

Village of Gilberts

Town Center Regional Park

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Heading into the start of a new budget year, the Village will earmark \$800,000 in non-tax, developer paid impact fees to make improvements at Town Center Park, located at the corner of Tyrrell Road and Columbia Lane. This project will include:

- New “pony” league baseball/softball diamond
- New playground set
- 0-depth splash pad area
- Pavilion building with restrooms and concession window

The project will also include drainage improvements and an overflow parking area. The football and soccer fields will be moved and reseeded after the grading/drainage work is completed.

Construction is scheduled to start this summer, with the grading, splash pad, pavilion building and playground to be completed by Labor Day.

The soccer fields and the new baseball diamond will be seeded and will be usable Summer 2015, weather permitting.

The proposed improvements will implement elements of a plan that has been in the works since 2007. As the total plan build-out was estimated to cost over \$2 million, the Village is starting with this initial phase while looking for long-term resources for the eventual completion of the park plan.

If you are interested in learning more about the Town Center Park Plan, please contact Village Hall or email info@villageofgilberts.com.

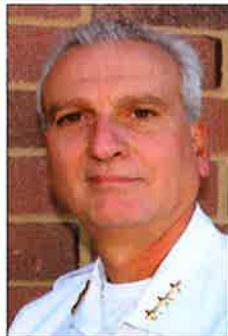


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Changes to the Police Department

The Village Board and Staff warmly welcome newly appointed Police Chief Louis Rossi. Chief Rossi comes to the Village with thirty years experience in law enforcement, including serving as Police Chief in Kildeer and Highwood. Rossi began as Chief of Police on March 24.



After serving as Chief of Police since 2009, Police Chief Steve Williams retired on February 28. The Village thanks him for the dedicated work and service he has given the community over the years and wishes him the best in retirement.



Voter's Registration



Voter's registration for the November General Election will take place at the Village Hall through October 7. Please remember to bring two forms of ID. A list of acceptable identification can be found on the Kane County Elections website www.kanecountyelections.com. You can also verify whether you have registered to vote, locate your polling place and view a sample ballot on the website as well.

New Businesses

We'd like to welcome the following businesses to the Village:

- The Battery Guy, Inc, 125 East Higgins
- Hacienda de los Perez Mexican Grill, 50 Industrial
- Praxair Distribution Inc, 330 Arrowhead
- Sergio's Auto Body, 39 Industrial

The following home based businesses:

- Royal Consultancy Group
- The Swedish Organizer

CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates community members in being prepared for disasters and trains them in disaster response skills. CERT members can assist those in the community when professional responders are not immediately available.

CERT Members will be holding a CPR/AID Training in either April or May, with a date to be determined. Please contact Trustee David LeClercq at dleclercq@villageofgilberts.com for additional information on the program.

Building Permits

Building permits give you legal permission to begin a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. By working with an expert code official, you will benefit from their knowledge to ensure your construction project is built accurately and safely. As the warmer weather approaches we see home projects begin. Before starting construction be sure to contact the Building Department

at 847-428-4167 to verify whether a building permit is required. You can also view permit checklists, such as those required for pools, fences, decks, and air conditioning installation on our website at www.villageofgilberts.com. These documents can be found under "Documents and Forms." Please note, playground equipment does not require a building permit, and remember to call JULIE at 811 before all digging projects.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will take place on the following dates:

- April 7th - Timber Trails
- April 14th - Dunhill Estates and Indian Trails
- April 21st - Old Town



Contractor Registration

With construction projects beginning around the house, be certain that the contractor you are utilizing on all home projects is registered with the Village. The Village's Contractor Registration Program helps ensure construction projects are completed with a reasonable amount of security for the homeowner. A surety bond is required as well as a certificate of liability insurance from the contractor. These program requirements

provide a level of protection from on-site injuries to workers or damage to the property thus relieving the homeowner from possible financial responsibility.

For further information or to verify whether your contractor is registered with the Village, contact the Building Department at 847-428-4167.

