

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



SPRING 2023



UPDATES FROM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR ANDY-JOHN G. KALKOUNOS



Zero Tax Increase:

For a second year in a row, our Township Board voted for a "0%" increase in the overall tax levy. Our Township Board was unanimous in this vote. We are keeping our commitment to continue our responsible and responsive government. Our residents are our neighbors, and we

understand that many are struggling in this high inflation environment. The Township will continue our commitment to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer money while meeting the needs of our community.

We have increased outreach and multiple services over the past two years while maintaining a balanced budget and a fully funded IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) pension fund. This is a best practice exceeding the vast majority of governing entities across the state.

Marketing/Communication:

I have told many friends that in my experience, government is likely among the worst at marketing their services. Well, we plan to change that by steady and thoughtful improvements to our strategy, using multiple platforms and clean messaging that speaks to all residents.

Our new website was launched at the beginning of this year; it offers an easy-to-use layout to help residents locate the information and services they need. It's a great step in making us a more accessible, service-oriented government.

Military Vets:

We collaborate with great partners, such as the IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Evanston Vet Center. The Vet Center will be providing expanded services at the Township to assist our service members and their families that deserve access to benefits and mental health therapy for those who qualify right here in our Township buildings.

Food Pantry:

With generous, tax-deductible donations to our foundation, the Township's "Needy Family Fund" (501c3), our Township can say that we don't turn away anyone who is hungry.

Our food pantry has experienced an increase of nearly 37% in pantry visits over last year. We serve over 500 families a month! No one should go hungry in our Township, so the food pantry is working diligently to meet the residents' needs with fresh produce, dairy, eggs and meat.

Our pantry has also focused on providing a greater variety of foods including Halal meats, allergy and diabetic-friendly foods.

Transportation:

Our Transportation Department provides paratransit rides for seniors and the disabled. We have experienced an increase in reservations for on-demand rides over last year. We help many residents by transporting to and from their medical appointments from dental to dialysis. We also offer services for non-medical trips, so please call for information.

Annual Meeting:

Join us at our Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2023.

Personal Message:

I would like to thank you, once again, for the privilege and the opportunity to serve this incredible community as your Township Supervisor. My report to you is a positive one; you have a truly caring and professional staff that delivers for all of us. You should know we have a harmonious elected Board that is focused on the important work of the residents. We foster an environment that is inviting and service oriented.

All of our children share classrooms, cafeterias and sporting fields. To think that some are suffering from food scarcity is a painful reality that your Township Government is responding to every day. Now more than ever, Palatine Township is the last line of defense. Please take a moment to include your Township in your summer plans when donations are low.

If you or someone you know is in need or wishes to help, simply pick up the phone or visit our new website to learn more about what we do. I promise you will find value and fulfillment in your Township.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT NICOR SHARING PROGRAM



Palatine Township's General Assistance Department provides greatly needed services to some of the most vulnerable residents living in our community. We proudly partner with and have built relationships with various agencies to help support our residents. One agency in particular is The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army has various programs that help families in need throughout the Northwest Suburbs. One of those programs is Nicor Sharing. Through the Nicor Sharing Program, Township Residents who are over income for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are eligible to receive a credit that's applied to their Nicor bill.

Eligible applicants can apply once per year.

Recently, a husband and wife residing in the Township reached out to us for help. With a fixed income, they were struggling to make ends meet due to unforeseen medical issues. They were slightly over the income limit for LIHEAP, but they were able to receive a credit of \$260 towards their Nicor account and avoid disconnection thanks to the Nicor Sharing Program.

Township Residents are encouraged to call the General Assistance Office 847-358-6110 to check their eligibility for this program or to inquire about other programs offered through the Township.

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



EASTER BASKET PROGRAM

Help bring a smile to a child in need and donate an Easter Basket. We are asking donors to sign up to participate in our 2023 Easter Basket program. This program benefits children 12 years and younger. You may register in person at the Township or on our website by March 20, 2023.

Easter Basket suggested items include edible treats, small toys, games, hair accessories or coloring books. All edible items must be in their original packaging. All baskets and donations should be delivered to the Township by March 24, 2023.

Much like the Township's other Outreach programs, the Easter Basket Program identifies local families in need. You may also make a tax-deductible donation to our Needy Family Fund via our website or by mailing a check.



ICOMPETE SUMMER CAMP

ICompete provides a summer camp experience for underserved children ages 6-11 who live in the Northeast quadrant of Palatine. ICompete Camp is held July 10 - July 28 for financially qualifying families. The hybrid summer camp will include 3 camper drop-off days and 2 family engagement nights per week. ICompete Summer Camp is made possible through a collaborative partnership between the Palatine Township, Palatine Park District, Partners for Our Communities, Palatine High School, Community Consolidated School District 15, and the Palatine Police Department.

