

# PALATINE TOWNSHIP

PalatineTownship-il.gov

FALL 2021



## INAUGURAL TEXTILE RECYCLING EVENT

This new event will responsibly recycle textiles and keep them from the landfill! Palatine Township and cosponsors, Palatine Lions Club, will host this free event for residents this fall.

**Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:00 AM - NOON**

**Township Parking Lot  
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine**

Your donated items will be sorted, recycled and repurposed.

Acceptable items for textile recycling collection:

- All sizes of men's, women and children's clothing including coats and jackets
- Shoes, sandals and slippers (in pairs only)
- Bedding and linens including sheets, comforters, pillowcases, blankets and pillows
- Towels, washcloths and tub mats, drapes and curtains
- Pet beds and sleeping bags
- Table linens and cloth napkins
- Socks (in pairs), hats, gloves, undergarments and bras
- Shoes, sandals and slippers (in pairs only)
- Accessories including handbags, purses, belts and ties

Items that will not be accepted for textile recycling:

- Appliances, furniture, tires, paint, carpeting and mattresses
- Traditional recyclables (metal, glass, paper) and hazardous waste
- Wet or badly soiled items will not be accepted. We reserve the right to refuse any items presented for donation.



## THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thanks to the generous residents of Palatine Township, over 1000 Thanksgiving baskets were donated last year to families in need. We are hoping to be able to provide a similar amount this year. 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, please register online beginning October 4, 2021 at [palatinetownship-il.gov/donor-thanksgiving-baskets](http://palatinetownship-il.gov/donor-thanksgiving-baskets). Please contact us no later than November 5, 2021 so that we can estimate how many families we will be able to help.

The suggested basket contents are listed below, but feel free to add a card, note or other non-perishable food items.

- 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)
- Cake or brownie mix (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 and donations must be dropped off at Palatine Township between November 8 and November 17. Please note that the Township will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

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 the cards separate and we will make sure that every family receives a gift card. A large laundry basket works great to package your donation. Volunteers are needed for sorting the weeks of November 10 – 12 and November 15 – 18. We will need volunteers on November 20 for distribution of Thanksgiving baskets.

**AFTER SHELTER IN PLACE  
ORDER MARCH 22, 2020,  
THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS ARE  
BEING USED FOR COVID-19 SUPPORT:**

**DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000  
5/22/21 TO 8/31/21**

**NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS**

Anonymous	\$2,500
Anonymous	\$3,000
Anonymous	\$1,600
Fidelity Charitable Grant	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000

**Total \$14,100**

**PAYPAL DONATIONS**

Anonymous	\$1,050
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$5,000

**Total \$7,050**

**APPLE TREE DONATIONS**

Women's Club of Inverness	\$1,180
Anonymous	\$1,500
St. Nectarious Outreach Ministry	\$1,000

**Total \$3,680**

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Anonymous	\$1,000
Knights of Columbus Council #4977	
Holy Ghost	\$1,040

**Total \$2,040**

**Total thru 8/31/2021 \$26,870**

**PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE  
OUTREACH DEPARTMENT**

In addition to the Thanksgiving program, Palatine Township operates additional programs for at need families: Adopt-A-Family and Angel Tree.

**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 at [Palatinetownship-il.gov/donor-adopt-a-family](http://Palatinetownship-il.gov/donor-adopt-a-family) beginning September 20. Gifts will be collected and distributed to the families on December 11. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us.

**ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**

Beginning November 1, the Township lobby will be filled with special "angel" ornaments that include the name, age, and "wish list" of a child or a 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 no later than December 3. Thank you, for your generosity!



**TOWNSHIP IN ACTION  
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

*Trustee Michael Smolka*

This August, I welcomed my third child to the world. It made me realize how a sudden life-changing event can be an overwhelming experience. Going from two to three children wasn't the biggest life change, but it did take some adjusting.

