

# PALATINE TOWNSHIP



SPRING 2024



## A Message from Supervisor Kalkounos

### Palatine Township is the Primary Source of Humanitarian Aid in Your Community



Many of our neighbors and school-aged kids struggle with food insecurity and daily needs. Your Township provides support through our client choice food pantry, shelter through general assistance and emergency assistance programs and transportation for our elderly and disabled. Our outreach programs provide Thanksgiving and Easter baskets, holiday gifts and school supplies. We recently expanded access to the on-site VetCenter and IL Department of Veterans' Affairs. Our Road District Department maintains infrastructure in the public right of way, such as paving, snow plowing and drainage for the unincorporated areas. We advocate for your residential property with appeals and exemptions at the Assessor's Office.

In addition to valuable in-house programs, Palatine Township supports dozens of not-for-profit agencies offering local residents assistance with senior services, mental health, day care, at-risk youth and poverty. Township government collects the lowest amount of taxes with the greatest impact in community, thanks to taxpayers, volunteers and donors.

For a third year in a row, our Township Board voted for a "0%" increase in the tax levy. We are excited to expand services like never before, while remaining fiscally responsible and exploring efficiencies in our government. As Township Supervisor and with the support of the Township Board, the decision was made to consolidate bank accounts and swiftly take advantage of high-yield interest rates greatly benefiting the people's Treasury. Moving funds to local community banks resulted in over \$189,000 of interest income. Equally significant is the ease of use and understanding of our financial ecosystem. Transparency is important for both auditors and the public.

Good news from down state! At the Annual Township Officials of IL Conference, we won "Best Innovative Program" for a pilot-program, "Donors Empowering Area Residents" (D.E.A.R.). It was created during rising inflation to help qualified residents receive a \$25 gift card at their food pantry visit to purchase necessities at local grocers and fuel stations. Over \$76,000 in gift card assistance was carefully dispersed, entirely funded by donations to the Needy Family Fund, 501c3. No tax dollars were used for this. On behalf of the staff and recipients, I would like to extend our thanks to the community for their generosity. *We are very fortunate to have a strong township team who creatively responds with timely solutions making a real impact in people's lives.* It's gratifying public-service work.

We extend an invitation for each and every one of you to join us at the Annual Town Meeting April 9, 2024. Historically, this meeting reflects the most fundamental type of government. This is a good time to meet your local officials over a cup of coffee, so please come on out. "Think Globally, Act Locally" (René Jules Dubos).

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT ENERGY ASSISTANCE



Palatine Township continues to schedule in-person and remote appointments for the Low Income Home Energy Services Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for income-eligible households. If you haven't already applied, the deadline to apply is August 15, 2024, unless funds exhaust sooner.

LIHEAP provides assistance to income eligible households with energy services during the winter months. To help alleviate a household's energy costs, a one-time payment, DVP (Direct Vendor Payment), is made directly to the utility company for one or both of the household's energy bills for heating and electric. The payment amount is determined by income, household size and fuel type.

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

Please pass along this information to anyone who might benefit from this program.

All required documentation must be provided at the time of the appointment.

- Proof of Social Security card for any new applicants
- Proof of 30-day gross income for all household members 18 and over
- A copy of the most current gas and electric bills
- Any other applicable documents specific to the household

# PER HOUSEHOLD	MONTHLY GROSS INCOME
1	\$2,430
2	\$3,287
3	\$4,143
4	\$5,000
5	\$5,857
6	\$6,713
7	\$7,570

## OUTREACH DEPARTMENT EASTER BASKET PROGRAM



With Easter fast approaching, Palatine Township is requesting donated baskets filled with goodies and small toys for children ages 12 and under. Much like the Township's other Outreach programs, the Easter Basket Program identifies local families in need in our community.

Please stop by the Township through March 15, 2024 to pick out an egg cut-out that includes the name and age of the child or register on our website.

Wrap your basket in cellophane, include your egg cut-out and return it to the Township by March 19, 2024. The value of the basket and contents should be approximately \$25.00 with items such as small toys, games, hair accessories, coloring books, crayons, books and edible items in their original packaging, etc.

