

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



SUMMER 2023



Message from Supervisor Kalkounos

Annual Town Meeting

The Township was honored to have Jeanne Pavlica as our guest and Moderator of the Palatine Township Annual Town Meeting. Jeanne Pavlica is a resident of Palatine Township and is the "Clarinda Cady Quester"s Chairwoman. The Cady Questers have raised money that helped with some of the work as well as the purchase of a new fence at Cady Cemetery. (She was assisted by Donna Monco.) We thank you for your continued care of a historic Palatine cemetery.



Clerk Moran and Jeanne Pavlica

Palatine Township Transportation

Palatine Township passed Resolution 09-23 at the April Board Meeting effectively lowering the cost of a one way ride down to \$2.00. Our Transportation Department serves disabled residents and senior citizen residents over the age of 60. We also process Benefit Access applications with the State of Illinois. The Benefit Access Program provides qualified disabled and senior residents with free transit benefits as well as a Secretary of State License Plate discount. Our mission is to serve our community and lowering the cost of the ride for our residents assists our residents in these high inflationary times.

Hoffman Estates Fire Protection District Appointment of Irene Herzau

Longtime local resident of Palatine Township Irene Herzau was reappointed to the Hoffman Estates Fire Protection District at the April Board Meeting. Thank you for your continued service, Trustee Herzau!



Trustee Herzau

Inverness Fire Protection District Appointment of Gerald Chapman

Longtime local resident of Palatine Township Gerald Chapman was reappointed to the Inverness Fire Protection District at the April Board Meeting. The Inverness Fire Protection District serves unincorporated areas of Palatine Township, Schaumburg Township and a majority of the Village of Inverness. Thank you for your continued service, Trustee Chapman!



Trustee Chapman

Happy 50th Anniversary to Palatine Township Senior Center

Palatine Township was honored to present the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council with a Resolution and plaque celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council! Joining the Palatine Township Board for the presentation were Donelda Danz, Board Chair, Nancy Frenk, Director of Social Services, Amanda Seidel, Social Services representative, Diane Lancour, Director of the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council.



Palatine Township Board and Palatine Township Senior Citizen Council

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS WITH WATER BILLS



LIHWAP

Last program year, the Community Economic Development Association (CEDA), began offering the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This program was designed to assist customers who were disconnected, in imminent disconnect status, or had arrearages with their water and wastewater bills.

New this program year, in addition to Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which assists with gas and electric bills, all income-qualifying households can apply for LIHWAP, regardless of the household's connection status or bill amounts. Customers who have a zero past-due balance on their water and wastewater bills can also apply for LIHWAP.

WHO QUALIFIES

This year, we are so happy to support our clients even more by helping them apply for assistance with their water bills and ultimately, avoiding disconnection from their utilities. Due to higher energy costs, many of our residents are struggling to keep up, especially those on a fixed income.

Township Residents in need of assistance are encouraged to contact our General Assistance Office at 847-358-6110 to see if they qualify.

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

"BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES" PROGRAM



PALATINE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE SATURDAY JULY 1, 2023

The official program kick-off for the "Back to School Supplies" Program is at the Hometown Fest Independence Day Parade. Palatine Township will collect in advance of the parade.

A new school year is right around the corner and Palatine Township is excited to prepare for our annual Back to School Supplies Program. The overwhelming generosity of our community is what makes this Township program successful. Children will receive a brand new backpack filled with necessary school supplies to help them have a successful school year.

You may donate in the following ways:

- Needed school supplies are listed on the Township website
- Please bring new school supplies, food or cash to the parade
- Donations may also be dropped off at the Township during normal business hours
- If you prefer to make a monetary donation, visit our website for details

If you know a family in need of our services, please contact the Township at 847-358-6700



DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

The Plexus Groupe LLC	\$1,200
Carl Dohn Jr.	\$3,000
Scott and Yvonne Herr	\$2,000
Rutlond John Sellers	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$7,200

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 690	\$1,600
Total Food Pantry Donations	Total \$1,600

PAYPAL DONATIONS

Stacy Plichita	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$2,000

COMBINED TOTAL from 1/27/23 – 5/01/23 \$10,800

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT A LIFELINE FOR NEIGHBORS



Please remember the Township this summer when you are grocery shopping or gardening. While summertime is often associated with camping, trips to the pool, and picnics, to many Palatine Township neighbors, this season means hunger and food insecurity, particularly households with children who rely on their daily meals through school.

