

# Village of Gilberts

Growing with Vision



Winter 2012-13



## Message from President Zirk



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Dear Residents,

We've had another successful year managing the Village's operations while keeping costs in line with revenues. Our notable 2012 accomplishments include:

- Forming an innovated public-private partnership with i3 America for a fiber optic network to be installed throughout Gilberts at no expense to the Village. Installation of the network starts next summer, eventually resulting in fiber-backed internet/data access to every residence and business in Gilberts.
- Starting the electric aggregation program, resulting in reduced electricity costs for residents which was effective as of July.
- Celebrating our largest Community Days yet with an estimated 10,000 people over the duration of the four -day event.
- Offering programs to replace deteriorating side walks and parkway trees which were infected by the emerald ash borer.
- Welcoming Dunkin' Donuts, Industrial Food & Liquor, the Gun Shop, Ooz Fruz, Ana's Cakes and Bakery, Fox Valley Power Sports, Plane Motors and Henderson Equipment to Gilberts. The Village also welcomed the opening of the new Gilberts Family Branch YMCA facility at Higgins Road and Industrial Drive.
- Working with a developer to launch a new industrial subdivision at the corner of Higgins Road and Tyrrell Road. The project is anticipated to be filled by several new businesses, bringing skilled-labor jobs and additional business opportunities to Gilberts.

On behalf of the Village of Gilberts Board of Trustees and Staff, I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous 2013.

Rick Zirk  
Village President

## Businesses Highlight: Dunkin Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts opened for business on Sunday, December 9th. Dunkin Donuts is located at 171 Higgins Road inside the Mobile gas station. Their convenient drive-up window is on the east side of the building.

Besides their delicious coffee, iced and frozen beverages are also available. Bakery items include muffins, bagels, donuts and cookies. Try one of their breakfast sandwiches made on flatbread or a croissant. All bakery items are made fresh in-house daily. The Village would like to remind you to shop local when at all possible.





## Snow Plowing



When the snow begins to fall, the Public Works department is ready to put their snow and ice removal plan into action to clear the streets so you can move about as quickly and safely as possible. Plows are called out when 2 inches of snow has fallen. More heavily traveled streets are plowed first, followed by secondary streets and cul-de-sacs. Plowing operations from curb to curb is completed after the snowstorm.

## Snow Parking Ban

Please remember that vehicles parked on Village streets must be removed when 2 inches of snow falls or your vehicle may be towed. Be aware that if a vehicle is towed, it will be at the owners expense.

This winter please remember to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow or ice cannot be removed, the surface should be treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

## Mailboxes & Hydrants

Snowplow drivers make every effort to plow as close to mailboxes as possible. During heavy snowfalls, it may not be possible to completely clear the snow without risking damage to mailboxes. It is the responsibility of the resident to remove snow from around the mailbox to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery. If you believe your mailbox was damaged by a Village snowplow, call 847-428-4167 to report the damage. Also, keep areas around fire hydrants free of snow. Your life or the life of your neighbor may depend upon it.

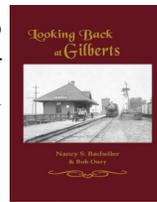


## Recycle Holiday Lights

The Village of Gilberts in conjunction with Elgin Recycling will once again participate in the Holiday Lights Recycling Program. If you have unused or worn out strings of holiday lights bring them to the Village Hall or the Public Works facility. Each location has specially marked totes to deposit the lights. The Village Hall's tote is located next to the utility bill drop box in the parking lot. The tote at 73 Industrial Dr. is near the front door. Lights may be dropped off thru January 31, 2013.

## Gilberts History Book

A local historian, Nancy Bacheller, has completed her research and finalized a new limited-edition book on the history of Gilberts, titled *Looking Back at Gilberts*. The hardbound book features some 300 rare, historic photographs along with stories and memories of Gilberts long ago. Don't miss your chance to own a copy of the book. To reserve your book, or for more information, call 847-669-3341.



## Consolidated Election

The Consolidated General Election will take place on April 9, 2013. The offices which are up for election for The Village of Gilberts are three trustee seats and the Office of Village President all with four year terms.

The last day to register to vote in the 2013 Consolidated Election is March 12, 2013. If you are unsure if you are a registered voter in Kane County please contact the Kane County Clerk's office at 630-232-5950.

## ComEd Outage Map/App

ComEd announced a new interactive online outage map and a mobile app for smart phones. The color-coded map allows customers to find information on the location and size of outages and get estimated power restoration times. The outage map is available at [www.comed.com/map](http://www.comed.com/map). Using the map, you can also report power outages and manage your account from your smart phone with their new mobile app for iPhone and Android devices.

## LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to help eligible low income households pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP provides a one time benefit for heat & electricity. The benefit amount is determined by income, household size and heating fuel type. For more information or to set up an appointment, call Community Contacts, Inc. at 847-697-8800.

