

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

PalatineTownship-il.gov

SPRING 2019



CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER!

Now is the time to spring forward with your spring-cleaning chores. Get rid of unwanted items that are taking up space in 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 further information from our website at PalatineTownship-il.gov or contact Paul Pioch with the Palatine Lions Club at 847-609-5805 if you have questions.

Shredding Day
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Shredding provided by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc.

Limited to 2 boxes. If possible, please 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 during this on-site document destruction.

Electronic Recycling
Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Enter the parking lot from westbound Illinois Avenue and your car will be unloaded by volunteers. You will exit via Quentin Road. No quantity limit on items.

Absolutely no old (CRT) monitors/NON-Flatscreen 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.

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. 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 9, 2019

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.

Come and help us recognize our exemplary citizens whose generous and thoughtful contributions have greatly impacted our community. We will also honor Palatine Township's military who gave their all. Their selflessness and courage serve to inspire us all to look for opportunities to better serve our community and our country.

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

GENEROSITY OF PALATINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS!

This past holiday season the Food Pantry has once again seen the tremendous kindness and generosity of the hundreds of people who donate food and money to our Pantry. Food drives, of various sizes, were organized by local companies and community groups. We extend a special thank you also to all of the anonymous donors who regularly provide food and money to the Food Pantry. The monetary funds donated are used to purchase perishables and other necessities from local businesses as well as the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

The success of our Food Pantry would not be possible without the dedication, hard work, and kindness of the volunteers who assist our hundreds of families each and every month. In addition to working individually with every client, they 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 give their time.

Most importantly, we wish you could experience the gratitude of our clients when they leave with a cart filled with groceries and necessities for their home.

Thank you all for your kindness, time, effort and generosity!

If you are struggling to provide meals for yourself and/or your family, please call 847-358-6110 to make an appointment to sign up for the Food Pantry which serves anyone in need who is living within Township boundaries.

Please see the Township website for more information if you would like to make a donation or organize a Food Drive.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

FEBRUARY

- 19 Easter Basket Donor Online Registration begins

MARCH

- 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade

APRIL

- 2 Consolidated Election
- 9 Annual Town Meeting
- 15 Easter Baskets Due
- 27 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)

MAY

- 4 Tire Amnesty (Smith St.)
- 18 Shredding Event
- 27 Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

- 15 Electronic Recycling

JULY

- 6 Independence Day Parade
- 6 Apple Tree Kick Off and Food Pantry collection at the Parade
- 10 Health and Happiness Fair Online Registration Begins

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

8/23/18 TO 12/28/18

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

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| Anonymous | \$5,000 |
| Anonymous | \$1,200 |
| Anonymous | \$1,000 |
| The Dodson Foundation | \$10,000 |
| Anonymous | \$2,500 |
| Anonymous | \$2,500 |
| Plum Grove Home Owners Assn | \$1,775 |
| Pebble Creek Home Owners Assn | \$3,852 |
| Anonymous | \$1,000 |
| Anonymous | \$1,000 |
| Anonymous | \$1,500 |

Total \$31,327

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Anonymous | \$2,000 |
| Anonymous | \$1,000 |
| Anonymous | \$1,000 |
| Anonymous | \$2,500 |
| Anonymous | \$2,000 |
| Berkeley Consulting Group | \$1,000 |
| Giffen Spinal Care | \$1,265 |

Total \$10,765

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

Donate an Easter Basket

Spring into action and donate to our 2019 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 19, at PalatineTownship-il.gov/easter-basket-donor.



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 Monday, April 15, 2019.

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.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Trustee Bill Pohlman

Those of you that read my article in the last newsletter know the difference between the services provided by the village and the township. The village provides general services to the village. The township provides services to people in need across a number of villages utilizing small staffs and frugal budgets.

Each township contains a number of villages. Since townships were created before many villages were incorporated, villages developed within townships and since their priority was to provide general services they were not equipped to help the less fortunate especially across village boundaries.

