

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



SPRING 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

"Responsible and Responsive Government"

Palatine Township voted a Zero Percent Increase

We are pleased to report that our Township Board voted at the regular December Board meeting for a "0% Increase" over last year's tax rate. Our meeting was held in the Patriot Room with a mosaic backdrop of gifts for the Toy Drive for needy families in our Township. The unanimous vote included the Town Fund, General Assistance and the Road District

Levies. We maintain our commitment to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer money and we have a deep-rooted culture of meeting the needs of our community.

Township is responsive to community needs

The Crisis Assistance Program, the first of its kind in township government, was just awarded "Best Township Innovative Program." This program was created by my predecessor, a former law enforcement officer, to provide resources and funding to local police departments as they assist residents in immediate crisis. Many residents assisted by this program have been the victim(s) of domestic violence or disasters in their homes. We were able to develop the program even further through our dedicated GA Coordinator Mrs. Shapiro and her staff who have been instrumental in bridging emergency service partners with those in need.

Palatine Township's Electric Aggregation Opt-Out Program

In a 2013 Referendum, voters in unincorporated Palatine Township elected to establish an Electric Aggregation Savings Opt-Out Program. This program allows Palatine Township to review and accept bids to provide unincorporated residents with the best electric rate. This past year Palatine Township renewed the electric aggregation program. The vast majority of residents who chose to remain in the program are experiencing much lower electric bills.

Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The Annual Town meeting is an opportunity for Township residents to participate in grassroots government. Palatine Township is committed to responding to the needs of the residents of this community by providing compassionate, efficient and accountable government services. Historically, this meeting reflects the most fundamental type of government in which each registered voter in the Township has an equal voice. Township government is local government closest to the people. Come and help us recognize our exemplary citizens whose generous and thoughtful contributions have significantly impacted our community. The Annual Town meeting will also include a short presentation.

We exist to help those who need assistance...

Sometimes those people are hard to find. If you know of someone who needs a hand or advice on how to manage through an issue, please allow us the opportunity to help advise and support. If you would like to contribute, volunteer or serve please call 847-358-6700.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AJG".

Andy-John G. Kalkounos
Supervisor, Palatine Township

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

This year, we plan to make infrastructure improvements within the Lake Park Estates Subdivision. The roadways will be milled, resurfaced, and shouldered with topsoil and grass seed.

Additionally, we will replace a large, corrugated metal arch pipe under Martin Drive. The replacement will be a robust concrete box culvert with rustic look headwalls and materials to improve stormwater quality. New high intensity prismatic traffic signs will be installed to provide better retro-reflectivity of sight and street name signs will be updated according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This past fall, roadways were milled and resurfaced in the Plum Grove Estates Subdivision. Briarwood Lane Bridge was also milled to expose the concrete deck.

For reference, the lower half of the bridge was improved with a fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) in 2016.

Compromised areas in the decking were excavated and patched with new concrete and reinforcement. Once the concrete cured, a waterproof membrane was placed over the entire upper deck and hot-mix asphalt was laid in place to provide a smooth transition. Several drainage areas were also improved to remove standing and nuisance water.

In fact, before any paving project, we survey the roadways for drainage concerns and make necessary corrections needed to ensure positive drainage. Stormwater drainage is a key component to the design, function, and longevity of the roadway pavement. We replace failing culverts through driveways, remove and replace compromised storm sewers, create positive ditch drainage, and install underdrain systems to alleviate standing water and extend our roadway life expectancy. To keep our roadways fully maintained and functional, permits are necessary for any home or driveway improvement.

Permits are free of charge and easy to complete. We use the permits, certificate of insurance and surety bond to document contractors and hold them accountable for any accidental damage that may occur within the roadway right of way. For permit applications and supporting documentation, visit our website roaddistrict.com. We continue to update our

website and Facebook pages with information pertaining to permitting, the weather, upcoming and completed projects, and services we offer.

Offered services that have been scheduled this year include our Tire Amnesty Program, yard waste collection and free compost stockpiles.

