

Mainely NEWS

CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR

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Fall 2014



Carol's Corner

Supervisor,
Carol A. Teschky

Our short summer has ended. The Township was a busy place in the past three months.

Our third document destruction day held in June was a huge success. Each year more residents avail themselves of this free service. This year 215 cars came through and 5,245 lbs. of documents were shredded.

In June we sponsored a regional Senior Spelling Bee with the winners moving on to Springfield for the state finals. We also hosted a reception for our dedicated Township volunteers who are more precious than gold!

July saw our involvement in the Taste of Park Ridge. Our MaineStreamers sponsored a Senior Bingo under the Canopies on Courtland. In addition, elected officials and staff volunteered to work at the annual fest.

The Township once again partnered with the Golf Maine Park District and the Cook County Sheriff's Department for National Night Out Against Crime on Aug. 5. This was the 21st year the Township was involved and each year it gets better. I want to thank new chairman Trustee Gialamas and Trustees Morask, Kazmierczak and Jones along with their committee and many township staff for a superb event! Also participating were Assessor Moylan Krey and Hwy. Commissioner Provenzano. Thanks to one and all for a job well done.

I want to personally welcome Assessor Moylan Krey and Trustee Jones to their new positions. We wish them well in their service to the Township and our residents.

Community Garage Sale - Sept. 27 to Benefit Disadvantaged Children and Hungry Families



The Annual Maine Township Community Garage Sale will be held rain or shine Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Residents are encouraged to attend the event which is open to the public.

Organized by the MaineStay Department of Maine Township and sponsored by *Chicagoland Senior News, Journal & Topics Newspapers*, Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano, Cook Co. Commissioner Peter Silvestri, State Rep. Michael McAuliffe, Village Bank and Trust, Tony's Finer Food, Park Ridge Taxi/Community Cab, and Republic Services (ARC), proceeds benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the

Township's Emergency Food Pantry.

Residents may participate in the Garage Sale in several different ways. They can simply attend the event and shop for good finds or they can donate cash.

"These events are not only fun, they raise money for two worthy causes—disadvantaged children and hungry families," says Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. "We encourage our Township residents to participate, to give financial support, or just come by to shop."

For more information, please call Ed Beauvais 847-297-2510 ext. 272 or email him at ebeauvais@mainetown.com. Information is also posted on the Maine Township website at www.mainetownship.com.

Kimberly Jones Assumes Trustee Position as Susan Moylan Krey becomes Assessor

The Maine Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its meeting on July 22 to appoint Kimberly Jones of Park Ridge as the newest Maine Township Trustee. Jones is a former 3rd Ward Alderman for the City of Park Ridge (2005-2007) and more recently a member of the Park Ridge Flood Task Force.



Kimberly Jones
Trustee

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Kimberly Jones Assumes Trustee Position as Susan Moylan Krey becomes Assessor

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"Kimberly brings a lot of valuable community experience to the Trustee position," said Maine Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. "She has shown a real commitment over the years to faithfully serve her community as a volunteer and elected official".

Jones fills the vacancy left when Susan Moylan Krey of Des Plaines was appointed as Township Assessor in May. Krey filled that vacancy left by the passing of Assessor Tom Rueckert who had served since first being elected in 1985.



Susan Moylan Krey
Assessor

"Susan is highly qualified to be our Assessor and really knows township government," Teschky added. "She has studied and passed all the state requirements to be an Assessor."



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Walter Kazmierczak

Township Solution to Insurance Costs

TOIRMA was established in 1986 as a self-funded insurance group pool to combat the uncertainties and volatility of township insurance costs. TOIRMA insurance currently covers 1,374 township/road district members and 312 multi-township assessing districts. Twelve out of the last 13 years TOIRMA has achieved a 100% renewal rate.

This insurance group covers the liability needs of township equipment, property, personal liability, workman's comp,

treasurer bonds and accidental death and dismemberment coverage. Last year TOIRMA's Board of Trustees declared a 15% dividend of over \$1.9 million to their qualifying members. TOIRMA also provides administrative help for its membership such as underwriting, claims management and loss/control/risk management.