The Palatine Township motto reads "People Helping People" and so our function is helping residents, regardless of their village, throughout Palatine Township. Before a resident receives help, though, they go through a vetting process to make sure they live in Palatine Township, need assistance, not hiding funds and have a social security number. Once the vetting process is complete, General Assistance offers a program that will help them with their needs and work with them to eliminate the problems that got them into trouble.

For seniors or the handicapped that can't drive, our Township provides bus and cab service to hospitals, stores and more within the Township boundary. If you hit hard times, the Township can help you with our food pantry. Can't find a job, the Township offers job assistance. Are you a veteran, we can help you with veteran benefits.

Further, the Township helps support roughly 30 different organizations with services to children, handicapped, seniors and mentally disabled throughout Palatine Township. A Township committee scrutinizes these organizations to ensure that the amount of money requested reflects the number of people they serve in our Township. They also look to make sure that the organization does the most good for the least amount of money.

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

Transportation clients should verify that the office is current on your mobility tools needed to get around (walkers, wheel chairs, canes, etc.). Please contact the Transportation office to update your profile. Because the daily schedules fill up so quickly, we ask that you call to make your appointments and transportation requests as early as possible.

Ride reservations should be made daily between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please be sure to call to verify pick up times between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on the day before your trip.

Scheduled shopping trips scheduled through June 2019:

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| Jan 2 | Woodfield |
| Jan 16 | Kohl's in Arlington Heights |
| Jan 30 | Meijer in Rolling Meadows |
| Feb 13 | Arlington Heights Burlington Coat Factory, Trader Joes, Jo-Ann Fabrics |
| Feb 27 | Deer Park/Kildeer Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond |
| Mar 13 | Woodfield |
| Mar 27 | Deer Park/Kildeer Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond |
| Apr 10 | Kohl's in Arlington Heights |
| Apr 24 | Arlington Heights Burlington Coat Factory, Trader Joes, Jo-Ann Fabrics |
| May 8 | Woodfield Area |
| May 22 | Deer Park/Kildeer Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond |
| Jun 5 | Meijer in Rolling Meadows |
| Jun 19 | Kohl's in Arlington Heights |

The Township has an opportunity for a part time bus driver. If you are interested or, if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the Transportation Department.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP TAXI VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Palatine Township Transportation Department has taken steps to modernize our Taxi Voucher Program. Using a software product from Cabconnect, and cards distributed by CardOne, we are able to provide preloaded user cards (similar to a debit card) to our clients instead of paper vouchers.

To be eligible for the taxi voucher program you must be a resident of Palatine Township, age 60 or older or if you are 18 or older and have a documented disability, and must be registered for the Township Transportation program. If you are already registered and you have used the taxi vouchers at any time within the last 24 months, the new card will be reserved for you automatically.

This new process will allow us to better control our voucher program costs including printing, mailing, distribution, fraud prevention and maximize our efficiency. Each user will have a card complete with their Township ID number and photograph. There will still be 10 rides allotted for each month and rides will be reloaded onto the cards at the beginning of the following month. There will be no carryover from previous months. Pick up and drop off information will be captured by our system via GPS mapping. Our taxi vendors will remain the same: American Taxi, 303 Cab and All Star Cab. Taxi vendors will submit their logs for payment and we will match up each trip with the card swipe.

