

# PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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SPRING 2014



## SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014**

Join us at 7:30 PM at the Palatine Township Center, 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, for the Annual Town Meeting and to meet your elected officials.

## MONEY PROBLEMS?

Palatine Township is co-sponsoring a class with Palatine Bank and Trust that you might find helpful. The class is called "Financial Recovery." It covers steps you can take to recover financially and restore your credit after a financial setback.

### FINANCIAL RECOVERY CLASS

**Monday, April 7**

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Township Center  
Meeting Room 1  
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

The class will help you with the following:

- Assess your current financial situation
- Identify ways to increase income and decrease expenses
- How to develop a financial recovery plan
- Steps to implement your plan
- How to guard against credit repair scams
- Time frames to review and adjust your recovery plan

There is no charge for this class, but space is limited. Please call Diane at 847-963-0047 to reserve your spot.

## SPRING CLEANING?

Ah, spring... a time to throw open the windows, let in some fresh air and get rid of those 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 for residents of Palatine Township and are free. Get further information from our website at [PalatineTownship.com](http://PalatineTownship.com) or visit [PalatineLions.org](http://PalatineLions.org)

### SHREDDING DAY

**Saturday, May 3**

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Township Parking Lot  
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Enter off Illinois Street

Limit 2 boxes of paper – if possible please bring documents in cardboard boxes or paper bags

On-site document destruction

Watch your documents destroyed with secure cross cut shredding.



Help will be provided to unload your car.

Shredding provided by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc.

### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

**Saturday, May 10**

**7:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Township Parking Lot  
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

Enter off Illinois Street

No limit

Computers, printers, mice, CD, DVD & VCR players, DVRs, batteries, phones, power cords and cables, small appliances, TVs (less than 27" ), monitors, cameras and more. Visit our website at [PalatineTownship.com/ElectronicRecycling/](http://PalatineTownship.com/ElectronicRecycling/) for a complete list of items

Sorry - no microwaves, light bulbs, paint or hazardous materials accepted.



## PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

The Needy Family Fund is a not-for-profit plan funded by private, tax-deductible contributions that assist residents with emergency payments for rent, utilities, prescriptions and essential items that cannot be funded through the General Assistance operating budget. Visit our website at [PalatineTownship.com/NeedyFamilyFund/](http://PalatineTownship.com/NeedyFamilyFund/) for more information and how to donate. All of the programs on this page are funded through your donations of program materials and monetary contributions to the Needy Family Fund.

First and foremost, we'd like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors and dedicated volunteers for all your help and participation with the 2013 Holiday Outreach Programs. Only through your kindness and support were we able to reach out to so many struggling families and individuals in need throughout the holiday season.

- **625 families were able to have a Thanksgiving dinner through our Thanksgiving basket program.**
- **765 children and senior citizens received gifts from our angel tree program**
- **236 families were provided gifts this year from our adopt-a-family program**

Looking for an opportunity to help? Palatine Township is coordinating its annual Easter basket program which provides financially disadvantaged children (ages 10 years and younger only) with Easter baskets filled with goodies and small toys. Please consider creating a basket for a child in need. Stop by the Township Office and select a bunny, chick, or egg cut-out which includes the name and age of the child or register online starting March 3 at [PalatineTownship.com/EasterBaskets](http://PalatineTownship.com/EasterBaskets). Baskets are due by April 8.

If you are interested in volunteering for our Easter Basket Party on April 12, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or [CFavia@PalatineTownship.com](mailto:CFavia@PalatineTownship.com).

### DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

8/3/13-1/10/14

#### NEEDY FAMILY FUND

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Casey Muffler                 | \$1,000         |
| Women's Club of Inverness     | \$1,000         |
| K Flaherty & P Pomatto        | \$1,000         |
| Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc.   | \$1,455         |
| Pebble Creek Homeowners Assn. | \$2,515         |
| GE Capital                    | \$3,500         |
| TJ Maxx/The TJX Foundation    | \$5,000         |
| Various Anonymous             | \$7,850         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$23,320</b> |

#### APPLE TREE

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Plansmith    | \$1,000        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,000</b> |

## OUR GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE AND NEEDY FAMILY FUND NEED YOUR HELP

### Palatine Township Needy Family Fund Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Tax-Deductible Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable and mail to:

**Palatine Township Needy Family Fund**  
**721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067**

Contact us at 847-358-6161 for further information.

