

Mainely NEWS



CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1850

Summer 2013



Carol's Corner

Supervisor,
Carol A. Teschky

Welcome Summer!
It is my pleasure to report to you on all the good works that our Township has

accomplished this past fiscal year. I can attribute much to our dedicated staff and supportive elected officials.

One new initiative was to offer residents a chance to destroy important and sensitive documents through Secure Data Destruction (SDD). By contracting with SDD, we also simultaneously supported the handicapped who are employed by this company.

Speaking of recycling, the Township and the Road District co-sponsored two electronics recycling events with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Close to 400 cars came through at each event to drop off their old electronics which by Illinois law cannot be dumped in landfills or picked up by trash haulers.

Our program with the Coast 2 Coast free prescription drug card provides enormous savings on most prescriptions to any resident, insured or not. Over the past 12 months this program has saved residents over \$226,484 on over 5,000 prescriptions. The program is free plus the Township collected royalties of over \$2,200 from the program. Those funds go to help other Township programs.

The Food Pantry distributed 2,673 boxes which served 3,979 adults and 1,057 children. Many thanks go to all the individuals, churches, organizations, schools, businesses and chambers of commerce for their generosity in both food and cash donations. We couldn't do this without such support.

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National Night Out



Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Here members of the Maine Township staff help with some of the many games and activities scheduled each year at National Night Out in Dee Park. Residents are invited to attend to enjoy an evening of family fun which is also full of information on local services and ways to fight neighborhood crime. Call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com for more information.

Take a Brief Survey and Enter to Win a Gift Card!

The MaineStay Community Survey will be available until June 15 at www.maintownship.com/survey. You do not need to be familiar with our services to take the survey. See page 3 for more details.



Carol's Corner

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As we recently experienced another serious flood in the Township (along with the surrounding municipalities), I want to report that we provided sand bags and clean-up kits to affected households. We also filed all the necessary paperwork to declare our area a disaster zone. This was accomplished by working closely with the county, state and federal authorities. Our Office of Emergency Management and numerous volunteers were on hand during long days to lend assistance to residents. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who helped.

In the coming year, our Township will continue to help residents and provide services and programs they need. After all, we are the government closest to the people and most responsive to their individual and collective needs.



Supervisor Carol Teschky, Clerk Gary K. Warner and Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano joined Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels on stage at April's Senior Expo. Denny Diamond, third from left, performed a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond and other popular artists. Approximately 1600 seniors visited with over 70 vendors during the event at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

*Trustee,
Susan Moylan Krey*



My committee and I are inviting all township residents to attend the National Night Out Against Crime which has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Maine Township, Neighborhood Watch, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Golf Maine Park District, North Maine Fire Protection District and other community businesses. The event, which will be held at Dee Park, will include performances by local talent, games, prizes, raffles and a poster contest with the theme "Respect Yourself, Respect Your Community".

All children of Maine Township who are under 14 are invited to participate in the poster contest. The poster judging is one of my favorite activities. The deadline for entries is July 10. Entry

forms are available at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, and at www.maintownship.com. Winners will receive a cash prize.

Including demonstrations and information from Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Protection District, and Maine Township Office of Emergency Management, the night will conclude with the distribution of glow necklaces to show community support against crime.

I am so proud to work with such a fine group on the event. Many thanks to my Co-chair Trustee Peter Gialamas and our dedicated volunteers including Maine Township Trustees Walter Kazmierczak and Laura J. Morask. Citizen volunteers include Lila Gardner, Louise Friedenson, Joy Levitt, David Cowin, Audrey Nankervis, Steve Meinecke, Eileen Gustafson, Doriene Prorak, Rebecca Tambowatzis, Rosalie Streng, Lynn Bingaman, and Yousri and Narges Daoud.

Local talent interested in performing at the event as well as residents and businesses who wish to volunteer or donate, should contact me at 847-297-2510.



MaineStay Youth & Family Services Receives Outstanding Response to Community Survey

MaineStay has heard from over 1,000 residents so far in response to our survey. Thank you to all who participated! This survey, part of a larger strategic planning effort, will help us identify current community needs and be a proactive part of the solution. There is still time to provide your feedback, and you can take the survey even if you are not familiar with our services. The survey will end on June 15 and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. At the end of the survey you can enter to win a \$100, \$50, or \$25 gift card. Visit www.maintownship.com/survey to take the MaineStay Community Survey today. If you need a paper survey or have any questions, please contact Richard Lyon at rlyon@maintown.com or 847-297-2510 Ext. 272.