Community support is vital to ensure the camp's success. A \$100 donation will help one child participate in this field-trip based camp, but any donation amount is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Palatine Township-Sponsor A Child and sent to 721 S. Quentin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067. For more information on ICompete please visit: www.poc.news

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous Donations (15 total)	\$53,235
Harper College Faculty Senate	\$1,055
Casey Automotive	\$2,000
Douglas P. and Grace F. Herr Family Foundation	\$3,000
Plum Grove Estates Homeowners	\$2,318
Pebble Creek Homeowners	\$5,150
Total	\$66,758

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous Donations (8 total)	\$7,000
Renaissance Reinsurance	\$1,600
Total	\$8,600

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Anonymous Donations (8 total)	\$33,000
St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church	\$5,000
Kourtis Gyro	\$3,000
Auburn Woods Homeowners	\$1,275
Total Food Pantry Donations	Total \$42,275

COMBINED TOTAL from 8/26/22 - 1/26/23 \$117,633

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT A LIFELINE FOR NEIGHBORS



Our Food Pantry fed 14,436 individuals in 2022, with the help of food and financial donations from private citizens, businesses, churches and organizations. We appreciate those who held food drives or individually brought in donations throughout the past year. The pantry served 37% more families in 2022 than in 2021, helping to ease the strain on our client's budget.

Our green initiative, in partnership with the Palatine Township Road District, turns leftover vegetable scraps from the pantry in to compost yielding enriched soil for your landscaping needs. We are proud to be doing our part to help our environment.

If you are planting a garden this season, please consider donating your extra vegetables or other organic items. The Pantry is also reaching out for those residents with green

thumbs to donate any seedlings for clients to grow. This not only encourages a stronger relationship and ownership over food resources but allows clients to have more nutritious food on their table.

The Palatine Township Food Pantry is powered by dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who work hard to ensure those in need in our community have access to food every month. We especially thank our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to sort and shelve donations as well as provide support to our clients. We are proud to serve as a place of refuge and support for our neighbors.

If you know someone who is struggling to provide food for themselves or their family, please call the Palatine Township for assistance.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION



SPECIAL SHOPPING TRIPS

Palatine Township provides reliable curb-to-curb bus service to all senior residents (ages 60 years and older) and residents with a permanent disability (ages 18 and older). The bus transports eligible residents to appointments or errands anywhere in Palatine Township for \$2.50 each way, Monday - Friday. The bus will transport eligible residents to medical appointments in Arlington Heights on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Special Shopping trips are scheduled on Tuesdays. Residents should sign up for these trips in advance. See our scheduled Special Shopping trips below:

March 7 - Woodfield Mall

March 14 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights

March 21 - Deer Park Town Center

March 28 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights

April 4 - Woodfield Mall

April 11 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights

April 18 - Deer Park Town Center

April 25 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights

May 2 - Woodfield Mall

May 9 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights

May 16 - Deer Park Town Center

May 23 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights

May 30 - Woodfield Mall

Eligible residents who need transportation to medical appointments outside of Palatine Township should enroll in T.R.I.P. The cost is \$5.00 each way; or \$10.00 each way when crossing two (2) or more township borders. This service is available Monday - Saturday. This program serves the seven surrounding townships in addition to the following locations:

- North Chicago VA
- Hines VA
- Loyola Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Rush Medical Center
- Stroger Cook County Hospital
- University of Illinois Hospital.

Register for these transportation programs on our website or stop by the Palatine Township. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907. We look forward to helping you with your transportation needs.

DONATE

You can help families year-round by making a tax deductible donation to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, a 501c3 Corporation.



PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT



Highway Commissioner
Aaron Del Mar

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

Governmental services are paid through property taxes which are listed on your annual property tax statement from the Cook County Assessor's Office. As Highway Commissioner of Palatine Township, we can help to reduce your taxes by levying or asking for less money, which we have done once again this year. Our portion of the tax burden is further split, as we receive approximately half the amount. The other half is used by local municipalities to fund their own road improvement and maintenance programs. Such programs include patching, crack sealing, resurfacing and complete restoration of neighborhood roadways. Also included are capital costs for new equipment and vehicles to maintain these roadways.

Our 2024 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Appropriation was approved earlier this year and is for the time covered from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Each year is completely different from year's past as we account for equipment, building, and infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs. Like most everyone, we continue to plan for a possible third year of inflation, ongoing supply chain shortages, and energy increases. This operating budget is tied to the 2022 Tax Levy, which is the actual tax burden placed on the constituents of Palatine Township. As mentioned, the levy has been reduced and is on a downward trend.

Part of the operating budget is to make necessary infrastructure improvements and as winter season moves out, the construction season begins. We plan to make roadway improvements along the Hillside Road corridor, in the northwest quarter of the Township. The roadways will be milled, patched, resurfaced, and shouldered with topsoil, and grass seed. Additionally, we replace failing culverts through driveways. When you are ready to replace your driveway, you may want to check with the Road District. Chances are the culvert under your driveway needs replacing. An old, compromised culvert may deteriorate

your new driveway. To apply, we require a permit application. Permits are free of charge, easy to complete, and can be found on our website, roaddistrict.com.

