

PALATINE TOWNSHIP



FALL 2023



Message from Supervisor Kalkounos

"Bringing People Together"



As a lifelong resident of Palatine Township I was honored to be elected to serve as the Palatine Township Supervisor, a four-year elected term ending in 2025.

Palatine Township is home to approximately 115,000 residents and covers 36 square miles. Our boundaries include just north of I-90 to the south, Lake Cook to the north, Wilke Road to the east, and Huntington Blvd to the west. Yes, our future Bears Stadium that is replacing the cherished Arlington Park Racetrack in Arlington Heights resides in Palatine Township!

We successfully serve our residents that span 8 municipalities: Arlington Heights, Barrington, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, and South Barrington. Our working partnerships with these local governments along with community and civic organizations, helps us identify needs. Known for "best in class" social services, we contract with agencies to assist individuals and families in overcoming challenges for a better life.

By law, Illinois townships are charged with three basic functions:

- 1) General Assistance for those in need;
- 2) Assessor's Office for the assessment of real property, appeals and exemptions; and
- 3) Road District for the maintenance of all roads and bridges outside federal, state, and other local jurisdictions.

In practice each township must custom-tailor itself to the needs of their unique communities and Illinois townships do just that. Palatine Township has among the top list of services offered in the state and we are constantly improving. Visit our website or Facebook page to catch a glimpse of all the amazing human services happening right here in your township offices.

I am excited to report to you both as your elected public servant and as a neighbor, your Township operation is running very well, even overcoming staffing challenges that many seem to face.

Much of the credit goes to the diverse and dedicated staff of Palatine Township without whom nothing is possible. The other credit that must be acknowledged... the people that we serve and the volunteers and donors that support them. What a humbling experience to see people we know who quietly give of themselves. Palatine Township is "bringing people together" like never before and we welcome you to see for yourself.



*Relationships matter!
Connecting with local legislators and elected officials at our Town Meeting*



*Presentation of iPad
Insurance check for at-need students to Superintendent Dr. Small at D211*



*Visiting Partners for Our Communities (POC) in Palatine with Representative Fred Crespo
Connecting with valued partners*



Palatine High School culinary students donating to Palatine Township Food Pantry



Better Together Resource Fair at Falcon Park



Major Donor Appreciation: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church for their donation and long standing support



Rolling Meadows Police Department Holiday Food Drive donations to the Food Pantry

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT CEDA HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Colder weather means higher energy bills because it takes more energy to heat your home when the temperature drops. With energy costs on the rise, this hurts vulnerable populations and households who are fixed-income, low-income, those with serious medical conditions, and many others.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their energy bills, CEDA's Utility Assistance Programs can help to alleviate the burden of those higher energy costs by providing help with gas and electric bills in addition to fixing or replacing your heating system.

CEDA's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides heat and electricity assistance to income-eligible households with energy services during the winter months through the DVP and PIPP programs.

DVP (Direct Vendor Payment) applies a one-time payment directly to the utility company for one or both of the household's energy bills for heating and electric during the program year.

While there will be no new PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) enrollments this program year, those who are active PIPP recipients may still recertify.

Program Year 24 begins October 2, 2023 and will run through August 15, 2024 unless funds exhaust sooner. There will be two priority periods where only select households will be able to apply before the program is open to all eligible households on December 1.

Priority Group 1 starts October 2 for households with a senior (60+), person(s) with a disability, and families with children under age of six. Priority Group 2 starts November 1 for households disconnected from one or both utilities or in danger of disconnection from one or both utilities.

Please call the General Assistance office at 847-358-6110 to inquire about eligibility, the list of documents needed to apply, and to schedule your LIHEAP appointment. Applications completed by appointment only.

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our Thanksgiving Basket program helped over 1,000 under-resourced families in our community last year. Our goal is to provide a similar number of baskets this year. Your generous donations will help provide families all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to help a local family in need, please register on our website. Please contact us no later than November 6, 2023 so that we can estimate how many families we will be able to help.

The suggested basket contents are listed below, but feel free to add a card, note or other non-perishable food items.