Maine Township Community Garage Sale

Start saving your "treasures" for our annual Community Garage Sale to be held on September 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maine Township Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit MaineStay's Summer Camp and the Maine Township Food Pantry. Space reservations to sell your own items will be accepted starting August 5 for Maine Township residents and on August 12 for all others. You can also donate items for us to sell from September 23 through September 26.

For more details about MaineStay programs, including affordable, strength-based counseling offered in English and Spanish, visit www.maintownship.com/mainestay or call 847-297-2510.

Take a Brief Survey and Enter to Win a Gift Card!

Take the MaineStay Community Survey today at www.maintownship.com/survey before it ends on June 15 and enter to win a \$100, \$50, or \$25 gift card.

MaineStreamers Offers Seniors Activity Choices

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 includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.maintownship.com.

AARP Driver Safety Class Offered

Cars have changed and so have traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads you travel every day. Some drivers age 50+ have never looked back since they got their first driver's licenses, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills.

By taking a driver safety course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll learn how you manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Maine Township MaineStreamer's program offers this class 4 times a year.

The next class is scheduled for Monday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members payable at the class.

For more information contact the MaineStreamer Staff at 847-297-2510. Pre-registration is required.



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Tom Rueckert



Flood Damaged Homes

If your home suffered severe flood damage due to flooding that occurred in 2013, you may be eligible for an assessment reduction if the damage is substantial enough to affect the property value.

The type of damage that could impact the overall property value would include such items as structural damage to foundation or walls, flooring in the living area, or heating and air conditioning units.

Assessment relief is not available for damage to personal property such as carpeting and furniture.

Along with the appeal form, you should submit the following:

1. Detailed written description of the damages
2. All documents such as photographs, insurance estimates, repair estimates, bills and receipts
3. Amount of any disaster relief rehabilitation loan approved by an agency of the federal government in the current year

An appeal may only be filed when the Cook County Board of Review is accepting appeals for Maine Township. We anticipate that to happen in the fall.



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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Highway Commissioner, Robert Provenzano

It has happened again, again and again. In the last 12 years we have experienced eight major floods in Maine Township. This April's

flood was the worst I can remember and the flood water took the longest recorded time to recede. Basements in our area flooded that have never taken in water before (storm water or sanitary water). Major roads were closed for five days. As homeowners there is not much we can do except prepare for the next one, and as the history of flooding in our area indicates, as well as your own first hand experiences, there will definitely be a **next one**.

Prairie Farmer Creek, Des Plaines River, Illinois River and the Mississippi River are waterways that all contribute to the flooding we get in our own back yards, and experts have told us that the main waterways cannot handle torrential downpours.

Both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), have the legal authority to address storm water flooding in Cook County. The state of Illinois, Cook County, and your own local governmental agencies are all working together to come up with solutions to relieve the flooding problems, but until they do, as flood victims we must take measures to prepare ourselves for the next one.

For overland flooding - prepare a plan for sandbagging doors, window wells, and the perimeters around your home by using small berms or cement planter bricks around your window wells.

For sanitary backups look into overhead sewers and have your sanitary lines televised and cleaned every few years. Check and maintain your sump pump on a regular basis for wear and dependability, how old it is, and remember, they always fail when you need them the most. Buy and share a generator with your neighbor, so when power is out you can keep your sump pumps working. Have a small floor surface pump available with garden hose to deal with flood water. Have foundation cracks repaired and make sure all areas next to your foundation flow away from your home. Downspouts should be diverted, at least three feet from your foundation.

All valuables in your basement **MUST BE PLACED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS** and stored elevated, off of the floor.



Pictured from left to right – Wheeling Township Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert, Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman and Maine Township Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano visit flood site to assess impact and damages caused by flooding in Maine Township.

Family treasures, such as photographs and keepsakes **SHOULD NEVER BE STORED IN YOUR BASEMENT** and have a plan in mind so that you are ready to move these items to another floor if need be. **Be prepared, have a plan, do it now, before the next one hits** again.

The following services are provided by the Highway Department. Should you have any questions, or for more information, please contact us by phone: (847) 297-5225 or email: mainetownshipwy@sbcglobal.net. Office hours: Monday through Friday – 7:00am – 3:30pm.

