

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

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SPRING 2016



SPRING CLEANING?

Spring is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings, a time to throw open the windows and let in some fresh air. It's also a great time to 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 or visit PalatineLions.org.



Shredding Day

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 9:00AM – 11:00AM

**Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine**

There is a limit of 5 boxes of paper. If possible, please bring documents in cardboard boxes or paper bags.

Conveniently drive through our lot, and volunteers will take your boxes to be shredded during this on-site document destruction.

Enter off Illinois Avenue, exit on Quentin Road and watch your documents be destroyed with secure cross cut shredding.

Shredding provided by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc.

Electronic Recycling

Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 7:30AM – 12:30PM

**Township Parking Lot
721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine**

Enter off Illinois Avenue, and your car will be unloaded by volunteers.

No limit on items.

Visit our website at PalatineTownship.com/ElectronicRecycling/ for a complete list of items.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS CAN MAKE EASTER SPECIAL FOR IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN.

The Township's annual Easter Basket Program encourages residents to donate pre-made Easter baskets for families in need in Palatine Township. Financially disadvantaged children, ages 10 years and younger only, receive baskets filled with toys and goodies.

We have identified over 450 children who we feel would be extremely grateful to be recipients of this program. This is more than double the children we helped last year. We are asking local church groups, businesses, organizations, scout troops and individuals interested in donating Easter baskets.

If you know of a family in need in Palatine Township that would benefit from the Easter Basket Program, please nominate them. Qualifications for nominations are found in detail on our website.

Online donor registration begins February 22 at www.palatinetownship.com. If you prefer, stop by the Township after March 2 and pick out a bunny, chick, or egg cut-out which includes the name and age of the child. Donor registration ends on March 7, 2016.

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, March 14, 2016.

Much like the Township's other outreach programs, the Easter Basket Program identifies local families in need and strives to help them.

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.

For additional information contact Lori Lindberg, Outreach Coordinator, at Llindberg@palatinetownship.com or 847-358-6161.



OUTREACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look in the newsletter for more details!

FEBRUARY

- 22 Easter Basket Online Donor Registration begins
- 29 Early Voting begins at the Township

MARCH

- 14 Easter Baskets due at the Township
- 15 Election Day

APRIL

- 12 Annual Town Meeting
- 16 Tire Amnesty Program at the Road District
- 23 Tire Amnesty Program at the Road District

MAY

- 14 Shredding Day at the Township

JUNE

- 11 Electronic Recycling Day at the Township

JULY

- 20 Health and Happiness Fair

DONATIONS OF AT LEAST \$1,000

8/11/2015 TO 1/8/16

NEEDY FAMILY FUND DONATIONS

Plum Grove Estates Property Owners Association	\$1,300
Pebble Creek Homeowners Association	\$2,505
Casey Automotive	\$1,500
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$3,200
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Anonymous	\$5,000
Anonymous	\$1,300
Anonymous	\$1,000

APPLE TREE

Levi Strauss	\$1,000
Total	\$19,805

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

FOOD PANTRY

To the many generous Food Pantry donors this past holiday season, individuals and families who made food and monetary donations, individuals, businesses and schools who sponsored Food Drives: we send our heartfelt Thanks! Volunteers are still sorting and stocking the amazing donation from Lavelle Law. Two truckloads of nonperishable food and household items were delivered during Thanksgiving.



Your generosity allows us to provide free groceries, meat, eggs, cheese, milk, fresh produce, personal and cleaning products to over 350 families each month. Approximately 900 individuals depend on our Pantry for nutritious food for themselves and their children. Of those we serve, 40% are under the age of 18.

Consider the situation of one of our recent clients – an on-the-job injury caused him to be on disability. When his benefits ended, he wasn't able to make ends meet for his family. For the first time in his life, instead of helping the needy, he found that he and his family were the ones in need. He confessed that the first time he came to use the Township Pantry he sat in the parking lot for 30 minutes before getting the courage to come in. After using the Pantry for a few months, he shared with us his relief at being treated with respect and genuine care by the staff and volunteers. He was able to provide for his family with the assistance of the Township until he found another job.

If your family needs assistance, whether it's for one or many months, please call 847-358-6110 to register to use the Pantry.

PALATINE TOWNSHIP EXTENDS HOURS OF OPERATION

Palatine Township offices will be open every Monday, with the exception of national holidays, from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Monday Food Pantry hours will be from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Transportation Services will move back their final drop-off time on Mondays to 6:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

The Cook County Assessor's Office will hold a seminar on the property reassessment process and how this ties into your property tax appeal. Seminar will be at 7:00 PM in the Palatine Township Patriot Room.