Police Academy

The 2014 Citizen Police Academy class will begin in late spring or early summer, with dates to be announced. The goal of this class is to provide citizens with an understanding of police work and build working relationships with the police department. The class is limited to the first 15 approved applications. For further information contact Officer Levand at jlevand123@villageofgilberts.com.

Fishing

Take time out this summer to enjoy a leisurely afternoon of fishing at one of the public ponds or lakes located within the Village. These are bi-annually stocked with fish and include the pond at Memorial Park and the lake located in Town Center.

Please remember that Illinois law does require those age 16 or older who wish to fish to carry a fishing license. For additional information regarding fishing licenses or to purchase a license visit the Department of Natural Resources website at <http://dnr.state.il.us/fish>.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 am at the Eagles Club, 325 Raymond Drive. The Village along with the YMCA recently contracted with Sunny Bunny and Little City to fill over 8,000 Easter Eggs. Both of these non-profit organizations provide meaningful employment to people with disabilities. We'd like to thank the YMCA for their donation of filled eggs, the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce for their donation of bags, and to the volunteers supplied by the Eagles Club and The Boy Scouts.

Earth Day

Take time this Earth Day, April 22, to do one or more of the following to help our planet:

- Plant a tree. It helps provide oxygen, control pollution, and recycle water.
- Help clean a neighborhood park.
- If you haven't done so already, switch to high efficiency appliances.
- Avoid driving your car. Ride a bike or walk when you're able to.
- Remove weeds by hand, instead of using harsh chemicals
- Recycle

Handheld Cell Phones



For the safety of motorists, beginning January 1st Illinois House Bill 1247 bans the use of handheld cell phone usage while driving, except in emergency situations. Tickets will be issued throughout the state of Illinois to those who violate this law.

Grizzlies

GPH Grizzlies football and cheer registration is currently underway. Visit www.gphgrizzlies.com for program information and registration fees.

At this time, you can also register for speed camp, which runs the week of June 2nd and the week of June 9th or for the football/cheer mini camp which takes place July 21st thru July 23rd.

Organ Registry

Be a hero! One donor can save 25 lives. Join the Illinois organ and tissue registry today. Email Janay Zirk at jzirk3395@student.elgin.edu if interested or for additional information!



YMCA Summer Camp

For added convenience this year visit www.pvfymca.org to register for Summer Day Camp online or you can do so in person. Registering by May 1st can save you \$10. Activities include crafts, sports, swimming as well as weekly off-site field trips.

For additional information contact Chris Guihan at 224-699-5803 or via email to dguihan@elginymca.org.

YMCA Baseball



Registration for the YMCA Baseball season is currently underway. Register online at www.pvfymca.org.

For information regarding the sport contact Brad Duewel at 224-699-5802 or via email at bduewel@elginymca.org.

YMCA Soccer

Youth Summer Soccer is open to boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 10. Games are played on Saturdays with practices running during the week, all of which will be held at one of the Village Parks. Practices begin June 9th with the first game beginning June 21st. The season will end August 16th. Register by May 17th, and receive \$15 off the registration fee.

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Save the Date

Community Days 2014 will be held at Town Square Park from **Thursday, May 29th thru Sunday, June 1.** The current band line up includes Dreamline and Saloonantics on Thursday, Stormcrow and Smokin Gunz on Friday, Smokehouse and American English on Saturday, and Dickey Abbott and Platinum will perform on Sunday. Besides the bands on stage, Saturday will have plenty of children's activities throughout the afternoon including crafts, a petting zoo and a magic show. Visit the village's website, www.villageofgilberts.com, for updates. "Like" Gilberts Community Days on Facebook to have access to the complete lineup, schedule of events and list of food vendors as Community Days approaches.



Shuttle Service

New this year! Look for the designated shuttle bus parking areas. Free shuttle service will be provided by the YMCA on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:00-10:30 pm to help transport everyone back and forth from their vehicles to 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!