TOIRMA is another example of township government using innovation to solve a cumbersome problem. Aside from the Executive Director, TOIRMA's Board consists of five elected township officials. This is further confirmation that despite the protestations of detractors, township government provides better service at a better cost to the taxpayer. After all, the township is the government closest to its people. We prove that every day at Maine Township.



National Night Out

The annual National Night Out Against Crime continues to be a very popular event in unincorporated Maine Township. Here, Township elected officials pose with some of the winners of the 2014 poster contest based on the theme "If you see something, say something." Congratulations to the winners. Many thanks to the officials, sponsors and many volunteers that make NNO a great evening for the entire community. Elected officials, l to r, are Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Assessor Susan Moylan Krey, Trustees Kimberly Jones and Laura Morask, Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano and Trustees Walter Kazmierczak and Peter Gialamas, the Event Chair.



Niles-Park Ridge Fall Crop Walk Scheduled for Oct. 19

On Sunday, Oct 19, 2014 the 22nd Annual Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk will take place at the Messiah Lutheran Church located at 1605 Vernon Avenue, Park Ridge. Everyone will gather at 1:30 p.m. for the beginning of the 6.2 mile (full route) walk or the 3 mile (1/2 route) walk. Families are encouraged to contact their local churches and speak to the Crop Walk recruiter, so that they can get sponsors to donate to the Crop Walk. 75% of the money raised is distributed by Church World Service and 25% is donated to the Maine Township Food Pantry.



On June 19, Lynda Santrella of Des Plaines, right, was honored at the Age Options Annual Luncheon for her volunteerism. General Assistance Director Marsha Warnick was on hand. For the last 22+ years, Lynda has co-organized the annual Niles-Park Ridge Crop Hunger Walk sponsored by local churches. Starting point this year on Oct. 19 is Messiah Lutheran Church of Park Ridge with 25% of the proceeds donated to the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Registration for LIHEAP Energy Assistance Set for Sept. 5

Maine Township residents may register for the winter LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) at Maine Township on Friday, Sept. 5, at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginning in the fall of each year, the energy assistance program can help low-income persons with a one-time credit toward their winter utility bills for gas and electric.

The winter program will continue for several months; however, the months of September and October are reserved to process applications for seniors and the disabled only. Beginning in November, low income families and all other individuals are encouraged to apply for possible benefits toward their gas and electric bills. Financial guidelines are:

Household size	Gross 30-day Income
1	\$1459
2	\$1966
3	\$2474
4	\$2981
5	\$3489
6	\$3996
7	\$4504
8	\$5011
9	\$5519

For more information call 847-297-2510 or visit www.mainetownship.com.

Public Hearing to be Held Township Seeks Authority for Electricity Services in Referendum

At the July 22, 2014 Board meeting, an Ordinance was passed authorizing the placement of a referendum question regarding an opt-out electricity aggregation program on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot.

Voters in the Maine Township Unincorporated Area will be asked if the Township should be given the authority to seek competitive pricing bids for electricity services. If the referendum passes, Maine Township could go out to bid and enter into a single contract that would include residents and small businesses **provided** lower electric bills for residents would be realized.

On September 30 and October 23 at 7 p.m., public hearings will take place at Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, in order to explain the process and allow residents the opportunity to ask questions.



Supervisor Carol Teschky greets State Rep. Michael McAuliffe during the Rules of the Road workshop he sponsored along with a representative from the Illinois Secretary of State's office.



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey



Since accepting my new position as Maine Township Assessor on May 27, 2014, our office has seen a lot of activity. With our 2013 tax bills due on August 1, during the time from June 30 thru July 30, our office had 1501 taxpayer visits, 694 taxpayer phone calls and processed 416 Certificates of Error for our residents.

If you think that your assessment is too high, residents have an opportunity to appeal their assessments. The Board of Review is now accepting pre-registration 2014 assessment appeals for people filing on their own property.

The Appeal Process

To begin the process go to www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. Once on the Board of Review's main webpage, click on "Please click here to pre-register or file a complaint online".