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

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

Soon the weather will take a turn for the better. Residents will want to get out and travel to the different destinations in the Township using our Township bus.

Hours of Operation:

Monday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and
Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

In addition to our regular service, we offer special shopping trips every other Monday, or you can enjoy a matinee on a Monday if the scheduled destination is Randhurst, Deer Park or Streets of Woodfield. Our spring schedule is:

February 22 – Randhurst
March 7 – Trader Joe's
March 21 – Woodfield Mall or Streets of Woodfield or Village Green
April 4 – Deer Park Shopping Center
April 18 – Kohl's
May 9 – Randhurst
May 23 – Woodfield Mall or Streets of Woodfield or Village Green
June 6 – Trader Joe's
June 20 – Deer Park Shopping Center
July 11 – Woodfield Mall or Streets of Woodfield or Village Green
July 25 – Kohl's

Both our regular service and our shopping trips cost just \$2.50 each way.

Palatine Township offers rides in the T.R.I.P. Program. This is transportation (for medical purposes only) outside of Palatine Township.

Hours: Monday through Friday 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday - 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Service area: Includes five townships plus Rush Medical Center, University of Illinois Medical Center, Stroger Cook County Hospital, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Hines VA and North Chicago VA.

Fares: When crossing over one township border the fare is \$5 each way.
When crossing over two or more township borders the fare is \$10 each way.

You must register with the Township Transportation Department to use our services. For more information please call 847-358-6907.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

My name is Samantha Shapiro, and I am the new General Assistance Coordinator for Palatine Township. I began at the Township in September of 2015. While I have only been here a short time, I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work in a community that supports and cares about its residents. The kindness of the people in Palatine Township is inspiring and motivating.

With a background in Education and Social Work, my passion has always been to help others. I received my Bachelor's in Secondary English Education from Indiana University and my Master's Degree in Social Work from Loyola University. I feel very confident that Palatine Township is the place where I can continue fulfilling my passion as well as serving others.

While I grew up in Skokie, I live in Buffalo Grove with my husband, our young son and our dog. My husband is a practicing attorney who grew up in St. Louis. While I have converted him to most Chicago sports, he maintains his loyalty to the St. Louis Cardinals!

I am very excited to announce the opening of Palatine Township's computer lab. In addition to serving our General Assistance clients, the computer lab is a resource available to all Palatine Township residents. The workstations have been configured to give access to a wide range of applications, allowing users to complete work for professional development and educational advancement. To further improve users' computing experience, printing is available in the General Assistance Office.

Please call or visit us in the General Assistance Office to inquire about the computer lab as well as the many other services we offer. You can reach the General Assistance Office at 847-358-6110 or email me directly at Sshapiro@palatinetownship.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Kevin McGrane

What makes a community? Is it neighbors helping neighbors, selfless service through any number of community groups, or people volunteering their time and money to assist those in the community who are most in need? I think it is all of those things or, as the Township motto states, "people helping people." We are fortunate to live in a Township where year after year we are inundated with financial donations and people offering up their time and assistance to run the myriad of programs we offer through the Township at no cost to taxpayers.

Adopt-A-Family – 180 families throughout the Township received gifts supported by dozens of volunteers.



Angel Tree – We had 809 children, disabled, seniors, and teenagers in need receive Christmas gifts to help lift their spirits during the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Baskets – Recipients received a basket of food and \$25 gift card for a turkey. This year 850 baskets went to families, seniors, and people in need enabled by the \$23,000 in cash and food donations we received from residents, churches, and businesses. We also had 47 volunteers assist with the program.

Toy Drive – Brand new toys, coats, etc. were donated to families in need that missed the sign-up for Adopt-A-Family and Angel Tree programs.

The countless emails and letters of gratitude we receive are solely because of the residents, businesses, churches, and staff in our Township who graciously donate their time and money. We thank you for making 2015 another successful year, but more importantly our residents thank you for making Palatine Township the perfect example of what community looks like.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Town Meeting and Citizen Recognition
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

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

All are welcome to 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 meeting will also include a short presentation of the Township's improvements, services and future projects. Refreshments will be served.

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Trustee Bill Pohlman

"I am a senior citizen who has lived in Palatine for over 30 years," wrote one Palatine Township resident. "I no longer can drive because of my aging eyes. The bus transportation service that Palatine Township offers to its senior citizens, who no longer can drive to provide these services for themselves, is excellent and needed."

If you are at least 65 years old or disabled, you can receive low cost, curb to curb transportation services Monday through Friday through the Township. The Township has at their disposal two twelve person mini buses and a 9 person passenger van. The first pickup for the day is at 8:15 AM for appointments at 9:00 AM. The last pickup for the day is at 3:00 PM.

