

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



SPRING 2022



Message from Supervisor Kalkounos

Annual Town Meeting

The Township was honored to have 1st Sergeant Bryan Anderson as our guest and Moderator of the Palatine Township Annual Town meeting. Bryan Anderson is a resident of Palatine Township, a Purple Heart recipient and our hometown hero. His courage, determination and hope are an inspiration for all our lives. His valuable work as an advocate and voice for his fellow veterans and service-personnel inspires us with his book, "No Turning Back." Bryan Anderson is a combat veteran, a spokesperson, author and actor in film and television. We thank him for his service to our Township and our Nation.



Clerk Lisa Moran and
1st Sergeant Bryan Anderson

New Township Assessor

Bill Pohlman, a longtime public servant and humanitarian, was appointed to and sworn in as the Township Assessor. Pohlman took office on May 1st and was sworn in by Honorable Judge John Curry and joined by daughter Carrie Pohlman and Scott Richards. Pohlman replaced former Assessor Terry Kelly who retired his office. Assessor Pohlman has served the Township as a trustee for over 10 years and he received the Township Patriot Award. His community work includes: Jaycees, Son of the American Legion and Rotary.



L-R Bill Pohlman, Carrie Pohlman,
Scott Richards and Judge John Curry

Hoffman Estates Fire Protection District Appointment of Susan L. Atchison

Longtime local business person and resident of Palatine Township Susan Atchison was reappointed to the Hoffman Estates Fire Protection District at the April Board Meeting. Palatine Township includes Hoffman Estates, Arlington Heights, Barrington, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and South Barrington. Thank you for your continued service, Trustee!



L-R, Trustee Smolka, Clerk Moran, Supervisor
Kalkounos, Susan Atchison, Trustee Svenson,
Trustee Bolanos, Assessor Pohlman

New Township Trustee

John M. Freese was appointed as the new Trustee for Palatine Township. He was sworn in by the Honorable (former Presiding Judge 3rd Dist. Rolling Meadows) James A. Geocarlis and joined by Linda Rashid. A retired 34 year veteran Sergeant in the Rolling Meadows Police Department, Trustee Freese is filling the vacancy created by the appointment of Bill Pohlman as Assessor. Trustee Freese was formerly the Field Training Officer and currently serves on the Police Pension Board. His continued service to the Palatine Township community is welcomed on the Township board.



L-R John M. Freese, Linda Rashid and
Judge James A. Geocarlis

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

HOW GENERAL ASSISTANCE CAN HELP TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS



General Assistance (GA) is mandated by Illinois State Law for qualified individuals in need of ongoing financial assistance. It is the program of last resort. This program meets our clients' most basic

needs. Palatine Township's General Assistance Department administers this Public Assistance Program to its residents.

The GA department provides financial support, information, referrals, and guidance to Township residents facing hardship. We dedicate time to consulting, advising, counseling, and assisting some of the most at-risk, distressed, vulnerable residents in the community. Our goal is to help residents achieve self-sufficiency.

When we meet with clients or take a call, we can work with that individual from five minutes to an hour

depending on the scope of service(s) the client needs. Our caseworkers take great care to analyze and assess the clients' needs. During the intake process, caseworkers ask clients for specific needs, secondary needs, etc. to understand the whole picture of the clients' financial, emotional, and physical situation.

We also successfully partner with and have built relationships with other agencies so we can seek assistance and provide referrals to meet the needs of the entire family; if our office is unable to directly assist, our clients are handed off to the appropriate agency.

Our office administers energy assistance through LIHEAP, Emergency Assistance coordinated with the Township Supervisor, Salvation Army Assistance, Mobile Dental Clinic, and many more programs!

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM



Schools are out for summer break, and the Township is excited to prepare for our Annual Back To School Supplies Program (previously "Apple Tree") in-person once again. Children will be able to choose a brand new backpack with school supplies. The overwhelming support and generous donations of our community makes this Township program successful.

We will kick-off the program at the Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 2. Please bring your donations of new school supplies or cash to the parade, and we will be collecting as we walk the parade route.

Drop off donations at the Township center during normal business hours through July 26th. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, send a check payable to the Palatine Township Needy Family or donate via PayPal on our website.

