

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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SUMMER 2021



TOWNSHIP IN ACTION

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Disabled residents and seniors, age 60 or older, can register for our transportation services. We can transport you anywhere in Palatine Township for only \$2.50 each way.

Our Tuesday special shopping trips are resuming (based on participation).

Jul 6	Trader Joe's, Burlington (Arlington Heights)
Jul 13	Woodfield
Jul 20	Deer Park/Killdeer
Jul 27	Kohl's
Aug 3	Woodfield
Aug 10	Trader Joe's, Burlington (Arlington Heights)
Aug 17	Deer Park/Killdeer
Aug 24	Kohl's
Aug 31	Woodfield

Transportation for medical appointments outside of our Township are arranged through the T.R.I.P. Program. T.R.I.P. destinations include North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois, Rush Medical Center, and our surrounding township areas. The cost is \$5.00 each way; \$10 for crossing 2 or more township borders. Residents can register online or in person at the Township. Please call 847-358-6907 with questions.



NEW TRANSPORTATION BUS



We are excited to announce that Palatine Township has added a new bus to our Transportation Department fleet.

Accessibility to transportation is essential to quality of life. Transportation has consistently been an issue in suburban areas, especially for many seniors and disabled residents. Palatine Township Transportation strives to meet those needs. We give those residents a lifeline to the community, empowering them to remain active and stay connected.

The newly purchased Township bus is larger than the other three in rotation at the Township. With a capacity of either 16 seats plus two-wheelchair accessible or 8 seats and four-wheelchair accessible seating, we can accommodate more individuals that need transportation. If you've seen the bus around town, you'll also notice that it is a vibrant blue.

The Township bus has special meaning. This is a moving tribute, which honors those who ride and those who drive. There are pictures of our actual riders as well as a dedication on the back of the bus.

The memorial on the back of the bus is dedicated to our former bus driver and dear colleague Andy Ostrowski. Andy, who unexpectedly passed in May 2020, was more than a driver. He was family to his coworkers and to his passengers. Andy always had a smile on his face and brought humor and joy to those around him. He is missed by all.

If you are a senior or are disabled resident, please reach out to us if you are in need transportation. Our fleet can transport you anywhere within the Palatine Township boundaries as well as special destinations and with our special shopping trips.

We are ready to take you where you need to go!

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

1/1/21 TO 5/21/21

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

The Blackbaud Giving Fund Grant (Grant made on behalf of Pricewaterhouse

Coopers LLP and its donors)	\$5,000
Network for Good	\$1,420
Anonymous	\$6,000
Anonymous	\$9,000
Anonymous	\$3,200
Fidelity Charitable Grant	\$2,000
Marmon Holdings Inc.	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	<u>\$1,000</u>

Total \$31,620

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

3/22/20 TO 5/21/20

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,700
Anonymous	<u>\$1,100</u>

Total \$3,800

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

3/22/20 TO 5/21/20

EASTER BASKET PROGRAM

DONATIONS

Anonymous	<u>\$1,000</u>
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Total \$1,000

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

3/22/20 TO 5/21/20

Anonymous	\$1,200
Anonymous	\$1,200
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Palatine Mason Lodge #314	\$1,000
Knights of Columbus Council #4977	
Holy Ghost Donation from KOC Food Drive on 3/27/21	\$3,645
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	<u>\$1,000</u>

Total \$11,045

Total thru 5/14/2021

\$47,465

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

APPLE TREE CAMPAIGN 2021

Palatine Township's Apple Tree Campaign is launching its 33rd year!! The success of this program is attributed to the overwhelming support and generous donations. Because of you, backpacks full of donated school supplies are provided to underprivileged students so that they can start the school year prepared and ready to learn. Please bring your donation of new school supplies directly to the Palatine Township. School supply donations may be dropped off during normal business hours at Palatine Township through July 1-28, 2021. There will be a bin outside to drop off if you are uncomfortable coming inside. Monetary donations to purchase school supplies are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Palatine Township Needy Family Fund and mail to Palatine



Township, 721 S. Quentin Rd, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067. (Please write Apple Tree in the memo part of your check.) You can now donate online to the Apple Tree Campaign by visiting the Palatine Township website Donate page. Designate your donation directly for Apple Tree Program by adding a note to the donation. School supplies will be distributed July 29-31 2021. If you have other questions about the program please contact Palatine Township at 847-358-6700.

