

Mainely NEWS

CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR



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Summer 2015



Carol's Corner

Supervisor,
Carol A. Teschky

The Township's fiscal year ended on Feb. 28. I am happy to report our independent auditor found the finances to

be in sound fiscal order. For the fourth year in a row, we have not raised the levy more than the previous year's levy. We run a tight ship and **have no debt**. We continue to provide our residents with excellent services, helping the truly needy and providing a resource of needed information for the thousands who call and/or stop in each year.

I am proud of our dedicated department heads and staff. We have had over 3000 Food Pantry visits so I want to thank the many individuals, businesses, schools, churches and scout troops who have contributed both food and cash donations. We have met the demand and no one in Maine Township goes to bed hungry.

Spring is now turning to summer. I want to thank Park Ridge resident and Master Gardener Greg Bartoshuk for planting some very special hybridized day lilies and irises on the Township grounds. These are not your typical roadside day lilies but have been hybridized over several seasons by Greg. Greg is also second Vice President of the Chicagoland Daylily Society. Thank you, Greg, for making Maine Township a beautiful place to visit.

Speaking of gardens, we have a request for volunteers to help with Oakton's vegetable garden. Ken Schaefer is in charge at Oakton Community College and he is looking for volunteers to help with maintaining the garden on the College campus. The Maine Township Food Pantry is a recipient of some of these vegetables. So if you like to garden and want to volunteer, please contact Ken at 847-894-9861 or e-mail: Schaefer@oakton.edu. He would be most appreciative as will our food pantry clients.

Swing into Spring SENIOR EXPO



The Annual Maine Township "Swing into Spring" Senior Expo held in April was a resounding success with a record attendance and a record number of exhibitors. Here, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky and Clerk Gary K. Warner thank the Denny Diamond Trio for another outstanding performance to close the Expo held at the Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Maine Township Launches Recovery Connection Program to Aid Young Adults

Maintaining sobriety is a challenge at any age, but those in the 18-32 year-old range face unique circumstances. New to sobriety, the young adult often has damaged relationships with family, new friends who support sobriety need to be made, and decisions on employment, housing, education and lingering behavior issues need to be addressed.

For these reasons, Maine Township has launched the Recovery Connection, a partnership with The Niles Park District, Presence Holy Family Keys to Recovery, Oakton Community College, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Peer Services and others. The program will provide supportive peer mentors,

programming and events that foster a sense of fellowship and fun in a safe environment.

The Recovery Connection aims to support them and provide sober social activities as an alternative to bars. It recently started a young adult recovery meeting followed by food from local restaurants at 7:30 on Friday nights at Oasis Water Park at 7877 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. "We want to be the conduit by which young people who want to stay clean and sober are connected with each other, as well as the full array of expertise and support services from government, health, and

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TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Peter Gialamas

It is that time of year again that here at the Township, we start planning for this year's National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) which will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at Dee Park. This year's theme is **Police + Us = A Safer Community**. This is my second year chairing the Township's NNO committee and we are looking forward to an even larger event and turnout this year. That being said, we are always in need of volunteers to help run the event. If you have been thinking about a way to get involved with the community or donate some of your time, we would love to have you onboard.



All children of Maine Township who are under 14 are invited to participate in the poster contest. 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.

Also, we are always looking for donations from our local businesses to use as raffle or contest prizes. If you can help in any capacity please send me an email to petegialamas@yahoo.com or call 847-297-2510. I will get back to you promptly.

Happy Summer everyone.

Recovery Connection (continued from page 1)



The Recovery Connection has broad community support. Here are some of the representatives seen at the recent public announcement of the program. L to r, are Joe LoVerde of the Niles Park District, Lori San Pedro of Presence Holy Family Keys to Recovery, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Director Marty Cook, Officer Julie Genauldi of the Park Ridge Police, Clerk Gary K. Warner, and Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano.

the recovery community” said Program Director Marty Cook.

Cook hopes to eventually do group outings, such as seeing comedy shows, ball games or going to restaurants. He said young people who are new to sobriety need to avoid old friends and events where drugs and alcohol may be present. The program will assist them to meet others their own age and build a life free from drugs and alcohol.

Maine Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky said the township

budgeted \$40,000 for the program for the 2015-16 fiscal year, including an assistant for Cook.

“We’re also planning community education projects, relapse prevention seminars and life skills workshops to assist these young adults as they mature into contributing members of our community,” Cook added.

For more information about the Recovery Connection, call Cook at 847-297-2510, ext. 233.



MaineStreamer Volunteer Winners!



