

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



FALL 2022



MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR KALKOUNOS

THE BOARD:

As we come to the end of 2022, we reflect on the efforts and work accomplished by the Township. This Board kept our commitment to fiscal responsibility of taxpayer money and maintained 0% percent tax increase over last year's rate. We have increased our services and have provided additional relief to our most vulnerable populations!

DEAR PILOT PROGRAM:

Palatine Township launched a donor based pilot program in response to rising inflation impacting the area's neediest population. The temporary program is called Donors Empowering Area Residents or "DEAR." The aim was to alleviate the impact of increased fuel and food prices. DEAR concluded at the end of October 2022 for an impact study.

Through the program, qualified residents received a \$25 gift card at their 30-day food pantry appointment to purchase gas, additional food or household items. The distributed cards were donated to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund. Over \$76,000 in gift card assistance was issued thanks to donors like you! No taxpayer dollars were used for this program.

HUMAN NEEDS:

In addition to the valuable services that the Township provides, Palatine Township partners with 29 not-for-profit agencies to fund programs that serve residents in crisis and poverty. Funded agencies are required to document and track their impact and populations served in Palatine Township. This Township has a deep-rooted culture of meeting the needs of our community!

DONATE:

The very generous support that we receive from our donors allows us to help families with our Food Pantry and Outreach Programs.

Our "Palatine Township Needy Family Fund" 501(c)3 (NFF) is a not-for-profit funded by private, tax-deductible contributions that assists residents with emergency payments for rent, utilities and essential items that cannot be funded through the General Assistance Department.

NFF also provides all residents in our community with Food Pantry and Outreach Programs such as Easter Baskets, Back To School Supplies, Thanksgiving Baskets and Holiday gifts for individuals and families.

NFF welcomes civic minded individuals, businesses and nonprofits to help us to build programs like DEAR and Crisis Assistance, through donations or matching gifts.

We ask that you remember our vulnerable friends and neighbors in Palatine Township and donate time or treasure. Your contributions make a life changing difference in our community.

Please visit our donation page on our new website for additional ways to help.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

CEDA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: LIHEAP

As we all know, the colder weather brings higher energy costs. If you or someone you know is struggling with their energy bills, CEDA's Utility Assistance Programs can help to alleviate the burden of those higher energy costs by providing help with gas, electric, and water bills in addition to fixing or replacing your heating system.

CEDA's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides heat and electricity assistance to income-eligible households with energy services during the winter months through the DVP and PIPP programs.

DVP (Direct Vendor Payment) applies a one-time payment directly to the utility company for one or both of the household's energy bills for heating and electric during the program year.

PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) is a budgeting program that offers a monthly benefit towards the household's

heating and electric bill(s), and it can even help with the household's past-due amount at the time of enrollment.

The LIHEAP program runs from September 1, 2022 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.

Do not forget to inquire about CEDA's other energy assistance programs such as LIHWAP (Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program) and Furnace Assistance! All applications are completed by appointment only.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please have them contact the General Assistance department at 847-358-6110. We can work with you to find what agency can meet your need(s).

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROGRAM

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. Thanks to the generous residents of Palatine Township, last year over 1000 Thanksgiving baskets were donated. If you would like to help a local family in need, please register online on our website. Please contact us no later than November 5, 2022 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 (1 cans)
- Other optional food items: Cereal*

Baskets and donations must be dropped off at Palatine Township between November 7 and November 17. Please note that the Township will be closed on 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 7 – 10 and November 14 – 18. We will need volunteers on November 19 for distribution of Thanksgiving baskets.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

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 our website. Gifts will be collected and distributed to the families on December 10. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at 847-358-6700.

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. Register an angel at the Township front desk, shop, then drop off the wrapped gifts during normal business hours at the Palatine Township no later than December 2. Thank you for your generosity!

If you know of a family in need of our services please contact the Township at 847-358-6700 or email Reach@PalatineTownship-il.gov

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT HELPING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Holiday seasons are rapidly approaching. As your children are making out their wish lists and you are planning your holiday meals, please take time to give back to your neighbors in Palatine Township. Many of those families are experiencing difficulties making ends meet.

There are several ways to help those in need in our community. One way to assist clients is by donating to our Food Pantry throughout the year. We accept any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable. This means you can keep those items in your pantry and it won't spoil.

A second way is during the holiday season. There will be special ornaments on our holiday trees in the Township lobby.