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

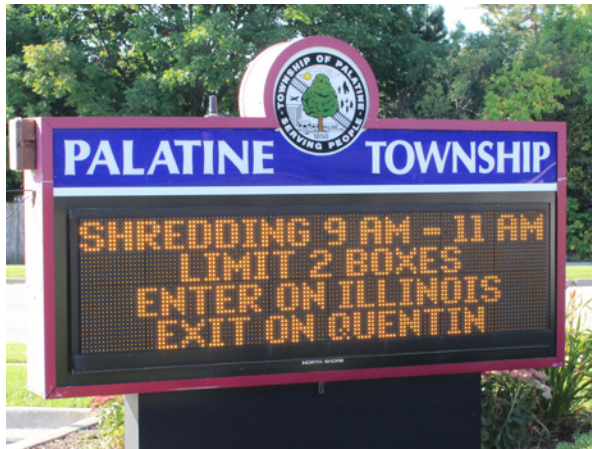
We wish to thank the individuals, families, schools, churches and businesses who help make a difference in the lives of struggling families in our community. We also thank the volunteers for their kindness, hard work, and dedication that keeps the pantry running. The volunteers pick up donations, stock, sort, and organize every item that comes into the pantry. They are very dedicated, passionate, and reliable. This Food Pantry could not work without them.

We looking forward to the donations from the Barrington United Methodist Church this summer from their garden. If you have extra produce from your gardens, please consider donating a portion to the Food Pantry. Fresh produce is the most costly, and a great way to get healthy options to our clients. Please drop off produce donations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you are struggling to provide meals for yourself and/or your family, please call 847-358-6700.

We are happy to announce that we are back open for in person shopping for our clients. The Food Pantry is now open 3 days a week: Monday 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM, Wednesday 1:00 PM-3:30 PM, and Thursdays 11:00 AM-3:30 PM.

SHREDDING EVENT THIS FALL!

Take this opportunity to purge those unwanted documents and paperwork! Palatine Township, and cosponsors, Palatine Lions Club will host a Shredding Event for Palatine Township residents this fall. The event is free for residents of Palatine Township. Additional information will be posted at our website at palatinetownship-il.gov.



Shredding Day

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Township Parking Lot, 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

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 allowed. Your documents will be destroyed with secure cross-cut shredding. Shredding provided by AMS Store and Shred LLC.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT IN TIMES OF CRISIS

In an initiative that was created by the former Palatine Township Supervisor, Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, the Crisis Assistance Program was created to provide resources and funding to the local police departments to assist residents facing an immediate crisis.

Palatine Township's General Assistance Office has partnered with both the Palatine and Rolling Meadows Police Departments to address residents' most critical needs during a crisis situation.

We work in conjunction with the Palatine and Rolling Meadows 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 primary necessities that have been identified as crucial during a crisis include access to shelter, food, personal essentials, and transportation.

Most often, these emergencies occur in the evening hours or weekends leaving the individual or families with limited available resources. Many of the residents who have received assistance from the Crisis Assistance Program since its conception in June 2018 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.

Funds for these emergency needs come from Needy Family Assistance Fund. Combined, we have provided \$7,940 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.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Look in the newsletter
for more details!*

JULY

- 3 & 5 Township Closed Independence Day Holiday
- 1-28 Drop off school supplies for Apple Tree at the Township
- 29-31 Apple Tree Distribution

AUGUST

- 27-29 Street Fest-TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 3 ½ day Closed for Labor Day
- 4 & 6 Closed for Labor Day
- 7 Adopt A Family Donor Registration Online
- 21 Thanksgiving Donor Registration Online

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

MAY 17, 2021 SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TOWNSHIP BOARD



L-R Assessor Terry Kelly, Trustee Bill Pohlman, Trustee Leslie M. Bolanos, Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, The Honorable Jill Marisie, Presiding Judge of the Cook County 3rd District, Clerk Lisa Moran, Trustee A. Christine Svenson, and Trustee Michael C. Smolka. (Not pictured: Highway Commissioner Aaron Del Mar.)

MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE BILL POHLMAN

I'm Bill Pohlman and thanks to you I have been reelected as a Palatine Township Trustee. As I have always tried to do, I want to help those in need in our community and do it without raising taxes.

As a Palatine Township Trustee, I assist in budget development and monitor the financial stability of the Township. I chair the Human Needs Committee where we financially support the non-profits who serve Palatine Township. Among my other duties, I chair the Website and Newsletter committees.

I've lived in Palatine my entire adult life. Since I've lived here, I have always been involved with organizations that raise money for the community. In 2016, I was awarded the Patriot Award by the Township for my years of service in the community.

I have been a Jaycee since 1991 and a Lifetime Member since 2006. I work their Fourth of July, Christmas Tree sales among other events. I have been a Son of the American Legion for over 10 years and have co-chaired the Memorial Day program since 2011 as well as helped with their Thanksgiving dinner for naval recruits. I've co-chaired the wine booth at StreetFest and have acted as a committee member for Palatine's St. Patrick's Day festival since 2010. I'm also a member of the Rotary and work their Oktoberfest.

TRUSTEE A. CHRISTINE SVENSON

Happy Summer to everyone!

It is a true honor and privilege to serve the people of Palatine Township.

By way of brief background, I grew up in the northwest suburbs believing in the power of volunteerism and community service as incredibly important vehicles to help those in need when government cannot. My entire career has been dedicated to serving people from all walks of life as a practicing civil litigation attorney in downtown Palatine – Svenson Law Offices.

In particular, I have proudly represented individuals in difficult family situations including domestic abuse. This "real life" occupational experience combined with my service on the Board of Journeys the Road Home and volunteer legal work for the disadvantaged at Willow Creek Care Center has been both eye opening and personally enriching. And now I have the opportunity to see firsthand, and make a direct impact, on what government itself can do for those most in need.

Township government is government closest to the people. And yet there are so many crucial services available to the residents about which those in need are not aware! One of my primary goals is to increase the visibility and awareness in our community of these vital resources. I will also go on a "listening tour" to gather more information about local needs. I promise to ask the hard questions, and make the tough decisions, based on integrity and not popularity. Adherence to the highest principles of honesty, dedication and civility will be the bedrock of all actions and decisions.

I truly enjoy meeting people from different cultural backgrounds – it is what makes the world go around! As a hobby, I love to be able to practice my love of romance languages – French, Spanish, and Italian. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

TRUSTEE LESLIE M. BOLANOS

I am a 30 year resident of Palatine Township where I live with my husband and our two college-age sons. I have been active in many of the same local organizations that have touched the lives of so many in the Township. My family and I have been involved with local organized sports via Inverness Soccer Club, Celtic Soccer, the Northwest Chargers, and D211 Hockey Club. We are also parishioners of the Holy Family Catholic Church. Professionally, my husband and I own a locally domiciled company, Wealth Management Group, LLC., where I serve as the company's Chief Operating Officer.

I hope that my time served as a Trustee will leave a positive mark on all my fellow neighbors inside our wonderful community. Specifically, I intend to utilize my professional skills to drive defined outcomes that maintain and enhance the core programs of the township. In particular, I hope to develop outreach programs that focus on the topics of financial education and resource utilization, to empower residents to improve the lives of themselves and their loved ones financially. In addition to outreach, it is pivotal that elected officials act as excellent stewards of the financial resources that we have been entrusted with. Fiscal responsibility is core to my professional DNA and I intend to extend those capabilities to my time as a Trustee.

