

Mainely NEWS

CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1850

Fall 2015



Carol's Corner

Supervisor,
Carol A. Teschky

Our always too short summer comes to an end with Labor Day and the start of the school year. This

past summer we have been busy here at the Township serving the needs of our residents.

In June, Maine Township was the site of the Senior Regional Spelling Bee. Area winners vied for the chance to go to Springfield for the finals. Congratulations are extended to all the participants for tackling some very difficult words.

July brought the Independence Day parades both in Niles and Des Plaines. It is always good to see old friends and new faces celebrating on the 4th of July. The Township also participated in the Taste of Park Ridge. Elected officials and staff volunteered at the Beer Tent and we sponsored the Senior Bingo on Friday afternoon. Our Office of Emergency Management were on hand helping residents across the railroad tracks and also setting up lights for safety after the sun went down.

Our Document Shredding Day in August was a great success. We had 255 cars come through with 5,650 lbs of unneeded documents which were all safely shredded. It is a win-win situation as we contract with Secured Data Destruction which employs special needs individuals. Our numbers are going up each year as this has become an immensely popular service. By residents' request we will definitely schedule a date for next year. Also, Maine Township is co-sponsoring

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10th Annual Maine Township Community Garage Sale Set for Sept. 26



Benefiting disadvantaged children and hungry families, the Annual Community Garage Sale will be held rain or shine, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge.

The event is organized by the MaineStay Youth & Family Services department of Maine Township with major event sponsorship provided by Whole Foods Market in Park Ridge. Other sponsors include Village Bank and Trust, Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, Senior News 50 & Better, Republic Services, Parkway Bank and Journal & Topics Newspapers. Proceeds benefit the MaineStay Adventure Summer Camp for at-risk youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry.

No donated merchandise will be accepted for resale this year, but residents can still participate in several other ways. People can reserve space to sell their own

treasures, make a financial donation or come by to shop on the day of the sale.

Spaces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis while they last. Spaces, which are eight by sixteen feet, are \$25 each. Premium outdoor spaces are \$30. Table rentals are available for \$10. There are also a limited number of premium indoor spaces inside the garage at \$50 which includes a table.

"This annual event is not only fun, but also raises money for two worthy causes," says Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. "We encourage our Township residents to participate, to give financial support, or plan to just come by to shop."

The Clerk's Office will also hold special hours that day from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please call Anne Camarano at 847-297-2510, Ext. 272 or email her at acamarano@mainetown.com. Information is also posted on the Maine Township website at www.mainetownship.com/garagesale.



Carol's Corner

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an e-recycling event in conjunction with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. It will be held on October 10th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Park Ridge Public works garage. For a small donation you can rid your home of all large electronics, i.e. computers, printers, TV's etc. which are banned from landfills.

In August, our National Night Out Against Crime event was another huge success. Thanks go out to Trustee Gialamas (chairman) Trustees Morask, Kazmierczak and Jones plus Highway Commissioner Provenzano, Assessor Krey, Clerk Warner and all the staff for another great event. We continue to pursue a zero tolerance level for gang activity and NNO certainly showcases our commitment to that end. Thanks to the Golf Maine Park District for use of Dee Park and all their support.

We do need to mention a very large donation to our food pantry from the Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Delta Phi sorority. They held their convention in Rosemont and chose our food pantry for their service project. Both organizations provided a total of over 10,000 lbs of food. Thank you to both groups for choosing our food pantry for their spirit of philanthropy during their convention.

Finally, we would like to say goodbye to MaineStay Director, Evelyn Fennell. Evelyn has been with us for almost 14 years and is retiring to spend more time with her family and the game of golf (in that order.) Thank you, Evelyn, for your years of dedication and service to the Maine Township community. We wish you a happy and fulfilling retirement.



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Laura Morask

Positive change has come to the township in recent years! Besides some new

faces, we initiated great programs. As one of my main focuses as a Trustee has been our youth. Thus, I am highlighting a unique program instituted in May -- the Maine Township Recovery Connection -- which targets young adults.

Headed by a staff member, Marty Cook, it provides community based services for young adults providing a much needed direct link to after care and follow-up compared to a typical 28 day rehab program. With a typical program, upon discharge a patient is given a list of follow up referrals. But patients are on their own to set things up.

With this program, they provide a direct link and actively reach out while the young adult is still in treatment. For example, each Monday and Friday,

Marty and his assistant, Jeremy, are invited to township area hospitals to meet with patients in substance abuse treatment. Not only do Marty's volunteers help them understand that they are not alone but invite them to Recovery Connection's alcohol free regular Friday night program immediately upon release.