Palatine Township depends on The Greater Chicago Food Depository, grocery stores, and donors to address food insecurities that face families in our community. During these summer months, Palatine Township Food Pantry has incredible partners to help get fresh produce in to the hands of our neighbors in need.

Many churches, local gardeners, and our own Township garden, continue to contribute herbs, flowers, and vegetables

to ensure shoppers have nutritious food each month. We welcome any local gardeners to share your harvest with the food pantry.

Kathy, one of our volunteers, tends to the Township garden as well as her own and brings in flowers to share with our clients. All of our volunteers' efforts and dedication to our community and pantry makes all the difference to ensure everyone has the resources they need to thrive.

Because fresh produce and nutritional food items tend to cost more, please consider donating to Palatine Township's Food Pantry.

If you or someone you know would like to donate, please call Palatine Township at 847-358-6167 or visit our website.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION



LOWERING COSTS AND EXPANDING SERVICES

Palatine Township continues to improve its transportation service to benefit residents. Beginning May 30, 2023, a 20% reduction was applied to the Township one-way fare lowering to \$2.00 for appointments or errands within Palatine Township.

Palatine Township provides reliable curb-to-curb bus service to all senior residents (ages 60 years and older) and residents with a permanent disability (age 18 and older). The bus transports eligible residents to appointments or errands Monday through Friday. Eligible residents are able to go to medical appointments in Arlington Heights Mondays through Friday. Special shopping trips are scheduled on Tuesdays.

July 11	- Kohl's, Arlington Heights	August 1	- Woodfield Mall
August 22	- Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights	September 12	- Deer Park Town Center
July 18	- Deer Park Town Center	August 8	- Kohl's, Arlington Heights
August 2	- Woodfield Mall	September 19	- Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights
July 25	- Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights	August 15	- Deer Park Town Center
September 5	- Kohl's, Arlington Heights	September 26	- Woodfield Mall

The T.R.I.P. bus service:

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, serving the seven surrounding townships as well as North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush Medical Center, Stroger Cook County Hospital, and University of Illinois Hospital.

If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

DONATE

Help families year-round with donations 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

It seems these days we are experiencing more localized flooding through the metro area. For your reference, floodplains are defined as any area that floods because of a specific type of storm, most commonly a 100-year storm event. This storm event is not simply defined as a storm that occurs within 100 years, rather it is a probability description. In essence, a 100-year storm event has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year while a 50-year storm event has a 2% chance, and a 10-year storm has a 10% chance. Additionally, the amount of rainfall used to categorize storm events has increased.



What used to be a 100-year storm event in 24 hours was 7.58 inches is now 8.57 inches, a 13% increase. This means in years past a 7.58 inch rain would have been considered a 100-year storm event, however now it is similar to a 50-year storm event. Statistically this means that we have a 2% chance of this type of storm (7.58 inches in 24 hours) in any given year.



Strong summer 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. 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 pickup. 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.

We are in the process of resurfacing the roadways in the northwest corner of the Township, Hillside Road Subdivisions including Crooked Creek Trail. 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. We milled the roadways 2", inspected, patched, primed, and resurfaced with 2" of asphalt surface course. Finally, we installed high intensity prismatic traffic signs and recessed roadway delineators to provide better retro-reflectivity of sight. 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.



Thank you once again for your continued support. 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 or call us at 847.358.6336.

Sincerely,

Aaron Del Mar
Highway Commissioner



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ASSESSOR YouTube VIDEOS



Most people would rather have something explained to them rather than read the details. That is why the Assessor's office created a series of videos explaining the different types of exemptions and the requirements to receive them. You can see them on YouTube under Palatine Township Assessor.

We have four videos. One gives an overview of all the common exemptions, another for disabled exemptions and a final one covers the most common exemptions for seniors. The fourth video answers the most asked question in our office... "Why do my taxes go up even if the worth of my property goes down?"