Those ornaments will list items that the Food Pantry needs most. Some may be food items while others will be personal essentials. Please stop by and choose one or two ornaments. You will be helping families less fortunate this holiday season.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers and generous donors. Your contributions make a difference to those who need it most. Our Palatine Township Needy Family Fund is a 501(c)3.

If you are struggling to provide food for yourself and your family, call Palatine Township at (847) 358-6700 for assistance.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL SHOPPING TRIPS

Are you registered for the Township Transportation services? You are eligible if you are a Palatine Township resident, over age 60, or disabled age 18-59. 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, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our special shopping trips are every Tuesday. We schedule if riders sign up in advance.

Oct 25 - Trader Joe's, Burlington Coat Factory in Arlington Heights

Nov 1 - Deer Park in Kildeer

Nov 8 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights

Nov 15 - Woodfield Mall

Nov 22 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights

Nov 29 - Woodfield Mall

Dec 6 - Deer Park in Kildeer
(weather permitting)

Dec 13 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights

Dec 20 - Woodfield Mall

Dec 27 - Woodfield Mall

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 online at our website or by visiting the Palatine Township office. If you have any questions please call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

RECOGNITION OF TRACY SYPURA - GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!



Our bus driver Tracy Sypura went to pick up a client for their regular dialysis appointment. The client did not come out of his home for pick-up as he usually did. Knocking and getting no response, she radioed dispatch to reach out to emergency contacts and Palatine police. With the door locked and drapes drawn it appeared the client wasn't home. The emergency contact did not reply with authorization to enter.

Tracy visited the client's home later to do a wellness check. She called the police and requested that they enter the residence. The client was found lying on the floor in a bad condition. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital where he was in serious but stable condition. Thanks to Tracy and her compassion and instincts, a life was saved!

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous (3 Anonymous Donations totaling) **Total \$6,200**

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous **Total \$1,000**

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Greater Chicago Food Depository **Total \$1,750**

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS

Women's Club of Inverness **\$1,000**

Palatine Jaycees **\$2,450**

Anonymous **\$1,000**

Total \$4,450

COMBINED TOTAL through 8/25/2022 \$13,400

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT



*Highway Commissioner
Aaron Del Mar*

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

Through autumn, specifically November 22, 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 through local municipalities. They have the authority to impose restrictions 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, www.roaddistrict.com/public-aware.

The last three winters we received 32.5, 48.8, and 34.8 inches, all within a typical, normal winter. However, past winters have been a story of mixed precipitation. Whether we receive several inches of snow, sleet, graupel, freezing rain or drizzle, and even freezing fog, along with extreme frigid air, Palatine Township Road District is staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We continually monitor weather conditions and apply the best technique to battle inclement weather. We have, as in years past, collaborated with the Village of Inverness to combine our quantities for bulk treated, delivered rock salt to obtain the lowest, responsible unit price. To further reduce costs and reliance on outside vendors, we make our own salt brine. Salt brine is the main component in liquid applications. By making a "Winter Cocktail" of 90% salt brine and 10% calcium chloride, we can further enhance the effectiveness of the snow and ice control operations. 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, keep tract of weather conditions by having multiple ways of receiving alerts. We maintain our website and Facebook pages with information pertaining to the weather, our services, permitting, and upcoming and completed projects.

During the middle of the winter season, we will collect pine trees and holiday decorations that have outlasted the Christmas and New Year Holidays. 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, we will collect them, process, and add the spoils to the composting material.

Finally, look for 2023 roadway infrastructure improvements to occur in the northwest corner of the township. Hillside Road along with the courts off Hillside Road include White Tail, Nantucket Hidden Oaks, Deer Grove, and Crooked Creek will be milled, patched, resurfaced, and shouldered with topsoil, and grass seed.

Once again 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.

Sincerely,

Aaron Del Mar
Highway Commissioner

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOMEOWNER APPEALS

Your home is assessed by its size, construction and similarities to other homes in your community. In Cook County your home is assessed every three years. Your property tax is based on the results combined with the tax rate which is determined by the budget and levy of the taxing bodies.

Local taxing bodies determine the amount of your tax bill. Your school district, village, library, township, and others all request funds in what is called a levy for their annual budgets.

Palatine Township residents have up to 16 taxing bodies that request funds that make up your property tax bill. It is your right and responsibility to question those taxing bodies on their budgets. Only by keeping these budgets in check will you keep your property taxes under control.

Generally, you pay your property tax bill in two installments, in March and August, to your County Treasurer. The County Treasurer then disperses the property tax revenue to the taxing bodies in the levy.