Due to social pressures, Friday is traditionally the most vulnerable time for young adults battling addiction. Each meeting features a speaker followed by a meal and sharing of experiences. The Township engages local hospitals, the Niles Park District and businesses for support. In the few short months, the program has had a 98% success rate of attendance from those young people visited while still in initial treatment.

The numbers have skyrocketed from a just few at the first meeting to over 31 at recent meetings. Best of all – besides that it appears to work – the program is free to attendees, free for residents, and very low cost to the Township. This is good government at work.

Neighborhood Watch Update

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Neighborhood Watch brings any interested residents together with local government and law enforcement to help build community awareness, boost safety and resolve issues. Present at the meetings are representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the North Maine Fire Dept., and the Maine Township Code Enforcement Officer, to bring important issues to the table for discussion.

If you have questions or would like more information, call Maine Township at 847-297-2510.



National Night Out Against Crime Poster Winners!



Maine Township's National Night Out Against Crime was another great success. Over 1,000 residents joined in the event on Aug. 4 in Dee Park. Here the poster winners receive their trophies. Congratulations to all the winners. Shown here in the second row, L to R, are Clerk Gary K. Warner, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Trustee Kimberly Jones, Trustee Walter Kazmierczak, and Assessor Susan Moylan Krey.

Older Adult Services



The Older Adult Services Program through Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers a variety of valuable and informative resources and programs for older adults, their family members, and the community.

We provide:

- Senior Information and Referral
- Adult Day Center (transportation available)
- Philips Lifeline Personal Emergency Home Response
- Home Delivered Meals
- Senior Advocate
- Expressions; a program for persons with early stage dementia

 Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

For more information about our services, call 847.296.0737.



Trustee Peter Gialamas says he enjoyed his "break" in the dunk tank from the pressing duties of being Chair of the NNO event. Nice job, Peter!



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey



The Cook County Board of Review (BOR) has updated their process for filing an appeal. Effective August 3, 2015 taxpayers can pre-register their assessment complaint for individuals filing on their own property even if the township has not yet opened for review. In order to pre-file, taxpayers must have an email address to begin the process. All communication from the BOR will be sent via email.

Now, individual property owners may file an assessment complaint online regarding their property during the pre-registration or during the period that Maine Township is open for the thirty-day (30) filing period. All supporting

documents can be electronically attached to the appeal. Please be advised, once the complaint has been submitted if the individual needs to add additional documentation, it cannot be submitted electronically.

All further documents need to be submitted in paper format to the BOR prior to the closing date of the filing period. Additionally, once information is submitted electronically, individuals will not be able to make any changes without calling the BOR. The Maine Township Assessor's office will be able to assist residents when the township officially opens for appeals.

Unfortunately, Maine Township does not set the dates for the filing period. For the appeal dates, it is best to check the BOR calendar on their website located at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

We are here to serve our residents

Visit our offices 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays. Or, call 847-297-2510

Also, more information: www.maintownship.com

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Highway Commissioner, Robert Provenzano

The Maine Township Highway Department has been working simultaneously on the 2015 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project, as well as the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project in the unincorporated area of Maine Township. The latter focuses on

18 streets in the unincorporated area.

Every effort was made to insure that the contractor completed this work as quickly as possible, and due to the particularly rainy summer we have been having we did have a few unavoidable starts and stops. As of late, it does seem that even the weather is cooperating with our efforts and it is my hope that everyone will be pleased with the final result. Your cooperation and patience while we are undergoing our projects is always greatly appreciated.

Summertime is a great opportunity to spend time outside, and tend to our yards. As part of the community it is most helpful when we are all on the same page, so please adhere to the following guidelines:

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 pickup
- All empty garbage cans or recycle containers must be removed from the right-of-way, no later than 6 p.m. the day of your pickup
- 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, appliance, etc.) you must call your garbage company and make arrangements for a Special Pick-Up PRIOR to placing your item out curbside
- 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).

Address Numbers Ordinance – 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.

Branch Pick-UP Schedule (Unincorporated Area ONLY) –

The last branch pickup of the season is Monday, September 21, 2015. All branches must be curbside on later than 7 a.m. For more information on our program go to www.mainetownship.com and click on Highway Department.

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,” i.e., new construction, substantial remodeling or addition, driveways, fences and sheds.

Street Light Outage, Damaged Signs or Abandoned Vehicles – Please help us monitor abandoned cars. Let us know when an apparent violation is spotted so we can investigate and possibly remove abandoned cars.

