

# Village of Gilberts

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## A Tribute to Our Veterans

The Village of Gilberts is partnering with True Patriots Care Foundation on August 11th to recognize and honor WWII and Korean War Veterans in "Remember 45."

This event will take place at Town Square Park located at Rt. 72 and Center Drive. All are invited to show their support for the veterans and participate in the numerous events scheduled to take place.

There will be a collection of cell phones for soldiers throughout the day as well as a blood drive from 10:30am to 4:30pm.

### Schedule of Events

- 12:00 pm - Opening ceremony
- 12:30 pm - US Navy Band will perform
- 3:00 pm - Remember 45 Victory Parade. The parade will travel west on Town Center Blvd beginning at Tyrrell Road. It will continue north along Center Drive and then west on Rollyn Anderson Drive.
- 4:00pm - Barbeque and music
- 5:00 pm - Ladies Must Swing, for everyone's dancing pleasure
- 8:00 pm - Guest speakers
- 8:30 pm - Showing of the movie "Honor Flight"

A Family Fun Run will take place the prior weekend Sunday, August 4th at Carpenter Park. Also, on Sunday, August 4th a Motorcycle Scavenger Hunt will take place beginning at The Point in Gilberts and traveling through a few local towns. To register for these events contact Jerry Christopherson at Jerry.Christopherson.TPCF@gmail.com or visit [www.truepatriotscarefoundation.net](http://www.truepatriotscarefoundation.net) for additional information.

**Do you have a home business and need a place to hold a meeting?**

You can use the Village Hall conference room for your next business meeting. The room is equipped with a projector and screen, has wi-fi access and can comfortably accommodate up to 10 people. The board room can also be reserved for larger presentations. Please contact Village Hall (847-428-2861 or [info@villageofgilberts.com](mailto:info@villageofgilberts.com)) for more information or to reserve a place for your next meeting!

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## Checking Transaction Process

The Village recently started utilizing an electronic checking transaction system. When a payment is made by check to the Village of Gilberts the funds will be withdrawn immediately from your bank account. This

includes utility billing payments, payment for permits, business registrations or any other check payment. Please note, if you pay your utility bill online through your bank, still allow the seven to ten days for the Village

to receive payment. However, once it is received our utility billing department will process it, and the funds will be withdrawn from your account that same day. Contact the Finance Department at 847-428-4167 with any questions.

## New Businesses

The Village would like to welcome three new businesses at Prairie Business Park located on the southwest corner of Route 72 and Tyrrell Road.

- Echelon Design at 41 Prairie Parkway
- Safety Socket at 49 Prairie Parkway
- SBS Steel Belt Systems USA, Inc at 59 Prairie Parkway.



## Solicitation

In accordance with the Village Code any person or persons wishing to solicit within the Village must file an application with the Village and are required to carry a copy of their approved solicitor's form at all times while actively engaged within the Village limits. As an owner or occupant of your residence you have a right to ask a solicitor whether they have registered with the Village and to see a copy of their registration.

If you do not want solicitors coming to your home, you may attach or put a sign or card near your main front door

and the main rear or side door stating "Solicitors and Peddlers not Invited." These are available at the Village Hall, 87 Galligan Road.

Certain non-profit charitable organizations are not required to register. These can typically include church or scouting groups and those selling subscriptions to magazines or newspapers. If you have any kind of issue with a solicitor, call 911 to report your concerns. You may also contact the police if you have a no soliciting sign up and someone continues to solicit at your residence.

## Crack Sealing

As the weather permits and time allows, the public works crew will be crack sealing streets in Town Center and Old Town as well as completing some maintenance in the Village Hall parking lot.

Be sure to reduce your speed and drive with caution while public works is at work.

## Senior Services Volunteers

Senior Services Associates is a non-profit agency located at the Greater Elgin Senior Center. They are looking for volunteers who are interested in providing transportation of seniors to their medical appointments or on other necessary errands. Volunteers over the age of 55 have the possibility of receiving benefits such as meal and mileage reimbursement as well as liability insurance.

Senior Services is looking for volunteers who enjoy helping and spending time with seniors, those looking to have the flexibility of deciding their own volunteer schedule and those who have the opportunity for once-a-week volunteering. For more information please contact Wendy Holtz at Senior Services, Elgin, 847-741-0404 or [wendyvolunteer@comcast.net](mailto:wendyvolunteer@comcast.net)

## Race For the Gold

Join the Gilberts Elementary School PTO on Sunday, September 15 for the 2nd annual Race for the Gold 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run. This is a great opportunity to help support the local elementary school. The funds raised will be used toward youth programs as well as help purchase school supplies and equipment for Gilberts Elementary students.