During these difficult times, the General Assistance operating budget lacks sufficient funds to meet the increasing needs of our community. As a result, our caseworkers have found it difficult to assist the number of deserving families seeking our help.

Thankfully, the Needy Family Fund is able to provide some relief, but the Fund is limited, and the need is critical. Please consider making a contribution to our Needy Family Fund. For your convenience you can use this coupon to mail in your tax-deductible contribution. No amount is too small; it all adds up for the greater good.

## 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 and help

Property tax appeal forms

Zoning variances

### Employment Counselor

847-358-6700

*By appointment only*

### General Assistance

847-358-6110

*(for those in need)*

Access to Care

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

Benefits 847-485-2772

Counseling 847-980-1827

## TOWNSHIP IN ACTION

Palatine Township is proud to offer residents a variety of services that improve the quality of life for everyone in the Township. Many of those services are listed to the left. Several services and programs are highlighted below.

### Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program

**Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM**

Palatine Township, in partnership with the Palatine Police Department, will sponsor a child safety and abduction prevention program, which is designed for children ages 7-12 only and their parent(s). A Crime Prevention Officer will address safety measures children need to take in order to live safely in today's society. Although there is no fee for this program, registration is required and limited.

For content and questions about the program, please contact Palatine Police Crime Prevention at 847-359-9061. To register, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or [CFavia@PalatineTownship.com](mailto:CFavia@PalatineTownship.com).

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

We will be adding some new and different destinations to our schedule this spring and summer. These shopping jaunts are all scheduled on Mondays.

March 10 – Jo-Ann Fabrics/Marshalls, Palatine Road, Arlington Heights

March 24 – Woodfield Mall, Golf Road, Schaumburg

April 7 – Meijer, Golf Road, Rolling Meadows

April 21 – Trader Joe's / Hallmark / Dollar Tree, Rand Road, Arlington Heights

May 5 – Randhurst Mall, Elmhurst Road, Mt. Prospect

May 19 – Deer Park Center, Rand Road, Kildeer

These destinations are in addition to our regular service and are provided for seniors or residents with disabilities. You must be signed up to use our transportation services. Any questions just call 847-358-6907 or for more information visit us at [PalatineTownship.com/Transportation/](http://PalatineTownship.com/Transportation/).

### FOOD PANTRY

If you are in need of food assistance, please call 847-358-6110 to register for the Township Food Pantry. Many clients use the Pantry for a just few months during a period of unemployment or extended illness. Other clients use the Pantry for longer periods to supplement their fixed retirement or disability income. Whatever the situation, all Township residents in need are welcome to use the Food Pantry monthly.

Donations for the Township Food Pantry were extraordinary this past holiday season and will help fill our shelves for months to come! Please see a list of wonderful donors on our web site at [PalatineTownship.com/FoodPantry/](http://PalatineTownship.com/FoodPantry/). And, if you are interested in spearheading a Food Drive for this spring or summer please give us a call at 847-358-6121.

Equally amazing is the dedication of Food Pantry Volunteers. January 6 & 8 were two of the coldest days in decades; yet 22 volunteers braved the weather to serve over 50 clients, rearrange schedules, sort donations and stock our shelves.

Heartfelt thanks to all donors and volunteers from the Township Staff for your generosity, hard work and caring.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter  
for more details!

### MARCH

- 3 Easter Basket Program Begins

### APRIL

- 7 Financial Recovery Class
- 7 & 8 Easter Baskets Due to Township
- 8 Annual Town Meeting
- 12 Easter Party & Basket Distribution
- 26 Road District Tire Amnesty

### MAY

- 3 Road District Tire Amnesty
- 3 Shredding Day
- 10 Electronic Recycling Day
- 13 Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program

## NEW NEWSLETTER DESIGN

Trustee Bill Pohlman

Welcome to the first edition of the new Palatine Township newsletter. We've redesigned the newsletter with a larger, easier to read type font and in a more organized fashion to allow you to find the information you need.

