

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

PalatineTownship-il.gov

SPRING 2020



MANAGE YOUR "PAPER TRAIL" AND CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER!

Now is the time to manage your "paper trail" and get rid of things that are cluttering up your home! Palatine Township and the Palatine Lions Club are sponsoring two events to help you dispose of some of those items in a safe, environmentally friendly way. Both events are free for residents of Palatine Township. Get more information from our website at PalatineTownship-il.gov if you have questions.

Time to spring forward, clear out the "trail of paperwork" taking up space in your home, and bring your boxes to our Shredding Day.

Shredding Day
Saturday, May 9, 2020, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Shredding provided by AMS Store and Shred LLC.

Limited to 2 boxes. Bring documents in cardboard boxes or paper bags.

Enter the parking lot from westbound Illinois Avenue and volunteers will unload your car. You will exit via Quentin Road. Your documents will be destroyed with secure cross-cut shredding.

Conveniently drive through our lot, and volunteers will take your boxes to be shredded.

Electronic Recycling
Saturday, June 20, 2020, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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. No quantity limit on items.

Computers, printers, mice, CD, DVD & VCR players, DVRs, batteries, phones, Christmas lights, power cords and cables, small appliances, (new version) flat screen monitors, cameras, and more can be recycled.

Absolutely no old (CRT) monitors/NON-Flat screen TV's, dehumidifiers, light bulbs, white goods (major appliances), paint, or hazardous materials accepted. We reserve the right to refuse or limit quantities of any items.

There is a charge of \$25 per microwave to recycle.

Visit our website at PalatineTownship-il.gov for a complete list of items.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Town Meeting and Citizen Recognition
Tuesday, April 21, 2020

You are invited to join us at 7:00 PM at the Palatine Township Center, 721 S. Quentin Road in Palatine, for the Annual Town Meeting and citizen recognition.

The Annual Town meeting is an opportunity for Township residents to participate in grassroots government. Palatine Township is committed to responding to the needs of the residents of this community by providing compassionate, efficient, and accountable government services. Historically, this meeting reflects the most fundamental type of government in which each registered voter in the Township has an equal voice. Township government is local government closest to the people.

Come and help us recognize our exemplary citizens whose generous and thoughtful contributions have greatly impacted our community.

The Annual Town meeting will also include a short presentation of the Township's improvements, services, and future projects. Refreshments will be served.

COYOTES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Trustee Bill Pohlman

There has been a great deal of discussion on coyotes and what to do about them. Let me start by saying that coyotes are here to stay and we have to learn how to deal with them.

There are no effective ways to eliminate coyotes. When trappers or sharpshooters are employed and if they are successful in reducing the coyote population, coyotes will start breeding at a younger age and have larger litters allowing their population to bounce back quickly. If we eradicate the coyote population from our area, another pack will move in and replace them.

We can learn from the mistakes that other areas of the country have made in dealing with coyotes. If we employ a combination of education and hazing, we will significantly reduce the number of nuisance coyotes and maintain a peaceful coexistence.

Coyotes become a problem when they lose their fear of people. Don't attract coyotes to your home by leaving pet food outside, composting meat or fish, leaving out garbage or having a bird feeder. Birdfeeders attract squirrels and rodents which are a preferred food of coyotes.

Never run from a coyote. Hazing coyotes by yelling at them, standing tall and waving your arms will drive most coyotes away. If the coyote does not run, they have lost their fear of humans, are considered a nuisance coyote and should be reported to the authorities.

