

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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SUMMER 2014



PET SAFETY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OFFICE GROUNDS

The Township is pleased to invite you to our Pet Safety Day. Your pet is part of your family – make sure they are safe and healthy. If you have a pet or come into contact with someone else's pet, this is for you. We will feature:

- Learn how to approach loose animals
- How to keep pets healthy
- What to do with pets in an emergency / disaster
- Pet health information
- Pet rescue group

For more information please go to www.PalatineTownship.com/PetSafetyDay/.

HEALTH & HAPPINESS FAIR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

721 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE

Announcing an experience for you and your family. Palatine Township is pleased to host a Health & Happiness Fair with lots of free screenings and information. There will be free refreshments provided by Costco and lots of giveaways from the Palatine Park District and others. Indulge in a chair massage from TRU rehab. Capture your smile with a free photo from Humana. Here is a list of some of the activities we will be offering. **All for YOU and all FREE!**

Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and BMI Checks will be provided by Jewel/Osco. They will also have flu shots which are free for Medicare patients as well as some insurance providers.

Osteoporosis Screening for the crucial early detection of osteoporosis. Alexian Brothers Health System is providing free bone density screening.

Fall Prevention & Improving Balance Are you or others worried about you falling? Come and learn how you can help yourself stay safe and remain on your feet from Northwest Community Hospital Physical Therapists.

Foot Care Licensed podiatrists will be on hand to check feet, answer questions and provide educational literature.

Eyeglass adjustments will be provided by the Palatine Vision Center.

Macular Degeneration & Retinal Neuropathy Screening Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of new blindness in adults in America today. Early detection greatly enhances the outcome for patients with all retinal diseases. Sponsored by the Palatine Lions Club.

Hearing Loss Screening Take a few minutes to stop by to protect your hearing through this early alert system test. Sponsored by the Palatine Lions Club.

Amplified phones "live test" If you have a hearing loss you can participate in a "live hearing" test with amplified telephones. Appointments are necessary - please call 847-884-0030 to schedule.

Caregiver Stress Test Take the "caregiver stress test" with a Catholic Charities caregiver specialist to discover your stress level and learn how to decrease your stress.

Medicare Questions and Enrollment Get help from a Medicare expert from the Palatine Township Senior Citizen Center.

Palatine Safe Seniors Drop by for safety information concerning senior residents, such as common frauds and the "Grandparent Scam" by Palatine Police Officer Kellie Poliquin.



PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

APPLE TREE

The Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign, now in its 26th year, collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in our community. The program is designed to provide students, who are referred to us by local social workers, with new school supplies needed to return to school 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, supplies, as well as monetary donations or time are greatly appreciated to this valuable program. Collection of supplies will be July 7 through August 8 and distribution to the children will be August 9 through 14 at the Township Center. Volunteers are needed to set up and maintain collection sites, sort supplies and to assist the children on distribution days.

For information about donating or volunteering contact Christine Favia, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161. For a complete list of school supplies needed and collection site locations, please visit www.PalatineTownship.com/apple-tree-campaign/.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Township Food Panty can use your help. . .

Many backyard gardens will soon be bursting with ripe tomatoes and other vegetables. Please consider donating a portion of your harvest to the Food Pantry. We're here on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM to accept perishable donations. With the high cost of produce, your donation is greatly appreciated!

Personal essentials are also costly items for those struggling to make ends meet – and these items cannot be purchased with state nutrition program benefits. Soap, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothpaste and household cleaning supplies are always needed at the Pantry.

Thanks to our generous donors and dedicated volunteers!

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

1/11/14 - 5/12/14

APPLE TREE

Palatine Women's Club	\$1,600
Total	\$1,600

ICOMPLETE SUMMER CAMP

This summer ICompete will offer two camps to underserved children in the Northeast quadrant of Palatine. Teen camp will be held July 14 - July 18 for children ages 12 - 14 years old. Our youth camp will be held July 21 - August 1 for children ages 6-11 years old. *Registration for this camp is closed.