If you prefer, you can make a tax-deductible donation to our Needy Family Fund by check or online. Your donations allow Palatine Township to change a child's life.

### iCOMPETE SUMMER CAMP

iCompete provides a youth summer camp for under-resourced children ages 6-11 years who live in the northeast quadrant of Palatine. The camp will meet July 13, 2024 - July 27, 2024 at Falcon Park Recreation Center. iCompete 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. Community support is vital to ensure the camp's success.

A \$70.00 donation will help one child attend camp, but all donations are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Palatine Township Sponsor A Child and sent to 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067. For more information on iCompete, please visit the Partners for Our Communities website.

## DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

### NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous (various donors)	\$8,825.86
Corporate America Family Credit Union	\$4,000.00
Herr Family Foundation	\$3,000.00
Kostas Gyros	\$3,000.00
Carl Dohn Jr	\$3,000.00
Plum Grove Estates Property Owners	\$2,827.00
Steve & Debbie Pohl	\$2,500.00
Mary Panfil	\$2,500.00
Chris & Alex Noon	\$2,500.00
Ann Bonk	\$2,400.00
David Corbett	\$2,000.00
Whitecliff Community	\$1,835.39
Palatine Jaycees	\$1,000.00

Maureen McNett	\$1,000.00
David Braunschweig	\$1,000.00
Susan Veller	\$1,000.00
Robert Hinrichs	\$1,000.00
Don & Karen Norman	\$1,000.00
Leah Schlott	\$1,000.00
Robinson Family Trust	\$1,000.00
John & Janet Zelenka	\$1,000.00
John D. & Ruth Sellers	\$1,000.00
Ken Indeck	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,388.25</b>

### PAYPAL DONATIONS

V. Strobel	\$5,000.00
Kevin Wright	\$3,000.00
Leslee Johnson	\$1,500.00
Jack Groot	\$1,020.80

Mary McNamara	\$1,000.00
Amit Marathe	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,520.80</b>

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Pebble Creek HOA	\$5,115.00
David Corbett	\$4,000.00
Jennifer & Richard Cicciu	\$2,000.00
Holy Ghost Council No. 4977	
Knights of Columbus	\$1,820.00
Richard & Virginia Godek	\$1,000.00
Charles M. Oberly	\$1,000.00
Chris & Carol Benson	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,935.00</b>

### COMBINED TOTAL from

8/26/23 – 1/17/24	\$77,844.05
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## FOOD PANTRY DEPARTMENT A LIFELINE FOR NEIGHBORS



FOOD PANTRY

Palatine Township's Food Pantry continuously strives to meet the needs of our community. With a significant, steady rise in food pantry clients over the last several years, your donations continue to help the food pantry address the increase and the ever-changing needs of our clients.

From providing historic levels of food and essentials during record-high inflation to offering diabetic and heart healthy food choices, our food pantry serves our residents. We work hard to provide everyone with the food they need while also focusing on familiar foods that can offer a sense of comfort during a stressful time.

As the need for food assistance remains high, we ask for your continued support to ensure that no one goes hungry in Palatine Township. Partner with us to end community hunger by hosting a food drive.

As spring approaches, we ask gardeners to plant an extra row or two and donate the extra bounty to the food pantry. Your garden produce provides additional nutrient-rich foods while promoting a healthier lifestyle.

Please visit our Palatine Township's Food Pantry page on our website or contact us directly to inquire about the items needed in the pantry as this list is regularly updated to respond to our clients' needs.

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

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR & DISABLED RESIDENTS



TRANSPORTATION

### CONTINUING TO EXPAND OUR SERVICES

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

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 the Palatine Township, plus medical appointments in Arlington Heights. This service is available Monday through Friday.



**March 5** - Kohl's Arlington Heights

**March 12** - Woodfield Mall

**March 19** - Trader Joe's Arlington Heights

**March 26** - Deer Park Town Center

**April 2** - Woodfield Mall

**April 9** - Trader Joe's Arlington Heights

**April 16** - Kohl's Arlington Heights

**April 23** - Deer Park Town Center

**April 30** - Arlington Downtown

**May 7** - Trader Joe's Arlington Heights

**May 14** - Woodfield Mall

**May 21** - Kohl's Arlington Heights

**May 28** - Deer Park Town Center

### TOWNSHIP RIDERS INITIATIVE PROGRAM (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. T.R.I.P. is available Monday through Saturday.