## Local Food Pantries

FISH Food Pantry provides perishable foods including meat, eggs and produce for those in need and can show proof of residence in Carpentersville, East & West Dundee, Gilberts, and Sleepy Hollow. The FISH food pantry is located at 150 S. Kennedy Drive, Carpentersville. Hours are Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am and Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information call 847-428-4357.

### YMCA Parents Night Out

We've got you covered! The Gilberts Family Branch YMCA will be hosting Parents' Night Out on January 18, 2013 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm for children ages 4 and older at the Gilberts' facility located at 50 Industrial Drive.

The fee is \$15 per child for members and \$20 per child for non-members. The fee includes pizza, games and movies. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call 224-699-5800.



### YMCA Steps Academy

The Gilberts Family Branch YMCA, located at 50 Industrial Drive, is now offering Gilberts Steps Academy. Among the classes being offered are ballet, jazz, funk, hip hop, move-u dance and poms.

Classes will run from January through June 2013, with a recital being held on June 8.

Please visit the YMCA's website at [www.pvfyymca.org](http://www.pvfyymca.org) or call 847-888-7410 ext. 13 to register or for additional information.

### YMCA Fitness Classes

Beginning in January the YMCA will be launching new specialty fitness classes. The four week classes start the week of January 14, 2013. Yogalates, a combination of pilates and yoga is being offered on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 pm. Piloxing, a combination of Pilates and boxing, will be held on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 pm. Zumba classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:15-10:00 am. Contact the Gilberts Family Branch YMCA at 224-699-5800 to register.



### Grizzlies Registration

The 2013 Gilberts Grizzlies football and cheer registration is fast approaching. All three of the official registrations will be held at the Eagles Club from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on March 2nd, May 4th, and June 8th.

Discounted rates are available for early registrants, returning players, as well as for families.

A list of the football and cheer fees can be found on the Grizzlies' website at [www.gilbertsgrizzlies.com](http://www.gilbertsgrizzlies.com).

### Shop With a Cop

Generous donations made this holiday season made for a very special holiday for 170 local children. After having breakfast with Santa and police officers from Gilberts, Carpentersville, East and West Dundee and Sleepy Hollow, the Shop with a Cop program was able to take the children on a holiday shopping spree. Then two days later volunteers along with the officers distributed food to those 70 families. A special thanks to all who made this event possible.

### D300 Safety Plan

In light of the recent tragic shooting at a Connecticut school. D300 along with the Gilberts' Police and Fire Departments want to ensure all of our residents that D300 staff along with First Emergency Responders frequently train and review safety procedures. Please assist us in keeping our schools safe from bullying, drugs, weapons, and violence. If you have any concerns please contact the Safe School Tip Line at 847-551-8477 or any local law enforcement agency.

### Holiday Tree Pickup

As the holiday season quickly approaches many homes will be decorated with live Christmas trees. When it's time to dispose of the live trees, you can place them at the curb with your regular trash for pickup through the 4th week of January. Be sure to remove all decorations from the tree so it can be recycled properly. If you have any questions regarding the trash collection program, contact the Village Hall.

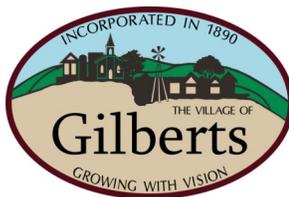
### Coloring Contest

The Village would like to invite children ages 3 to 10 to enter our Annual Coloring Contest. The coloring page is on our website at [www.villageofgilberts.com](http://www.villageofgilberts.com) or you can get a copy at Village Hall.

Please submit your entry on or before **January 22nd** and include your name, address, phone number and age on the back of your masterpiece. Winners will be announced in February.



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Phone :847-426-8980

A special thank you goes out to the Gilberts Police Department, the Rutland Dundee Fire Protection District and to the Public Works Department for their assistance with the Annual Bonfire and Tree Lighting events.

## Winter Fire Safety Tips

With the cold weather right around the corner, The U.S. Fire Administration is offering some winter fire safety tips. They report that on average, 50,100 heating fires occur each year in residential buildings across the United States. Home heating is the second leading cause of residential building fires, followed by cooking fires. These fires annually result in 150 deaths, 575 injuries and \$326 million in property loss.

They recommend:

- \* Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- \* Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL.
- \* All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from a heat source.
- \* Plug space heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- \* Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms inside the home to provide early warning of CO.
- \* Never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace or wood stove.
- \* Use only seasoned hardwood in fireplaces or wood stoves. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- \* Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, lumber scraps, or debris in a fireplace or wood stove.
- \* When cleaning out fireplace ashes, soak them in water and place them in a metal container outside the home or garage.
- \* Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- \* Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers and sparks from jumping out.