The last year and a half we have seen dramatic and sometimes sudden changes to so many lives throughout our community. Loss of jobs, school closures, closures of child-care, and for some, even the loss of loved ones. An event that brings about a dramatic life change can be challenging and hard to navigate. In my four plus year serving this community, first as a member of the school board and now as a trustee, I have seen first-hand, the services and assistance that are available to our residents during such times. I have also seen and heard many in our community say they are unaware of the services that do exist.

Are you unable to afford groceries this week? Did you know the Township has a food pantry helping those suffering from food insecurity?

Are you short on the ability to pay your rent or utilities this month? Did you know the Township offers services that may be able to help with certain living expenses?

Are you over 60 or disabled and need a ride to your next doctor's appointment and not sure how you'll be able to get there? Did you know the Township can help you schedule a ride so you don't miss that appointment?

Palatine Township offers many great services to help all our residents, whether it's with your daily needs or when a life changing event happens to you. Pick up the phone, shoot us an email, or swing by the Township office and let us show you how this community and the Township can offer assistance to you when you may need it the most.

## FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Since the announcement in our last newsletter, and in comparison to previous years, we have seen an increase in garden donations. We would like to thank all the churches and home gardeners for their hard work and time tending to the fruits and vegetables. This summer has blessed us with a bountiful harvest.

The Food Pantry continues to welcome donations. We are grateful for support we have received and would like to encourage our Township residents to continue to donate as the need is still present. The Food Pantry is one of the backbones of our Township and we continue to be here for everyone who is in need. Recently the government has increased support through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for people 60 years old and above, people with disabilities, and children under six years old, as well as through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) for school children. With these programs and with the assistance and guidance of our volunteers, we have noticed that our clients make healthier choices in their food selection. We are happy to see this change and encourage everyone to select healthier food options.

Additionally, the Food Pantry has expanded its selection for products for those with dietary restrictions. We now offer oat milk and almond milk and gluten-free, lite or sugar-free, and low sodium items. The demand for these products has grown and we are happy to be able to accommodate the needs of our clients. Thank you to all who support the Food Pantry. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.

## FOOD PANTRY RECOGNIZED AS A PANDEMIC HERO

We are proud to share the acknowledgement the Palatine Township Food Pantry received from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. We were able to help needy families need because of the hard work and dedication of Palatine Township employees and volunteers. We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity and support of the community who made the assistance to our needy families possible.



The Township motto of "People Serving People" motivates us to reach out and serve our residents as government that is closest to the people. We are dedicated to help those in need live better lives in our Township.

## OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Look in the newsletter  
for more details!*

### OCTOBER

- 9 Textile Recycling at the Township

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Angel Trees Arrive
- 11 Veterans Day – Township Closed
- 8 - 17 Thanksgiving Baskets Due at Township
- 20 Thanksgiving Basket distribution
- 25 -27 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER

- 3 Angel Tree Gifts Due (at the Township)
- 7-8 Angel Tree Distribution
- 8-10 Adopt-A-Family gifts due (Deliver directly to the Township)
- 11 Adopt-A-Family Distribution
- 23-25 Township closed for Christmas holiday

## SERVICES AT A GLANCE

**Administrative Office**  
847-358-6700

**Assessor's Office**  
847-358-6164

**General Assistance**  
847-358-6110

**Road District**  
847-358-6336

**Transportation Services**  
847-358-6907

**Veterans**  
Vet Center Counselor  
847-980-1827

Veterans Service Officer  
847-485-2772

# MARRIAGE OF VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP

Trustee Bill Pohlman

Why do we need townships if we have village government? Because one is not complete without the other. Villages and townships supply different services and complement each other in fulfilling our needs.

If not for the village, no one would be monitoring the construction of homes and businesses. Checking that businesses were up to code and providing a desirable service. They repair your streets and protect you from harm. The village collects your garbage, leaves and supplies you with water.

Since the village supplies all these services, what does the township do? Each township contains a number of villages. If you don't live within one of those villages, the township repairs your streets and plows the snow. Why can't the Village do that? Because these unincorporated areas fall between different villages and none are responsible for those roads. Besides servicing these roads, Palatine Township goes further than that. Some villages have roads

that can be more cost effectively serviced by the Township so by agreement the Township maintains those roads.