I anticipate the Board of Review to open Maine Township for appeals in the early fall (September or October). Once it is open you will have 30 days to file an appeal.

When Maine is officially open, our knowledgeable staff will be able to assist residents in filing an appeal. To make sure your appeal gets processed in a timely manner, our office requests that you file with us within 25 days of the opening date. This will ensure all your paper work is received and processed by the Board of Review.

As always, we are here to serve our residents of Maine Township. Stop by or call with any questions.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Highway Commissioner, Robert Provenzano



These are samples of address numbers properly displayed visible from roadway.

State law requires that ALL residents and business owners display address numbers on residential, commercial and industrial structures that are visible from the roadway in order to facilitate adequate public safety and emergency response services.

Maine Township Highway Department has completed its 2014 Street Resurfacing Program. I am pleased to report that we were able to resurface a total of eight streets in the unincorporated areas of Glenview and Des Plaines, at a considerable savings below bid. My sincere thanks to all of our residents in those areas for their patience during the construction phase of the resurfacing project. Every effort was made to insure the contractor completed this work as quickly as possible. I regret any temporary inconvenience these projects may have caused you, but I am confident that you will be pleased with the end result.

Garbage Cans – According to Maine Township Ordinance, residents living in unincorporated Maine Township, must observe the following guidelines:

- No garbage is to be put out before 6 p.m. the day before your pick-up.
- All empty garbage cans or recycle containers must be **taken off the street no later than 6 p.m. the day of your pick up.**
- All garbage must be kept in garbage company issued garbage cans. **Absolutely no grass or lawn waste in plastic bags.**
- If you have a large item (i.e., sofa, appliances, etc.) you must call your garbage company and make arrangements for Special Pick-Up.
- **EVERY RESIDENT MUST HAVE GARBAGE SERVICE!**
- Any resident not having garbage service is in **violation of Township Ordinance**, and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. You can be **taken to court and fined up to \$500.**

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Branch Pick-Up Schedule – Unincorporated Area ONLY - LAST Tree Branch Pickup of the Season, is Monday, September 15, 2014. All branches must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the third Monday of each month (April through September). Call our office to request a flyer or for additional information on our program.

Building Permits – Unincorporated Area ONLY - Residents must obtain a Maine Township Highway Department Permit or Waiver Letter for any type of construction that may “affect the public right of way,” for example, new construction, substantial remodeling or additions, driveways, fences and sheds.

Street Light Outage, Damaged Signs or Abandoned Vehicles – Please report any street light outages, damaged signs or if you have an un-operable vehicle that needs removal. Please call the Highway Dept Office.

Recycling Used Tire Program – Used tires are a breeding ground for mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus. We offer a **free** pick up service to recycle used tires (only automobile tires are accepted, four tire maximum, and **NO TIRES WITH RIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**). This program is for **residential use only, NOT commercial businesses**. Call our office to schedule a pickup appointment.

Should you have any questions, or for more information on the services we provide, please contact us by phone or email.

Regular Hours: Monday through Friday –
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 847-297-5225

Email: MTHighway@aol.com



CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Gary K. Warner



I would like to thank the residents of Maine Township for their patience during the Clerk's office busiest time of the year, the selling of the yearly Cook County vehicle stickers. Stickers are valid for one year, July 1 through June 30.

New residents have 60 days to purchase their stickers and if you buy a new car you have 30 days to display your sticker without a late fee. We are only accepting checks or money orders and charge \$2 as a service fee.

In June, we extended our hours to remain open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We made sure to have additional help for selling stickers so that residents of unincorporated areas would have shorter lines and faster service.

Are you registered to vote or need changes to your registration?

The next Gubernatorial Election is November 4, 2014. If you are not already registered to vote or changed your name or address, please come to our offices. We have Deputy Registrars on duty five days a week. The last day to register to vote for this election will be October 7.

Passport and Other Services

No appointment is necessary for U.S. Passport services. We accept passport applications Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Routine passport processing takes approximately 4-6 weeks. Expedited service with additional charge and two-way overnight delivery takes 2-3 weeks.