ICompete is a collaborative partnership with the Palatine Park District, Palatine Opportunity Center, Palatine High School, Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine Township, Palatine Police Department and Buehler YMCA.

Community support is vital to ensure the camp's success. Donations can be made in any amount to help with the registration for one child at camp. Checks should be payable to Palatine Township-Sponsor A Child and sent to 721 S. Quentin Rd, Palatine, IL 60067.

HUNGER SUMMIT AND LOBBY DAY 2014

Each year, people from agencies dedicated to feeding the hungry gather in Springfield to educate and lobby legislators about the problem of hunger in Illinois. This year two Township Pantry volunteers Sue Barrett and Marcia Meade, joined 350 others in this monumental effort. The current focus was on child hunger awareness. Sue remarked, "I was shocked to learn that so few needy children are able to take advantage of free school breakfast programs. The problems are very complex and will take a lot of policy changes to

resolve." Marcia shared, "I felt privileged to attend and see so many wonderful people working to solve the problem of hunger for needy families."

For more information go to chicagosfoodbank.org and click on Learn About Hunger.



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

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Summer is finally here...time to get out and enjoy the sun and fresh air.

How about riding the township bus? If you are a senior of 60 years or better or if you are permanently disabled, you can sign up to ride the Township bus to take you to any destination within the township borders. We can take you shopping, to the beauty or barber shop, to the senior center or to meet a friend for lunch at one of our local restaurants. Tuesdays we go into Arlington Heights for doctor appointments only.

We have special shopping trips planned twice a month. Here is the schedule for the next couple of months:

July 7 – Monday – Trader Joe's/Hallmark/Dollar Tree,
Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

July 21 – Monday – Kildeer Shopping Center/Old Navy/World Market/
BBB/Pot Belly's, Rand Rd, Deer Park

August 4 – Monday – Woodfield Mall, Golf Rd, Schaumburg

August 18 – Monday – Randhurst Mall, Elmhurst Rd, Mt Prospect

Our T.R.I.P. Program (for medical purposes only) is very popular. We travel into the seven surrounding townships and to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Hines VA in Maywood, Loyola, University of Illinois Medical Center, Stroger's, Good Shepherd, Holy Family Hospital, and numerous other locations.

Registration is necessary for all of our transportation services. You can register at the Township Transportation Office located at 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, at the corner of Quentin and Illinois. The Transportation Department phone number is 847-358-6907. We are looking forward to assisting you with your summer township travels.

EMPLOYMENT

Wow CAN YOU BELIEVE IT, we finally get a break from our horrible cold, snowy & icy winter? Summer is on its way and not a moment too soon. We are also happy to report we have a breakthrough in employment opportunities as well.

Our Employment Counselor, Val Profit is here on Mondays. She invites you to call and make an appointment so she can meet with you one-on-one. She asks you to bring in your resume (if you have one) so she can see what you've done in the past to determine where you're going in the future. Val will talk to you about open positions in your area of interest.

In addition to seeing job seekers one-on-one she also facilitates a senior job club every even month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 PM. The next job club will be Tuesday, August 26th at 1:00 PM. This is at Schaumburg Township, located at One Illinois Blvd in Hoffman Estates. The job club is a support group for job seekers 50 and over it's also an incredible networking opportunity. There are times when Val will invite a company to come into the job club to talk about their open positions available. At the job club she will distribute the latest job bank, which is a list of 100 open positions in this northwest corridor. If you are 50+ feel free to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter
for more details!

JULY

- 4 Hoffman Estates Independence Day Parade (9:00 AM)
- 4 Inverness Independence Day Parade (1:30 PM)
- 4 Rolling Meadows Independence Day Parade (11:30 AM)
- 5 Palatine Independence Day Parade (10:00 AM)
- 7 Apple Tree Campaign Begins (collection of new backpacks & school supplies)

AUGUST

- 9-14 Apple Tree Distribution
- 19 Health and Happiness Fair (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
- 22-24 Palatine Street Fest

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Pet Safety Day (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

OCTOBER

- 1 Thanksgiving & Adopt A Family Programs Begin

TOWNSHIP PARTNERS WITH CAREER PLACE

Trustee Art Goes

In these days of economic uncertainty, employment considerations are on the minds of many residents. Palatine Township serves our residents with an employment counselor who works one day a week at Palatine Township, but that can't possibly meet everyone's needs. So the Township's Human Needs Committee (HNC) has found a way to leverage taxpayer funds through use of outside agencies like Career Place which generates more "bang for the buck" through economies of scale and by using primarily volunteers, including retired executives.

