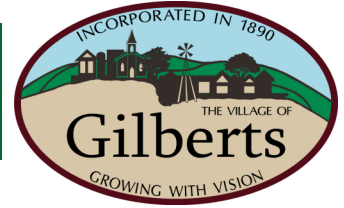


VILLAGE OF GILBERTS



A Word From the Village President

Spring is just around the corner. With Spring comes many new beginnings. We have our own "Spring" happening in Gilberts with many new and exciting things currently in process.

Our first change comes in the form of a new finance director. Marlene Blocker who has served our Village for 30 years has decided to retire. While we are all excited for Marlene and her husband Roger, we certainly will miss her. During her tenure, Marlene has guided the Village finance department from a part time position in a town of only a few hundred people, to an award winning professional finance department.

I have worked closely with Marlene for the past eight years, and I can tell you I have never seen a more dedicated, selfless employee. Below are a few examples of the many important initiatives she has accomplished in just the eight years I have worked with her. I cannot begin to imagine the list of accomplishments over her 30 year career.

- Reversed deficient spending practices, which resulted in disciplined annual budgets that resulted in operating surpluses.
- Eliminated the archaic appropriation ordinance form of financial management, and implemented a more streamlined and resident friendly operating budget format.
- Developed equipment replacement funds to save money each year for future equipment needs.
- She helped me develop a fiscally responsible plan to eliminate Village vehicle stickers (I knew I'd find one item everyone liked!)
- Implemented strict financial reporting and budget controls which have resulted in the Village receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is a certification level few towns are able to achieve. Through Marlene's efforts, Gilberts has received this award 6 years in a row.

Another new start is the expansion of businesses investing in Gilberts. We have new retail business that will start occupying new buildings along Rt. 72 this year. The Grove Mart Shell fuel station is slated to break ground at Tyrell and Rt. 72. Dunkin Donuts has submitted plans to build a new store two lots to the west of the Grove Mart.

The Sub Zero Corporation has leased 200,000 sq. feet of space in the Prairie Business Park industrial area along Tyrell Road. This new facility will bring jobs and much needed additional nonresidential tax base to the Village.

I hope you have a safe Spring. Gilberts Community Days will be here before you know it!

Village President, Rick Zirk

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**Mobil Mart
is now open
24 hours**

YMCA Best Summer Ever

The YMCA helps support year-round, healthy youth development for millions of kids and teens across the country.

When school's out, it's time to relax, decompress, and have fun with friends. Yet taking a break from school does not mean kids' development is on vacation. Summertime at the Y focuses on the three key drivers of impact that inspire healthy youth development journeys:

- achievement
- relationships
- belonging.



Through Y summer programs, the social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development of all youth are nurtured and celebrated, resulting in the BEST SUMMER EVER!

Check out what the Taylor YMCA has to offer families in the Village of Gilberts by visiting www.taylorymca.org



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, **April 8th** at the Eagles Club, 325 Raymond Drive, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which begins at **10:30 am**. The event does take place outdoors, so dress accordingly, and don't forget to bring a bag or basket to carry your eggs home in!



Splash Pool

The Splash Pool located in Town Center Park opens Friday, May 26th. The Splash Pool hours are 7:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m. The Village has adopted a splash pool policy for the use of the splash pool by organized groups of five (5) or more individuals. Organized groups must register with the Village Clerk; for more information please contact the Village Hall at 847-428-2861.

YMCA Sports

YMCA Baseball registration ends March 24th, and the YMCA summer soccer registration begins March 13th.



Kane County Recycling

After being delayed since the spring of 2016, Kane County has restarted their electronics recycling program. With hours from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, their 2017 dates are as follows: April 1st, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, and November 11th at 540 S. Randall Road in St. Charles. New this year the county will be charging a fee for monitors and TVs (\$25-\$35) due to the cost of recycling the harmful materials they contain. Cash is accepted upon

drop off or you can pay with a credit card online at www.countyofkane.org/recycling. Besides TVs, Kane County offers the recycling of books along with document shredding.

The annual recycling extravaganza will be held on July 8th. They accept Styrofoam blocks, 4 foot fluorescent tubes, and bikes. Visit their website to view a complete list.

Garage Sale

Annual Village Wide Garage Sale

June 8 – June 11

The Village invites all residents to participate in this year's Village Wide Garage Sale.

Saying Good-Bye

I would just like to thank the Village of Gilberts and the Residents for the last four years.

It's been a wild ride, but I know we accomplished a lot of important things, and we were able to bring industry and jobs to our Village.

We as a group were also able to renew the bankrupt Neumann Homes Development which looks just beautiful!! So thank you for the last four years as one of your Village Trustees.

Trustee David LeClercq



Newsletter

We are going green!

The Village will no longer be mailing our quarterly newsletters. Beginning with our Summer 2017 newsletter, we will be offering the opportunity to receive copies electronically. If you wish to receive electronic copies of the newsletter along with other pertinent Village Information, please sign up on our website at www.villageofgilberts.com

Election / Voter's Registration

For the majority of the Village, those of which reside in Rutland Township, the 2017 Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. You may view a sample ballot or see if you are registered to vote at www.kanecountyelections.org. The primary election for those living in Dundee Township took place on February 28th. Residents wanting to register to vote can do so at the Village Hall, 87 Galligan Road,

during regular office hours. A list of other locations can be found on the Kane County Elections website. Registration will run through Tuesday, March 7 with Grace Period Registration taking place from March 8 - April 3 at the Kane County Clerk's office only.



LWVEA

The League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area (LWVEA) Candidate Forum for the Village is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 22. Please join them at the Village Hall, 87 Galligan Road, where they will be debating and discussing the Village candidates who will appear on the April ballot.

Yard Waste / Garbage Pick-up

Yard waste pick-up will resume once again beginning the first week of April. Please remember:

- Place yard waste in 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper bags or in open 30-gallon garbage cans.
- Bundled tree branches cannot be longer than 4 feet and no larger in diameter than a 30 gallon garbage can.

- Keep in mind all bundles and bags must **not exceed 50 pounds.**

Important Program Highlights to remember for **Garbage Pick-up:**

- Have cans out by 7:00 am.
- Place cans 4 feet apart.
- Bulk items are accepted: couch, table, bed, bundled carpet.

Call MDC, 815-568-7274, to arrange special appliance collection.



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Departments

Building, Finance
Public Works, Utility Billing

Police Department

86 Railroad Street
Non-Emergency 630-232-6840
Emergencies Dial 911



Save the Date

Community Days 2017 will be held at Town Square Park from **Friday, June 2nd thru Sunday, June 4th**. As in previous years, admission is free. The current band line-up includes American English on Friday. Shindig will be one of the many bands performing on Saturday. And Sunday's festival line up includes one of the constants from the Voice, Riley Elmore. In addition to the bands on stage, a wide selection of food vendors will be available. Plus, children's activities will take place throughout Saturday and Sunday afternoon which include crafts, a petting zoo, a puppet show as well as a magic show. We hope everyone is able to come out for a weekend full of fun!

Visit www.gilbertscommunitydays.com for access to the complete band line up, food vendors and schedule of the weekend's event.

Shuttle Service

2017 Parking Location!

A designated parking area can be found at the Prairie Business Park which is located off Route 72 at the intersection of Tyrrell Road. Free shuttle service will be provided by the YMCA on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00-10:30 pm to help transport everyone to and from the festival.

Volunteers Needed

Contact Village Clerk Debra Meadows at 847-428-2861 if you wish to volunteer at Community Days. All of the wonderful volunteers help make this weekend a great one!



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