The first thing you'll notice is that the format of the newsletter is more organized and less cluttered. We achieved this new format by combining individual articles into one article. All Township services are on one page called Township in Action. The content on this page covers all the services you receive from the Township such as the food pantry, transportation and the Administrative office. There is also now one article called People Serving People that will cover Angel Tree, Thanksgiving baskets and other programs where there is an opportunity for community involvement.

We've cut down on the information on the Calendar of Events page as well. Instead of listing all 26 agencies that the Township works with complete with a description of the agency, we are limiting the listings to agencies that have an event scheduled during the time period covered in the newsletter. A link will take you to the agency's web site where you can find all the information you need on the event.

We haven't eliminated any information you might need. Throughout the newsletter you'll see links to the Township Internet site. All of the information you were used to seeing is now available to you on our site. You'll also notice that lengthy articles will cover the most important details in the newsletter and give you the entire story on the web site.

We hope you like the new direction we have taken the newsletter. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email me at [BPohlman@PalatineTownship.com](mailto:BPohlman@PalatineTownship.com).

## PROGRESS REPORT ON BOARD GOALS

Trustee Art Goes

Immediately after the swearing-in of the newly elected officials in May 2013, the Township Board adopted three goals for itself. Material progress has been made and we report on it here.

**Goal #1** is to operate the Township more efficiently, specifically to reduce budget/spending by 5% without compromising programs or service levels. Based on 2012-2013 actual expenditures the 5% goal amounts to \$168,000. To avoid any confusion the Township Board decided to target 5% of the budget and 5% of the spending as separate goals. The budget goal was met and summarized for our readers in the last newsletter.

The cost reduction/spending goal is also \$168,000 and we are closing in on it. The savings are in three areas: reduction of a support position in the Road District office; elimination of pensions for elected officials, and cutting the transfer of funds from the Road District to the Town Fund for support of senior transportation. The savings thus far amount to \$139,000. Stay tuned.

No programs or services have been cut to achieve these savings. For details go to [PalatineTownship.com/BoardGoals/](http://PalatineTownship.com/BoardGoals/).

**Goal #2** is to develop a strategic plan for Palatine Township with input from the people. The emphasis is on "with input from the people."

Progress to date on this goal has been technical work related to collecting input from the people. We have nearly completed the re-work of the website and technical planning for capturing input electronically.

**Goal #3** is to introduce and provide additional services that will serve the broadest range of township residents without material expense to the taxpayers.

The first shredding day was October 5, 2013. The next Shredding day is planned for May 3 and the shredding will be on-site. Electronics recycling will be May 10. For further information on these and other events visit [PalatineTownship.com](http://PalatineTownship.com) and look under the "Events" tab.

# IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE MARCH 18 ELECTION

Clerk Lisa Moran

| DATES                      |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Feb 19 to March 15</b>  | <b>Grace Period Registration and Voting</b><br>This is the only way to register or change your address or name after the regular registration period ends. It is also the only way to vote if you are not registered or if your voter registration is not up to date. The only sites available for this are the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington in Chicago, or the Rolling Meadows Courthouse at 2121 Euclid Avenue. |
| <b>March 3 to March 15</b> | <b>Early Voting</b><br>Palatine Village Hall and Rolling Meadows Courthouse are early voting sites in our area.   |
| LAST DAY:                  |   |
| <b>March 13</b>            | to request a mail-in absentee ballot  |
| <b>March 16/17</b>         | in-person absentee voting at Clerk's Office downtown and at Rolling Meadows Courthouse and four other suburban courthouses  |
| <b>March 17</b>            | voted mail-in absentee ballots can be postmarked  |

## OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION:

- United States Senator
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- Representatives in Congress
- State Senators
- Representatives in the General Assembly
- Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated)
- President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- County Clerk of Cook County
- Treasurer of Cook County
- Sheriff of Cook County
- Assessor of Cook County
- County Commissioners of Cook County (17 from single member districts)
- Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 3)
- Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Sub-circuit Judges (to fill vacancies if required)

The Clerk's Office is also asking those who are interested in becoming election judges to contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0966.

# PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR OUR RETURNING VETS

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

Are you a returning veteran? Do you know a returning vet? If so please note that there is a property tax exemption specifically for our returning veterans. Property tax exemptions can help lower the amount of property taxes.

To qualify the veteran must be:

- an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces
- returning from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S.
- owned or had a legal or equitable interest in the property and used it as a principal place of residence on January 1
- liable for the payment of property taxes

Veteran must complete the exemption application with the CCAO and if a veteran is discharged from active duty service, he or she will need to provide the Department of Defense DD Form 214, certified by the County Recorder of Deed's or the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

If a veteran is still on active duty after returning home, they will need to provide military orders and a travel voucher showing the date of his or her return. The documents must state that they are returning from armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S. within the tax year that they are requesting the exemption.

Please note this exemption:

- may be received in addition to any other exemptions
- is good for the year the veteran returns and for the next year as well

Please call the Township Office at 847-358-6164 with any questions. Thank you for your service to our country.

# PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Thomas Kaider, Highway Commissioner

## WINTER EVENTS

Last winter season 2012-2013, we saw the longest stretch of snowless days since 1994. We all know that can change in the Midwest and at the Road District we continually plan for winter storms. In fact this winter season we experienced one of the snowiest weeks on record to start 2014. From December 30th through January 5th O'Hare International Airport, saw 23.1 inches of snow. To keep the snowfall totals relative, the entire 2012-2013 winter season saw 30.1 inches and as of January 5, 2014 we have already received 34.7 inches.



Not only did we break snowfall records, but we were also introduced to the POLAR VORTEX. As you may remember and would like to forget, immediately after the record breaking snowfall we plunged into record breaking low temperatures and wind chills that brought in the polar bears at the local zoo. The coldest temperature was -16 degrees on the morning of January 6th. As if this wasn't enough, northern winds came gusting in to drop the bitter cold further. The lowest wind chill of -42 degrees was also set on this dreadful morning of January 6th.

While all these records were being broken the Road District Crew were out plowing and applying ice control measures. We stand ready to remove snow and ice in an effective manner in order keep the motoring public safe.

## YARD WASTE PROGRAM 2014:

This successful, annual program will resume on April 7, 2014 and will continue until November 25, 2014. Weather permitting, in late March and early April, we will deliver 56 yard waste stickers to each household in the unincorporated areas. These stickers are to be used on yard waste bags that you purchase for the following items: grass clippings, leaves, twigs, garden debris, weeds, stalks, vines, bark and wood chips. 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 have compost which is aged, ground yard waste. New this year, is the availability of wood chips provided by the Village

of Palatine. Both these materials are available for pick-up at the Road District Garage, located at: 530 N. Smith Street, Palatine. Please call 847-358-6336 for directions and hours.

## TIRE AMNESTY PROGRAM 2014:

The famed inventor Charles Goodyear changed the world in 1839 when he accidentally dropped a mixture of India rubber and sulfur onto a hot stove and turned a flimsy gum into the sturdy stuff which today is the modern tire. But that same wonder material that has become a staple of modern society has become one of the largest solid waste headaches. This headache extends to our roadside ditches where some residents



“fly dump” their unwanted tires which creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes, flooding and mowing problems for the Road District, not to mention an unsightly landscape. In response we started a tire amnesty program several years ago. Early each spring on selected Saturdays anyone living in Palatine Township can drop off their used tires at our yard. These

tires are then sent to the grinder where they are ground up and used for asphalt pavement and playground surfaces. If you are a resident of Palatine Township come and drop off your old tires at the Road District Garage, located at: 530 N. Smith Street, Palatine. This year centered on Earth Day, the tire amnesty program will be from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday April 26, 2014 and Saturday May 3, 2014. No tires over 16" in diameter or from commercial vendors will be accepted.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PALATINE TOWNSHIP FUNDED AGENCIES

Palatine Township supports specific programs at twenty-six 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*

**Escape to the Emerald Isle Annual Gala**  
Saturday, March 15, 2014, 6:00 PM  
Meridian Banquet and Conference Center  
Contact: 847-485-3085