Our bus transportation can also be used to save time with your errands. "I am very grateful for the transportation provided by Palatine Township," writes another resident. "This wonderful service enables my mother, who lives with me a number of days throughout the month, to visit my father living at Rosewood Care Center."

If you need to do some shopping, the Township has special excursions to area malls such as Woodfield, Randhurst, Deer Park, Kohl's and Trader Joe's. According to another resident, the service can also just help you get around the Township. "I utilize the bus for transportation to my eye doctor, to the beauty salons for my hair appointments, and to food stores. I also use the bus for transportation to the library for book discussions, books and DVDs."

Passengers must sign up for the program at the Palatine Township office a minimum of three days in advance. The fee is \$2.50 each way and an attendant can ride for free. Taxi vouchers are also available which are good for \$4.00 off the metered fare.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION UPDATE

Assessor Terry Kelly

2016 Calendar of important dates and timeframes for property tax related issues.

January through April

Make sure you are receiving all your property tax exemptions. Senior Citizen and Senior Freeze applications are sent out in January. The form for the Senior Exemption needs to be filed every year as does the Senior Citizen Freeze exemption form.

You are eligible for the Senior Citizen exemption if you were born in 1950 or earlier. First time applicants should stop by the Township Assessor's Office to fill out the proper forms.

To be eligible for the freeze your total household income must be less than \$55,000. In 2016 you are paying your 2015 taxes with the freeze based on your 2014 income.

February 1, 2016

The first installment tax bills are mailed out and are due March 1.

May through June

The Cook County Assessor property tax appeal process will be open. As of this writing, there is no exact date as appeal time varies slightly year to year. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Township Assessor's email notification program. To be added to the program, send your email to: Dgamboa@palatinetownship.com.

July 1, 2016

The second installment of property tax bills is mailed out and is due on August 1.

September through October

The Board of Review property tax appeal process will open. Again, exact time varies year to year. Residents are encouraged to sign up for email notifications.

Disabled Veteran Exemption Expanded

The Disabled Veterans exemption has been expanded to allow for a partial property tax deduction for veterans with a service-related disability of 30%. Previously, the percent of service-related disability had to be at 50%. Disabled veterans are encouraged to call for the exact details and required forms.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE MARCH 15 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Clerk Lisa Moran

February 17 to March 14 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.

February 29 to March 14 Early Voting at Palatine Township Center: Mon-Fri: February 29 - March 4 and March 7-11 Saturdays: March 5 and March 12 Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM *Rolling Meadows Courthouse opens March 14

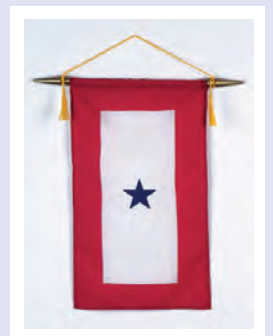
March 10 Last day to request mail ballot, including military and overseas ballots.

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

Please check out the Cook County Clerk's website for valuable information: www.cookcountyclerk.com

Palatine Township honors military families through its Blue Star Banner Program

For more information on the Blue Star Banner Program please see our webpage at www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/ or contact Clerk Lisa Moran's office at 847-358-6700 with questions.



PALATINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Thomas Kaider, Highway Commissioner

TIRE AMNESTY

Tires are a staple of modern society, however they have become one of our largest solid waste headaches. This nuisance extends especially to our roadside ditches. Violators “fly dump” their unwanted tires, creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes, flooding and maintenance concerns for the Road District, not to mention an unsightly landscape. In response, we created a tire amnesty program several years ago and it 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 at our yard. If you are a resident of Palatine Township, stop by and drop off your old tires at the Road District Garage, located at 530 N. Smith Street, Palatine. Once again centered around Earth Day, the tire amnesty program will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday April 16, 2016 and Saturday April 23, 2016. No tires over 16” in diameter or from commercial vendors will be accepted.



YARD WASTE PROGRAM AND COMPOST AVAILABILITY

Now that we can see an end to Winter 2015-2016 and all the shoveling that went with it, we can look forward to Spring and yard work! We will begin our annual yard waste



collection for the unincorporated areas on April 4, 2016 and will continue until November 22, 2016. Incorporated residents will need to check their Villages or City's vendor for their individual service dates. However, in late March and weather permitting, we will deliver 56 yard waste stickers to each household in the unincorporated areas. These stickers are to be used on your purchased yard waste bags for the following items: grass clippings, leaves, and garden debris. Dirt or sod is 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 have compost which is aged, ground yard waste and is offered for pick-up at the Road District Garage and Town Hall. Please call for availability, as this material is quickly consumed.