Coyotes benefit the environment by keeping rodent and geese populations in check as two of their preferred foods are rodents and eggs from goose nests. Cats and small dogs are at risk of attack. Coyotes breed January through March and will attack larger dogs to protect their territory. Attacks during the rest of the year are most likely caused by coyotes that have lost their fear of humans.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

FEBRUARY

18 Easter Basket Donor Online Registration begins

MARCH

14 St. Patrick's Day Parade
17 Presidential Primary Election

APRIL

3 Easter Baskets Due Back to the Township
18 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)
21 Annual Town Meeting
25 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)

MAY

9 Shredding Event
25 Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

20 Electronic Recycling

JULY

4 Independence Day Parade
4 Apple Tree Kick Off and Food Pantry collection at the parade

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

8/20/19 TO 12/31/19

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$5,500
Anonymous	\$1,200
The Dodson Foundation	\$10,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Plum Grove Home Owners Assn	\$1,235
Pebble Creek Home Owners Assn	\$3,940
Anonymous	\$1,000
Plum Grove Jr. High School PTSA	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,500
Anonymous	<u>\$5,000</u>

Total \$34,375

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Northrup Grumman	\$8,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Giffen Spinal Care	<u>\$1,225</u>

Total \$14,225

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

Donate an Easter Basket

Spring into action and donate to our 2020 Easter Basket Program. We are looking for donors to create a basket filled with goodies and small toys for children (10 years and younger) from financially struggling families. Please stop by the Township Office and pick out a bunny, chick, or egg cut-out which includes the name and age of the child or register online beginning February 18, at palatinetownship-il.gov/easter-basket-donor (Donor Easter Baskets).



Suggested items for the Easter Basket include edible treats, small toys, games, hair accessories, coloring books, crayons, books, etc. The value of the basket and contents should be approximately \$25.00. All edible items must be in their original packaging. Please wrap your basket in cellophane, or other transparent material, and include your cut-out bunny, chick or egg and return to the Township. All baskets and donations must be delivered to the Township by Friday, April 3, 2020.

Much like the Township's other outreach programs, the Easter Basket Program identifies local families in need. Help bring a smile to a needy child and donate an Easter Basket to our program. If you prefer, you can make a tax-deductible donation to our Needy Family Fund.

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to cut out and decorate the chicks, bunny's, and eggs for the Spring Easter Tree, if you are interested please contact Lori Lindberg at llindberg@palatinetownship-il.gov.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS

The Palatine Township Food Pantry was overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of the hundreds of people who donated food and money this past holiday season. This year we have received by far the largest amount of donations to the Food Pantry. Local companies and community groups organized both big and small food drives. Our community worked hard to make this a success and to fill the pantry shelves with a wide selection for our clients.

Special thanks to:

- Rolling Meadows Police Department Holiday Food Drive
- Arlington Toyota
- Giffen Spinal Care
- Young Lee Group with @properties
- Crunch Fitness

Many families that are new to our Food Pantry marveled at the bounty on our shelves due to all of our amazing donors.

Our Food Pantry would not be possible without the dedication, hard work, and kindness of the volunteers who assist our hundreds of families each month. In addition to working individually with every client, volunteers unload orders, check expiration dates, and stock thousands of pounds of food week after week. We are fortunate to have more than enough volunteers who donate their time.

Most importantly, we wish you could experience the gratitude shown by our clients when they leave with a cart filled with groceries and necessities. Thank you all for your kindness, time, effort and generosity!

If you live within the Township boundaries and are struggling to provide meals for yourself or your family, please contact the Township for more information. Also, if you would like to make a donation or organize a food drive, please check the Township website.

SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Administrative Office

847-358-6700

Cook County vehicle stickers
Temporary disabled parking placards
RTA senior reduced fare applications
Voter registration
Free notary public service
Township maps

Assessor's Office

847-358-6164

Explanation of property assessment
and tax bill
Property tax exemption applications
Property tax appeal forms
Zoning variances

General Assistance

847-358-6110

(for those in need)

Access to Care
Career Resources
Emergency Assistance
Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
Food Pantry
Mobile Dental Clinic

Road District

847-358-6336

Road and bridge maintenance for
unincorporated Palatine Township

Transportation Services

847-358-6907

Rides for seniors and disabled

Veterans

Vet Center Counselor
847-980-1827

Veterans Service Officer
847-485-2772

TOWNSHIP IN ACTION TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

With the change in the seasons, your safety is of the utmost importance when we are transporting you to your destination. Please use your mobility assistance tools (walkers, chairs, canes, etc.) to stay safe.