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** *CatholicCharities.net*

**25th Hearts for Homeless Families Dinner**  
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 6:00 PM  
Chevy Chase Country Club  
Contact: 847-376-2100

## **CLEARBROOK** *Clearbrook.org*

**Jelly Belly Days**  
Friday, May 16, 2014, 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM  
Saturday, May 17, 2014, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
North and northwest suburbs of Chicago  
Contact: 847-385-5008

**Guardians Golf Outing**  
Monday, June 2, 2014, 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM  
Kemper Lakes Golf Club  
Contact: 847-385-5012

**Women's Classic Golf Outing**  
Monday, June 9, 2014, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Chevy Chase Country Club  
Contact: 847-385-5009

## **COUNTRYSIDE ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** *CountrysideAssn.org*

**Clipped Wings Golf Benefit**  
Monday, May 19, 2014, 11:00 AM  
Royal Melbourne Country Club  
Contact: 847-540-3708

**9th Annual Opportunity Walk, Run, Roll**  
Sunday, June 1, 2014, 10:00 AM  
Independence Grove  
Contact: 847-540-3705

## **JOURNEYCARE FOUNDATION** *JourneyCare.org*

**The Gala**  
Saturday, June 28, 2014, 5:30 PM to 11:30 PM  
The Hardy Estate  
Contact: 224-770-2414

## **LITTLE CITY** *LittleCity.org*

**Art Exhibit**  
April 14, 2014 – April 27, 2014  
Bloomingdale Park District Museum  
Contact: 847-221-7161

**Arts Exhibit and Discussion**  
Saturday, May 3, 2014, 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM  
Madame ZuZu's Tea Shop & Art Studio  
Contact: 847-221-7809

**Golf Tournament**  
Monday, June 16, 2014, 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Twin Orchards Country Club  
Contact: 847-221-7892

**PHD** *SPHD.org*  
**PHD's Spirit of Life Gala**  
Saturday, April 26, 2014, 5:30 PM  
Wynstone Golf Club  
Contact: 847-359-4967, x19

## **ROLLING MEADOWS SENIOR CENTER** *RMParks.org*

**April Tea**  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014, time TBD  
Rolling Meadows Senior Center  
Contact: 847-818-3200, x229

**Kentucky Derby**  
Friday, May 2, 2014, time TBD  
Rolling Meadows Senior Center  
Contact: 847-818-3200, x229

## **EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM**

Receive emergency alerts and other important community news by signing up for the Northwest Central Dispatch System Emergency Alert Program, serving the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District. This emergency notification system enables your community to provide you with critical information quickly and in a variety of situations such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where and how you want to be notified.

For more information and to sign up, go to:  
[ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis\\_alias\\_id=160741](http://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=160741)

**Hours:**

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday, 8:30 AM - noon

**847-358-6700**

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**LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

Dear Residents,

The end of the year brought the Township some sadness. The loss of three separate community members and advocates of Palatine Township was especially hard felt. Former Road District Commissioner (1973-1993) Robert Bergman, who was always known as a "hands on" commissioner, passed away. He was our first commissioner to obtain federal grants for Township roads. David Regner was our Township Supervisor from 1993-2005. Dave was beneficial in getting funding for the Day Care and playground located at the Township building and expanding the food pantry. Most recent was Don Jacobs. Don only recently retired from the Palatine Rural Fire Board after serving well many years. They will all be remembered with respect and admiration.

I want to thank all of the generous people who donated their time, money, and compassion to our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of the residents and those who work in Palatine Township. We were all able to make the holidays a bit happier for our needy residents.

A newcomer at the Township is Debbie Hall-Cole of the VET CENTER. She has joined us two days a week for family therapy for all Military Veterans. Palatine Township welcomes Debbie and all whom she serves! I also want to thank Eagle Scout Ian Estrada for his mapping and stake project in the Township Cemeteries.

The Township has been making big improvements on the Website. I want to personally thank Janice, the Township Assistant Administrator, for being creative and resourceful in helping to get this accomplished.

We appreciate all of her hard work!

Look for improvements to the Township building. We will be putting on a fresh coat of paint and replacing the 20 year old carpet starting in February! We look forward to a bright 2014!