Career Place assists unemployed individuals with job search skills, strategies and support through a structured program of curriculum, coaching and connections including 17 workshops, job search work teams, shared computers and office space for a modest membership fee plus the grant approved by the Township Board. In 2013 of the 659 members from 45 townships, 79 were from Palatine Township, the most members from any one township.

Palatine Township has been providing support for Career Place since 2010. Last year HNC members suggested that Career Place put more emphasis on tracking their outcomes. True to form, Chris Campbell, Executive Director, stepped up to the challenge. When he reported back to the Human Needs Committee in 2014, sure enough, the results were in. Township residents did as well as the overall results which found that a whopping 70% of members, when actively engaged in the Career Place process, landed new employment in an average of six months. Chris Campbell told us he was a bit shy about the workload to collect the statistics, but ever-so-glad to document the tremendous success of the organization.

With Illinois having the second highest unemployment rate in the nation and very low job creation, Palatine Township is pleased to help its residents by supporting the services provided by Career Place. For more information please call 847-304-4157 or visit www.mycareerplace.org.



Palatine Township Supervisor Sharon Langlotz-Johnson and Career Place Executive Director Chris Campbell congratulate Todd Heintz who landed a new assignment with the help of Career Place.

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 called Hometown Fest. At the beginning of their parade which is on July 5th starting at 10:00 AM, elected officials and volunteers from Palatine Township will be collecting food and cash donations for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Anyone who donates will receive a miniature American flag. Palatine's festival runs from July 2nd through July 6th. The fireworks are on Thursday night, July 3rd at dusk and Family Day is Sunday, July 6th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

The Hoffman Estates Independence Day parade kicks off at 9:00 AM on July 4th. The Hoffman Estates Park District has stepped up as a co-sponsor of the four-day Northwest Fourth Fest at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. The headline musical act of the fest is the popular rock band Smash Mouth, performing on Saturday, July 5.

Arlington Heights will once again have their Fourth of July festival called Frontier Days. Frontier Days runs from July 2nd through July 6th. The parade is on July 4th and themed "Toys on Parade." For music, Sister Hazel will perform on July 3rd and then on July 4th the festival will feature the Gin Blossoms.

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

HONORING MILITARY FAMILIES IN PALATINE TOWNSHIP

Clerk Lisa Moran

Palatine Township held its inaugural Blue Star Banner Presentation in June of 2011, and since that time over 30 military families have come forward to receive this honor. This Blue Star Banner Program acknowledges the community's military families by honoring its active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, while supporting the family members here at home. Three times a year, the Township Board hosts the special presentation where a Blue Star Banner and Township Resolution are presented to the recipient families. The respective mayor and state legislators are also invited and encouraged to participate. After the family receives their banner, they hang it in the window of their home. It is the hope and intent that these banners will help to identify and support the neighbor-military families whose sacrifices too often go unnoticed.

If you are a family member of someone currently serving, and you reside in Palatine Township, the Township Board would love the opportunity to recognize your family at our next Banner Presentation Ceremony. The next presentation will take place at the October 27 board meeting, and applications need to be received by September 30. Please visit www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/ for detailed information and forms. Feel free to contact Township Clerk Lisa Moran directly at lmoran@palatinetownship.com or 847-358-6700 with any questions.



PROPERTY TAX APPEAL STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

At the Assessor's Office we are often asked by a taxpayer if they will be successful in filing an appeal. The Board of Review, one of the two governmental bodies with whom an appeal can be filed, publishes yearly statistics. The short answer is yes, the odds of receiving some reduction favor you, the taxpayer.