Early each spring, on selected Saturdays, anyone living in Palatine Township can drop off their used tires free of charge at our garage. If you are a resident of Palatine Township, stop by and unload your old tires at the Road District Garage, located at: 530 N. Smith Street, Palatine. Following Earth Day, the tire amnesty program will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday April 23, 2022 and Saturday April 30, 2022. There will be a limit of 10 tires and tires from commercial vendors will not be accepted.

We will begin our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas on April 4, 2022 and will continue through Thanksgiving week, November 21, 2022. After collecting the waste, we process the material by grinding it, turning it, and letting it age for a year as it breaks down into compost. We will continue to offer free compost for anyone to pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall locations. Please call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed.

Thank you once again 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

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT DONATE AN EASTER BASKET

If you know of a needy family with children under 10, please have them contact the Outreach Department at the Township at 847-358-6700.

Spring is right around the corner and we are calling on all of our generous donors to spring into action and donate to our Easter Basket Program. Remember, giving is not just about making a donation but about making a difference in other people's lives. We are looking for donors to create a basket filled with goodies and small toys for children (10 years and younger). It's not how much we give but how much we put into giving. Please stop by the Township office and pick out an egg cut-out that includes the name and age of the child, or register online beginning February 1, 2022 at www.PalatineTownship-il.gov.



Suggested items for the Easter Basket include edible treats, small toys, games, hair accessories, coloring books, crayons, books, etc. The value of the basket and contents should be approximately \$25.00. All edible items must be in their original packaging. Please wrap your basket in cellophane, or other transparent material, include your cut-out egg and return it to the Township. All baskets and donations must be delivered to the Township by Friday April 8, 2022.

Much like the Township's other outreach programs, the Easter Basket Program identifies local families in need. Help bring a smile to a needy child and donate an Easter Basket to our program. If you prefer, you can make a tax-deductible donation to our Needy Family Fund. Thank you once again for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF A FOOD PANTRY IN THE TOWNSHIP

If you know of anyone that is hungry and in need of assistance please have them contact the Food Pantry Department at the Township at 847-358-6167.

The Township offers various services, one of them is the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is an essential part of our clients' lives. It is crucial that our clients feel welcome in the Food Pantry. Humans need social interactions to fuel their souls.

The Township can provide the clients with transportation services to the Township in the event the client is not able to drive themselves. Once the client is at the food pantry, we assist them in finding the items they want and by loading the groceries in their car, if needed. We tailor our approach to each client's needs.

We are grateful as a Township Food Pantry to be located in such a giving community. You make it possible for us to operate daily. We strive to offer healthy and fresh produce, so we encourage you to keep us in mind when your garden is fruitful next season.

We are glad to have a great network of vendors that supply us with groceries and other necessities. Our amazing volunteers help in stocking, organizing and maintaining the Food Pantry.

Thank you, donors, vendors and volunteers for all you do for our community.

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous (22 Anonymous Donations totaling)	\$38,286
Kourtis Gyros	\$2,000
Berkley Consulting	\$1,000
Ralph H. Simpson Co.	\$1,500
Konosco LLC	\$1,000
Pebble Creek HOA	\$4,610
Plum Grove POA	<u>\$2,191</u>
Total	\$50,587

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous (9 Anonymous Donations totaling)	\$15,600
Total	\$15,600

THANKSGIVING

Anonymous	\$1,000
Total	\$1,000

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Anonymous (8 Anonymous Donations totaling)	\$10,000
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National Assoc of Letter Carriers (NALC Branch 4268)	\$10,000
Philo托chos Society of St. Nectarios	\$1,000
RIT Company	\$1,300
Midwest Architectural	
Millwork & Design	\$1,250
IT Supplies, Inc.	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$28,550
Total thru 1/12/22	\$95,737

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TOWNSHIP IN ACTION

If you know of anyone that is in need of transportation or in need of assistance please have them contact the Transportation Department at the Township at 847-358-6907.

Are you registered for the Senior Transportation Service? You are eligible if you are a Palatine Township resident, over age 60, or disabled. The service goes anywhere in Palatine Township and the cost is \$2.50 each way. This bus will also go to Arlington Heights for medical appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our special shopping trips are every Tuesday based on participation.