Supervisor Carol Teschky congratulates volunteers Angela Kale, right, and George Magerl, left. Both MaineStreamers recently were honored for their volunteer work at Maine Township. Angie was the recipient of the Super Senior Award. George was the recipient of the AgeOptions Volunteer award.

Good Citizens Award



The Annual Sgt. Karen Lader Good Citizens Award was presented at the Maine Township Annual Meeting to Lynda Santrella, right. Here, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky offers congratulations and expressed appreciation to Lynda for her decades of community service including coordinating the Annual Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk which raises funds and collects food for area food pantries including the one run by Maine Township.

Free Document Shredding Aug. 1 at Town Hall

On Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, Maine Township will be sponsoring a Document Shredding Event in the Township Town Hall parking lot at 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. There is no charge.

Opportunity Secure Data Destruction Co., a division of Glenkirk Enterprises, will perform the document shredding.

Participants may view the shredding via a monitor which is located on the outside of the truck.

Please limit your shredding to three small plastic grocery-type bags so as to allow all the residents the opportunity to participate in this event.

Also, please make sure you remove all paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands. Spiral and plastic notebooks will not be accepted for shredding.



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey



Don't Be Fooled

In recent years, an increasing number of local and regional commentators have called for the consolidation of small units of government, such as townships, into larger organizations. Proponents of this point of view feel that there are many redundancies in services. Here at your local assessor's office, we offer something that the larger units of government no longer offer...customer service. Last year my office assisted 17,500 residents with their questions or concerns. Due to the lack of service in the larger governmental offices, we are now receiving many inquiries from other areas of government. Don't be fooled by the commentators, because without your local township, you

may find it difficult to get services that you are currently receiving or will need in the future.

Erroneous Exemptions

It is important that Maine Township residents check their Second Installment real estate tax bills, which is estimated to mail the last day of June, to ensure they are receiving all the proper exemptions. By law, a person is allowed to collect an exemption only on the home that is his or her primary residence. Receiving exemptions on additional properties is illegal and is now subject to interest and penalty fees. In the past, little could be done about property owners who received exemptions they were not entitled to. The new state law, however, provides a procedure that will require those who have received erroneous exemptions to repay them with interest, while discouraging others from obtaining erroneous exemptions in the first place.

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

As Township residents perform "spring cleaning," it's important to remember that curbside appearance is essential to keeping our neighborhoods clean, vibrant and safe. Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano is asking that residents do their part by maintaining proper

curbside appearance of their properties. This can be achieved by picking up litter and not allowing discarded debris to sit out on the curb for an extended period of time. In addition, basic landscaping and regular upkeep is helpful as well.

Curbside appearance is extremely important because it's the first thing potential home buyers, visitors, family members and other guests see upon their arrival to your neighborhood. It also has a direct impact on property values. Poorly maintained curbside appearance can adversely affect your community's tax base and the essential benefits and services received from those revenues.

Little things do make a difference, and it is important to lead by example and not allow the presence of litter or other items on other resident's property lead to more accumulation in other areas of the neighborhood. A successful preventative strategy is to address problems when they are small and manageable and not wait until they are beyond control. Weekly clean-up or daily, if possible - is guaranteed to lead to the disappearance of litter and other debris.

Also, as a reminder, your trash and discarded items may only be set out the *night before* your scheduled pick-up day. If you notice a violation of this rule, you can call your public works department during the week, or on weekends call your local non-emergency number to report it. Remember curbside appearance benefits everyone, so let's do our part to keep our properties and neighborhoods clean, vibrant and safe.

Please find the following phone numbers listed for your convenience:

- Cook County Sheriff(847) 635-1188
- Des Plaines Police..... (847) 391-5400
- Glenview Police..... (847) 729-5000
- Morton Grove Police (847) 470-5200
- Niles Police (847) 588-6500
- Park Ridge Police..... (847) 318-5252

BUILDING PERMITS (Unincorporated Area ONLY)

Unincorporated 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," such as new construction, substantial remodeling or additions, driveways, fences and sheds. The permit process protects the homeowner, who would ultimately be liable for any damage to Township property by contractors who work without the proper permit. If you are not sure whether or not you need a permit for a project from us or Cook County, please call our office 847-297-5225 and we will be happy to assist you. Permit fees are as follows: Waiver Letters \$25, Simple Permit \$50, Permit with Plans \$100, plus the cost of Engineering Review.



Dawne Hayman and Commissioner Robert Provenzano are ready to greet residents at the 2015 Senior Expo.