Transportation for preregistered T.R.I.P. clients travels within the seven surrounding townships plus the following locations: Glenbrook Hospital, Stroger Cook County, Hines VA, North Chicago VA, University of Illinois, Rush Medical Center and Loyola Hospital Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

## DONATE

Help families year-round with donations to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, a 501c3 Corporation.



DONATE



# PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

## FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

Your governmental services are paid through property taxes which are levied on your annual property tax statement from the Cook County Assessor's Office. As Highway Commissioner of Palatine Township, we once again reduced our levy, your tax obligation. By State Statute, our 2023 Tax Levy is further split, as we receive approximately half the amount. The other half is distributed to local municipalities to fund additional 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, vehicles and facilities to maintain these roadways.



Our 2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budget was approved earlier this year and operates from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. This operating budget is funded by the 2023 Tax Levy and is a separate ordinance. Each year is completely different from the year's past

as we account for the annual and multiyear equipment, building and infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs. Like most everyone, we continue to plan for a third year of higher inflation, ongoing supply chain shortages and energy increases. This year we plan to finish roadway improvements along the Hillside Road corridor and within the Thunderbird Estates Subdivision. Compromised concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced, roadways will be milled, patched and resurfaced.

Our continued services that have been scheduled this year include the 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. Bookending Earth Day, the tire amnesty program will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday April 20, 2024, and Saturday April 27, 2024. We will begin our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas on April 1, 2024, and will continue through Thanksgiving week, November 20, 2024. 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 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.

Strong spring storms seem to appear without much warning and usually leave a path of debris. Our road crews are dispatched immediately to ensure that any obstructed roadways have been cleared. If damage is extensive, we can focus on collecting storm damage from private properties. Please call to schedule a pickup. This will occur only through the following week or two weeks and we will only collect storm damage if the debris has been placed with branch or cut side facing the edge of the street. By doing so, they will be manageable for disposal, and we will be able to assist your neighbors more effectively and efficiently.

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](mailto:adelmar@palatinetownship-il.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Del Mar".

Aaron Del Mar  
Highway Commissioner



Highway Commissioner  
Aaron Del Mar



## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TIME TO FILE EXEMPTIONS



ASSESSOR

Property tax exemption forms are now becoming available from Cook County. The first forms available are the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment 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 2022, you will already have the Homeowner Exemption. If you purchased your home in 2022, you will also receive the 2022 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 Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze. The Senior Citizen Exemption applies to anyone 65 years old or older, occupies his or her residence and is the owner of record. The Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze exemption 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 website under the Assessor tab or on our YouTube channel Palatine Township Assessor. 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.



Assessor Bill Pohlman, CIAO

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.

## CLERK'S OFFICE LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER



CLERK

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION – MARCH 19, 2024

#### Register to Vote **March 3, 2024** (last day)

Grace period registration and voting extends the registration period by allowing voters to register to vote until the Monday before an election. Voters must register and vote in person at an Early Voting Site (location below). Two pieces of identification (one with a current address) are required to register.

*Grace period registrants must immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote.*

#### Early Voting

**March 4 - March 18, 2024** (Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm)  
150 W. Wilson Street, Palatine, IL  
Other early voting locations are available on the Cook County Clerk's website  
A government-issued photo ID is not required, but is recommended should any questions arise.

#### Vote By Mail

**March 14, 2024** (last day to request ballot)  
Must be postmarked no later than March 19, 2024.  
To complete an online mail ballot application, go to the Cook County Clerk's website at [mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.il.gov](http://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.il.gov)

You will need:

- Driver's license or state identification number
- Last four digits of your Social Security Number
- Address where you would like your ballot mailed
- Your email address

You will have the option of mailing your completed ballot or using a secure drop box at the same Early Voting locations.