For the 2012 tax year 69% of taxpayers filing an appeal with the Board of Review received some reduction. While those are pretty good odds, looking back at the previous five years show that the average percentage of taxpayers receiving some reduction actually increased to 74.2%. So, for the last few years, three quarters of those taxpayers who filed an appeal with the Board of Review received some type of reduction to the assessed value of their property. Seems to be an almost certain thing.

Appeals to the assessed value of your property can be filed twice a year, first with the Cook County Assessor then with the Board of Review. Even if you received a reduction from a successful Cook County Assessor appeal, an additional appeal can be filed with the Board of Review, seeking a further reduction in the assessed value of your property.

To keep up with the various filing dates the Palatine Township Assessor's Office sends out email notices with vital information. To be notified of important dates and information please contact the Assessor's Office at 847-358-6164 with your email address. The Palatine Township Assessor's Office looks forward to helping you reduce your property taxes.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Thomas Kaider, Highway Commissioner



WATER QUALITY

Water is the foundation for everything we do throughout life. It is of course needed for human existence but also used for recreation and economic development. However, not much of the water on the Earth is fit for consumption. Ninety seven percent of the Earth's water is salt water, while the rest is frozen in glaciers or polluted. In fact, 780 million people or one in nine, lack access to clean water. We are fortunate to live near the Great Lakes, which is the largest group of fresh water lakes on the planet and represent 84% of North America's surface fresh water. Therefore, we all need to do our part to improve the water quality of our creeks and streams which are the capillaries to these great bodies of water. Proper maintenance, responsible use of fertilizers and correct waste disposal are just a few solutions to keep our creeks and streams clean. Please find more information at www.elpc.org/category/natural-places/great-lakes-protection or www.inillinoiswater.org/.

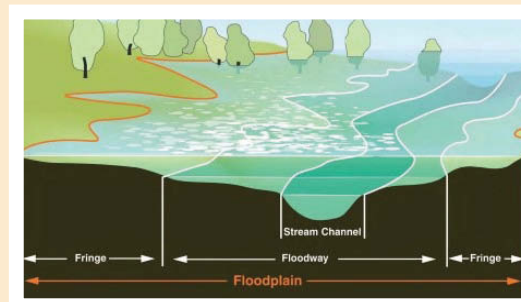
STORM CLEANUP

It seems that during the summer months we either experience a lengthy drought, intense rainfalls that create flooding or strong winds that cause downed trees. After these powerful storms pass and roadways have been cleared, Palatine Township road crews are dispatched to clean up and collect 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. Additionally, for your gardening use, we will continue to have compost (aged ground up yard waste) available for pick-up at the Road District facility, located at: 530 N. Smith Street, Palatine.



SMALL STREAM MAINTENANCE

Floodplains are defined as any area that floods as a result of a specific type of storm, most commonly a 100 year storm event. This storm event is not simply defined as a storm that occurs within 100 years, rather it is a probability description. In essence, a 100 year storm event has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year while a 50 year storm event has a 2% chance and a 10 year storm has a 10% chance. A more detailed explanation can be found at <http://water.usgs.gov/edu/100yearflood.html>. As a matter of fact, the Chicagoland area may experience multiple 100 year storm events within one year. In order to qualify as a 100 year storm event our area must receive approximately 7.5 inches of rain with a 24 hour time period. It also qualifies if we receive approximately 4.5 inches within 2 hours, or 2.8 inches within 30 minutes. All this rain eventually collects in our streams and rivers, which when filled with debris or downed trees may cause flooding. To reduce flooding in urbanized areas through immediate and relatively simple remedies is the mission statement of the Small Streams Maintenance Program (SSMP) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). Since it began in 2006, dedicated crews have provided a valuable service by removing debris from creeks, streams and waterways. The success of the SSMP depends on cooperation and coordination among all communities to efficiently and respectfully manage the waterways. If you find downed trees or debris within the waterway please contact us at 847-358-6336 and we will coordinate with the SSMP for cleanup.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PALATINE TOWNSHIP FUNDED AGENCIES