BRANCH PICK UP (Unincorporated Area ONLY)

Tree branch pick-up has begun and will continue on the **third Monday of each month through September, for the unincorporated area ONLY**. I ask that everyone follow a few simple guidelines so that we may continue to provide this service to the residents:

- For safety purposes, tree branches must be at least three feet long and should not be tied
- We ask that each home limit the volume of tree branches to no more than a four-by-six foot pile each month
- Please do not put branches out more than two days before the scheduled pick up day
- Tree branches must be curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday morning with the cut ends towards the street
- In order to remain cost effective, we ask everyone to mark their calendars for the pick-up dates. Once we finish a street, we cannot return until the next month

Please note: Branches less than three feet, or other yard debris (grass clippings or leaves), can be put in paper yard bags with a Republic Services sticker available at Town Hall for \$2.95 each.

STREET LIGHTS AND SIGNS

Please report any burned out street lights or missing street signs in the unincorporated area to the Highway Department during regular business hours. After hours or on the weekend you may leave a message or email our office at any time.

HELPING WITH YOUR BLOCK PARTY (Unincorporated Area ONLY)

The Highway Department will put up barricades with "Street Closed" signs around neighborhoods holding block parties. Please give us at least a one-week notice to insure we can accommodate your request. There is no charge for this service.

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



All residents who reside within unincorporated Cook County are required to purchase and display a Cook County vehicle sticker annually by July 1. Please note that our office only accepts checks or money orders for payments for these stickers. No cash. A convenience fee of \$2 is charged by Maine Township to cover processing. However, the fee is waived for seniors, physically handicapped and disabled veterans.

As per Cook County, if you purchase your vehicle sticker after July 1 you will be charged a late penalty. My office, which is normally open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be open on Saturdays in June from 9 a.m. to noon to provide extended hours for purchasing vehicle stickers.

My office is also ready to assist you with your first-time passport applications, passport card and your renewal form application. Routine passport processing takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks. Expedited service with two-way overnight delivery takes approximately 2-3 weeks. Please be aware that the passport card is not valid for international air travel. We accept applications from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Applications are available for seniors age 65 or older to apply for the Benefit Access Ride Free and Reduced Transit Fare Card. Applicants must prove their age by supplying a driver's license or State ID. The only fee is \$2 for a photo which is attached to the application.

For complete information on all Clerk's services visit: www.maintownship.com or call 847-297-2510.



The Annual Maine Township Meeting held each April was moderated this year by Jeff Sorensen, Fire Chief of Park Ridge, left. He was sworn in by Clerk Gary K. Warner who organizes and runs the event.

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MaineStay

Counseling

Experiencing some family communication issues, behavioral problems with your children, marital distress or just plain feeling down? This summer might be a good time for a “family tune-up” at MaineStay. We provide individual and family counseling for Maine Township residents of all ages on a variety of issues with a liberal sliding fee scale.

Teens 4 Hire (Former E.A.R.N. Program)

This program will match residents needing help with teens, ages 14-18, willing to work for a negotiated fee. (Lawn mowing and snow shoveling are typical seasonal requests.) For a young person willing to be hired throughout the year, *Teens 4 Hire* will try to get jobs that fit into their school and vacation schedules. The goal is to build longer lasting relationships between residents and teens, based on a job well done, and appreciation and trust for one another.

Teens 4 Hire will be offering workshops for teens to develop skills pertinent to residents’ needs. Both teens and residents need to sign up with the Township and initial connections will be arranged by the Program Coordinator.

Garage Sale

Mark September 26, 2015 on your calendars for the Maine Township Annual Garage Sale!

We will begin selling spaces on Monday, August 3 for residents to sell their own treasures. We will *not* be accepting donations for the Township to sell. Come for a day of shopping fun, food and some great bargains as well!

For further information, see our 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, 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.

MaineStreamer Volunteers Awarded

Angela Kale and George Magerl, both Des Plaines residents and MaineStreamers were recent award winners. Angela was the recipient of the Super Senior Award at North Shore Senior Center on May 21. Angela’s accepting and friendly nature made her a natural volunteer. George Magerl was honored by AgeOptions at their annual Volunteer Reception. George is an integral member of the Advisory Council and also serves as a greeter for the MaineStreamer’s Newcomer Receptions. We are proud of these talented and dedicated individuals.



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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

- Free document shredding Aug. 1 in parking lot 9 a.m. to noon.
 - Board Meetings on June 23, July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Offices closed on July 3 due to holiday
 - National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 4 in Dee Park at 6:30 p.m.
 - Offices closed on Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day
 - Community Garage Sale on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com

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HOW TO CONTACT OUR DEPARTMENTS

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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