Thank you to all that blessed me with this opportunity to be of service and I look forward to seeing you, my fellow neighbor, at community events.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL C. SMOKLA

It has been an honor to serve the Palatine Township community for the last four years as a member of the District 15 school board, two of those years as the vice-president, and now I have the privilege to serve the same community as a Trustee on the Township Board.

I have been a Township resident for the last twenty-seven years. I graduated from Fremd High School and then received my Associates degree from Harper College. I went on to earn my undergraduate degree from Chicago State University, where I played baseball, and then to Roosevelt University to obtain my MBA, in Integrated Marketing Communications.

After working in the corporate world for a decade, I decided it was time for a change and went back to school and received my law degree from John Marshall Law School (which is now UIC – John Marshall). I opened my own law practice, Smolka Law Group, in 2016 with a focus in the area of Domestic Relations law.

I have been active with youth sports in Palatine serving as a coach for my son's baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. With my background in baseball, I have stayed more involved with the Palatine baseball community serving as a commissioner for Palatine Community Baseball & Softball and as the co-chairman of the training and development program.

I reside in Palatine with my girlfriend, our two children, one dog, and another baby on the way.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Palatine Township community for the next four years and I welcome your thoughts, input, and ideas as we continue to move the Township forward.

ASSESSOR TERRY KELLY, CIAO

ALL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AUTOMATICALLY RENEW IN 2021

Great news for taxpayers regarding your property tax exemptions. In 2021 (tax year 2020), ALL property tax exemptions you received last year in 2020 will automatically renew. This now includes the senior freeze, disabled person and disabled veterans exemption. Your homeowners and senior exemption continues to renew automatically as well. Please note, the returning veteran's exemption will not renew automatically.

You should also note that if you are applying for a senior exemption for the first time you will need to stop by the Assessor's Office and apply. We will need your drivers license.

Property tax exemptions can help you reduce your property tax bill. Currently the senior exemption reduces your homes assessed value by \$8,000, while a homeowner's exemption reduces the value by \$10,000.

If there are any questions on your exemptions or on your property taxes please call your Township Assessor's Office at 847-358-6164. We look forward to helping you reduce your property taxes.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Palatine Township for my reappointment as the Highway Commissioner. I do not take this position casually or for granted. As Highway Commissioner for the Road District, I have lowered the levy and promised not to raise it while I am in office. I have reduced spending and created capital and infrastructure schedules to ensure proper, fiscal spending. I am excited to continue my work and further the excellent support that Palatine Township Road District offers. Coordinating services throughout the year with surrounding municipalities is a great example of finding cost saving measures and programs. Through intergovernmental agreements, local agencies are effectively and efficiently providing quality service to all your infrastructure needs, such as snow and ice removal, pothole patching, or tree trimming. I plan to continue this sharing of knowledge and coordination and expand our supplemental services as well.

I have specific responsibilities for unincorporated areas but believe that all the residents of the Township should benefit from the Road District. We will continue with popular programs such as our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas. The yard waste is processed and allowed to age for a year, turned, and watered to aid the aerobic breakdown of the organic material into compost. Once the compost has cooled, we make it available for anyone living or working within the Township. During the autumn months, stockpiles will appear at the Town Hall at the corner of Quentin and Illinois, and at the material yard on Smith Street. Keep your eyes open as this product moves quickly and is limited in supply. Another green project that is provided to all the residents of Palatine Township is our tire amnesty program. On Earth Day, we collected over 300 tires from the residents of Palatine Township. By disposing of unwanted tires, we can eliminate breeding grounds for mosquitoes, diseases, and unsightly landscape along the roadway. We remained focused on green initiatives and ask for input on new programs that might benefit our community.

Currently, we are in the process of coordinating, bidding, and scheduling the resurfacing of the northern roadways within the Fielding Place Subdivision. As in years and paving projects past, we survey the roadways for drainage concerns and work to make any corrections needed to ensure positive drainage. Once the improvements have been made, we will return to install new high intensity prismatic traffic signs to provide better retro-reflectivity of sight. Finally, 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. This information can be accessed through our website, roaddistrict.com.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in my confirmation as Highway Commissioner. I will continue to ensure that Palatine Township Road District is available for all your infrastructure concerns, and with my hard working and knowledgeable staff, we will strive to meet your expectations. If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information regarding our services, please email me at adelmar@palatinetownship-il.gov.

