

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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FALL 2020



GET OUT AND VOTE!

Trustee Bill Pohlman

Election day is one month away and by now you have been inundated with political advertising. Television, radio and social media are bombarding us with truths and falsehoods by political parties as to why their candidate is best. With all this static, it's easy to forget how important voting is to our country.

To add to the drama of this election, we are in the middle of a pandemic. People are afraid to go outside let alone mix in a crowd of people at a voting location. Luckily we don't have to wait until November 3rd and stand in line while we wait to vote. There are alternatives. Early voting starts October 19th or you can register to vote by mail now. When you vote by mail you don't have to worry about mailing your ballot. You can drop off your ballot in a secure box at the early voting site. If you do wish to vote in person, Palatine has a new location for early voting at the building which recently served as the temporary village hall at 150 West Wilson Street where there is plenty of room to social distance.

Are you new to the area or have you recently moved? It's not too late to register to vote. You can register now through October 6th at the Village Hall. Starting on October 7th you can register to vote at the early voting location and then immediately cast your vote. You can even register to vote on election day at your specific voting location.

Don't let election day pass without voting. There are way too many options to make your voice heard. Decide on which option you want to utilize and turn to page 4 in this newsletter for all the details you need to know to vote.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thanks to the generous residents of Palatine Township, over 1000 Thanksgiving baskets were donated last year to families in need.

Our Thanksgiving Outreach program provides needy families with the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to help, please contact us by November 9th so that we can estimate how many families we will be able to help. You may also sign up online at our website palatinetownship-il.gov under Forms. The suggested basket contents are listed below, but feel free to add a card, note, or other non-perishable food items.

Suggested Basket Contents are:

- Canned Vegetable (up to 4 cans)
- Chicken Broth (2 cans)
- Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate
- Cranberry Sauce (1 can)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (1 can)
- Dessert Mix (Cake or brownie - up to 2 boxes)
- Evaporated Milk (1 can)
- Fruit (2 cans)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (1 large box)
- Jell-O (2 boxes)



- Piecrust Mix & Pie Filling (1 can)
- Stuffing Mix (1 bag)
- Sweet Potatoes (1 large can)
- Turkey Gravy (2 cans)

Other optional food items: Cereal

Baskets need to be dropped off at Palatine Township between November 12th and November 19th. Please note that the Township will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11th.

No perishable food or frozen turkeys will be accepted. A \$25 grocery store gift card would be appreciated to enable families to purchase a turkey and other perishable items for their meal. Please do not put the gift cards in the baskets. Keep them separate and we will make sure that every family receives a gift card. A large laundry basket works great to package your donation.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

NOVEMBER

- 2 Angel Trees Arrive
- 11 Veterans Day – Township Closed
- 12-19 Thanksgiving Baskets Due at Township
- 21 Thanksgiving Basket distribution
- 26-28 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

- 2 Angel Tree Gifts Due At The Township
- 10-12 Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due (Deliver Directly To Township)
- 24-26 Township Closed For Christmas Holiday

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

6/1/20 TO 8/31/20

APPLE TREE DONATIONS

Women's Club of Inverness	\$1,000
Anonymous	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$2,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$6,000
Anonymous	\$1,500
Anonymous	\$5,000
Anonymous	\$1,500
Anonymous	<u>\$1,200</u>
Total	\$19,200

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Sundling Jr. High	\$2,125
Canning Foundation	\$10,000
Knights of Columbus #4977	<u>\$3,826</u>
Total	\$15,951

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous	<u>\$1,200</u>
Total	\$1,200

Total thru 8/31/20 \$38,351

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

Please help families in need this holiday season.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Thanksgiving Basket program helps under-resourced families in our community by providing them with all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to help a local family in need, you can register online at our website. Baskets and donations need to be returned to the Palatine Township Center by November 12th - 19th. Please note that the Township will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Volunteers are needed November 9th - 13th, November 16th-20th and November 21st for distribution.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

There are many families in our community whose financial situations will not allow them to experience a joy-filled holiday season. You can reach out and help one of these families by "adopting" them for the holidays. Register as a donor online beginning September 8th. New for this year: gifts will be collected from donors over three days only at Palatine Township December 10th-12th and distributed to the families on December 12th in the afternoon.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Beginning November 2nd, the Township lobby will be filled with special "angel" ornaments that include the name, age, and "wish" of a child or senior citizen in need from our community. Sign out an angel at the Township, shop, then drop off the wrapped gifts during normal business hours at the Palatine Township Center no later than December 2nd.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING DONORS

This past summer, the Township community has been extraordinarily generous to our food pantry. We appreciate every single donation of food and fresh produce that has come our way. We have over 350 families that visit our pantry each month; these donations help us fill our client bag orders and requests. You have helped keep our pantry's needs fulfilled throughout the summer.

