

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

PalatineTownship-il.gov

SUMMER 2018



SHREDDING AND RECYCLING EVENTS THIS FALL!

Take this opportunity to purge those unwanted items that are taking up space in your home!

Palatine Township, and cosponsor, Palatine Lions Club, will host Shredding and Electronic Recycling Events for Palatine Township residents in the fall. Both events are free for residents of Palatine Township. Get further information from our website at PalatineTownship-il.gov or visit PalatineLions.org.

Shredding Day
Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Shredding provided by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc.

There is a limit of 2 boxes of paper. If possible, please bring documents in cardboard boxes or paper bags.

Conveniently drive through our lot, volunteers will take your boxes, and your documents will be destroyed with secure cross-cut shredding.

When driving to drop off boxes, please keep to the right on Illinois Avenue to allow other traffic to pass. You will only be allowed to enter via Illinois Avenue and exit on Quentin Road.

Electronic Recycling
October 6, 2018, 8:00 AM – NOON

Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

When driving to drop off your electronics please enter via Illinois Avenue and exit on Quentin Road. Your car will be unloaded by volunteers.

No quantity limit on items.

Computers, printers, mice, CD, DVD & VCR players, DVRs, batteries, phones, power cords and cables, small appliances, flat screen monitors and televisions, 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.

Absolutely no CRT's, dehumidifiers, light bulbs, white goods (washing machines or dryers), paint, or hazardous materials accepted.

MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Trustee Bill Pohlman



You can never take for granted the impact that a program like Apple Tree can have on an individual. When Ruben Sanchez was growing up he benefited from the Apple Tree Program. Now years later he won an award from the Township as an Outstanding Individual for his work with the Apple Tree program.

Ruben comes from a lower income family

here in Palatine Township. Back when he was in fourth grade his school councilor from Lake Louise Elementary School suggested that he, his two sisters and brother could benefit from the Township's Apple Tree program. Like all the children that participate in the Apple Tree program, he came to the Township and met his own personal shopper who walked him through all the school supplies and let him pick the supplies he needed from the wide variety of donations provided by the people of Palatine Township. His family was able to revisit the Apple Tree program for the next two years until he went to junior high.

"I'll never forget in my life how much these people cared," said Sanchez. Now he wants to 'pay back' to those who are now in need. For several years, he was able to get truckloads of notebooks that he donated to school kids in need. Now he works with the Township on the Apple Tree program.

Since 2016 Ruben has helped in the Apple Tree program by picking up and dropping off donations from several of the drop off locations for the school supplies. He is always happy and willing to help in any way he can in all the background work necessary in a program like Apple Tree. He wants to give back to the community in thanks for the help that the Township gave him.

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

NEW FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR

As the new Township Food Pantry Coordinator, I would like to introduce myself. I am Jessica Poidomani, and I have lived in Palatine with my husband since 2005. With my years of experience in the retail industry, I bring an emphasis on ensuring positive customer experiences, inventory control, and store management. Volunteering at the pantry since the fall of 2017, I have enjoyed learning all of the great ways the food pantry serves the community. I am continually inspired by the volunteers' dedication and devotion to the community and to the food pantry. I look forward to working directly with donors, volunteers, and clients, and to continuing the tradition of making the pantry a welcoming destination for all.

Throughout the year, individuals, schools, organizations, and businesses in Palatine generously donate food, money, and time. Money donated to the pantry is used to purchase personal care and household items that are needed for the pantry and usually not donated.

Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers as we cannot do this without you!

I'd like to share a little bit of information about the Food Pantry. We aim to provide fresh produce, milk, cheese, bread, and non-perishable items for each family when they visit. Families that are at need can visit every thirty days, but must first register with the Township to qualify before their first visit. Visits to the pantry are scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as the second Saturday of the month. We provide food for 400 families that visit each month, so it is very important to schedule the appointment. There is no appointment needed for donors to drop off donations. Donors can check the Palatine Township website for the current list of needed pantry items. If you are a family in need of assistance, please contact the Township.

APPLE TREE CAMPAIGN

Palatine Township's Apple Tree Campaign, now in its 30th year, collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in our community. Now that schools are getting out for summer break, the Township is preparing for the annual Apple Tree Campaign. The program provides students with backpacks and school supplies so that they can start the school year prepared and ready to learn.



Although the Township organizes and runs this annual program, we need the help and support from our caring community to be successful. Your donations of new backpacks, school supplies, as well as monetary donations or time are greatly appreciated by this valuable program. A collection of supplies takes place at the Township beginning July 2 and continues through July 28.

