



Village of Gilberts

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Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Effective May 1, 2016, the water and sewer rates for Gilberts customers will increase by \$1.00 per 1000 gallons each, resulting in a new combined rate of \$11.00 per 1000 gallons.

The Village last increased its water and sewer user rates in 2008. Since that time, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency added many new regulations and required expensive phosphorus and barium removal systems.

The Village has carefully managed its costs for several years without increasing rates, but the Village's water/sewer fund can no longer avoid deficits without increasing rates.

The effects of the rate increases will start appearing on bills received in July. With this rate increase and additional cost-reducing measures, the Village anticipates that rates won't need to be increased again for five more years (2021 or later).

The following table summarizes how the rate increase will affect **water only**, **sewer only** and **combined water & sewer** customers:

<p>If you have Village water only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rate will increase to \$5.50/1000 gallons. The average water bill will increase by \$14.00 for a two-month billing cycle. 	<p>If you have Village sewer only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rate will increase to \$5.50/1000 gallons. The average sewer bill will increase by \$14.00 for a two-month billing cycle.
<p>If you have Village water and sewer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The water & sewer rate increases will result in a total rate of \$11.00/1000 gallons. The average combined water & sewer bill will increase by \$28.00 for a two-month billing cycle. 	<p>If you have private well & septic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These rate changes do not apply to you. The new rates would apply if you connect to the Village's water and/or sewer systems.

For questions about the rate increase or how it will affect your bill, please contact the Village's Billing Department at (847) 428-4167.

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Coloring Contest

Winners:

Noah Bartel
Natalia Gerischer
Lea Stecker
Nina Stricker

June 9- June 12

Village Wide Garage Sale



Water Use Survey

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every water supplier to develop and implement a comprehensive cross connection control program for the elimination of existing cross connections and prevention or protection from all future cross connections. Regulations are in place to protect our drinking water systems.

A requirement of the program is to conduct a survey of all water customers every 2 years. All Gilberts water customers should have received a survey form in the mail. Please simply follow the

directions, complete and return the short survey which can be returned free via an online form, fax or email. There is also the option of returning it via the U.S. Postal Service.

The contractor hired to implement and oversee Gilberts' program is Aqua Backflow out of Elgin. They specialize in cross connection control management. The surveys will be returned to them, not the Village. Aqua Backflow can be reached at 847-742-2296 or info@AquaBackflow.com with any questions.

This Cross Connection Control

Program is designed to safeguard public health. Your cooperation with the program, its enforcement and any requests for information which may come from Aqua Backflow or Village Staff is appreciated.



Illinois E-Pay

The Village has contracted with the Illinois e-pay system to provide residents with the convenience of paying their utility bills online using a credit card. Please note, Visa is not accepted. There is also a convenience fee of 2.35% or a minimum of \$1 added to the total amount. This fee is not charged by the Village.

Visit www.villageofgilberts.com to submit an online payment and click

the e-Pay logo located near the bottom of the home page. Once you have accessed the e-pay page you can follow the directions as given. To complete the transaction you must know the amount of your bill. Please call the billing department at 847-428-4167 with any questions.



Splash Park

The Splash Park located in Town Center Park opens Memorial Weekend on Friday, May 27th.



Village Ordinances

With the warmer days approaching, please keep in mind the following ordinances to help keep our Village safe and clean.

- **Sidewalk Access**—Please do not park vehicles across the sidewalk to ensure pedestrian access.
- **Lawn Maintenance**—Grass and weeds are not permitted to be taller than 8.”

• **Open Burning**—Outdoor burning of unpainted wood and landscape waste, including weeds and leaves, shall be permitted only on Sundays, Wednesdays between 10: 00 am.-6:00 p.m.

• **Garage Sales**—Each household is able to hold 3 garage sales each year. Prior to holding your garage sale please register at the Village Hall. There is a nominal fee of \$5.

YMCA Sports



YMCA baseball registration ends March 25th.



The last day to register for the YMCA youth soccer program is May 26.

Solicitors

What to know about solicitors:

1. Solicitors are required to complete an application at the Village Hall.
2. If a background check has been passed, a solicitor's permit is issued.
3. All approved solicitors are required to carry a badge with them, showing that they have our approval to go door to door.
4. They are not allowed to visit homes which have a "No Solicitor's Permitted" sign displayed on their front door.

5. Just because a permit was issued, it does not mean that the Village endorses the product.

The following groups do not require a permit:

- Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts
- Religious Groups
- Those selling publications, such as magazines, newspapers and books

"Solicitors Not Permitted" stickers are available at the Village Hall at no cost to residents.

2016 General Primary Election and Voter Registration

The grace period for voter registration runs through March 15 and is available at the Kane County Clerk's Office located at 719 S. Batavia Ave, Bldg B in Geneva. Grace period for voter registration will then continue at every polling place during early election as well as on Election Day, March 15th. Visit kanecountyelections.org for a complete list of early voting sites. The Fraternal Order of

Eagles, 325 Raymond Street, will offer General Primary Election voting March 15, 2016 from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

**Election Day
Tuesday,
March 15th**



Visit kanecountyelections.com to verify whether you are registered to vote along with the location of your voting site.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at this year's Easter Egg Hunt which will take place once again at the Eagles Club, 325 Raymond Dr. on Saturday, March 19th. The first hunt will begin promptly at 10:30. This event does take place outdoors, so dress accordingly, and don't forget to bring a bag or basket to carry your eggs home in.



Yard Waste

Yard Waste Pick-up begins on Friday, April 1 for residents living north of Higgins Rd and on Thursday, April 7, for those living south of Higgins Rd

- ♦ Yard Waste must be placed in 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper bags or in open 30-gallon garbage cans.
- ♦ Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.
- ♦ Bundled tree branches cannot be longer than 4 feet and no larger in diameter than a 30-gallon garbage can.



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Gilberts, IL 60136

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Village Hall

87 Galligan Road
847-428-2861

Mon-Fri

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday open to 7:00 pm

Administration

Assistant Administrator

William Beith

Village Clerk

Debra Meadows

Public Works Facility

73 Industrial Drive
847-428-4167

Office Hours

Mon-Fri

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Departments

Building,
Finance, Public Works,
Utility Billing

Police Department

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

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Save the Date

Community Days 2016 will be held at Town Square Park from **Thursday, June 2nd thru Sunday, June 5th**. As in previous years, admission is free. The current band line-up includes Sonic 7 on Thursday, American English on Friday, The Breakfast Club on Saturday as well as Hip Pockit on Sunday. In addition to the bands on stage, a wide selection of food vendors will be available, children's activities will take place throughout Saturday and Sunday afternoon which include crafts, a petting zoo, a puppet show and a magic show. A complete schedule can be found online.

Shuttle Service

New location for 2016! A designated parking area can be found at the Prairie Business Park which is located off Tyrrell Road at the intersection of Route 72. Free shuttle service will be provided by the YMCA on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-10:30 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!

 Find us on
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Gilberts Community Days

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