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

CLEARBROOK *Clearbrook.org*

Active Care Color Blast 5K

Saturday, August 23, 2014, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Recreation Park, 500 E. Miner, Arlington Heights
Contact: 847-385-5009

Raise the Woof Pet Festival

Saturday, September 13, 2014, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Melas Park, 1500 W. Central, Mount Prospect
Contact: 847-385-5009

COUNTRYSIDE ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES *CountrysideAssn.org*

Car Wash

Saturday, July 12, 2014, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
New Hope Community Center, Palatine
Contact: 847-540-3705

Art in the Countryside

Friday, August 29, 2014, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
21154 W. Shirley Road, Palatine
Contact: 847-540-3705

JOURNEycARE FOUNDATION *JourneyCare.org*

Barrington Duck Race & Pool Party

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Langendorf Park, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington
Contact: 224-770-2416

LITTLE CITY *LittleCity.org*

51st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

Monday, August 11, 2014, 10:00 AM
Twin Orchard Country Club, Long Grove
Contact: 847-221-7891

MIDWEST CARECENTER *CareCenter.org*

Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, August 11, 2014, 1:00 PM
The Glen Club, Golf, IL
Contact: 847-556-1778

PALATINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL *PTSCC.org*

Mah Jongg Tournament

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
PTSCC, 505 S. Quentin Road, Palatine
Contact: 847-991-1112

Girls Night Out (21 and over)

Thursday, October 2, 2014, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Dirty Nellies, 180 N. Smith Street, Palatine
Contact: 847-991-1112

PHD *SPHD.org*

10th Annual "Fairway for Families" Golf Outing

Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 8:00 AM
Makray Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington
Contact: 847-359-4967, x19

2014 Bikers Against Bullies Motorcycle Ride

Sunday, September 7, 2014, 8:00 AM
Broken Oar, 614 Rawson Bridge Rd., Port Barrington
Contact: 847-359-4967, x28

ROLLING MEADOWS SENIOR CENTER *RMParks.org*

Moonlight and Music

Thursday, July 17, 2014, 6:00 PM
Park Central, 3000 Central Road, Rolling Meadows
Contact: 847-818-3205

Summer Carnival

Friday, August 15, 2014, 11:30 PM – 2:00 PM
GYC Senior Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows
Contact: 847-818-3205

Fashion Show

September, 2014, Date & Time TBA
GYC Senior Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows
Contact: 847-818-3205

Toast to Thirty Anniversary Luncheon

Friday, October 17, 2014, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows
Contact: 847-818-3205

Hours:

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

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LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

One of my dad's favorite quotes when I was a child came from Benjamin Franklin. "The only things certain in life are death and taxes." It was dad's way of saying I had to clean my room and go to school. While my father was amusing, there is nothing funny about paying taxes. I want you to know how the Township has used them responsibly, and to benefit the community.

The Township has three levies; Road District, General Assistance, to help those in need, and Town Fund. This year, the levied amount included an increase to the Town Fund and General Assistance, however the Road District levy was then decreased by the same amount, making it flat.

A year ago, the board set aside \$120,000, saved in the previous year's budget, for long needed building improvements. This year, many of those improvements will be complete. We recently completed painting and new flooring and we will soon replace computers due to outdated software. The drainage in the rear of the building was repaired using a state grant. At minimal expense, we now have community programs for shredding, electronics disposal, health fair, and a Pet Safety Day. Soon, we'll have a public computer lab, using our old computers.

The Road District transferred \$200,000 to a special fund to be used only to purchase and maintain a transportation bus, which provides rides for the disabled and seniors. This purchase will allow the Township more flexibility and opportunity to use the bus, rather than the rented van from PACE.

Don't forget to sign up for email notifications for program dates and volunteer opportunities!

I want to thank all of our Palatine Township residents for their support in the community and to Palatine Township, and wish everyone a safe Independence Day and summer!