Please bring new school supplies to the Hometown Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, June 30, as we "kick-off" the Apple Tree Campaign.

Distribution to the children will be August 2 through August 4 at Palatine Township. Volunteers are needed to set up and maintain collection sites, sort supplies, and assist the children on distribution days.

We are also looking for volunteer hair stylists to donate their services between the dates of August 2 through August 4. For information about donating or volunteering, contact Lori Lindberg, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161. For a complete list of school supplies needed, as well as collection site locations, please visit our website.

ICOMPETE SUMMER CAMP

This summer, ICompete will provide a full-day camp to underserved youth living in the Northeast quadrant of Palatine for children 7-11 years old. The camp will be held July 16 through July 27.*

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 \$60 donation will help one child attend camp but any donation amount is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Palatine Township-Sponsor A Child and sent to 721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067.

**Registration for this camp is closed.*

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVALS

Trustee Bill Pohlman

If you're looking to have some fun and celebrate the 4th of July then the festivals in Palatine Township are for you. Great carnival rides, fabulous entertainment, good food and refreshments as well as parades and fireworks. Everything you and your family need to celebrate our nation's independence.

Palatine Township will be participating in the Palatine Jaycee Fourth of July Festival, Hometown Fest. At the beginning of their parade, which is on June 30th starting at 11:00 AM, elected officials and volunteers from Palatine Township will be collecting food and cash donations for the Palatine Township Food Pantry and Apple Tree. Palatine's festival runs from June 29th through July 4th. Fireworks are on July 3rd at dusk and Family Day is on July 4th at 1:00 PM.

Hoffman Estates Park District and the Village of Hoffman Estates are sponsoring a five day Independence Day celebration – Northwest Fourth-Fest at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman

Estates. This year's festival runs July 4th through July 8th with fireworks on July 7th at 9:30 PM and the parade on July 4th at 9:00 AM. Festivities include an Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday and Sunday as well as entertainment throughout the fest from Hi Infidelity, the Gingers and 7th Heaven among others.

Arlington Heights will be celebrating their Fourth of July Festival, Frontier Days. Frontier Days runs from Friday, June 29th through Wednesday, July 4th. The parade is on Wednesday, July 4th starting at 10:00 AM. Main stage entertainment includes Dennis Quaid and the Sharks, The BoDeans, Lonestar, Tonic and American English.

Rolling Meadows will have all of their celebration on Wednesday, July 4th. Their parade kicks off at 11:30 AM and the fireworks display goes off at dusk at Community Center Park.

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

Do you know about the Township Senior Transportation Service? We will take you to any destination in the Township, including the Senior Center, beauty and barber shops, grocery stores, Target, Walmart, library, restaurants in Palatine, doctors or dentists' offices. The cost for this service is only \$2.50 each way.

Please join us on our special shopping trips every other Wednesday.

May 2	Woodfield
May 16	Randhurst in Mt. Prospect
May 30	Deer Park Center in Killdeer
Jun 13	Kohl's in Arlington Heights
Jun 17	Woodfield
Jul 11	Trader Joe's and Burlington in Arlington Heights
Jul 25	Kohl's in Arlington Heights
Aug 1	Deer Park Center in Killdeer
Aug 15	Woodfield
Aug 29	Randhurst in Mt. Prospect

Our vehicles are lift equipped for your convenience, safety, and assistance.

If your medical rides to doctor appointments take you outside of our Township, seniors and disabled persons should enroll in the T.R.I.P. Program. This program will transport you into the surrounding townships as well as North Chicago VA, Hines VA, Loyola Hospital, Stroger Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois, and Rush Medical Center. Your cost is \$5.00 each way, if you cross over one township border, or \$10.00 each way if you cross over two or more township borders. You can register for the T.R.I.P. program online at our website or by visiting our Township transportation office.

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

KEEPING YOUR DOG SAFE FROM COYOTES

Trustee Bill Pohlman

There are three keys to keeping your dog safe from coyotes. Never leave your pets unattended, know how to react if you are approached by a coyote and keep your home free of items that will attract coyotes.

Don't attract coyotes to your home in the first place 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. Even if you feel that your home will not attract coyotes, never leave your dog unattended in your backyard especially at dawn and dusk. Fencing may keep coyotes out of your backyard especially if the fence is six feet in height with a roll bar across the top, but why take the chance.

We have now made it through breeding season for coyotes, January through March, when they are protecting their territory so larger dogs are now safer from attacks. During spring, though, food requirements for nursing female coyotes and their young is high. Since we are spending more time outside with our dogs during spring when coyotes are searching for food there is a greater chance of encountering a coyote.