If you would like to help with sorting supplies, preparing the backpacks or the distribution, please contact the Township for details. Distribution of supplies is scheduled from July 28th through July 30th at Palatine Township.

If you know a family in need of our services, please contact the Township. For a complete list of school supplies, please visit the Township website.

ICOMPETE SUMMER CAMP is a collaborative partnership with the Palatine Township, Palatine Park District, Partners for Our Communities, Palatine High School, Community Consolidated School District 15, and the Palatine Police Department. ICompete provides a youth summer camp for underserved children ages 6-11 years who live in the NE quadrant of Palatine from

July 11- July 29 at Falcon Park. (Registration is closed.) Community support is vital for the camp's success and a \$100 donation will help one child attend camp. Any donation amount is appreciated. Please mail checks payable to Palatine Township-Sponsor A Child, to 721 S. Quentin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067. To learn more about ICompete, please visit www.poc.news.

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT SUMMER HARVEST



If you are one of the many talented gardeners in our Township, please keep the Food Pantry in mind when your homegrown bounty comes in! If you freeze or can all that your family needs and give the extra to friends

and neighbors, please consider donating produce from your homegrown garden to the Food Pantry. Your extras will make a difference improving the nutritional life of those experiencing food insecurities.

Deb, one of our very generous donors, dedicated several rows in her personal garden to be able to contribute tomatillos and root vegetables for Food Pantry clients.

This is an amazing example of our community in action. Our own Township garden also provides herbs, vegetables, and flowers planted and raised by volunteers for our Food Pantry. The best days to donate fresh produce to the Food Pantry are Monday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM. We can distribute those fresh items throughout the whole week.

With the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of our donors, our Food Pantry is helping to feed families during these difficult inflationary times. Palatine Township will be collecting non-perishable items for the Food pantry, monetary donations and school supplies at the Independence Day Parade on July 2.

If you are struggling to provide food for yourself and your family, call Palatine Township at 847-358-6121 for assistance.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION



Are you registered for Palatine Townships' Senior and Disabled Resident Transportation service? You are eligible if you are a Palatine Township resident, age 60 or over, or disabled. The service transports you

anywhere in Palatine Township with a cost of \$2.50 each way. This bus will also transport our riders to Arlington Heights for medical appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Special shopping trips are also a feature of our service and the scheduling of our Tuesday trips is based on participation.

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, and Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois and Rush Medical Center and more. Your cost is 1 \$5.00 each way and \$10 for crossing 2 or more township borders.

Register for transportation programs online at our website or by visiting the Palatine Township office or call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous (5 Anonymous Donations totaling)	\$12,800
Chicago Stool & Chair	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$13,800

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$2,500
Marmon Holdings	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$4,500

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Catholic Community of St. Theresa Parish (Donation as part of Lenten almsgiving dedicated to several area food pantries.)	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$2,000

COMBINED TOTAL through 5/13/2022 \$20,300

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT



*Highway Commissioner
Aaron Del Mar*

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

We began our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas in April and will continue through the Thanksgiving week. The yard waste is processed and allowed to age for a year, becoming compost. Once the compost has been cooled, we make it available free for everyone within the Township. Although we quickly ran out of material this spring, we will have more for the autumn months. Check our Facebook page for availability and keep your eyes open to the stockpiles as this product does move quick and there is a limited supply. Focused on Earth Day, we continued our popular Tire Amnesty Program to collect unwanted tires from residents in Palatine Township. We remained focused on green initiatives and consider new programs that might benefit your community. Although it is summertime, we are already planning for winter. We organized, accepted, and opened bid documents for a two-year contract of delivered bulk treated rock salt to be used for snow and ice control operations. Together, we worked with the Village of Inverness in combining our quantities to realize the lowest, responsible unit price.

Back to summer, strong storms seem to appear without warning and can leave a path of debris. Always have multiple ways to receive alert information such as your cell phone, text messages like Wireless Emergency Alerts, local radio and tv stations, NOAA weather radios, and outdoor sirens. Know the difference between a watch and a warning. Watches are meant to keep you alert with an eye on the sky. While warnings are meant for you to act and look for cover. A great source for information is weather.gov/lot/severeprep. Winds strong enough to damage trees, hail, torrential downpours, and even a brief tornado may occur with the strongest storms. Road crews are dispatched after the storms to ensure that any obstructed roadways have been cleared. If damage is extensive, road crews can focus on collecting storm damage from private properties. Please call to schedule a pick up. We will only collect storm damage if the debris has been placed with branch or cut side facing the edge of the street. If you have small brush or branches, please tie them with twine in bundles 4 ft. or less in length and 2 ft. or less in diameter.