When you plan your donations, please consider that our clients also need personal care items like deodorant, toothpaste, bar soap and shampoo. Household cleaning items such as dish/laundry soap, bleach and cleaners are also greatly appreciated and helpful for families.

Special thanks to:

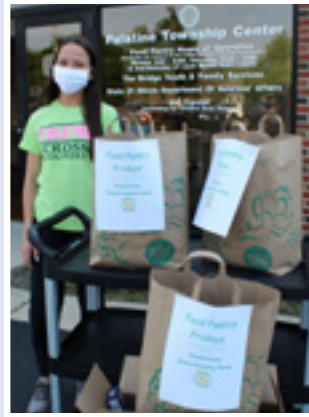
- The Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 for their food drive and their cash donation.
- Fremd Girls Cross Country Team for their weekly Food Pantry Friday donations.
- All of the local church gardens that have filled out produce bags throughout the summer months making our clients so happy to get fresh homegrown produce.
- The wonderful anonymous generous neighbors that drop off diapers, non-perishable foods, personal hygiene and household cleaning items and the home-made face masks that we can distribute to our needy families.

If you struggle to make ends meet and to provide healthy food for your family, please contact the Palatine Township Food Pantry. All those in need, within the Township boundaries, can benefit from the Food Pantry. Call 847-358-6110 for a one-time registration appointment.

DONATIONS TO THE PALATINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY



Donation from the Knights of Columbus #4977



Fremd Cross Country weekly "Food Pantry Friday Donations"



A Facebook Group held an anonymous food drive. They donated all these groceries with checks and gift cards!



More homemade masks donated to the Township.



We get encouragement from our donors!

TOWNSHIP IN ACTION TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Our ridership is steadily increasing as we move through the pandemic. We are available for grocery shopping, medical appointments, food pantry, hairdressers, and barbers and other Township destinations. Call today for registration information or to make an appointment.

Your safety is of the utmost importance:

- Our buses are sanitized daily for your safety.
- Masks are mandatory on all Township buses.
- Please practice social distancing (6 feet apart.)

A few other things to remember about our bus service:

- Our service is curb-to-curb, not door to door. Please meet the driver outside at the curb of your pick up point at the appointed times.
- Our drivers are not required to provide assistance with bags, groceries, etc.
- The carry-on bag allowance for the bus is two (2) bags per person.
- Book your trips as early as possible, but at least 72 hours in advance.
- Ride reservations should be made daily between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please be sure to call to verify pick up appointment between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on the day before your trip.
- Schedules are tight so please be ready at the appropriate time!
- Taxi vouchers will take \$4 off your metered taxi fare (American Taxi and 303 Cab.)

If you have a suggestion for a destination not on our schedule, please contact the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Administrative Office

847-358-6700

Temporary disabled parking placards
RTA senior reduced fare applications
Voter registration
Free notary public service
Township maps

Assessor's Office

847-358-6164

Explanation of property assessment
and tax bill
Property tax exemption applications
Property tax appeal forms
Zoning variances

General Assistance

847-358-6110

(for those in need)

Access to Care
Career Resources
Emergency Assistance
Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
Food Pantry
Mobile Dental Clinic

Road District

847-358-6336

Road and bridge maintenance for
unincorporated Palatine Township

Transportation Services

847-358-6907

Rides for seniors and disabled

Veterans

Vet Center Counselor
847-980-1827

Veterans Service Officer
847-485-2772

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Clerk Lisa Moran

**Oct. 7
through
Nov. 2**

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Grace Period Registration and Voting extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the Monday before an election. Voters must register and vote in person at an Early Voting Site of their choice (see Early Voting Info below).

Individuals wishing to vote during this grace period must bring:

Two pieces of identification to register, one with a current address.

Grace period registrants must immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote.

Election Day Registration is available, but only at the voter's specific Precinct Polling Place in their neighborhood.

**Oct. 19
through
Nov. 2**

EARLY VOTING:

PLEASE NOTE: The Palatine Early Voting Site location has changed to 150 W. Wilson Street. This building most recently served as the temporary Village Hall for the Village of Palatine.

The property will provide the voting public with:

- Increased voting kiosks.
- Adequate space to maintain social distancing.
- Full handicap accessibility.
- Dedicated and proximate parking.
- Dedicated public rest room facilities.
- Dedicated points of entry and exit.

Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address or signature. Providing an ID can also speed up the process because we have ID card readers at every check-in station.