When you take your dog out for a walk pick your route carefully. Avoid areas with thick, heavy grass and especially areas where there are known or potential den sites. Don't wear ear plugs and stay aware of your surroundings. When you are out walking your dog always keep him on a short leash. Do not use the retractable leashes. If you encounter a coyote, if possible, pick up your dog. Raise and wave your arms as well as stomp your feet. If the coyote doesn't leave, walk don't run out of the area while keeping the animal in your sight.

OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

JUNE

- 30 Palatine Independence Day Parade begins at 11:00 AM
- 30 Apple Tree Campaign "Kick Off" and Food Pantry Collection (Collection of new school supplies and backpacks and non-perishable food items. Look for us at the beginning of the parade.)

AUGUST

- 1 Tax Appeal Seminar, Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, 7:00 PM
- 2-4 Apple Tree Distribution
- 9 Beginning of Cook County Tax Appeal for Palatine Township residents
- 24-26 Palatine Street Fest

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Shredding Event at the Township
- 10 Last day of Cook County Tax Appeal for Palatine Township residents
- 12 Health and Happiness Fair

OCTOBER

- 6 Electronics Recycling at the Township
- 12 Thanksgiving and Adopt-A-Family begins

NOVEMBER

- 1 Angel Trees arrive

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000
12/30/17 TO 4/18/18

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Anonymous	\$4,000
Levi Strauss	\$1,000
Total	\$5,000

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PROVIDING TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Trustee Susan Kern

Palatine Township offers our residents unique and quality social services that are not provided by municipalities, the county or the state. We meet the specific needs of our community, treating those who seek our assistance with dignity, in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Township Supervisor and four Trustees constitute the five-member Township Board, each with an equal vote. Three affirmative votes are required to adopt a Resolution for expenditure, to approve an ordinance such as the annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance or approve the annual Tax Levy.

Reducing the Township Levy will decrease your future property tax, unless other taxing bodies such as schools, fire districts, your local village, city or county raise their tax levy, eliminating the small savings from the Township. The previous and current Township boards in Palatine Township have kept the Tax Levy flat or cut it every year that the boards have been in office.

Auditing all bills, even those less than a dollar, are a major duty of the Trustees and the Supervisor. Examining the usefulness and expense of services, equipment or large capital purchases, and scrutinizing programs that may no longer meet Township needs are avenues for the Township to curtail cost and provide efficient, high levels of service.

Intergovernmental agreements to share resources with adjoining townships, villages and cities are strategies for cutting your property taxes. Using these agreements, municipalities and townships can work together to get the job done in the most efficient and cost effective way possible.

Continuing to instill a culture of doing more with less in our Township organization is a philosophy of which we are proud. Lastly, the best ideas for cost-savings will come from you, the Township residents. Please email us at Reach@palatinetownship-il.gov with your innovations and suggestions for "doing more with less."

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT THE TOWNSHIP

Many people are unaware of the programs offered by the Township. Palatine Township delivers greatly needed services to some of the most at-risk residents who live in our community. Palatine Township's General Assistance Office is often the place where these residents turn when they are facing various types of hardship, emergency situations, and crisis. Many services are offered in order to extend a helping hand to those in need. Palatine Township's General Assistance Office assists approximately 175 clients each month obtain support through the community and apply for Township-related services.

The Township's Emergency Assistance Program can help people who are on the verge of having their utilities disconnected or facing eviction from their homes. In the past year, we completed approximately 500 applications for utility assistance through CEDA. Those who are in need of employment resources can visit the job boards in the General Assistance Office where we have a wide variety of current employment opportunities along with many other resources that meet the needs of our clients. Because many employment applications are now online, Palatine Township also has a computer lab that is available for all Township residents to use during business hours. In addition, the Township has its Needy Family Fund which supports our Outreach Programs and Food Pantry. Thousands of families are provided food and other assistance through these programs annually.

There is also an abundance of resources existing in the community. We are the connection to those resources because many of them are funded through the Township's Human Needs Committee such as the Mobile Dental Clinic, Career Place, Salvation Army, and many others. The overall goal is to help people get back on their feet so they can be self-sustaining in the community.

COOK COUNTY VEHICLE STICKERS: FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS ONLY.

Clerk Lisa Moran

Your Vehicle Stickers must be displayed on your automobile by July 1. Come visit the Township Center to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. If you purchase your sticker after July 1, you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the sticker or \$25, whichever is greater. Please note that the Township Board approved an additional \$3 Convenience Fee for each sticker purchased. You also may be subject to additional penalties if your sticker is not displayed by July 1.

