

VILLAGE OF GILBERTS

WINTER 2016

My Fellow Gilberts Residents,

It's hard to believe that the holidays are approaching and 2016 is coming to a close. We have had a busy and productive year with new businesses, expanded events and new residents.

The Village has been awarded the Illinois Government Finance Officer Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the sixth straight year. The IGFOA is an independent review board that assessed the Village accounting and budgeting processes for transparency and compliance with industry standards. Only a small percentage of communities in the State receive this award.

Each year the Village Board engages an independent auditor to review the appropriateness and accuracy of all village finance processes and procedures. This year's audit not only contained zero noted deficiencies, but contained zero suggested areas for improvement. This level of compliance is very seldom achieved. Finance Director Marlene Blocker, her staff, and the entire village staff are to be commended for achieving this extraordinary level of compliance.

This Autumn we have various Town Center Park projects partially funded by the grant from the Elgin's Grand Casino Riverboat. When warm weather arrives in 2017, we will have the splash pad pavilion, bleachers for the baseball diamond, picnic tables, and park benches.

Please mark your calendars for our annual tree-lighting ceremony on November 18 at 5:00pm in Town Square Park.

Yours for a better Gilberts,
Rick Zirk

Ice Skating Survey

Please take a minute to complete our Facebook survey before the end of November regarding the seasonal ice skating rink located at Town Center Park off Columbia Drive. Your input is greatly appreciated!

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Thanks to the YMCA for sponsoring our Annual Hayride.

New Business Highlights

Bodywork Spa - 50 Industrial Drive, #112, 773-930-7090

Caffero Tool & Manufacturing - 106 Industrial Drive, 224-293-2600

GG Salon - 223 E. Higgins Road, 224-802-9080

Northern Inspection Services, LLC - 95 Center Drive, 224-802-9080

Home Based Businesses

Exclusive Pct, 224-587-8782

Kwality Indian Grocery, 248-631-6999

Picture Pleez Photobooth, 708-714-2383

Magnolia Inc, 630-749-8160

Snow Parking Ban

As winter approaches, please keep in mind it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle or trailer on any street within the Village after 2" or more of snow fall. Keeping cars off the streets allows for adequate snow removal. When clearing off your driveways or sidewalks, do not push the snow onto the street as the snow may make for slippery conditions especially if they have already been cleared by Public Works.

Midwest Sports Academy Christmas Love Gift Drive

Midwest Sports Academy is supporting a wonderful organization, the Ronald McDonald House near Central DuPage Hospital (CDH). In conjunction with surrounding communities they are asking for donations of gifts or gift cards for the children and teens receiving treatment at CDH this holiday season. Several drop off locations can be found in surrounding communities, one of those being located at Village Hall, 87 Galligan Rd. Please drop off all gifts and toys by Monday, December 5. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. For more information visit www.midwestsportsacademy.org/Christmaslove.html

Recycling of Christmas Trees and Light Strands

Once again a drop off bin will be located in the parking lot of the Village Hall from the end of November through January for recycling strands of holiday lights which are no longer of use to you.

For your convenience, MDC will have curbside pick up of Christmas trees the first two weeks of January. Just place the tree at the curb on your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day.

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