOUR GAS TANK



DON'T DRIVE UNLESS NECESSARY



DO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES



DON'T DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE



Illinois Department of Transportation

Sources:

www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips

www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/15085-IDOT_Winter_Weather_-_Get_it_Together_Release.pdf

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Rutland-Dundee Townships Fire Protection District



Planning for the annual Santa Run is currently underway! Keep on eye out on the Village's website for more information in the coming weeks!



Village Calendar Cover Photo Contest Winner!

Congratulations to the winner of the 2022 Village Calendar Cover Photo Contest, Kelly Henrikson! This picture was taken on March 22, 2021 of the pond near the Timber Trails entrance closest to the forest preserve. This image showcases the beauty within our neighborhood even during the colder months. The 2022 Village Calendars should be arriving in all homes in December with Ms. Henrikson's photo on the cover.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's photo contest. We hope that you had fun capturing the beauty of Gilberts and hope to see more of your photos next year!

The runner ups in this year's photo contest also had some amazing photos:



Photo taken by Aubrey Fechalos



Photo taken by Jocelyn Flojo



Photo taken by Melissa Alice



Photo taken by Jocelyn Flojo

How to Pay Utility Bills

For your convenience, The Village of Gilberts offers several ways to pay your utility bill.

- Sign up for [auto-pay](#).
- Drop off payments in our 24-hour locked drop box located in the parking lot of Village Hall at 87 Galligan Road (picture on right).
- Pay in person at the Utility Billing Department in the Public Works building at 73 Industrial Drive or at Village Hall with cash, check, credit or debit card.

If you have questions regarding your utility bills or would like more information about payment options, please contact our utility billing department at (847) 428-4167.



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Winter Greetings from the Fox River Valley Libraries

The Dundee Library and Randall Oaks Library are ready for winter and all the fun, cozy library fun that comes with it. Here are some highlights coming this winter:

The 1619 Project is a long-form journalism project developed by Nikole Hannah-Jones, writers from *The New York Times*, and *The New York Times Magazine* which "aims to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the very center of the United States' national narrative." The Fox River Valley Public Library District is hosting a three-part community discussion of the [1619 Project at the Dundee Library](#) on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The **Preschool and Daycare Fair** will once again be held virtually on [Wednesday, January 12, from 6 to 7 p.m.](#) The program is perfect for parents looking for a safe and educational learning environment for their child. The Zoom meeting will feature presentations from representatives of local preschools and daycare organizations and a question and answer session.

Aleo” on Saturday, January 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Dundee Library. Local historian and author Phil Aleo will discuss his newly published book, *Dundee Township: It’s Forgotten History*. Learn some fascinating stories about the history of our community.

Winter is for arts and crafts! Join others for a cozy night in at the Dundee Library for **Sewing & Fiber Arts Studio** on the following Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Drop in and explore sewing and fiber arts during this open studio time in the library’s maker space, Corner 68. Use their materials to start something new or bring in your own project to work on. Yarn, crochet thread, embroidery string, hand sewing utensils, crochet hooks and knitting needles are provided. The library also has five sewing machines (Husqvarna/Viking Emerald 118) that are available for use. This is a monthly, open studio event where patrons can learn new skills, share expertise, and spend time with fellow crafters.

Don’t forget, the library offers **home delivery of materials** which can come in handy on those cold winter days. [Click here](#) for instructions on arranging a home delivery.

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