*Election Day Registration is available, but only at the voter's specific Precinct Polling Place in their neighborhood.*



Clerk Lisa Moran



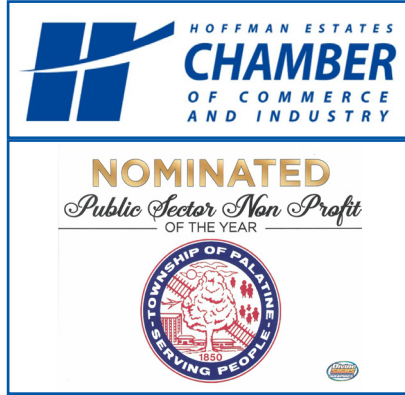
# AROUND TOWN

Palatine Township connecting with community

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



Palatine Township won 3rd Place in the Palatine Scarecrows on Parade contest



Honored to be nominated for the second year for Public Sector/Non-Profit Partner for the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce



Better Together Resource Fair at Falcon Park Raffle Winners



"Fill the Humvee" Food Drive Palatine Township and Rolling Meadows Police Department



Palatine Thanksgiving Basket Program Thank you to the generous donors, our dedicated staff and the amazing volunteers who made this a success



St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church Project Hope provided 250 pre-packed bags for the Palatine Township Food Pantry



Palatine Township and American Legion Thanksgiving Day



# 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.



*Veterans' Resource Fair Co-Sponsored by Palatine Township and Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs*



*Palatine Township and Cook County Board of Review co-sponsored "How to Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment" Assessor's Workshop*



*Secretary of State Mobile DMV Palatine Township and State Rep, Nabeela Syed co-sponsored for residents*



*James S. Harkins, CPO USN (RET), Military/Veteran Outreach Specialist at Evanston Vet Center presents to the Palatine Township Board*



*Palatine Township and Cook County Sheriff's Office Co-Hosted the Rx Drug Take Back Event*

## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER



*Palatine Township won the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) 2023 Best Township Innovative Program. Supervisor Kalkounos accepted the award at the conference for the award winning Donors Empowering Area Residents (DEAR) Program*



*Supervisor Kalkounos and GA Director, Samantha Shapiro, reintroduce the Crisis Assistance Program (CAPS) to the Palatine Police Department during four roll calls*

## 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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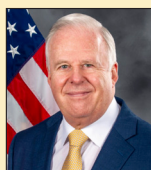
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## PALATINE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC CEMETERIES

Palatine Township maintains five historic cemeteries within its borders: Hillside, Cady, Sutherland, Wolfrum and Salem. The Township is responsible for their general care and maintenance. In 2023, Palatine Township focused on improving the cemetery maintenance and bringing all five historic cemeteries to optimal standards using best practices. All cemeteries had weeds removed, the grounds leveled and trees were trimmed. The historic cemeteries continue to be respectfully cared for and treated as sacred places.

Palatine Township contracted with a professional cemetery restoration company to clean and reset 690 headstones and straightened monuments in preparation for the Palatine Historical Society 30th Annual Cemetery Walk.

### HILLSIDE CEMETERY WALK

The 30th Annual Cemetery Walk was held at Hillside Cemetery on September 17, 2023. Visitors enjoyed guided tours of the cemetery as actors played the roles of Palatine residents from our village's past. This year Cherri Wood Brown, the great-great-granddaughter of Joel Wood, attended the Cemetery Walk. Joel Wood was not only the first of the many sub dividers responsible for shaping Palatine Township, but he was also largely responsible for the village being located where it is and for its early development.



The very generous donation of land by Joel Wood for cemetery use, eventually becoming Hillside Cemetery, created a beautiful family legacy and a legacy for Palatine.

*(L-R) Joseph Petykowski, Palatine Historical Society Historian, Cherri Wood Brown, local actor portraying Hanna Wood and Kathie McCarthy, the current President of the Palatine Historical Society.*

## PALATINE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

15 Easter Basket Donor Registration Ends  
18 Easter Baskets due to Township  
19 Presidential Primary Election

### April

9 Annual Town Meeting  
20 Tire Amnesty 10 am - 2 pm (Smith St.)  
27 Tire Amnesty 10 am - 2 pm (Smith St.)

### May

27 Memorial Day - Township Closed

### July

4 Independence Day - Township Closed  
6 Back to School Supply Kick-Off – Independence Day Parade  
26 Back to School Supplies Collection Ends