As we mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are in the process of coordinating the resurfacing of the roadways within the center of Township located in Lake Park Estates Subdivision. Earlier this year, we trimmed all the parkway trees for roadway clearance and removed any dead or diseased trees. Next, we surveyed the roadways for drainage concerns and made corrections needed to ensure positive drainage. Additionally, we removed and replaced an old 47" x 71" corrugated metal pipe with a 3' x 6' concrete box culvert and made some minor creek improvements. We then installed new high intensity prismatic traffic signs to provide better retro-reflectivity of sight. Finally, we milled the roadways 2", inspected, patched, primed, and resurfaced with 2" of asphalt surface course.

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

Would you like to receive email alerts from the Assessor's Office informing you of important upcoming dates for property tax appeals, upcoming seminars and other property tax matters?

Now you can. The process is very simple. Email dgamboa@palatinetownship-il.gov and we'll add you to the list. That is all that is needed. Once completed, you will receive an auto reply letting you know of your success. We won't bombard you with unsolicited email, just important information and dates regarding your property taxes.

In Palatine Township we have made applying for appeals simple. You can still come into our office and file an appeal. During appeals, we also have forms that you can pick up outside of our main entrance which you can fill out at your convenience and drop off at the Township. You can even email appeals@palatinetownship-il.gov with your name, address, phone number and email address and we will submit your appeal.

There are a number of exemptions you can apply for to help reduce your property taxes. If you would like to receive additional information regarding the senior exemption, the senior freeze, and the disabled veterans as well as disabled person exemptions, please call us at 847-358-6164.

There are two periods each year when you can appeal your property taxes although the dates are different each year. With a fluctuating filing period and a short 30-day window to file your property tax appeals, it is important to know when Palatine Township is open for appeals. Getting email notifications will keep you up to date on all property tax matters at the Township.

The Palatine Township Assessor's Office looks forward to helping you reduce your property taxes and getting all the exemptions you are qualified to receive.



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

A SUMMER CHALLENGE

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer now that it's finally here – whether you are taking time off or busy with your day-to-day jobs and families. I have a challenge for each and every one of you – myself included!

We all know people in our community that are vulnerable. The standard definition of a vulnerable individual is someone in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability or risk of abuse or neglect. Vulnerable individuals come from all ages, religions, races, national origins, ethnicities, sexual orientations, etc. We know them from any number of different ways. Maybe it's the grocery store clerk. Maybe it's the boy cutting your lawn. Maybe it's the elderly lady who lives next door. Many of them are too proud to ask for help, but we know generally who they are.

Let's all step up to help at least one person in need and recruit other family members and neighbors to do the same. The needs of each of these vulnerable individuals are different. It may be as simple as getting them groceries or as complicated as contacting a family member or social worker and helping them to relocate or to get medical care.

I can promise you that these small overtures can make a huge difference in the life of another. Please feel free to reach out to the wonderful people here at the Township for ideas, assistance, resources and relationships with supporting partners. Let's not let these brave people fall through the cracks. No excuses. Thank you!



Trustee A. Christine Svenson

CLERK'S OFFICE BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

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.



Clerk Lisa Moran



Honoring Blue Star parents Patrick and Nicole Gratzianna, parents of Air Force Airman First Class Mason Gratzianna.

(L-R) Trustee Polhman, Trustee Smolka, Highway Commissioner Del Mar, Clerk Moran, Palatine Mayor Schwantz, Nicole Gratzianna, Gia Gratzianna, Patrick Gratzianna, Supervisor Kalkounos, Trustee Bolanos and Trustee Svenson.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE JUNE 28, 2022 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

June 27, 2022 is the last day Mail Ballots can be postmarked and the last day to early vote. A list of all Early Voting Sites with dates and times is listed below:

Palatine Location:

