



Maine Township News Release

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Maine Township slated for seven awards from state conference

Maine Township is expected to bring home seven more awards from the annual conference of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) being held in November. The Township was acknowledged in these multiple categories for the variety of exceptional programs and services that help make the lives of all of residents better, according to Laura J. Morask, Township Supervisor.

"I could not be prouder of all of our township staff, and elected officials past and present who all had a hand in creating, supporting and running such innovative and high quality programming. All of these programs are of great value to our Township community, and to be recognized by the Township Officials of Illinois; the governing body for all Illinois Townships is truly rewarding," said Supervisor Morask. "This year has been truly extraordinary in that we received awards in seven categories—the most we have brought home in recent memory. Singled out from among more than 1,400 townships across Illinois, these staff members, volunteers and programs will be recognized for their service and accomplishments at ceremonies Nov. 14 in Springfield. I am thrilled by all the awards but especially happy for Mary Swanson, our retiring long-time Senior Director for winning four awards from her Department. I could not think of a more fitting retirement honor."

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Three awards will be presented by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services (ITASCSC). The MaineStreamers Newcomers Presentation will be recognized as an Innovative Senior Program of the Year for helping newcomers feel that they are already part of the MaineStreamer experience. Marie Dachniwsky, MaineStreamer Program Coordinator, will be recognized as Senior Staff Member of the Year for her tireless and creative efforts to bring new experiences to seniors. Susan Moylan Krey, Maine Township Assessor, will be recognized as Elected Official of the Year for her strong passion to assist seniors who live on fixed incomes.

Two more awards will be presented by the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). A photo of kindergarteners embracing celebrants at the 90-Plus Birthday Party will be recognized as Best Photo of the Year. Recovery Connection, which helps young adults in the community stay clean and sober, will be recognized as Best Township Program of the Year.

The final two awards will be presented by the Association of Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY). Kelsey Coy will be recognized with the 2017 Youth Leadership Award for her genuine interest in each of the young people she has mentored in the Future Leaders Program since becoming a member in 2015. MaineStay will be recognized with the 2017 Youth Organization Award for its determination and dedication in discovering and meeting the needs of the youth in Maine Township.

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CAPTION 1

Kelsey Coy, kneeling, who will be recognized with the 2017 Youth Leadership Award at the 2017 annual conference of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) , with some of the young people she has mentored in the Future Leaders Program since she became a member in 2015. Top row from left: Michael Tucker, MacKenzie Tucker, Tommy Alawode, Kimberly Cervantes, Clara Cupuro, Carlos Jacome, and Amber Chiquini. Front row from left Brian Ayala, Jose Tobon, Connor McNeill, Mia McNeill, and Anika Colombe. Foreground Anthony Jacome.

CAPTION 2

The staff of MaineStay, which will be recognized with the 2017 Youth Organization Award at the 2017 annual conference of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), from left are: Dr. Sue Lin, psychiatrist; Naomi Bowman, family therapist; Oksana Bukaczyk, agency and program coordinator; Richard Lyon, director; Jesse Cornejo, family therapist; Austin Kelso, office manager; Anna Lydka, assistant director; Robert Barder, family therapist; Anne Camarano, youth program coordinator

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