**Now
through
Oct. 29**

VOTE BY MAIL:

To complete an online mail ballot application, go to mailvoting.cookcountyclerkil.gov. You will need to provide the following:

- Your driver's license or state identification number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- The address where you would like your ballot mailed.
- Your email address.
- Once you have applied, received and completed your ballot, you will have the option of mailing it back or using the SECURE DROP BOX at the Palatine Early Voting Site located at 150 W. Wilson Street

HISTORIC CANNON AT HILLSIDE CEMETERY SAVED

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

The historic cannon at Hillside Cemetery was saved thanks to a collaborative effort between the Palatine Township Cemetery Committee, The Palatine Historical Society, The Palatine Road District and several outstanding commercial businesses in Palatine Township.



CANNON IN DISREPAIR

First, a little background on the historic cannon. It is actually a signal cannon, circa 1890's. In 1911 it was given to the Woman's Relief Corp (W.R.C.) by the Village to maintain. The cannon was fired off at the start of every Decoration Day parade. The cannon and a stone monument were later given to the American Legion by the W.R.C. and placed at Hillside Cemetery. The Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Dennis Becker, has been maintaining the cannon.

For years the cannon sat on a concrete structure. Unfortunately, over the years the elements destroyed the concrete to the point where it became a safety issue. The cannon was removed and stored.

The Cemetery Committee, working with the Historical Society, developed a plan to restore the cannon. At the very onset of planning Colfax Welding stepped up and graciously offered to donate time and material to weld the cannon to a steel structure. The cannon will have a secure place now for many years to come thanks to Pete Altman at Colfax Welding.



COLFAX WELDING



BRITT INDUSTRIES

Next Britt Industries in Arlington Heights offered to powder coat the cannon and the new base structure at no cost. Now the cannon will be secure and look fantastic well into the future. Thank you Bill Schroll of Britt Industries.

Sometime next spring a re-dedication ceremony will take place at Hillside Cemetery. Watch for news on this upcoming historical event.



FINISHED CANNON

Photos courtesy of Joseph Petykowski.

DONATIONS TO THE NEEDY FAMILY FUND

Please visit the Donate page at our website for the many ways you can donate to the Needy Family Fund. We will be participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1st. In addition to accepting cash, Paypal, checks, and food donations, you can also give through:

- Amazon Smile
- Employee Matching Gifts
- Volunteer Support Programs
- Donations through Payroll Deduction
- Annual Giving Campaigns

Your generous donations help us to fulfill our motto of "People Helping People."

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

Like 2020, the weather of the year has sure set the history books a blaze. May 2020 became the wettest month on record since 1871, when meteorological data began recording. We received 9.51 inches of rain, which is 5.83 inches above normal 3.58 inches. This comes after last year's record May precipitation of 8.25 inches and the previous May of 8.21 inches. That makes three (3) consecutive years that May has been wetter than normal. In response to the heavy storms, we encircled the Township to collect and remove any debris that had fallen into and across the right of way, as well as any storm damage that individual homeowners had carried out to the roadway. During our tour, we jet rodded compromised storm sewers to clear any blockages. In fact, we designed and built several ditch modifications that assisted storm water from the roadways and properties. Finally, in anticipation to heavy rainfall events, we routinely sweep the roadways for debris, mostly from landscaping materials such as grass clippings and tree shed to keep the storm drains open.

Through autumn, specifically November 26, we will continue our annual yard waste collection for the UNINCORPORATED AREAS. We have been processing this past summer's and early autumn's material for next year's availability. However, we do have material available from late last year's collection and is offered for pick-up only at the Road District Garage and Town Hall. This is a great opportunity to winterize your gardening beds. Call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed during the autumn months. Additionally, during the winter season we will collect pine trees that have outlasted the Christmas and New Year Holidays. For the INCORPORATED AREAS, please check with your waste disposal carrier, as they will collect your tree, usually as part of your service. If you live in the UNINCORPORATED AREAS and it is time for disposal, please place your tree with the trunk side to the curb without a bag. When weather permits during January and early February, we will collect them, process, and add the spoils to the composting material we offer during the warmer months of the year.

Palatine Township Road District is staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We have executed our salt contract to provide the Township with bulk treated road salt, anti-icing liquid and have outfitted our fleet with additional ice control measures. We continue to monitor weather conditions and apply the best technique to combat inclement weather. For instance, on a bright sunny, cold morning you may see our trucks anti-icing the roadways with a salt brine before a winter storm comes through later that day. This pre-treatment forms a barrier between the roadway and frozen precipitation, preventing an icy bond to form between the two. Finally, help us to keep your neighbors and other motorists safe by not disposing of snow into the street, a public sidewalk or even on the parkway across from your property. Properly pile the snow from your driveway on the downstream edge of roadway plowing operations and your drive. As you face your house, the left side of the driveway is the best location. This will reduce the amount of snow deposited into your driveway during the following storm events. If a mailbox has been compromised by our municipal plow truck, please notify us immediately so that a temporary mailbox may be installed for continued postal service. Everyone at the Road District greatly appreciates your effort in combating the winter storms and together we will keep the roadways open and safe.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, concerns or need any additional information regarding our services please feel free to email me at adelmar@palatinetownship-il.gov.