WATER QUALITY

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 freshwater. Urban runoff is threatening these bodies of freshwater, and public awareness needs to be present and heightened. Urban runoff pollution comes from neighborhood streets, ditches, storm sewers, construction sites and parking lots. This runoff contains pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers from landscaped lawns and gardens, improper disposal of used oil and engine fluids into open lid manholes, and soil erosion from construction sites. Your support as residents of the community is essential to improve our water quality. Proper maintenance, responsible use of fertilizers, and correct waste disposal are just a few solutions to keep our creeks and streams clean. We must do our part together to improve the water quality of our creeks and streams so we may continue living in a healthy ecosystem. Our local ecosystem is the Salt Creek Tributary, which starts mostly in Palatine Township and covers approximately 150 square miles. This watershed eventually makes its way into the Des Plaines River, then into the Illinois River and eventually to the Mississippi River. The flooding in the Southern States first started in our backyards. If we want to protect the Mississippi estuary, we must start in our own backyard.



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.

CAREERPLACE

MyCareerPlace.org

Intro to CareerPlace
Every Monday (weekly), 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
CareerPlace, 600 Hart Road, Suite 118, Barrington
Contact: 847-304-4157

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CatholicCharities.net

Nite at the Net
Saturday, February 27, 2016, 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
Hinsdale Raquet Club, Hinsdale
Contact: 312-655-7290

Holy Family Villa Dinner
Sunday, March 20, 2016, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gaelic Park, Oak Forest
Contact: 630-257-2291

Legal Lifelines Cocktail Reception
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Union League Club of Chicago, Chicago
Contact: 312-655-7290

Blossoms of Hope Brunch
Sunday, April 24, 2016, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Drury Lane, Oakbrook
Contact: 312-948-6797

NORTHWEST COMPASS

NorthwestCompass.org

Health Insurance Enrollment
Every Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
1300 W. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect
Contact: 847-392-2344

Nutritional Workshop
Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
1300 W. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect
Contact: 847-392-2344

PALATINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZEN COUNCIL

PTSCC.org

Gala of Thrones – A Medieval Ball
Saturday, February 20, 2016, call for time
The Cotillion, Palatine
Contact: kjohnson@ptscc.org

PHD

SPHD.org

45th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 6:00 PM – midnight
Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel,
Schaumburg
Contact: 847-359-4919

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO VENDORS FOR THE 2016 HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FAIR

Palatine Township is holding its free Health and Happiness Fair for Township residents on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. We will be accepting applications from new vendors. For those interested in applying, the application may be found on our website at www.palatinetownship.com.

Please note that vendors applying to the Health and Happiness Fair should be health-related businesses. Specialties can include health education and injury prevention, nutrition and general physical health. These are broad categories intended as a guide.

Preference will be given to Palatine Township-based service providers and those vendors offering free services, screenings or educational presentations that will benefit our community. Previous fair participants are welcome to apply as well.

We anticipate over 200 interested community members to attend. The Health and Happiness Fair will be advertised in the Township newsletter, our Facebook page and on our website.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Township no later than March 31, 2016. You may scan and email your application to either Anna Chychula at Achychula@palatinetownship.com or Lori Lindberg at Llindberg@palatinetownship.com. Please feel free to fax the form to 847-358-2888 if you prefer.

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

*"You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world.
But it takes people to make the dream a reality."*

Walt Disney

Three words, People helping people. That is what our Township is about and why I chose to quote Walt Disney. At the Township we believe in our dreams. Our dreams are to serve more people this year than the last. We are only able to succeed with you, the people.

This year, we increased our hours on Mondays to give increased access to the Township to those who work weekdays. Starting February 1, 2016 the Township is open until 7:00 PM every Monday, except holidays. All Township services will be available including the Assessor Office, Food Pantry, and General Assistance.

By the publishing of this newsletter, the Board Members have voted and approved a budget and a total lower levy, thereby lowering your taxes paid to the Township. We have also paid toward a large pension debt to IMRF. The debt was caused for many reasons including market fluctuation, and past poor payment policies. This payment and policy will save the tax payers of Palatine Township over \$1,000,000.00 in interest! Since Township is only 2% of your entire tax bill, it may not appear as a significant reduction, but we believe every little bit helps, and it serves as an example for other taxing districts in our community.

Don't forget to join us on April 12 for our Annual Town Meeting. We will continue with our tradition to honor three Township military service members who gave their all and present awards for our TOPS and Patriot award. Coffee and cake will be served.

Another service the Township now offers is a computer lab! Check it out the next time you come by!

Have a happy and safe 2016!

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
Supervisor, Palatine Township