The Palatine Township motto reads "People Helping People" and so our function is helping residents. If you are a senior or handicapped and can't drive, the Township provides bus and cab service to hospitals, stores and more within the Township boundary. If you hit hard times, the Township can help you financially, with our food pantry and, if your need is more than temporary, can assist you and your family over an extended period of time. Further the Township supports roughly 30 different organizations that provide services to the handicapped, seniors and mentally disabled throughout Palatine Township.

Villages and the townships need each other to support all the services that our communities require and, at least within Palatine Township, the Township and the villages do so with small staffs and frugal budgets.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SPECIAL SHOPPING TRIPS

Are you registered for the Senior Transportation services? You are eligible if you are a Palatine Township resident, over age 60, or disabled. The service goes anywhere in Palatine Township for only \$2.50 each way. We will also transport you to Arlington Heights for medical appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our special shopping trips are every Tuesday, based on participation.

- Sept 7 Trader Joe's, Burlington Coat Factory in Arlington Heights
- Sept 14 Woodfield
- Sept 21 Deer Park in Killdeer
- Sept 28 Kohl's
- Oct 5 Woodfield
- Oct 12 Trader Joe's, Burlington Coat Factory in Arlington Heights
- Oct 19 Deer Park in Killdeer
- Oct 26 Kohl's
- Nov 2 Woodfield

For bus rides to medical appointments outside of our Township, seniors and disabled persons should enroll in the T.R.I.P. Program. This service will take you into the surrounding townships for medical appointments. It also serves North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois and Rush Medical Center. Your cost is \$5.00 each way; \$10 for crossing 2 or more township borders. You can register for these transportation programs at our website or by visiting the Palatine Township office.

Palatine Township welcomes our new bus driver Toya Agee. Toya brings experience, talent, and a great spirit to our team.

If you have any questions call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT CEDA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: LIHEAP

As summer is winding down, the anticipation of winter is on the horizon. As we all know, the colder weather brings higher energy costs. If you or someone you know is struggling with their energy bills, there is a program that can help alleviate the burden of those higher energy costs.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a program offered by CEDA that provides financial assistance to income-eligible households with energy services during the winter months. The purpose is to help those with limited income pay their gas and electric bills in the form of a credit. A one-time benefit payment is paid to the utility company and is directly applied to the household's energy bills. The payment amount is determined by income, household size, and fuel type.

The LIHEAP program runs from September 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 or until funds are exhausted. Please call the General Assistance office at 847-358-6110 to inquire about eligibility, the specific list of documents needed to apply, and to schedule your LIHEAP appointment. Applications are completed by appointment only.

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

# UNSEEN SUBURBAN CHALLENGES

Trustee Bill Pohlman

Life in the suburbs is not as easy as it seems. All we see are the fancy office buildings, busy shopping centers and beautiful homes. Unseen, though, are the poor who struggle to make ends meet, those with mental as well as physical challenges and the aged.

The Palatine Township motto reads "People Serving People" and so our function is helping struggling residents with their problems. If you are a senior or handicapped and can't drive, the Township provides bus and cab service. If you hit hard times, the Township can help with the food pantry and, if more than temporary, can assist financially over an extended period of time.

Certain services require professionals, though. The Township also supports roughly 30 different organizations that provide specialized professional services to the handicapped, seniors and mentally disabled that can best be supplied by those trained in those services.

Choosing which organizations are best suited to helping

Palatine Township's residents is the job of the Township's Human Needs Committee. The committee assists the Township Board by reviewing social service programs for possible inclusion in the annual Township budget. The committee, comprised of Township residents, created the application process, reviews applications and proposes for Township Board review an allocation of funds to social service programs.

The criteria used by the committee is structured specifically to support Palatine Township. The organizations that are chosen serve predominately Palatine Township and the most crucial needs of the residents. The organizations must be smart stewards of their money. The Township will not work with organizations that have high administrative costs and do not invest the majority of their revenue in serving the Township.