- **Branch Pick-Up – Unincorporated Area ONLY**
- **Building Permits – Unincorporated Area ONLY**
- **Street Light Outage, Damaged Signs or Abandoned Vehicles**
- **Recycling Used Tire Program**
- **Planning a Block Party**

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 am to 3:30 p.m.

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CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Gary K. Warner

I, Gary K. Warner, Maine Township Clerk would like to thank every Maine Township resident who participated in the April 9 Consolidated Election whether you voted for me or not. The greatest privilege all Americans have is the responsibility to vote.



I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the constituents who supported me, to the Press for their endorsements and to all the volunteers who tirelessly worked on getting me re-elected. My fondest appreciation to the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol, Knights of Columbus North American Martyrs #4338, American Legion Post 247 Park Ridge, Pipefitter Local 597, my Board members, my family, friends and neighbors for their unwavering confidence.

Thank you for believing in me and for giving me the opportunity to serve you for the next four years.

My staff will assist you with your first US Passport Book, Passport Card or just renewing your expired US Passport. No appointment is necessary. Seniors 65 and older can apply for their Senior Ride Free and Senior Reduced transit fare card. Outdoorsmen can purchase their fishing, hunting and trapping licenses in the Clerk's office along with trout and salmon electronic stamps as well as deer harvest pins.

The Clerk's office can also help you obtain your unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers, handicapped temporary parking cards, Arc-Republic disposal and recycling stickers, Pace bus schedules, and Maine Township maps. We also provide free Notary Public services.

Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Our website is: www.maintownship.com

Maine Township Joins Life Saving Yellow Dot Program

Maine Township is serving as a distribution center for a new program that is designed to improve emergency care for people involved in vehicle crashes. Recently unveiled by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the new Yellow Dot Program will provide information for first responders to make important decisions regarding emergency treatment and also better prepare emergency hospital staff to receive those who have been involved in traffic accidents.

Maine Township has joined with IDOT, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Department of Aging (IDOA) as well as county health departments across Illinois to increase awareness of the voluntary, federally funded program. People who participate in the program receive a simple yellow decal to place in the lower left-hand corner of the rear window of their car and a corresponding yellow folder to place in the glove compartment. The yellow folder contains the name of the driver and passenger, photo, emergency contact and physician information, as well as medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, and a list of medications.

"We are always on the lookout for ways to improve the lives of Maine Township residents and believe that this free program which comes at no expense to the Township could help save lives," said Carol Teschky, Township Supervisor. There are no eligibility requirements, but people should make sure that everyone who rides in an automobile on a regular basis has their own folder, according to the Teschky.

For more information about the program, call Maine Township at 847-297-2510 or go to www.maintownship.com.

Find Your Opportunity at Maine Township's Community Garage Sale

**Want to sell your "treasures" and make money while supporting
MaineStay's "Adventure Summer Camp" & Maine Township's Food Pantry?**

Want to find a bargain or donate your stuff for us to sell?

The Maine Township Community Garage Sale is your answer

**Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at Maine Township Town Hall**

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

Space reservations for Maine Township residents begin Monday, Aug. 5. All others begin Monday, Aug. 12
\$20 for an 8 x 16 foot space

For information or to make a donation, call 847-297-2510 ext. 270.



Annual Meeting



Louise Friedenson, center, is the 2013 recipient of the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. Trustee Susan Moylan Krey, right, and Lt. Matthew Walsh, left, were on hand to make the presentation. The late Sgt. Lader lost her life to cancer in 2010 and was a dedicated Sheriff's Dept. officer and greatly involved in the community especially Neighborhood Watch. Friedenson was honored for her volunteer work in several township programs.



Robert Cohen, Director of Maine Township's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is presented with the William (Bill) Cox Memorial Award for Excellence in Emergency Management at the 2013 Township Annual Meeting. The presentation was made by Deputy Director Dagmar Rutzen. Cox is remembered for his exceptional effort in collecting and shipping emergency supplies from the Township to victims of Hurricane Andrew in 1992 among his many relief efforts.

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Here, Clerk Gary K. Warner, left, receives his 25th anniversary service pin from Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. Congratulations Clerk Warner and thank you for a quarter century of service.



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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

Town Board Meetings:

Tues. June 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tues. July 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Aug. 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

National Night Out Against Crime

Tues. Aug. 6 6:30 p.m., Dee Park

Community Garage Sale

Sat. Sept. 28 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

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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