Sincerely,

Aaron Del Mar
Highway Commissioner

CLERK LISA MORAN PALATINE TOWNSHIP HONORS ITS CENTENARIANS

At our April Board Meeting, our Board had the pleasure of honoring Katherine Wijas, who turned 100 years old on April 28th.

Katherine's daughter Marcia reached out to me when she had read about our Centenarian Program.

Together, we were able to put together a very special PowerPoint of her life well lived.

Katherine and her many family and friends in attendance enjoyed the PowerPoint showcasing the story of her life. We then presented her with a personalized Board Resolution, and Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz spoke and presented her with a special certificate on behalf of the Palatine Village Board.

Group photos were taken, and cake and coffee were served.

If you have a family member or friend turning 100 years of age who lives in Palatine Township and would like us to celebrate their life in this very special way, please go to our Centenarian Recognition webpage: palatinetownship-il.gov/centenarian-recognitions or, reach out to me directly, Clerk Lisa Moran at lmoran@palatinetownship-il.gov.



Katherine Wijas and Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz



Supervisor Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, Trustee Ray Kincaid Kathrine Wijas, Trustee Andy-John G. Kalkounos, Clerk Moran and Trustee Dr. Susan Kern



Katherine Wijas with her family and friends.

TRUSTEE BILL POHLMAN FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVALS

We are not done with the pandemic so Fourth of July festivals in Palatine Township are either downgraded or cancelled. Please verify any of the events listed here since event changes over the holiday are fluid depending on the number of Covid-19 cases being reported.

Palatine and Rolling Meadows are the only two municipalities that are having events in Palatine Township. Palatine's is downsized. Rolling Meadows is the same as past years. Arlington Heights and Hoffman Estates have both cancelled their festivals.

Rolling Meadows will have all of their celebrations on Sunday, July 4th. Their parade kicks off at 11:30 AM and will follow the Meadow Drive parade route. The fireworks display goes off at dusk at the Community Center at 3705 Pheasant Drive. Rolling Meadows used some of the money that they didn't use in last year's festival to expand this year's fireworks program.

This year, the Palatine Fest will take place at Community Park on July 1st through July 5th with a full carnival throughout the event as well as an art, craft, and business expo on Saturday, July 3rd and Sunday, July 4th. The fest will also feature live music and a community showcase of entertainment, food and beverage offerings, a bags tournament, scavenger hunt, and Family Day activities on Monday July 5th. Due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions, the Jaycees cancelled the parade and fireworks display.

Hours:

Monday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Saturday, 8:30 AM - noon

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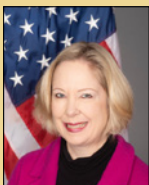
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I would like to thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you as Trustee over the past four years. It is now my great pleasure to be re-elected as your Township Supervisor.

To the left of the page, you will notice a few familiar faces and some new ones that will be sharing the responsibility and privilege of service to the residents of our community.

Re-elected officials:

Clerk: Lisa Moran

Assessor: Terry Kelly

Highway Commissioner: Aaron B. Del Mar

Trustee: Bill Pohlman

Newly elected officials:

Trustee: A. Christine Svenson

Trustee: Leslie M. Bolanos

Trustee: Michael C. Smolka

We know that Palatine Township is a great place to live, work and raise a family. Our elected public servants must now, more than ever, focus on the improvement and awareness of Township services. We pledge to focus on the future with responsive programs based upon both current needs and future challenges.

For example, we plan to announce the redevelopment of our website which will be a resource driven tool that will give all residents the ability to access important information and apply for services both internal and external to the Township.

We will collectively focus on the current and future needs of our community.

Please help us to grow Palatine Township to deliver prosperity for all who live in our community.

Should you need any assistance, please contact me or our staff at 847-358-6700.

Sincerely,

Andy-John G. Kalkounos
Supervisor, Palatine Township