March	April	May
1 - Woodfield Mall	5 - Woodfield Mall	3 - Woodfield Mall
8 - Trader Joe's	12 - Trader Joe's	10 - Trader Joe's
15 - Deer Park/Kildeer	19 - Deer Park / Kildeer	17 - Deer Park/Kildeer
22 - Kohl's	26 - Kohl's	24 - Kohl's
		31 - 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 only. It also serves North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois Hospital, Rush Medical Center and more. Your cost is \$5.00 each way or \$10.00 for crossing 2 or more township borders.

You can register for these transportation programs online at www.PalatineTownship-il.gov or visit the Palatine Township office. If you have any questions call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT LIHEAP

If you know of a family that may need assistance with their utilities or general assistance please have them contact the General Assistance Department at the Township at 847-358-6110.

The last few years have been challenging and overwhelming for so many people due to the ongoing pandemic. Palatine Township wants to ensure that our residents know where to turn during these difficult times and that a helping hand is available.

To help alleviate some of the financial burden that many have endured or are still experiencing, there is a program called LIHEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) which helps alleviate energy costs.

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.

Please pass along this information anyone who might benefit from this program.

DONALD VAN CLEAVE: LONGTIME DEVOTED VOLUNTEER REMEMBERED WITH PROCLAMATIONS AND PLAQUE FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE



Palatine Township commemorated the 28 years of volunteer service of Donald E. Van Cleave at his memorial at the Monday, October 25, 2021 board meeting. The memory of this beloved volunteer and humble humanitarian became an official part of Palatine Townships' history. The meeting was attended by the family and friends of the Van Cleave family, including Mrs. Janet Van Cleave and Aaron and Katy Van Cleave with their children Sadie and Liam.

Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos invited family and friends to speak and many, including family and friends, spoke of their personal experiences with Don's generosity and kindness and his humble philanthropy in the community.

Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos read both the Palatine Township proclamation and the Senate proclamation that was presented on behalf of Senator Ann Gillespie. Rep. Tom Morrison, who was unable to attend, sent his regards and sent a copy of the House Resolution in his honor directly to Mrs. Janet Van Cleave.

The presentation was immediately followed with the unveiling of a memorial plaque dedicated to Donald E. Van Cleave just outside of the Food Pantry. This was a poignant surprise for the family.

Don's big smile, love of community and his generosity was known to all who knew him. He considered everyone he met as his new friend. Palatine Township honors his legacy of compassion and we strive to emulate his example of public service to our community.

VOLUNTEERING

Trustee Bill Pohlman

I have been a volunteer for a number of organizations since I moved to Palatine over 30 years ago and can't imagine my life without community service. Predominately, I have worked with the Palatine Jaycees, American Legion and the Rotary Club of Palatine, although, over the years I have worked with most if not all of the social service organizations in Palatine Township.

Why? If you take the time to really take a look at the people in our community, you'll see that many of them are not as lucky as you are. Talk to some of the community service organizations in Palatine Township and you'll be surprised at the need. The satisfaction you will receive by working with one or more of these organizations will change your life and the people these organizations serve.

The excuse you will generally hear from individuals is that they don't have time to volunteer. The reality is that those who volunteer make the time. When you see how the time you invest with a community service organization benefit a child, adult or a family, you'll find yourself making the time to help.

There are so many opportunities for you to get involved in our community. At Palatine Township you can volunteer in the food pantry, pass out school supplies to students, and distribute holiday baskets at Thanksgiving and more. Throughout the community there are organizations you can work with that help the disabled, financially challenged and children.

You can, of course, give money or material donations to the Township or the many community service organizations in our community. Those donations will be put to good use. If you take the time to volunteer, though, you'll receive a feeling that you can only experience through giving.

TOWNSHIP AWARDS AND PROGRAMS

BEST TOWNSHIP INNOVATIVE PROGRAM IN 2021

Palatine Township was nominated for the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) for the 2021 Best Township Innovative Program for our Crisis Assistance Program. The Palatine Township Crisis Assistance Program is a program dedicated for the Palatine Police Department and Rolling Meadows Police Department to help transients, homeless, and displaced individuals and families.

Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos received the award for Palatine Township from Mary Jo Imperato, the President of the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers (ITAGAC). As the TOI 2021 Educational Conference was held virtually, Mary Jo Imperato delivered the award directly to the Township.