The Human Needs Committee serves the Township's motto "People Serving People" with a close eye on getting the best services for the buck.

## PALATINE TOWNSHIP HONORS THE ARNOLD FAMILY THROUGH ITS BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

Clerk Lisa Moran

The Palatine Township Board took great pleasure in honoring another Blue Star Family at its June board meeting. This special Blue Star Presentation was one of only four, Two-Star Banner presentations of the 46 families the Township has welcomed since 2011. Dick and LeeAnn Arnold received a 2-Star Banner because they have two sons, Andrew and Luke, now serving in the Navy. They now proudly hang their 2-Star Banner from their home's window.

### DO YOU KNOW A MILITARY FAMILY LIVING NEAR YOU?

Palatine Township would be honored to recognize all the military families living within our Township. After providing our office with the necessary information, the banner requestors are invited to a very personalized presentation at a Township board meeting. After the presentation, they receive a Blue Star Banner and Township resolution, along with special recognition and certificates from their respective mayor/village president and state legislators who also attend.

For more information on, or to apply for a Blue Star Banner, please see our webpage at: [palatinetownship-il.gov/events/blue-star-banner/](http://palatinetownship-il.gov/events/blue-star-banner/) or contact the Township office at 847-358-6700 with questions.



(L-R) Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos, Arnold family member, Arnold family member, Mayor Jim Schwantz, Dick Arnold, Arnold family member, LeeAnn Arnold, Arnold family member, State Senator Ann Gillespie, Arnold family member, Arnold family member, State Representative Tom Morrison, and Clerk Lisa Moran.



Honoring Blue Star parents Dick and LeeAnn Arnold, parents of Lieutenant Andrew Arnold and Lieutenant Junior Grade Luke Arnold.

# PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



## FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

This has been a “feast or famine” summer, with either severe thunderstorms that produced heavy rainfalls and high winds or extensive and lengthy droughts. In fact, the entire summer of 2021 Northern Illinois, like most of the West, was under a drought condition, peaking with extreme drought conditions during June and July. However, even though we were dry, we did have a few thunderstorms. In fact, four straight days during August, we received severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and heavy rainfall intensities. After these storms passed, we cleared the roadways and right of ways of obstructions. Then we made our way through impacted areas to gather and process branches from private residences. We collected storm damage if the debris had been placed with branch or cut side facing the edge of the street. By doing so, they become more manageable for disposal, and we can assist you and your neighbors more effectively and efficiently.

This past summer, infrastructure improvements occurred in the Fielding Place Subdivision. Work included removing and replacing compromised curb and gutter, while storm structures were adjusted. The roadways were milled, resurfaced, and shouldered with topsoil, and grass seed. We anticipate in late summer and early autumn to continue with another infrastructure improvement in the Plum Grove Estates Subdivision. Before the paving project, we surveyed the roadways for drainage concerns and made necessary corrections needed to ensure positive drainage. Storm water drainage is a key component to the design, function, and longevity of the roadway pavement.

Through autumn, specifically November 26, we will continue our annual yard waste collection. 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 to anyone within the Township for pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall locations. This is a great opportunity to winterize your gardening beds. Call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed during the autumn months.

Part of the allure of the season that many in the Midwest have come to reminisce, is the smell of burning leaves broadcasting through the countryside. However, burning leaves and other landscape materials are regulated thru local municipalities. They have the authority to impose limitations on burning landscape waste such as limiting the hours when such burning may occur, types of material allowed, as well as a total ban of open burning. Please check with your local community before burning. Information can be found on our website, [roaddistrict.com/public-aware](http://roaddistrict.com/public-aware).

Palatine Township Road District continues to be staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We have once again 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 thru later that day. Finally, keep track of weather conditions by having multiple ways of receiving alerts. We continue to update our website and Facebook pages with information pertaining to the weather, our services, permitting, and upcoming and completed projects.

Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to ensure that Palatine Township Road District will be available for all your infrastructure concerns and strive to meet your expectations. 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](mailto: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.

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## CLEARBROOK

[Clearbrook.org](http://Clearbrook.org)

The Roaring Twenties Fundraiser

November 12, 2021

The Library

190 S LaSalle St

Chicago, IL 60603

Check the website for more information

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## JOURNEYS - THE ROAD HOME

[Journeystheroadhome.org](http://Journeystheroadhome.org)

25th Annual Bid for Hope Gala

November 12, 2021

The Cotillion

360 S Creekside Dr

Palatine, IL 60074

Check the website for more information

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## LITTLE CITY

[Littlecity.org](http://Littlecity.org)

Poker Tournament & Casino Night

October 15, 2021

Chicago Illuminating Company

2110 S Wabash Ave

Chicago, IL 60616

Check the website for more information

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## NORTHWEST CASA

[nwcasa.org](http://nwcasa.org)

8th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

October 3, 2021

Arrington Lagoon at Dawes Park

Church St & Sheridan Rd

Evanston, IL 60201

Check the website for more information

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## SHELTER, INC.

[shelter-inc.org](http://shelter-inc.org)

Trivia Night

October 9, 2021

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, Chicago

1800 E Golf Road

Schaumburg, IL 60173

Check the website for more information

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## SPECIAL LEISURE SERVICES FOUNDATION

[Slsf.me](http://Slsf.me)

Ultimate Sunday Funday

October 10, 2021

Arlington Ale House

111 West Campbell Street, Unit 3

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Check the website for more information

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## ST MARY'S SERVICES

[hopefulbeginning.org](http://hopefulbeginning.org)

Making Virtual Miracles Happen Annual Gala

October 23, 2021

Virtual, with delivered dinners

Check the website for more information

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## WINGS

[Wingsprogram.com](http://Wingsprogram.com)

Park Ridge Living Fashion Show

October 15, 2021

Park Ridge Country Club

636 N Prospect Ave

Park Ridge, IL 60068

Check the website for more information

## SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER!

Stay informed and be notified of our upcoming events! If you are interested in Assessor Appeals, donor and volunteer opportunities, Career Resources or notification of Shredding and Electronic Recycling events, please sign up for our E-Newsletter on the front page of our website.

## 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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# PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

### After the Spanish Flu came the Roaring 20s...

The feeling of breaking through this pandemic is palpable and so desperately needed. The opportunity to finally be together after a long period of seclusion or limited contact is exciting. The social, corporate and holiday planning events are booking up!

For some, however, I am discovering that we have an invisible, unaddressed issue not getting the press that Lollapalooza or the cross-town classics do. I am speaking to the mental health crisis that weighs so heavily on so many of our hearts and, for a good chunk of these people, in painful silence. From our honored Veterans, to the single parents, to the smiling co-worker, to our beloved school-aged children, mental health and self-care needs are going undiscussed and unmet and, as a result demands our immediate attention.

I recently observed local high-schoolers speaking at an event, and I lost count of the references to psychological trauma and suicide. Absolutely nothing can replace the role of good parenting or that of a stable family member or even a trusted friend, however, your Township exists to meet the needs of our community where we live, work, learn and play. Families are more and more faced with loved ones with mental health struggles they do not know how to respond to. Even more alarming are the number of families who don't even know their loved ones are suffering, because they don't have the language to communicate their suffering or are afraid of the stigma associated with mental health problems. We will find a way to support and provide services to all those in need. Please use the Township as your resource partner to connect to the right service providers for both emergency assistance and for other services.

The late great Anthony Bourdain said, "Go somewhere you've never been, listen to someone you think may have nothing in common with you...Be open to a world where you may not understand or agree with the person next to you, but have a drink with them anyway. Eat Slowly. Tip your server. Check in on your friends. Check in on yourself. Enjoy the ride."

RIP Chef!

Let's be kind to ourselves first and then to each other.

Warm Regards,

Andy-John G. Kalkounos  
Supervisor, Palatine Township