Also, please be aware of “No Parking Signs,” in and around the township. The Cook County Sheriff’s Department is strictly enforcing parking regulations, so to avoid getting a ticket please park legally. The entire community benefits from compliance.



Highway Commissioner Provenzano welcomed State Representative Michael McAuliffe to his information table at the 2015 Taste of Park Ridge. The highway department and township have supported such events for many years.

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



The peak of the hot summer is now behind us but the steady flow of business in the Clerk's office continues.

Two important dates to remember for the Upcoming Elections:

Presidential Primary Election - Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Presidential General Election - Tuesday, November 8, 2016

At the Clerk's office, we strive to register every eligible resident so they can participate in the democratic process. We have deputy registrars on duty five days a week who will register any U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age by the general election. If you changed your name or address since the last election you must re-register. Applicants must provide two forms of identification, one with your current address and the other a picture I.D. You must be registered in order to cast a ballot.

The deadline for displaying your 2015-2016 Vehicle Sticker was July 1, 2015. Residents of the unincorporated areas of Maine Township can purchase vehicle stickers for 2015 in the Clerk's office.

Passport Book Applications, Passport Cards and Renewals are accepted in the Clerk's office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. No Appointments Necessary.

New privileges for Senior Citizens age 75 and older -- Super Senior Hunting or Fishing License \$1.50 and Super Senior Hunting/Fishing Combo \$2.75. Stop by for assistance.

Honor Flight Chicago Veteran Applications are available in my office or call me if you want more information about this wonderful program for WWII veterans.

We always enjoy talking with old friends and seeing new faces at the Taste of Park Park Ridge Expo and the National Night Out. Thank you for stopping by our Clerk's table.

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MaineStay Youth & Family Services Announces Fall Programs

MaineStay is celebrating 40 years of service to our community! Here is a selection of some of the programs we are pleased to offer this fall. All MaineStay programs, including our strength-based counseling services, are either low cost or free to residents.

Couples Workshop | Sept.17 – Oct. 22

Join us for a six-week journey to discover what it takes to make a relationship work. You'll learn the research-based principles that can guide you towards better communication and a more successful relationship.

Art in the Town | Sept. 21 – Nov. 30

Children 8-14 are welcome to participate in this free after school art program, co-sponsored by the Brickton Art Center. Income guidelines apply.

Parenting Class | Sept. 28 – Nov. 9

This six-week parenting class uses an informative blend of video and discussion to help parents learn fun and practical ways to parent with more energy and less stress. Discount given for couples who participate together.

Girls Self-Esteem Group | Sept. 29 – Nov. 3

Girls 10-14 are invited to join our fun and interactive six-week self-esteem group designed to give them the tools they need to feel more confident about themselves and enhance their self-esteem.

Anxiety Coping Skills Group | Oct. 15 – Dec. 10

This research-supported eight-week group helps children 8-13 learn effective ways to deal with anxiety and stress. Participants will have fun while mastering critical skills for success at school and home.

For more information or to sign up for our e-newsletter visit mainetownship.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 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 and fun programs and classes available, not to mention our always popular Day Trips!

We have a growing membership which includes many recently retired "Baby Boomers". We would like you to be aware of all of the wonderful and exciting social opportunities that the MaineStreamers' offer. Every month you pick and choose which activities, programs and/or Day Trips that you would like to participate in. Payments for your choices are due at registration.

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

Travel Opportunities Available

The MaineStreamers' provide many extended travel opportunities. This fall they will be traveling to several popular destinations including the Rocky Coast of Maine, the "Cranberry Autumn Harvest" in Wisconsin, Washington D.C., the always popular Branson, Missouri featuring their Holiday Shows and "Christmas in New York" featuring 3 Broadway shows. The MaineStreamers also enjoy many day trips each month. So, if you are interested in any of these destinations, please call 847-297-2510 to request trip flyers.



The MaineStreamers traveled to Sarchi, Costa Rica, earlier this year. On the trip were, right to left, MaineStreamer members-Deanna Jordan, Helmut and Carol Lauber, Our Costa Rican guide Roberto, Dick Cook, Carol Sandre, Albert and Frances Zettl, Mary Cook, Director Mary Swanson, Scott Hardy, Elfie and Eugene Weiser.



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

POSTAL CUSTOMER

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Board Meetings on Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Community Garage Sale on Sept. 26, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Offices closed on Oct. 12 for Columbus Day
Offices closed on Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day
Offices closed on Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 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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