Each of the videos explains how the exemption will help the homeowner with their property taxes and the basic requirements for the exemption, and the necessary paperwork for the exemptions. The answer for "why do my property taxes go up even when my property value goes down" is a complicated question because of how the property tax system works. These videos take you through all the things that can affect your property taxes and explains why these issues will cause your taxes to increase.

Our office is here to answer all your questions when it comes to your property taxes and to make it as simple as possible for you to submit your exemptions to Cook County. The Palatine Township Assessor's office has all the forms, we will walk you through the process and we will even file your exemptions with Cook County. Our office helps you pay only your fair share of property taxes by making sure you get all your exemptions.



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

CLERK'S OFFICE TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS



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



Palatine Township needs your help identifying its centenarians – people who have lived for 100 or more years. The Township Board would like to honor them in a number of special ways including a Township Certificate of Recognition; acknowledgment in the Township's newsletter; if their health allows, attend a special Township Resolution Presentation Ceremony where we will honor the centenarian(s) life; commemorative pictures with their family and the Board; and, finally, refreshments. Your respective Mayor or Village President will also be invited to attend.



Clerk Lisa Moran

Please go to our website and check under the Programs and Events section to learn more about Centenarian Recognition. Or, contact the Clerk's Office at 847-358-6700 with questions.

AROUND TOWN

Palatine Township connecting with community

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



Thank you to all of those who donated to the Dundee Quarter fire victims



Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos transporting donations for the Dundee Quarter fire victims



Thank you to School District 15 for their generous food pantry donations



The Rosemary Munson family stands in front of her picture during the Palatine St. Patrick Parade. They love seeing her picture around town and even wave to her on the bus as she passes by. L-R: Janet, Steven, and Susan



Palatine Township residents had the opportunity to drop off documents for shredding



The Palatine Lions Club hosted textile recycling for our Township residents on April 15



Noah and Charlotte sold handmade jewelry and hot chocolate and donated their earnings to the Palatine Food Pantry



Thank you to Sally McDavid and Sharon Jackson from the Auburn Woods HOA for their monthly food donations

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.



Trustee John M. Freese with the Palatine Township Easter bunny during the Easter basket distribution



Palatine Township staff and volunteers distributed Easter baskets March 30



Celebrating the Palatine Township Senior Center 50th Anniversary with Assessor Pohlman, Executive Director Lancour, and Administrator Chychula



The Township Supervisor and staff at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting



The Palatine Township was honored to be nominated as Community Organization of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Keys to Success last year



Inverness Fire Commissioner Toms, Bill Murray, and Inverness Fire District Trustee McKanna at the Annual Town Meeting in April

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos presented Rajinder Mago the Palatine Township Proclamation of April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month



Greeting with Inverness Fire Commissioner Toms and Trustee Freese at the Annual Town Meeting



Honored to work with State Representative Nabeela Syed and her team

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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UNINCORPORATED ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM ENDS

The Palatine Township Board received fixed rate offers via a blind competitive bid process to renew its electric aggregation program which expires at meter read dates in October 2023. Three suppliers responded. The lowest bid received was 7.25¢ per kWh, offering no guarantee of savings for residents. To find out the current ComEd rate go to www.llagg.com/comedrate

Because no offer was accepted, all ratepayers will receive a notice in September from ComEd, a "Confirmation of Change in Electric Supplier," informing of their switch back to ComEd default supply service. No further action need be taken.

Beware: As solicitors learn of the end of the program, aggressive marketing tactics may be employed via mail, phone, text, or door-to-door callers in the community. It is never advised to reveal your ComEd account number to any solicitor, nor to authorize switching of your account until you understand all charges, terms, and conditions of any rates, variable rates, or added fees.

Any technical rate related questions, please contact hello@llagg.com for assistance. For Palatine Township related questions contact the Township directly.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 1 Independence Day Parade
Back to School Supplies Kick Off
- 20-21 Back to School Supplies Distribution

August

- 25-27 Palatine Street Fest

September

- 1 Labor Day-Township closed at Noon
- 4 Labor Day-Township Closed

October

- 14 Textile Recycling

November

- 1 Angel Tree Arrives
- 6-15 Thanksgiving Baskets due @ Township