- Canned Vegetable (up to 4 cans)
- Chicken Broth (2 cans)
- Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate
- Cranberry Sauce (1 can)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (2 cans)
- Cake or brownie mix (up to 2 boxes)
- Evaporated Milk (1 can)
- Fruit (2 cans)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (1 large box)
- Jell-O (2 boxes)
- Piecrust Mix & Pie Filling (1 cans)
- Stuffing Mix (1 bag)
- Sweet Potatoes (2 large can)
- Turkey Gravy (2 cans) Other optional food items: Cereal



If you are interested in donating a basket, please drop off your donations to Palatine Township between November 6 and November 16. We ask our donors not to include perishables

or frozen turkeys in the baskets. Instead, a \$25 grocery store gift card would be appreciated to enable families to purchase a turkey and other perishable items for their meal. Gift cards can be handed to our volunteers and staff to ensure each family receives one.

Volunteers are needed for sorting donations the weeks of November 6 – 10 and November 13 – 17. We will also need volunteers on November 18 for distribution of Thanksgiving baskets.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

There are many families in our community whose financial situations will not allow them to experience a joy-filled holiday season. You can reach out and help one of these families by "adopting" them for the holidays. Register as a donor on our website by November 1. Gifts will be collected and distributed to the families on December 9.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Beginning November 1, the Angel Holiday Trees will be in the Township lobby. The holiday trees will be filled with special "angel" ornaments that will include the name, age, and "wish list" of a child or a senior citizen in need from our community. Register an angel at the Township front desk, shop, and drop off the wrapped gifts during normal business hours at Palatine Township no later than December 1. Thank you for your generosity!

If you know a family in need, please contact the Township at 847-358-6700 or email Reach@PalatineTownship-il.gov

FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT A LIFELINE FOR NEIGHBORS

Every winter, as the days get colder, we are reminded of our neighbors who are forced to make hard choices between food, gas, rent, and utilities. We must ensure everyone has access to proper nutrition, no matter his or her circumstances.

Food plays a crucial role in the holidays, as it quite literally is the "center of the plate." We revolve our traditions around food: it brings families and friends together and it defines many holidays.

When you think of Thanksgiving, many think of turkey and mashed potatoes. For some, Christmas makes you think of ham. For others, tamales are a holiday favorite. So many cultures and holidays are defined by food and we want to make sure we can provide what our community needs to make the holidays shine.

Palatine Township residents continue to come together to support each other during tough times. Help make warm holiday meals and memories possible for our neighbors by making a food or monetary donation to our pantry.

Palatine Township Food Pantry has long prioritized nutrition in our mission. Through creative partnerships with The Greater

Chicago Food Depository, Target, Mariano's, Panera, faith based organizations, businesses, police departments, associations, and residents, we have been able to do just that!

Our food pantry will once again offer Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for Palatine Township residents who cannot sign up for our Thanksgiving Outreach program. Jewel-Osco will provide these pre-cooked meals on a limited basis.

Please remember to visit the Palatine Township lobby after all the Angels are signed out and select food pantry ornaments to help fill the pantry! We are very grateful for your contributions, which help ensure all shoppers have a stocked pantry for the Holidays.

If you know a resident who is struggling to provide food for themselves or their family, please call Palatine Township at 847-358-6167 or visit our website.

One shopper wanted our donors to know that "People donating give us our dignity and respect back. We thank you."

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR & DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION

CONTINUING TO EXPAND OUR SERVICES

If you qualify for Illinois' Benefit Access Program, you are eligible for free Township bus rides. Documentation must be provided to qualify. (Benefit Access does not apply to the T.R.I.P. bus service.)

We've added to our out-of-township destinations: Lake Zurich and Schaumburg Secretary of State Offices

Palatine Township's transportation service is for all senior residents, ages 60 years and older and permanently disabled residents ages 18 and older. Our bus service provides reliable, lift equipped, curb-to-curb transport to appointments or errands anywhere in Palatine Township plus medical appointments in Arlington Heights. This service is available Monday through Friday.