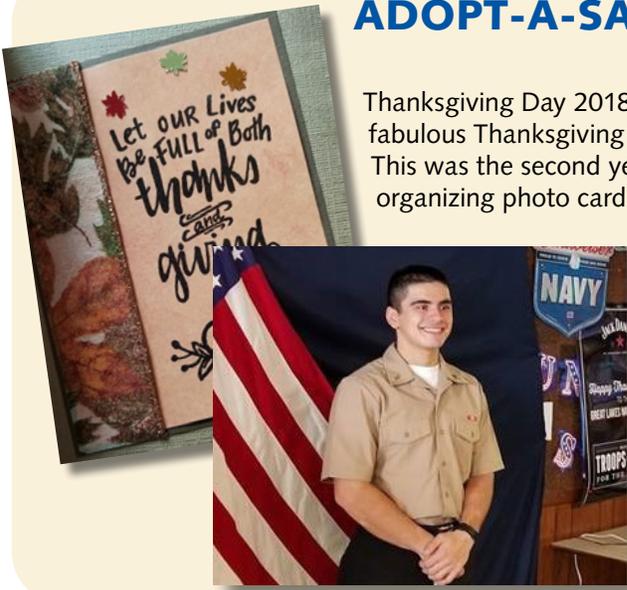
Please contact the Palatine Township Transportation Department at 847-358-6907 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM for additional information or questions.

ADOPT-A-SAILOR THANKSGIVING PHOTO CARDS

Clerk Lisa Moran

Thanksgiving Day 2018 was a very special day for the 39 Great Lakes Naval Recruits who enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving meal and entertainment provided by the Palatine American Legion Post 690. This was the second year that Palatine Township chose to collaborate on this wonderful event by organizing photo cards for the recruits. What made this year's program so special was that the recruits were able to choose from four beautiful handmade cards. Those cards were designed and crafted by a Palatine Township Blue Star Banner mother, Beth Conklin, and her stamping group.

Clerk Lisa Moran and Outreach Coordinator Lori Lindberg with their daughters, along with Transportation Assistant Karie Nordin, spent Thanksgiving afternoon taking and printing pictures of the recruits. Those pictures were then affixed to the cards along with a personal message written by the recruit and then mailed to their loved one. This letter is the first received by the recruit's family since they had started their basic training, and a welcome surprise to these families.



AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE

While one can only hope that winter will shortly end its tumultuous reign, for many the lasting impacts will still be felt in months to come. 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, 2019 or until funds are exhausted. Call the General Assistance Office at 847-358-6110 for more information on how to apply.

Additionally, beginning in January 2019, the ComEd Hardship program returned to aid clients who have fallen behind on their ComEd bills due to instances such as job loss, illness, or other unexpected setbacks. Clients who qualify may be granted up to \$500 in assistance based on need and available funding.

Call the General Assistance office for more information on income eligibility or to complete an intake to begin the application process.

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 in the Township area and beyond, residents are advised to call 311.

If a resident identifies as homeless, they are advised to call or visit JOURNEYS The Road Home and register with their organization for continued support during their time of need. JOURNEYS is located at 1140 E. Northwest Highway in Palatine and can be reached at 847-963-9163. Once registered, clients have access to PADS shelter sites as well as other organization benefits. For a full list of PADS shelter sites, contact JOURNEYS or visit www.journeystheroadhome.org/pads-shelter-program.html.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT IS A TRUE BARGAIN

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

Less than \$128 a year. That is what it costs a Township homeowner, who lives in a house valued at \$300,000, in taxes to Palatine Township.

Did you know that Palatine Township Government actually collects three separate taxes from you, the homeowner? These taxes are the Palatine Township Town Fund, The Road and Bridge Fund and General Assistance. The programs and services that are provided for the community are managed and paid for through these funds. Some of our wonderful programs are highlighted in this newsletter.

The Town Fund, for example, helps maintain many of the outstanding and award-winning programs at the Township, including the Apple Tree and Adopt-A-Family programs. The Township can keep the Town Fund costs to a minimum thanks to the hundreds of community volunteers and donations. Other programs and services, such as the maintenance of the

five historic pioneer cemeteries in the Township, are managed through this fund.

General Assistance is available to those who might need a hand up during tough economic times. There are certain income guidelines to qualify for General Assistance.

We have all driven on roads and bridges maintained by our Highway Department. During heavy snowfall winters, our Highway Department puts in many hours plowing and removing snow, so that all our drives will be safe. The Highway Department also helps eliminate drainage problems throughout the Township.