Seniors take note: If you have turned 65 by July 1, you can receive a Senior Citizen No Fee Sticker (unincorporated seniors ONLY) which will remain effective for as long as you own your vehicle. The discount is limited to 2-passenger vehicles or trucks weighing less than 10,000 lbs. Senior large truck, motorcycle, or trailer owners are required to pay full price for those stickers. Proof of age is required.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO HONOR MILITARY FAMILIES THROUGH ITS BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

Clerk Lisa Moran



The Palatine Township Board has had the privilege of honoring dozens of military families since the inception of its Blue Star Banner Program in June of 2011. We would love the opportunity to recognize and honor all military families living within our Township. The banner requestors are invited to a very personalized and special presentation at a Township Board Meeting where they receive a Blue Star Banner and Township Resolution, along with special recognition and certificates from their respective mayor or village president and state legislators who also attend. For more

information on, or to apply for the Blue Star Banner Program, visit our webpage at palatinetownship-il.gov/events/blue-star-banner/ or contact the Clerk's office at 847-358-6700 with questions.

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL AND SEMINAR DATES

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

Palatine Township will open for property tax appeals with the Cook County Assessor on August 9. The last day to file your appeal will be September 10. Your Palatine Township Assessor's office can help get your appeal filed. The most common reason for appealing is "lack of uniformity." You are presenting information to Cook County of homes comparable to yours that are assessed at a lower amount. Palatine Township has a program that will assist in providing comparable properties for your appeal.

I have additional great news for homeowners. To help answer your questions on filing an appeal, Palatine Township and the Cook County Assessor's Office will hold a seminar on "How to File Your Property Tax Appeal" on Wednesday, August 1. This informative seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3405 Algonquin Road, in Rolling Meadows at 7:00 PM. You might know this Holiday Inn as the Holidome.

Filing an appeal can help lower your property taxes. Your successful appeal of the 2018 property taxes will be reflected on the second half tax bill issued in 2019. Remember, filing an appeal can never raise your taxes, so there is nothing to lose and everything to gain by filing an appeal.

The Palatine Township Assessor's Office can be reached at 847-358-6164. We look forward to helping you reduce your property taxes.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

In April of 2013, a voter referendum passed and Palatine Township contracted to secure lower-cost electric supply for residents and small businesses. The Township recently renewed the program and contracted with Eligo Energy IL, LLC at a fixed rate of 6.39¢ per kWh for a 36-month term ending September 2021, over one cent below the ComEd rate, a savings of 18%.

The Township Board was able to contract a price that is lower than the current program rate and is fixed for three years. There are no enrollment fees, termination fees or added monthly fees.

6.39¢ per kWh – Palatine Township program rate with Eligo Energy.

7.75¢ per kWh – ComEd supply rate.

All township unincorporated residents and small business owners should have received a notice mailed in May.

One notice sent was an opt out notice to residents who were enrolled at the rate of 6.39¢ unless they took action to opt out. The other was an opt in notice. For additional information contact Eligo Energy during their business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, at 312-260-0885.

No one from Eligo, the Township, or ComEd will ever visit your home or call you to enroll or ask for your ComEd account number. If you are someone contacts you, they can be reported to the ICC at 800-524-0795.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Aaron Del Mar, Highway Commissioner

STORM SEWER INSTALLATION



Storm water drainage is a key component to the design, function and longevity of the roadway pavement. In order to protect our roadway, it is necessary to have the correct drainage. Premature failure of the asphalt pavement and granular subbase may occur

if storm water is not transferred away from the roadway. There are several ways to handle this drainage, however the two most recognizable are curb and gutter designs or open ditches with cross culverts. Inlets, catch basins and manholes, are used in both cases to collect and transfer storm water to sewers, which carry it away from the roadway. Sewers then properly discharge the storm water to receiving areas such as ponds, wetlands or creeks. At Palatine Township Road District we carefully install and maintain curb and gutter systems, storm sewers, open ditches as well as any cross culverts under driveways and roadways. Therefore, if any standing storm water is noticed please contact us and we will investigate to ensure proper drainage is met.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Currently, we are in the process of resurfacing the North Half of Plum Grove Estates Subdivision in the southeast section of Palatine Township. Roadways were surveyed for drainage concerns: milled, patched and new asphalt, surface course was placed. The streets within the subdivision include Briarwood, Crestwood and Meadow Lanes along with Woodland, Oakwood, Knollwood and Meadow Courts. We installed new high intensity prismatic traffic signs to provide better retro-reflectivity of sight. Additionally, street name signs were updated according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). After the improvements have all been made, we will return to place topsoil along the road edge to make the transition to the existing surface.