Other services: hunting and fishing licenses, Republic yard waste stickers, RTA and Ventra cards, handicapped parking placards and free Notary Public are available.

My staff is eager to assist you and answer your questions. Please don't hesitate to call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com.

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MaineStreater Norm Swanson was one of the bingo game callers at The Taste of Park Ridge. The annual bingo under the Canopies on Courtland tent during Senior Day continues to be popular. Director Mary Swanson, right, assists.

Traditional Yoga Demonstration by Master Instructor on Oct. 14

Kanubhai Brahmabhatt, a Master Yoga Instructor from India, will demonstrate Traditional Yoga at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Residents interested in attending should register in advance by calling Doriene Prorak at 847-297-2510, extension 237 or email dprorak@maintown.com.



MaineStay Provides Fall Opportunities for Youth and Families

Mentoring Program. Children (ages 8 - 13) enjoy safe, positive and fun-filled experiences in a group setting with their mentor. MaineStay does all the work and planning to support positive and healthy relationships with these children.

Future Leaders Program. Teen mentors (age 16+) directly interact with the children in a relaxed, fun-filled setting under direct supervision of our staff.

E.A.R.N. (Encourage Adolescent Responsibility Now) Program. MaineStay matches youth ages 14-19 seeking odd jobs with Maine Township residents needing assistance with yard work, snow removal, babysitting and household chores.

FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) drivers needed. Volunteer drivers provide rides for Maine Township residents to medical appointments.

Take advantage of our counseling services. MaineStay provides individual, couples and family counseling in English and Spanish on a liberal sliding fee scale to Maine Township residents of all ages.

Enroll in one of our Education Groups:

Couples Workshop – Sept. 18 to Oct. 23

Anxiety Coping Skills Group (ages 8-13) – Sept. 23 to Nov. 18

Parenting Class – Oct. 1 to Nov. 5

Anger Management Group (ages 13-18) – Oct. 6 to Dec. 8

Girls Self-Esteem Group (ages 8-13) – Oct. 20 to Nov. 10

Teen Depression Group (ages 13-18) – Nov. 6 to Dec. 18

Life Skills Program (ages 15-18) – TBD

For information or enrollment, see the Maine Township website www.maintownship.com/MaineStay or call 847-297-2510.

MaineStreamers are looking for Baby Boomers!

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership is free and includes a subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter which showcases all of the interesting, educational, fun programs, classes and trips.

We have a growing membership which includes recently retired Baby Boomers so we want you to be aware of these wonderful and exciting social opportunities. Upon receiving your “free” monthly newsletter, you can pick and choose what activities you would like to partake in and pay for them individually.

For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.maintownship.com.

Monthly Luncheons are Big Hits

Every month the MaineStreamers hosts a luncheon at Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. Upon your arrival you will have time to relax and visit with your fellow MaineStreamers. Then enjoy a three-course meal. After the delicious lunch you will have a splendid time as an entertainer(s) take the stage. From a three-piece band featuring music from the 40's to present time or a Steel Drum band you will have an enjoyable time. Following all of this fun you will have time to win some prizes as we play bingo afterwards. Our fall luncheons are scheduled for Sept. 9, Oct. 15 and Nov. 13.

We hope you will come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon out.



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Town Hall Hours

Mon - Fri : 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Evening *MaineStay* appointments are available by advanced request.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Board Meetings on Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Offices closed on Oct. 13 for Columbus Day

Offices closed on Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day

Offices closed on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving

For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com

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Main Phone 847-297-2510

Departments/Extension Numbers

Assessor's Office, Ext. 227

Clerk's Office, Ext. 222

Code Enforcement Officer, Ext. 259

General Assistance, Ext. 236

MaineStreamers, Ext. 240

Veteran's Assistance, Ext. 236

MaineStay Youth & Family Services
847-297-2510

Office of Emergency Management
847-297-5911

Highway Department 847-297-5225

You may also e-mail any department by accessing the Township Web site: www.maintownship.com.

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