



# Maine Township News Release

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## **Maine Township brings home four awards from state conference**

Maine Township recently brought home four awards from the annual conference of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). They were for Innovative Senior Program, Best Photo of the Year, Best Township Newsletter, and Senior Staff Member of the Year, according to Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky who was on hand for the Nov. 10 awards presentations in Springfield, IL.

"Thanks in great part to the dedication of our elected officials and township staff our work is regularly recognized by our peers around the state for being innovative and of high quality," Teschky added. "We are very proud of the work we do for our residents and the community."

Singled out for recognition from among more than 1,400 Townships across Illinois, Monika Jaroszewicz, Program Coordinator for MaineStreamers, was named Senior Staff Member of the Year by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Centers Services Committee (ITASCSC) during the same ceremonies

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“Monika is a true asset to our department and dedicates herself to serving our 4,000 members of MaineSteamers,” says Mary Swanson, Director of the Senior Department at Maine Township. “Her empathy, intelligence and cheerful demeanor are always in demand and appreciated by the people she serves by organizing trips and special events such as the Senior Spelling Bee, 90+ Birthday Party and much more.”

ITASCSC also named the Township’s Annual Senior Expo as its Innovative Program of the Year. Teschky commented that, “the Swing into Spring Senior Expo, in one innovative day, connects businesses, organizations, government and entertainment for a population that needs this kind of convenience.”

She added, “As we all know, the connectivity between seniors and their community is vital, thus, our Senior Expo is the epitome of that very goal.”

The Mighty Message Awards given by TOI reflect quality in communications done by Townships. For the third time, a photo taken by Dick Barton who handles public information duties was named Best Photo of the Year. The Township’s newsletter, *Mainely News*, won for Best Newsletter of the Year.

The Best Photo was an image of a private vendor displaying his wares at the Township’s Annual Garage Sale. The judges felt the photo truly showed the scope and vitality of the event, according to Bryan Smith, TOI’s Executive Director.

*Mainely News* is published three times a year and circulated to all households in Maine Township. The 8-page color publication provides news and updates on township programs, events and community involvement along with important information on how residents can access the many township services.

For more information and award ceremony photos, visit [www.mainetownship.com](http://www.mainetownship.com).

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