Out-Of-Township Shopping Every Tuesday dates and locations:

Oct. 17 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights	Nov. 21 - Woodfield Mall	Dec. 26 - Closed for Christmas
Oct. 24 - Woodfield Mall	Nov. 28 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights	Jan. 2 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights
Oct. 31 - Kohl's, Arlington Heights	Dec. 5 - Deer Park Town Center	Jan. 9 - Deer Park Town Center
Nov. 7 - Deer Park Town Center	Dec. 12 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights	Jan. 16 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights
Nov. 14 - Trader Joe's, Arlington Heights	Dec. 19 - Woodfield Mall	

T.R.I.P. BUS SERVICE:

For eligible residents needing transportation to medical appointments outside of Palatine Township, the Cost is \$5.00 or \$10.00 each way depending on how far you are traveling. Available Monday through Saturday.

Transporting preregistered clients within the seven surrounding townships plus the following locations:

Glenbrook Hospital, Stroger Cook County, Hines VA and Loyola Hospital, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, North Chicago VA, University of Illinois, Rush Medical Center

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Mary Panfil	\$2,500
Carl Dohn Jr.	\$2,000
Donna Epton	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$8,000

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Dennis & Mary Rose Masek	\$5,000
St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church	\$6,000
Presbyterian Church of Barrington	\$1,500
IT Supplies, Inc	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total	\$15,000
COMBINED TOTAL from 5/2/23 – 8/25/23	\$23,000

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT



Highway Commissioner
Aaron Del Mar

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

Part of the allure of the season that many in the Midwest have come to reminisce, is the smell of burning leaves broadcasting through the countryside. However, burning leaves and other landscape materials



are regulated through local municipalities. They have the authority to impose restrictions on burning landscape waste such as limiting the hours when such burning may occur, types of material allowed, as well as a total ban of open burning. Please check with your local community before burning. Information can be found on our website, www.roaddistrict.com/public-aware.

Through autumn, specifically November 22, we will continue our annual yard waste collection to process into compost. Currently, we do have material available from late last year's collection and is offered to anyone within the Township for pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall locations. This is a great opportunity to winterize your garden beds. Call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed during the autumn months.

The last two winters we received 34.8 and 20.2 inches of snow.



A typical winter sees 38.4 inches. However, past winters have been a story of mixed precipitation. Palatine Township Road District is staffed and equipped to combat the diverse weather of the Chicagoland area. We continually monitor weather

conditions and apply the best technique to battle inclement weather. For instance, on a sunny, cold morning you may see our trucks anti-icing the roadways with salt brine before a winter storm approaches. This pre-treatment forms a barrier between the roadway and frozen precipitation, preventing an icy bond from forming between the two.

Help us to keep your neighbors and other motorists safe by not disposing of snow into the street, a public sidewalk, or even on the parkway across from your property. The best location to properly pile the snow is on the left side of your driveway



as you face your home. This will reduce the amount of snow deposited into your driveway during the following storm event. If a mailbox has been compromised by our municipal plow truck, please notify us immediately so that a temporary mailbox may be installed for continued postal service. Everyone at the Road District greatly appreciates your effort in combating the winter storms and together we will keep the roadways open and safe. Also, keep track of weather conditions by having multiple ways of receiving alerts. We maintain our website and Facebook pages with information pertaining to the weather, our services, permitting, and upcoming and completed projects.

During the middle of the winter season, we will collect pine trees and holiday decorations that have outlasted the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Incorporated areas, please check with your local waste disposal carrier, as they will collect your trees, usually as part of your service. If you live in the unincorporated areas and it is time for disposal, please place your tree without a bag and trunk side to the curb. There is not a set schedule for pick up, as our focus is on snow and ice control. However, when weather permits, we will collect them, process, and add the spoils to the composting material.

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 DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

With Veterans Day approaching, I wanted to remind all those who have served our country of one of the exemptions that is available to them. If you are a disabled U.S. military veteran, you may qualify for a property tax exemption.

To qualify for this exemption, the owner must use the property as their principal residence, be liable for the property taxes, and be a veteran with a disability. The exemption amount carries over for a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran provided that they hold legal title to the property and do not remarry. The exemption amount carries over for the surviving spouse to a new residence if they use the property as their primary residence and do not remarry.