The Township welcomes two new drivers: Brenda and Betsy. We are pleased to have them join the Township Transportation team!

Reminders about our service:

- Our service is curb-to-curb, not door to door. Please meet the driver outside at the curb of your pick up point at the appointed times.
- The carry-on bag allowance for the bus is two (2) bags per person.
- Avoid unaccommodated ride requests. You must book your trips as early as possible, but at least 72 hours in advance.
- Ride reservations should be made daily between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Please be sure to call to verify pick up appointment between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on the day before your trip. Schedules are tight so please be ready at the appropriate time!

Our upcoming shopping trips:

April 8	Kohl's
April 22	Burlington Coat Factory, Trader Joes
May 6	Woodfield
May 20	Deer Park
June 3	Woodfield
June 17	Kohl's
July 1	Woodfield

Transportation Facts and Fan Mail

Look for the new design on the Township owned Transportation bus! Six of our Township residents who use the bus services, volunteered to be the "Face of the Township!" The photos turned out fantastic and we are proud to have real residents represent Palatine Township.

You may not know this but medical appointments made up 62% of our total Township bus trips in 2019. These trips include pharmacy pick-up, dialysis, therapy, and doctor visits.

Our clients have made the following comments about the service:

"It's a life saver for me." – Rosemary, Palatine, IL

"Thanks God for you and the bus drivers. I don't know how I would make it without it. Great service and great driver." – Rosalie, Palatine, IL

"I really appreciate the service. My son works and cannot take me to my appointments. Thank you so much!" -- Kahlid, Palatine, IL

"It would be nice to downsize my house, but because of your service I will never leave Palatine Township." –Sharon, Inverness, IL

If you are interested in suggesting a particular destination for our shopping trips, please contact the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.

ADOPT-A-SAILOR THANKSGIVING PHOTO CARDS

Clerk Lisa Moran

Thanksgiving Day 2019 was a very special day for the 25 Great Lakes Naval Recruits that enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving meal and entertainment provided by the Palatine American Legion Post 690. Palatine Township collaborated on this wonderful event for its third year. Clerk Lisa Moran, and Township employees Lori Lindberg (and her daughter) and Karie Nordin, spent the afternoon taking pictures of the recruits. The printed pictures were included with homemade cards. Those cards, along with personal messages written by the recruit, were mailed to their loved ones.



SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION NOW AUTO RENEWS

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

As of August 2019, you no longer need to renew your senior citizen property tax exemption. Senior citizen tax exemptions in place will now automatically renew.

Property tax exemptions will help lower your property tax bill. It is important to make sure you are receiving all the exemptions to which you are entitled. Cook County is responsible for mailing the needed forms to taxpayers.

Here is a brief description of the available exemptions and when the forms will be mailed:

- Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze exemptions should be available early in the year (January/February.) You must be 65 years or older to qualify for these two exemptions. Please note, you must apply for the Senior Freeze every year. The Senior Freeze is also based on household income, which must be \$65,000 or less. (Please call the Township for specifics.)
- Homeowner exemption applications will also be available at this time. If you have owned and lived in your property as of January 1 of the taxing year you may be eligible for this exemption. This exemption will renew automatically for taxpayers as long as the property has not been sold. Note that a title search, such as a quit claim deed, or refinancing will stop the Homeowner Exemption from renewing automatically.
- Disabled Person applications are available in February/March. If you owned and occupied your property as the principal place of residence on January 1 and were disabled or became

disabled during the year, you may qualify for this exemption. If you received this exemption last year, you will receive a renewal application in the mail.

- Disabled Veteran exemption is available February/March. You must have owned and occupied your property as the principal place of residence on January 1. A 70% or higher service related disability is eligible for exemption from all property taxes; 50-69% is eligible for a \$5,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value of the property and a 30-49% service related disability is eligible for a \$2,500 reduction in the equalized assessed value of the property. First time filers will need form DD214, provided by the Department of Defense, a letter from Department of Veterans Affairs dated no earlier than 2015 verifying percentage of disability and a copy of the deed to the property.
- Returning Veteran exemption provides a one-time \$5,000 reduction to the assessed value of the veteran's residence for the taxable year that the veteran returns from active duty. There are certain forms that need to be sent along with the application. Veterans who have recently returned from active duty are encouraged to call the Palatine Township Assessor's Office for details.