Continued 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. The tire amnesty program will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Earth Day, Saturday April 22, 2023, and Saturday April 29, 2023. 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 3, 2023, and will continue through Thanksgiving week, November 20, 2023. 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 for your continued support and consideration. 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



Property tax exemption forms are now becoming available from Cook County. The first forms that will be available are for the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Senior Freeze. Other exemption forms will be available in the near future. To save yourself a trip, call our office at 847-358-6164 to find out which forms are currently available.

If you have lived in your home since January 1 of the current calendar year or you purchased your home in 2021, you will already have the Homeowner Exemption. If you purchased your home in 2021, you will also receive the 2021 Exemptions Booklet from Cook County. That booklet will contain all the forms you need to file any exemption.

The exemptions we receive the most inquiries about are the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Senior Freeze. The Senior Citizen Exemption applies to anyone born in 1956 or before, occupies his or her residence, and is the owner of record. The Senior Freeze has the same requirements as the Senior Citizen Exemption and your household cannot earn more than \$65,000.00 a year.

You can learn more about the different exemptions on our web site at PalatineTownship-il.gov under the Assessor tab or on our YouTube channel. If you are disabled, you may qualify for the Persons with Disabilities or Veterans with Disabilities exemptions. If you are a vet returning from an armed conflict, there is the Returning Veterans exemption and if your home was destroyed by some catastrophic event, there is the Home Improvement exemption.

The Palatine Township Assessor's office is here to help you fill out the forms necessary for any exemption and to submit them to Cook County. In addition to exemptions, we can also help file a variance, Certificate of Error, name change, occupancy and appeals.



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

CLERK'S OFFICE TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS



Register to Vote Online

The last day to register to vote is March 19. 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.

Early Voting March 20 - April 3

The Palatine early voting site location remains at 150 W. Wilson Street. This building most recently served as the temporary Village Hall for the Village of Palatine. A 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 of the ID card readers.

Vote By Mail

You may vote by mail now through March 30. The last Day for Mail Ballots to be postmarked is April 4. To complete an online mail ballot application, please go to Mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.il.gov. You will need:

- 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; and
- An email address

Once you have applied, received and completed your ballot, you will have the option of mailing it back or using a secure drop box (drop box locations not yet published at time of printing).



Clerk Lisa Moran

AROUND TOWN

Palatine Township connecting with community

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



Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church donation to the Palatine Township Food Pantry of \$5,000



2022 Rolling Meadows Police Department Annual Holiday Food Drive collection for Palatine Township Food Pantry



Thank you to Hawk Fitness for your donation to the Palatine Township Food Pantry



Thank you to Leader Automotive for your generous food drive



Palatine High School students donated gifts to the Angel Tree program!



@Properties dropping off donations to our Palatine Township Food Pantry



Thank you to Gary Carl for hand knitting hats and scarves. Your donation is amazing!



Our Township Board surrounded by gifts donated for children by our generous Township residents



A special visit from Santa, a Christmas elf and Max the Dog helping our volunteers distribute holiday gifts



Generous volunteers sorting gifts donated to our Toy Drive



Christmas gifts delivered to the Early Childhood Developmental Enrichment Center (ECDEC) for our Angel Tree Program



Angel Tree gifts delivered to the seniors at Greencastle of Palatine

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.



Working together with the Rolling Meadows Police Department and the Palatine Township Board and Staff. A special Thank You to the #KindnessKrew students at Community Consolidated School District 15 Central Road Elementary for volunteering.



Attending the Excellence in Public Service Award along with Fire Chiefs from the Northwestern suburbs



We were honored to be nominated for Community Organization of the Year for the Palatine Chamber of Commerce and Public Sector/Non-Profit Partner for the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce for our service to the community.

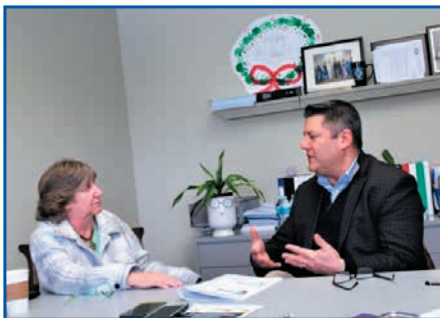


Roundtable meeting with President Preckwinkle, hosted by Commissioner Morrison and attended by local Mayors and Township Supervisors. Working on behalf of Township Residents.



Meeting with Assessor Bill Pohlman, John Ross of the Veterans Administration U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos. We're expanding services for Veterans at the Township.

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



Working with Diane Lancour, Palatine Township Senior Center on partnering to provide better services to our senior communities



Honored to work with Senator Dan McConchie



Meeting with Commissioner Scott Britton and State Representative Mary Beth Canty

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 847-332-1019
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

March

20 Easter Basket Donor Registration Ends
24 Easter Baskets due to Township

April

4 Consolidated Elections
11 Annual Town Meeting
15 Textile Recycling
22 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)
29 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)

May

6 Shredding Day
29 Memorial Day - Township Closed

June

10 Electronic Recycling Event

July

1 Independence Day Parade
3 Back To School Supply Drive Kick-Off
4 Independence Day - Township Closed