The 5k Run/Walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the 1 mile Fun Run begins at 9:00 a.m.

In addition to each registered participant receiving a custom race t-shirt and refreshments, awards will be given to the top overall male and female and top three male and female age groups in over twelve categories.



Visit [www.raceforthegold5k.com](http://www.raceforthegold5k.com) to register, sponsor or volunteer.

## Cooperative Education Program

Hampshire High School is proud to introduce their Cooperative Education Program where students attend school daily and then are available to work in the early afternoon. At school, they participate in academic classes which cover a variety of topics aimed at building skills for success in the workplace. The school is currently in need of job opportunities for high school seniors who want to gain experience through part time jobs in the community. If you're interested contact Amy Lutes at amy.lutes@d300.org or 847-792-3697

### Why hire a Co-op Student?

- The Co-op Teacher partners with the business for performance evaluations and the student receives a grade and credit for their on-the-job experience.
- The students are highly motivated to be good employees because their academic success depends on it.
- This is an opportunity for you to coach and mentor a future citizen of our community.

## Safe House

The Gilberts Police Department is looking to expand their McGruff Safe House Program and are seeking residents interested in participating in the partnership between law enforcement, schools and the community. The McGruff Safe House Program offers children a safe haven during frightening or dangerous situations. The program began three years ago and has been successful since the start. The children are taught each year about the program in school including what the Safe House signs look like. To participate or for more information contact Officer Levand at jlevand123@villageofgilberts.com.

## YMCA Sports

Fall Soccer registration began June 29th and will end August 16th. For more information please contact Brad Duewel at 224-699-5802 or by email to bduewel@elginymca.org.

If you are interested in being a participant in an adult sports league please contact Brad Duewel at 224-699-5802.

## YMCA Care

There is still space available in the Summer Camps. For more information visit [www.pvfymca.org](http://www.pvfymca.org) or call Jenny Alberts at 847-888-7410 x 22.

Afterschool Care Registration is currently underway. Please call Jenny Alberts at 847-888-7410 x 22 for more information.

## Grizzlies

Gilberts Grizzlies Football and Cheer practice began July 22nd at Town Center Park, 301 Columbia Lane. The Grizzlies can accept players and cheerleaders until August 16th. Financial assistance for qualified families is available as well.

Please visit  
[www.gilbertsgrizzlies.com](http://www.gilbertsgrizzlies.com)  
for more information.

## Finance Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded Finance Director Blocker with The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

## Share the Road

Please remember to share the road with runners and bikers and to drive cautiously when they are present. If you choose to run or ride your bike through your neighborhood or along the major roadways, for your safety, be sure to wear reflective clothing at night or brightly colored clothing during the day hours to help drivers have a better vision of you.

## Fall Bonfire

Mark your calendars for this year's fall bonfire which will take place on Saturday, October 26th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at Memorial Park.

Once again the hayride will be available as well as a small treat while you relax and enjoy the bonfire.



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### Green Energy

Gilberts residents and small commercial customers were given an opportunity to elect the use of FirstEnergy Solutions' Green Energy product for their electric supply. In response to the number of residents participating in the green program, FirstEnergy has awarded a certificate of recognition to the Village of Gilberts.

### Pet Care

For health and sanitary reasons the Village Code requires all pet owners to remove and dispose of their pet's feces. Pet waste carries bacteria. When not removed properly this bacteria can be picked up by stormwater runoff and washed into nearby bodies of water. Please help reduce pollution by cleaning up after your pet.

### Stormwater Management

One of the leading causes of water quality issues is stormwater runoff. Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) is caused by the everyday impact of individuals with the land. People are contributing to this problem most likely without realizing it.

NPS is caused by rainfall and melted snow as it moves through the ground as well as across it. This water picks up pollutants along the way and deposits them in bodies of water, wetlands and underground sources of drinking water. Fortunately, there are ways to help reduce the amount of pollutants in the water.

- Don't litter. 
- Recycle electronics and appliances, since they may contain pollutants.
- Point gutter downspouts away from driveways and bare soil areas to prevent debris from washing into storm sewers.
- Help prevent erosion by placing mulch on exposed soil.
- Participate in community clean-up events.

**Thanks to Elgin Recycling for partnering with the Village for the Village-Wide Recycling Day.**