The Crisis Assistance Program, the first of its kind in township government, was created to provide resources and funding to the local police departments to assist residents facing an immediate crisis. This program began in June of 2018 with the Palatine Police Department. In October 2019, the Rolling Meadows Police Department joined the program. This program address residents' most critical needs during a crisis situation.

Palatine Township works with the Police Departments to identify and evaluate individuals and families who are in crisis and are in need of assistance to help alleviate the

emergency. Some of the most basic necessities that have been identified as crucial during a crisis include access to shelter, food, personal essentials, and transportation. These emergencies often occur in the evening hours or weekends, leaving the individual or families with limited available resources.



Many of the residents who have received assistance have been the victim(s) of domestic violence or a natural disaster occurring in their residence, ultimately leaving the family or individual with no place to turn. Combined, we have provided over \$10,000 towards hotel stays and have issued over \$4,000 in gift cards for food, personal essentials, and gas to the police departments so they can help individuals during those exact moments of crisis.

CENTENARIAN PROGRAM

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. We 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 go to our Centenarian Recognition webpage: www.PalatineTownship-il.gov/centenarian-recognition/.

BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

Clerk Lisa Moran

Do you know a military family living near you?

Clerk Lisa Moran 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 or 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: www.PalatineTownship-il.gov/events/blue-star-banner/.

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.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Palatine Township and the Palatine Lions Club are sponsoring two events this spring in the Township parking lot. Both are free for residents of Palatine Township. Please enter the parking lot from westbound Illinois Avenue and volunteers will unload your car. You will exit via Quentin Road. Information is on our website at www.PalatineTownship-il.gov or visit www.Palatinelions.org

FEBRUARY

- 1 Easter Basket Donor
Online Registration Begins

APRIL

- 8 Easter Baskets due to
Township
- 12 Annual Town
Meeting
- 23 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)
- 30 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)

MAY

- 7 Shredding Event
- 30 Township closed for
Memorial Day

JUNE

- 18 Electronic Recycling Event
- 28 Primary Election

JULY

- 2 Independence Day Parade
- 2 Apple Tree School Supply
Drive Kick-Off

SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 7, 2022
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Do you have paperwork taking up space in your home? Now is your chance to clear out the clutter. Bring your unwanted paperwork to our Shredding Day. Enter the parking lot from westbound Illinois Avenue and volunteers will unload your car. You will exit via Quentin Road. A limit of 2 cardboard boxes/paper bags. No plastic bags are allowed. Your documents will be destroyed with secure crosscut shredding. Shredding provided by AMS Store and Shred LLC.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Saturday, June 18, 2022
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

No quantity limit on items. Absolutely no old (CRT) monitors/ NON-Flatscreen TV's, dehumidifiers, light bulbs, white goods (major appliances), paint, or hazardous materials accepted. We reserve the right to refuse or limit quantities of any items. Computers, printers, mice, CD, DVD & VCR players, DVRs, batteries, phones, Christmas lights, power cords and cables, small appliances, (new version) flat screen monitors, cameras, and more can be recycled. There is a charge of \$25 per microwave to recycle. Visit our website at www.PalatineTownship-il.gov for a complete list of items.

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. Please check their website for details.

ALEXIAN BROTHERS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

An Evening at the Field - April 9, 2022

www.Amitahealth.org

THE BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Gala Collage: A Mosaic of Healing - April 30, 2022

www.Bridgeyouth.org

CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING

Chef's Night - May 2, 2022

www.Centerforenrichedliving.org

CLEARBROOK

34th Annual Shining Star Ball - April 29, 2022

www.Clearbrook.org

JOURNEYS: THE ROAD HOME

Leap Into Hope Casino Night - February 25, 2022

www.Journeystheroadhome.org

LITTLE CITY

Annual Dinner Gala - May 14, 2022

www.Littlecity.org

SPECIAL LEISURE SERVICES FOUNDATION

Gold Medal Fashion Show - February 27, 2022

www.slsf.me



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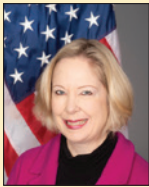
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