The Veterans with Disabilities Exemption is for veterans with a service-connected disability that has been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA will determine the extent of your disability and your Estimated Market Value or EAV will be reduced by the amount associated with the degree of your disability.

To calculate your EAV, we take the market value of your home and multiply that by 10% to get your home's assessed value. Once we have the assessed value, we multiply that times the

equalization factor set by the state.

Home Market Value \$250,000,
 $\$250,000 \times 10\% = \$25,000$
Assessed Value

EAV = \$25,000 x Equalization
Factor for 2022 (3.0027)

EAV=\$75,068

Once we determine your EAV, the dollar amount associated with your disability is deducted from the EAV. The deductions are:

30 - 49% disabled - EAV reduced by \$2,500

50 – 69% disabled - EAV will be reduced by \$5,000

70% or more disabled - Total Exemption.

You can find out more details on our website or by calling 847-358-6700



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

CLERK'S OFFICE A DAY OF THANKS FOR OUR SAILOR RECRUITS

Thanksgiving Day 2022 was a very special day for the 45 Great Lakes Naval Recruits that made the trip to Palatine's American Legion Post 690. Palatine Township once again collaborated with the Post by providing photo cards for the recruits, which were included with homemade cards and filled with a personal message written by the recruit and mailed to their loved one as a keepsake.

Post 690 provides the recruits with a "Day of Thanks." The Post Family provides dinner, a day of activities and the ability to call home. While at the Navy Base, the recruits are not allowed phone calls and this portion of the day is extremely important to each and every one of them. The Post seeks to provide the recruits a memory that will stay with them their entire life as well as ease the anxiety of being away from loved ones during the holiday season.



For many recruits, it was the first holiday away from family - the first where holiday traditions no longer existed. The military teaches its recruits to grow up quickly and to perform, but it is easy for the individual to be burdened with a sense of loneliness. This event is meant to give them "Thanks" for their dedication to Country and to honor them.



Clerk Lisa Moran

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM?

The American Legion Post 690 asks for your support of their 2023 "Adopt-A-Sailor" Thanksgiving Day program. If you could see it in your heart to help the American Legion in its efforts and send a donation in any dollar amount, they would be deeply honored. All funds will be used to support legion programs and operations. Should you have any questions about this outstanding community program or how to make a donation, please email Sue, at clubadmin@alpost690.us

Just one of the Thanksgiving 2022 Sailor Recruits Card Photos

AROUND TOWN

Palatine Township connecting with community

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



Supervisor Kalkounos and Township staff attended the Better Together Community Resource Fair coordinated by Partners for Our Communities



Trustee Freese and Township staff attended the Brightpoint (formerly known as Children's Home and Aide) open house



Representative Mary Beth Canty, Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz and the Palatine Township Board gathered at the Township Center in June to honor armed service members Jon and Massimo Michelotti and Family



Students had the opportunity to pick up a backpack full of school supplies donated by generous donors through the annual "Back to School Program"



Thank you to our volunteers and staff who participated in the Back to School Program "Kick-Off" at the annual Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest Parade

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.



The Van Cleave family helped to organize the Presbyterian Church of Barrington 5k. This 2nd annual 5k benefited the Palatine Township Food Pantry in the amount of \$1,500



We honor and remember our fallen heroes on Memorial Day and were honored to participate in the Annual Memorial Day parade and program



Supervisor Andy-John G. Kalkounos met with Vet Center representatives James Harkins Military/Vetrans Outreach Specialist and Acting Director Lisa Booker, LCSW



Meeting with 26th District State Senator Dan McConchie at the annual Palatine Memorial Day Program

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



Palatine Township Volunteer Appreciation Event



Honored to work with Cook County Commissioner Maggie Trevor 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.ilagg.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@ilagg.com for assistance. For Palatine Township related questions contact the Township directly.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 9 Columbus Day-Township Closed
- 14 Textile Recycling

November

- 1 Angel Tree Arrives
- 4 Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Drive Through
- 6-16 Thanksgiving Baskets due at Township
- 18 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

December

- 1 Angel Tree Gifts Due at Township
- 5-6 Angel Tree Distribution
- 7-8 Adopt-A-Family Gifts due at Township
- 9 Adopt-A-Family Distribution