As you read more about the many worthwhile programs and services in this newsletter that are provided by the Township, I'm sure you'll agree that Township Government is a true bargain.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE APRIL 2, 2019 CONSOLIDATED 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 vote 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.

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| Mar 6 to April 1 | Grace Period Registration/Voting*: extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the day before an election. *Two pieces of identification are required and registrants immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote. |
| Mar 18 to April 1 | Early Voting at Palatine Village Hall: Monday through Saturday, March 18 – 23: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday, March 24: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday: March 25 – 29, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Saturday, March 30: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday, March 31: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday, April 1: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| Mar 28 | Last Day to Request Mail Ballot: including Military and Overseas Ballots |

BIRDS - TO FEED OR NOT TO FEED

Trustee Susan Kern

More than 40% of U.S. households feed their backyard birds spending over 6 billion dollars a year. Yet, is winter bird feeding good or bad for birds? And what about the parade of other animals attracted to bird feeders?

Experts disagree about whether bird feeding will significantly help bird populations, but in the wake of severe winter snow and ice, you can certainly help individual birds in your neighborhood.

The negatives include: concentrating many birds in a small area making it easier to spread diseases among them, making birds more susceptible to predation by raptors such as hawks or by cats, attracting mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, deer and yes, coyotes, who are attracted to these unwanted animals. Millions of birds die each year because they crash into windows. You can help to diminish this problem by placing bird feeders either close to your window, less than 3 feet, or very far from your window, 30 feet. Conditioning birds to human feeding may inhibit normal migration or lead birds to trust people, placing them in danger.

Viewing birds up close, watching their behavior at feeders connects people with nature bringing harmony and joy, a benefit that far outweighs the negatives.

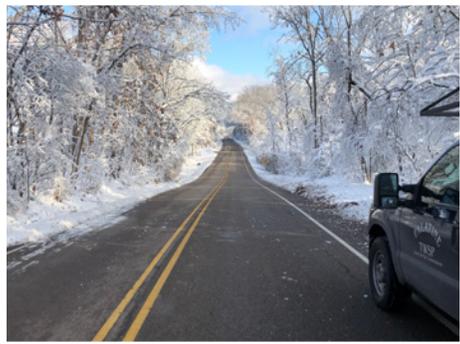
There is a myth that our wild bird friends will starve if you have to leave town. Don't worry, most birds are perfectly capable of dealing with the weather and finding food, particularly in our suburbs where it is a short flight to the neighbor's bird feeder. Plant native trees and shrubs, such as serviceberry or crabapples, which are a longstanding food source winter long.

Human foods such as bread have no nutritional value, chocolate is toxic to birds, and table scraps, which attract rodents, should not be offered!

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner

STORM EVENTS



As we began writing these articles, we were coming out of a wintry November with over 12 inches of snow and storm damage that rivals summer events. After the storms pass, many homeowners struggle to find ways to get rid of their tree and brush damage. As 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. 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 and we will be able to assist your neighbors more effectively and efficiently.

YARD WASTE PROGRAM AND COMPOST AVAILABILITY

We will begin our annual yard waste collection for the unincorporated areas on April 1, 2019 and will continue through Thanksgiving week, November 26, 2019. 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's 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.

TIRE AMNESTY

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. Following Earth Day, the Tire Amnesty Program will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday April 27, 2019 and Saturday May 4, 2019. Tires from commercial vendors will be accepted.



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.

ALEXIAN BROTHERS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

amitahealth.org

2nd Annual School Mental Health Golf Outing

June 17, 2019

Inverness Country Club

102 Roselle Road

Inverness, IL 60067

Register at www.alexianfoundation.org/inverness

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

catholiccharities.net

Hearts for Hope Dinner and Auction

April 13, 2019, 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

The Cotillion

360 S Creekside Drive

Palatine, IL 60074

Call Mike Waters at 847-376-2118.

CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING

centerforenrichedliving.org

Chef's Night

May 6, 2019, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Marriott Lincolnshire Resort

10 Marriott Drive

Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Check the website for more information.

CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID

childrenshomeandaid.org

2019 Champions for Children

May 23, 2019 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM

Hilton Chicago

720 S Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60605

Check the website for more information.

JOURNEYS THE ROAD HOME

journeystheroadhome.org

7th Annual Garden of Giving Women's Luncheon

April 24, 2019

Inverness Golf Club

102 Roselle Road

Inverness, IL 60067

Check website for more information.

LITTLE CITY

littlecity.org

Written in the Stars Gala

April 13, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Drake Hotel

140 E Walton Place

Chicago, IL 60611

Check the website for information.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org

Amazing Grace Gala (Little Sisters of the Poor Jubilee

Celebration of 150 Years in the US)

June 30, 2019

Sanfilippo Estate

789 Plum Tree Road

Barrington Hills, IL 60010

Check the website for more information.

RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

rescoliv.org

Annual Gala Celebrating 26 Years of Service

April 6, 2019

Sanfilippo Estate

789 Plum Tree Road

Barrington Hills, IL 60010

Check the website for more information.

SPECIAL GIFTS THEATRE

specialgiftstheatre.org

Special Gifts Theatre Presents: Madagascar Jr.

April 13-14, 2019, 2:00pm

Sundling Jr. High School

1100 N Smith Street

Palatine, IL 60067

Purchase tickets at www.specialgiftstheatre.org

SPECIAL LEISURE SERVICES FOUNDATION

slsf.me

SLSF Buffalo Grove Golf Classic 2019

May 15, 2019, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

The Arboretum Club

401 Half Day Road

Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Check the website for more information.

THE HARBOUR

theharbour.org

Lives in Bloom 2019 Spring Gala

April 26, 2019

Metropolis Ballroom

6 S Vail Avenue

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Check website for more information.

WINGS

wingsprogram.com

WINGS 12th Annual Fashion Show

March 3, 2019, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre

2401 W Higgins Road

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Check 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

THE DIRTY LITTLE SECRET ABOUT THE COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX.

A couple of years ago, a Township Trustee questioned why the property tax dollars received were more than the Board had levied. We discovered a little known law allowing counties to extend the levy request by up to 3% for each government to cover losses not received. Only two counties take advantage, DuPage County at 1.5% and Cook County at the full 3%. Simply put, it is a 3% bonus on the original levy request, under the cover of projected "loss."

For the past two years the Township Board has elected to waive the 3% bonus for the Town and General Assistance Funds, and will continued to do so this coming fiscal year. (The Board can only certify the Road District Levy and has no authority to lower or raise it.) Following the instructions of the Cook County Clerk, I was required to send a letter requesting NOT to receive the bonus. In the interest of transparency, one should have to send a letter to RECEIVE the 3%. It should never be automatic.

Any resident can view a taxing bodies receipts at <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/tax-agency-reports>. If there is a number under the "loss %," there was a bonus amount added. In the case of a larger government, the bonus could be in the millions.

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) only allows a maximum of 4.99% increase of a levy from the year before, and then only the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus any new construction in the year. Any percent over requires a majority vote of its constituents. This year's CPI is 2.1%. Add the additional 3% bonus and many levies will be over 5%; exactly what the 4.99% cap was trying to remedy.

At Palatine Township, the General Assistance fund was reduced by \$100,000 or approximately 31% of that fund. The Town Fund was increased 3.99%, which we expect to receive the 2.1% (CPI) or \$35,500 additional, and a small amount from new construction properties. This is a total amount of \$65,000 LESS than the prior year and overall a 3% decrease of last year's levy. The Township Board continues to use your money responsibly and wisely.

I personally wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Stay safe and continue to be the caring community we are.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