Your Palatine Township Assessor's Office will have all the necessary forms and is available to assist you with filing. If there are any questions please call us at 847-358-6164.

We look forward to helping you reduce your property taxes

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE MARCH 17, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Clerk Lisa Moran

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO EARLY VOTE?

Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address or signature. Providing an ID can also speed up the process because we have ID card readers at every check-in station.

You can register to vote at ALL Early Voting Sites.

NOTE: Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change or name change must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address.

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Grace Period Registration and Voting extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the Monday before an election. Guidelines limit when and where grace period registrants can vote – during the 27 day grace period, voters must register and vote in person at one of the Clerk's designated grace period locations.

Individuals wishing to vote during the grace period must bring two pieces of identification to register, one with a current address. Grace period registrants must immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote.

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

Feb 19 to Mar 16	Grace Period Registration/Voting*: extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the day before an election. <i>*Two pieces of identification are required and registrants immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote.</i>
Mar 2 to Mar 16	Early Voting at Palatine Village Hall: Monday – Saturday, March 2 – 7: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday, March 8: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday: March 9 – 13, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Saturday, March 14: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday, March 15: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday, March 16: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Mar 12	Last Day to Request Mail Ballot: including Military and Overseas Ballots

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND COLD WEATHER INFORMATION

For those who qualify, the General Assistance office assists with applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a CEDA-run program that provides grant amounts toward paying down clients' ComEd and/or Nicor Gas bills. Whether the bills are up-to-date or past-due, individuals who qualify can receive assistance. For those who have yet to apply, applications can be completed through May 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted. Call the General Assistance Office at

847-358-6110 for more information on how to apply and to learn about other programs that may be available.

For those who experience disconnection from their utilities during the remaining winter days, the Township is available as a warming center during its posted office hours. No transportation is provided. For other warming centers both in the Township area and beyond, residents are advised to call 311.

ICOMPETE SUMMER CAMP

ICompete will provide 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 through July 27 at Falcon Park. ICompete is a collaborative partnership with the Palatine Park District, Partners for Our Communities, Palatine High School, Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine Township and Palatine Police Department.

Community support is vital to ensure the camp's success. A \$70 donation will help one child attend camp, but any donation is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Palatine Township Sponsor A Child and sent to 721 S. Quentin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067. For more information on ICompete please visit their website at www.poc.news

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner



FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER DEL MAR

In an effort to reduce roadside trash and prevent violators from “fly dumping” their unwanted tires, Palatine Township Road District will continue their Tire Amnesty Program. Unwanted tires left out in the open or thrown into the roadside ditch create breeding grounds for mosquitoes, flooding and maintenance concerns, not to mention an unsightly landscape. In response, we created a Tire Amnesty Program

which has become a well-attended and anticipated event. 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 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday April 18, 2020 and Saturday April 25, 2020. There will be a limit of 10 tires and tires from commercial vendors will not be accepted.

We will begin our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas on April 6, 2020 and will continue thru Thanksgiving week, November 26, 2020. In late March and weather permitting, we will deliver 56 yard waste stickers to each household in the unincorporated area. Incorporated residents will need to check their Village or City’s vendor for their individual service dates. These stickers are to be used on your purchased yard waste bags for the following items: grass clippings, leaves and garden debris; however, dirt or sod is not prohibited. Please do not put more than 40 pounds of material into the bags as they become too heavy to lift into our refuse truck. 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. By doing so, they will be more manageable for disposal. Additionally, for your gardening use, we will continue to have free compost, which was last year’s yard waste and is offered for anyone to pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall locations.