To keep our roadways fully maintained and functional, permits are necessary for any home or driveway improvement. Permits are free of charge and easy to complete. We use the permits, certificate of insurance and surety bond to document contractors and hold them accountable for any accidental damage that may occur within the roadway right of way. For permit applications and supporting documentation please contact us at 847-358-6336, stop by at 530 N. Smith Street in Palatine or visit our website roaddistrict.com.

STORM CLEANUP



As we enter the summer months, we typically experience a couple strong storms with winds that cause downed trees. After these powerful storms pass, Palatine Township road crews are dispatched to ensure that any obstructed roadways have been cleared. Once accomplished, road crews can focus on collecting storm damage from private properties. 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 call 847-358-6336 to schedule a pickup. We will only collect storm damage if the debris has been placed with branch or cut side facing the edge of the street. If you have small brush or branches, please tie them with twine in bundles 4 ft. or less in length and 2 ft. or less in diameter. By doing so, they will be more manageable for disposal and 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.

ARTS REFRESHING THE SOUL

artsrefreshingthesoul.org

7th Annual Casino Night
Friday, September 21, 2018
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Metropolis Ballroom
6 S. Vail Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Check the website for information

CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING (CEL)

centerforenrichedliving.org

23rd Annual Golf Tournament
August 6, 2018
Twin Orchard Country Club
22353 Old McHenry Road
Long Grove, IL 60047
Contact Niki Bartosiak at 847-315-9916

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

cachelps.org

3rd Annual Golf Outing
July 23, 2018, 8:00 AM
Schaumburg Golf Club
401 North Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194
Information found on website

ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES NORTHWEST

etsnw.org

Eat n' Earn
July 18, 2018
Peggy Kinnane's
8 N Vail Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
For more information: <https://etsnw.org/events/>

THE HARBOUR

theharbour.org

Ruobrah's Speakeasy
A Roaring 20's Casino Evening
September 29, 2018
For more information check the website

JOURNEYS THE ROAD HOME

journeystheroadhome.org

Bid for HOPE Gala
November 9, 2018, 7:00 PM
The Meadow's Club
2950 Golf Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Check the website for information

LITTLE CITY

littlecity.org

Opportunity Walk & Roll
September 9, 2018
Check the website for information

NORTHWEST CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT (NW CASA)

nwcasa.org

Fall 40 Hour Advocate Training
October 6, 2018 – October 20, 2018
Contact Allyson Schnoor
Volunteer Coordinator at 847-806-6526 ext. 19
Check website for information or to register

WINGS

wingsprogram.com

Purple Tie Ball
October 6, 2018, 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM
The Westin Hotel
400 Park Blvd
Itasca, IL 60143
Check the website for information

SPECIAL LEISURE SERVICES FOUNDATION

www.slsf.me

SLSF Moretti's/NWSRA Golf Classic 2018
August 15, 2018, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Old Orchard Country Club
700 W. Rand Road
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
Contact Megan O'Brien at 847-392-2848, ext. 267

SHELTER, INC.

shelter-inc.org

Charity Ball
November 16, 2018
For more information contact
Barb Mazursky, at 847-590-6188 ext. 21

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

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

– Ronald Reagan

Over the years I have developed a love of history. I find it fascinating the way our area developed; the place it came to be to be today. I appreciate the sacrifices of others before us. Our first Governor, August C. French, brought several residents to Springfield June 7, 1847 to work on the framing of our Illinois Constitution. The Illinois Constitution directed the separation of each county into townships, authorizing local government by the people. It included the law of the Homestead Exemption.

Due to the poor condition of Illinois roads, in 1879, the legislature introduced a law for a levy through townships or counties, in order to install "hard roads." This was the first time public funds were used for road improvement.

This same Constitution directs the legislature not get involved in county or township affairs. If we follow the Illinois Constitution, why are the legislators trying to eliminate townships?

Many people believe if we remove townships, you will pay less tax. Not true. This only allows counties and the state an excuse to ask for more to perform the services townships no longer are around to do and, most likely, at an increased rate.

In February, I insisted our board pass the budget before any expenses were made for the following fiscal year at the promise of a shut down if not passed. This is the only responsible way to run government. As I write this article at the end of the Illinois Legislative Session, I am reminded that, historically, this legislature has failed to pass budgets. I find it farcical that these same state legislators dictate to an efficiently run township government that is providing services to those who need it most.

Contact your Illinois legislators and let them know how you value your Township. Please contact us with questions or ideas. We would enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