(Previously the temporary Village Hall)
150 W Wilson St
Palatine, IL 60067

Hoffman Estates Village Hall

1900 Hassell Rd
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Rolling Meadows Courthouse, Room 238

2121 Euclid Ave
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

June 13 to June 27	<p>Early Voting: Monday – Saturday, June 13 – 18: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday, June 19: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Saturday: June 20 – 25, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Sunday, June 26: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday, June 27: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM</p>
June 27	<p>Last Day to Mail Ballot: must be postmarked June 27</p>

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 2 Independence Day Parade,
Back To School Supplies Kick Off and Food Pantry collection at the parade
- 4 Palatine Township Closed for Holiday
- 5 - 26 Drop Off for Back To School Supplies Program at the Township Center
- 28 - 30 Back To School Supplies Program distribution at Township Center

AUGUST

- 19-21 Palatine Street Fest

SEPTEMBER

- 2 ½ day for Labor Day Holiday
- 5 Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- 6 Thanksgiving Donor registration begins,
Adopt-A-Family Donor registration begins
- 17 Shredding Day 9 AM - 11 AM, Township Center Parking Lot, 721 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine
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. 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.

OCTOBER

- 15 Textile Recycling Event, Township Center Parking Lot, 721 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine
This event will responsibly repurpose and recycle textiles and keep them from the landfill! This free event is beneficial for residents and for our environment. Please visit our website for a list of acceptable items. (Items not accepted for Textile Recycling include appliances, furniture, tires, paint, mattresses, and hazardous waste.) Your items will be sorted, recycled and repurposed.

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVALS

Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

If you're looking to have some fun and celebrate the 4th of July, then the festivals in Palatine Township are for you. Great carnival rides, fabulous entertainment, good food and refreshments as well as parades and fireworks. Everything you and your family need to celebrate our nation's independence.

- Palatine Jaycee Fourth of July Festival is hosting the Hometown Fest on July 2 at 11 AM. Palatine Township will lead the parade and elected officials and volunteers will collect food, school supplies and cash donations for the Food Pantry and Back To School Supplies programs.
- Palatine's Hometown Fest runs from June 30th through July 4th with fireworks on Sunday at dusk. Family Day begins at 12 PM on Monday.
- Northwest Fourth-Fest at the NOW Arena/Village Green in Hoffman Estates, runs from June 30th through July 4th and is sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Park District. Festivities include bingo, Kid's Zone and entertainment from How Rude, Too Hype Crew, Run Forrest Run and 7th Heaven. The parade is begins 9 AM on Saturday July 2nd and fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, July 3rd at 9:30 PM.
- Arlington Heights Frontier Days runs from June 30th through July 4th. Main stage entertainment includes 7th Heaven, Ace Frehley, Scheff, Steve Augeri and American English with additional entertainment from local bands on the Frontier stage. The parade is on Monday, July 4th starting at 10 AM at Dunton and Oakton.
- Rolling Meadows will have all of their celebration on Monday, July 4th. Their parade kicks off at 11:30 AM using the Owl Drive route and the fireworks display goes off at dusk at Community Center Park.

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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Arlington Heights
Mayor Thomas Hayes
847-259-6337

Barrington
Village President Karen Darch
847-304-3445

Hoffman Estates
Mayor William McLeod
847-781-2604

Inverness
Mayor Jack Tatoes
847-358-7740

Palatine
Mayor Jim Schwantz
847-358-7500

Rolling Meadows
Mayor Joe Gallo
847-394-8500 x1050

Schaumburg
Village President Tom Dailly
847-923-4402

South Barrington
Mayor Paula McCombie
847-381-7510

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Commissioner 14th District
Scott Britton
847-729-9300

Commissioner 15th District
Kevin Morrison
847-519-7674

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Toni Preckwinkle
312-603-6400

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54th District Representative
Thomas Morrison
847-202-6584

56th District Representative
Michelle Mussman
847-923-9104

57th District Representative
Jonathan Carroll
847-229-5499

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26th District Senator
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224-662-4544

27th District Senator
Ann Gillespie
847-749-1880

28th District Senator
Laura Murphy
847-718-1110

29th District Senator
Julie Morrison
847-945-5200

Governor JB Pritzker
312-814-2121

Federal Government

6th District US Representative
Sean Casten
630-520-9450

8th District US Representative
Raja Krishnamoorthi
847-413-1959

US Senator Richard Durbin
312-353-4952

US Senator Tammy Duckworth
312-886-3506