Similar to last winter season, we are coming out of a wintry October and November with over 8 inches of snow and a mild December. However, as we enter spring, we realize forceful storms are at our doorstep and develop at a moment’s notice. Many homeowners struggle to find ways to get rid of their tree and brush damage as a result of these storms fury. We offer a complimentary service and like many other municipalities in our area, clean-up crews will be scheduled to collect storm damage from private properties after the storm passes and roadways have been cleared. This will occur only through the following week or two weeks. If you live in the incorporated areas of Palatine, Inverness or Rolling Meadows, call your municipality, as they will schedule a pick up based on the extent of damage. If you experience a downed tree due to a storm event and live in the unincorporated area, please leave a message at 847-358-6336 requesting 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. By doing so, we will be able to assist your neighbors more effectively and efficiently.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PALATINE TOWNSHIP FUNDED AGENCIES

Palatine Township supports specific programs at twenty-nine local social service agencies that provide vital human services to Township residents. Here are fundraisers for some of those social service agencies.

THE BRIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

bridgeyouth.org

2020 Annual Gala

April 18, 2020

Sanfilippo Estates

789 Plum Tree Rd

Barrington, IL 60010

Check the website for more information

CAREERPLACE

nationalable.org

Veteran of the Year Award Luncheon

May 15, 2020

Venue West

221 N Paulina

Chicago, IL 60612

Check the website for more information

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

catholiccharities.net

St. Pat's Day Celebration

March 12, 2020

Fitzgerald's

6615 Roosevelt Rd

Berwyn, IL 60402

Check the website for more information

CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING

centerforenrichedliving.org

Chefs' Night 2020

May 4, 2020

Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

10 Marriott Drive

Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Check the website for more information

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF NORTH AND NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY (CAC)

cachelps.org

Hope, Heal Grow Gala

May 2, 2020

Location to be announced

Check the website for more information

CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID

childrenshomeandaid.org

Champions for Children Luncheon

May 21, 2020

Hilton Chicago

720 S Michigan Ave

Chicago, IL 60605

Check the website for more information

CLEARBROOK

clearbrook.org

Bingo Night

March 4, 2020

Arlington Ale House

111 W Campbell St

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Check the website for more information

GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

gigisplayhouse.org

14th Annual Gigi's Playhouse Gala

February 29, 2020

Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel

1551 N Thoreau Drive N

Schaumburg, IL 60173

Check the website for more information

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org

Amazing Grace Gala 2020

April 26, 2020

Avalon Banquets

1905 E Higgins Road

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Check the website for more information

THE HARBOUR

theharbour.org

Opening Doors Gala

April 17, 2020

Location to be announced

Check the website for more information

Hours:

Monday, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Saturday, 8:30 AM - noon

847-358-6700

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

"Better a thousand times careful than once dead."

– Proverbs

"It will never happen to me"

– Captain EJ Smith

(Captain of the Titanic – quoted in the press just before sailing)

My hope for all in the Township is for 2020 to be a year of happiness, health, and mostly to be safe. Our world has changed even in just the past eleven years at the Township for me. We should focus on the positive, but neither disregard nor shun those things in life which are difficult.

As a former law enforcement officer, I always believe safety is important. Whether it be your family feeling safe in your home, your children in the local school, loved ones' dependent on care or our own nation in the shadow of terrorism. People thrive in an atmosphere in which they are comfortable vs. that of uncertainty. It is important we acknowledge those fears instead of putting aside the concerns of others.

I started this article with two quotes. Recently, when requesting Board approval for increased security measures for our General Assistance Department, I was met with criticism by a couple of Trustee's on the cost of the project. While it may seem costly to some, I will not put a price on the Township employee's lives, nor any who come to the building for assistance. Due to the increased workplace and government building violence, it has become increasingly necessary to build and maintain a secure workplace. I will never apologize for keeping the employees safe, nor using the funds to do so.

Multiple new State taxes and fees were added this year by Governor Pritzker. To help combat this, Town Fund and General Assistance levy will remain the same except to capture taxes from the long awaited Palatine Home Depot area TIF District expiration.

Lastly, it is important we all participate in this years' census. Illinois has lost a record number of residents which will equal to less federal funding. It is vital everyone gets counted! Please call the Township with any questions or assistance, and have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