Sincerely,

Aaron Del Mar
Highway Commissioner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PALATINE TOWNSHIP FUNDED AGENCIES

Palatine Township supports specific programs at twenty-nine local social service agencies that provide vital human services to Township residents. Here are fundraisers for some of those social service agencies.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

catholiccharities.net

Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball
December 11, 2020
Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60605
Check the website for more information

JOURNEYS - THE ROAD HOME

Journeystheroadhome.org

Virtual Trivia Night
October 15, 2020
Check the website for more information.

LITTLE CITY

Littlecity.org

Poker Tournament and Casino Night
October 23, 2020
Chicago Sports Museum
835 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60611
Check the website for more information.

NORTHWEST CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

nwcasa.org

Virtual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
Through October 4, 2020
Check the website for more information.

SHELTER, INC.

shelter-inc.org

33rd Annual Charity Ball
November 20, 2020
Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
1800 E. Golf Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
Check the website for more information.

SPECIAL GIFTS THEATRE

specialgiftstheatre.org

SGT Virtual 5k
October 1-18, 2020
Check the website for more information.

ST MARY'S SERVICES

hopefulbeginning.org

Making Virtual Miracles Happen
2020 Annual Gala
November 14, 2020
Check the website for more information.

WINGS

Wingsprogram.com

20th Annual Virtual Purple Tie Ball
October 3, 2020
Check the website for more information.

HELPING RESIDENTS IN OUR TOWNSHIP

As we transition from summer to fall, the kaleidoscope of color we see outside is beautiful, but looking at our radiant foliage does not change the fact that current pandemic is still present in our lives. As a result, many residents of the Township are struggling.

For those who qualify, the General Assistance office assists with applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a CEDA-run program that provides grant amounts toward paying down clients' ComEd and/or Nicor Gas bills. Whether the bills are up-to-date or past-due, individuals who qualify can receive assistance. For those who have yet to apply, applications can be completed through May 31, 2021 or until funds are exhausted. Call the General Assistance Office at 847-358-6110 for more information on how to apply.

Don't forget to ask about the other home energy assistance and fuel funds programs CEDA offers!

In addition, if you are struggling to provide meals for yourself or your family, please call the Township at 847-358-6110 to make an appointment to sign up for the Food Pantry which serves anyone in need living within the Township boundaries.

Having trouble with rent? Call General Assistance to see if you qualify for rental assistance.

If a resident identifies as homeless, they are advised to call Northwest Compass at 847-392-2344.

For information on whether we can directly assist you or refer you to an agency that can, call General Assistance at 847-358-6110.

In the midst of the pandemic, Palatine Township residents recognized the importance of unity and community involvement with the many generous donations; whether food or monetary donations, it is because of these donations we are able to continue to assist those in need. Thank you!

Hours:

Monday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, 8:30 AM - noon

847-358-6700

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

– President Franklin D. Roosevelt

By now, everyone knows November 3, 2020 is Election Day. For Illinoisans, it includes one US Senate Seat, all US Representatives, all State Representatives, some State Senators, County positions, and more. Every time you do not vote, you give up something that holds powerful value. Your greatest influence lies with local school boards, villages, park districts, and even the Township. These elected positions, next spring, regulate property taxes, local laws, and other changes. A nearby park could be sold, a school could be closed, or your home could be a consequence of eminent domain. It is still important to vote in the presidential election, just do not forget our local elections.

Many people fear precinct voting on the day of the election. Be assured, all precincts will have protocols for cleanliness or you can choose to early vote. If you vote by mail, be sure to have your ballot signed and postmarked by November 3rd or your vote will not count. On Election Day and beyond, I encourage all to be gracious and respectful, no matter who wins any race.

Since 1850, Palatine Township has always been a community of good people. We are fortunate to have professional and dedicated police officers who keep us safe. Being a retired officer myself, I know the difficulties each one faces in ordinary times, but these are extraordinary times. Have compassion for those whose job is one of the most difficult. Their children want to have them home safe too. We are privileged to have a diverse community and access to genealogy testing, which has provided connections to newly discovered relatives. It's proof we all might be connected in some way.

This has been a tough year. Nevertheless the Township residents have sustained me with hope and the belief that we will continue to be good people who will always be there for each other. Enjoy all of your holidays, stay healthy and safe, and remember, you can open any door with just a smile.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