You can appeal your property tax during a specified month twice a year with the Township. Residents can come in and meet with us, fill out a form at the Township or email appeals@palatinetownship-il.gov.

Your Township assessor's office is here to help you make sure you are only paying your fair share of the property tax. We can help you apply for all the exemptions you are qualified for and appeal your property tax if your home is not assessed properly.



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

CLERK'S OFFICE TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS

DO YOU KNOW A MILITARY FAMILY LIVING NEAR YOU?

The Palatine Township Board would love the opportunity to recognize and honor ALL military families living within our township. After providing Clerk Moran with the necessary information, the banner requestors are invited to a very personalized presentation at a Township Board Meeting, after which 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 visit our webpage or contact the Clerk's office at 847-358-6700 with questions.



Clerk Lisa Moran



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

(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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL BE 100 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER THIS YEAR, AND RESIDES IN PALATINE TOWNSHIP?

Palatine Township needs your help identifying its centenarians – people who have lived for 100 or more years. The Township Board would like to honor them in a number of special ways including a Certificate of Recognition, recognition in the Township's newsletter, and, if they are able, a special Township Resolution Presentation Ceremony which includes pictures with the Board and refreshments.

Please visit our website for the Centenarian Recognition application or contact the Clerk's office at 847-358-6700 with questions.



AROUND TOWN

Palatine Township connecting with community

Palatine Township strives to build better connections with our community and agency partners.



Electronic Recycling 2022

Thank you co-sponsor Palatine Lions Club and Boy Scout Troup 159 Arlington Heights for your help



Blood Drives co-hosted with with Rep. Tom Morrison



A great tour of Arlington Heights Health Center with Commissioner Scott Britton and Cook County Health and connecting with other local government leaders and Cook County's healthcare providers



We honored our fallen heroes during Memorial Day ceremonies and the Palatine Parade



iCompete Summer Camp

We sponsored the donut days for campers and afternoon snacks during their three-week camp



Palatine Jaycee's Hometown Fest Parade - Back To School Campaign Kick-Off



Finished our 3-day Palatine Township "Back To School Supplies Program" (formerly known as Apple Tree) This year's theme was Family Day



"Imperial Cutz Barber Lounge" was recognized for their donation of time and talent during our 3-day Back to School Supplies Program providing haircuts to children



Touring Partners for Our Communities facility in Palatine with Representative Fred Crespo and connecting with other local government leaders and our valued community partner

WORKING TOGETHER TO BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS

Palatine Township connecting with community

We host outreach programs, participate in community events, inform residents of services and receive the support of community leaders.



Grateful for the support we received from the Masons at Palatine Lodge #314



Recognition Guaranteed Rate Mortgage and Erik Johansson for their generous support of the Township



A great time at the Better Together Resource Fair at Falcon Park Working together to help our community thrive



Girl Scout Troup #45647 and #45458 donated birthday kits for children in the Food Pantry to be sure they have a great birthday



Young philanthropists and entrepreneurs donated money from their lemonade stand to help the Food Pantry



STS Cub Scouts Pack 91 donated during the "Scouting for Food campaign" to our Palatine Township Food Pantry

TOWNSHIP SERVICES

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
Palatine Senior Center 847-991-1112

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SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Assessor's Office

Homeowners Exemptions
Property Tax Appeals
Senior Exemptions

Outreach

Sponsor Programs
Easter, Thanksgiving
Christmas, Back to School

Transportation

For age 60+ or Disabled
Out of Township Medical Rides
Taxi Discount Card

Veterans

Veterans Service Officer
Veteran's Counseling Center
Blue Star Banner Program

General Assistance

Emergency Assistance
Help with Utility Bills
Mobile Dental Clinic
Senior Services

Food Pantry

You Choose Your Food
Dairy, Meat, Vegetables
For All Qualifying Residents

Administrative Office

Free Notarization
Bus/Train Discount Card
Disabled Parking Permits

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1 Angel Trees Arrive
8 General Election
11 Closed for Veterans Day
17 Thanksgiving Baskets Due
19 Thanksgiving Distribution
24 Thanksgiving Holiday – Closed
25 Thanksgiving Holiday – Closed

DECEMBER

2 Angel Tree Gifts Due
6–7 Angel Tree Distribution
8–9 Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due
10 Adopt-A-Family Distribution
23 Christmas Eve Holiday – Closed
26 Christmas Holiday - Closed