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CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR

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Summer 2016



Carol's Corner

As another successful fiscal year just ended in Maine Township, I am pleased to share some statistics

with our residents. You are reading the "Best Newsletter" as awarded by the Township Officials of Illinois at the annual conference last November. The judging was done by independent professionals, not-affiliated with township organizations. We are justly proud to receive such an honor.

The General Assistance Department once again saw a record number of township residents as they interviewed 8117 residents seeking help during these tough economic times. They were able to provide assistance which included Senior, Disabled and Veterans' Advocacy along with the traditional General Assistance program which is state mandated. They also assisted residents who qualified for state and federal programs such as LIHEAP (home energy assistance) Benefit Access and special referrals to the Social Security Administration for possible disability benefits. Thanks to the generosity of the community we were able to assist 2835 families who visited our Food Pantry on a bi-monthly basis. We were also able to purchase frozen turkeys for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and also fresh eggs this spring. Our newest initiative, Maine Township Recovery Connection, seeks to connect young adults who want to stay clean and sober with non-alcoholic social

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Maine Township's Annual Town Meeting was attended by over 100 residents in April. Mel Thillens, Park Ridge Park District Commissioner and former Park Board President, left, served as Moderator. Here too, l to r, are Supervisor Carol A. Teschky and Clerk Gary K. Warner. Supervisor Teschky gave several reports on the programs and finances of the township.

Maine Township Partners with MWRD in Rain Barrel Program



Maine Township in partnership with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) will offer rain barrels to residents in the unincorporated area. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater, and they include a system for diverting downspout water into the barrel.

Residents can use the water stored in rain barrels to water lawns, gardens or individual plants. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, we can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding.

MWRD will deliver the rain barrels plus all connected hardware to the residents. Residents are responsible for connection to their own downspouts.

For further information please call 847-297-2510.



Carol's Corner

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events. This new program has been awarded the #1 new recovery program in the Greater Chicagoland Area by PEER Services.

As you can tell we are a busy "open for business" local government. Due to sound fiscal management, we can accomplish all these things for roughly only 2% of your total tax bill. That is truly amazing. Please remember this when you hear talk of consolidation or elimination of townships. We are the government closest to the people since 1850.

*Carol A. Teschky
Supervisor*



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee Kimberly Jones

Last month we lost Prince, a music legend who had limitless

talent. The shock of losing another music icon in such an untimely manner saddened so many around the world. Then we learned that Prince was found with prescription pain drugs on his body and in his home and that in the past year he had survived at least two other serious health scares. Unfortunately, in the United States prescription opioid drug use and abuse have reached epidemic proportions, many times leading to heroin use.

This issue has hit the Chicagoland area particularly hard. In Cook County more than one life daily is lost to heroin. So many of those deaths are teens or young adults.

Maine Township is fortunate to have begun a program last year called Recovery Connection. As a way to address the prescription drug/heroin problem, Recovery Connection will begin promoting a poster campaign created by the Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation. The educational campaign theme is "Some kids are just curious, and some kids will do anything, and take anything, to get high. Safeguard your loved ones. Safeguard your pills." The liquor cabinet is not the only thing tempting our teens. Please take every precaution to keep all prescription drugs safely out of reach especially from our youth.

On behalf of the entire Maine Township Board of Trustees, I wish you a happy, healthy, safe and drug free summer as we continue to work together to meet this growing problem through this educational campaign.

National Night Out Against Crime Event set for August 2 in Dee Park



Shown here, winners from last year display their work as Maine Township elected officials look on.

Trustee Peter Gialamas, Chairman of Maine Township's National Night Out Against Crime (NNO), invites all residents and families to attend the event which is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Designed to promote family fun and neighborhood unity, NNO also educates residents on crime prevention and safety.

This year's theme is "What does a safe neighborhood look like to you?" Local school children will again be making posters based on this theme. The popular poster contest results in winners

being announced at the event and prizes awarded. Sponsored by Maine Township, Neighborhood Watch, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Golf Maine Park District, North Maine Fire District and other community businesses, the event will be held at Dee Park, 9229 Emerson, in unincorporated Maine Township. The event will feature performances by local talent, demonstrations, games, prizes, a dunk tank and raffles.

Local talent interested in performing at the event, as well as residents and businesses who wish to volunteer or donate prizes, should contact Trustee Gialamas at petegialamas@yahoo.com or call 847-297-2510.



Maine Township's Recovery Connection Program Recognized for Excellence



Shown here at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, left to right, Trustee Walter Kazmierczak, Assessor Susan Moylan Krey, Trustee Laura Morask, Marty Cook (holding the award), Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Clerk Gary K. Warner, Trustee Kimberly Jones, Trustee Peter Gialamas, and Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano.

After only about a year in existence, Maine Township's program to assist those in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction has been recognized for excellence. The program called Recovery Connection was awarded **The Henry White Memorial Award** at the Shining a Light on Recovery Awards Dinner held in April in Skokie.

The awards dinner was hosted by PEER Services, a non-profit community-based agency that recognizes the strength of individuals living in addiction recovery as it celebrates 41 years of delivering cutting-edge addiction prevention and treatment services to local communities. Since 1975, PEER Services has provided community-based substance abuse prevention and treatment services to the residents of Evanston, Northfield, New Trier, Maine and Niles Townships, and the north side of Chicago.

Connection was honored for its innovation in developing a strong network of support for young adults in recovery

Recovery Connection connects young adults who want to stay clean and sober with each other, as well as community resources, social events, and a strong network of peers to support each other and be positive examples of recovery. Cook and his team work collaboratively with health, vocational, governmental, educational, and behavioral experts to connect participants to community resources that can meet their needs.

For more information about the Recovery Connection Program visit www.maintownship.com/services/recovery/ or contact Cook at 847-297-2510. For more information about PEER Services visit www.peerservices.org.

"It was a wonderful experience to be there and to be a part of saving the lives of teens and adults struggling with substance use disorders," says Marty Cook, Community Outreach Coordinator of Maine Township's Recovery Connection. Recovery

Swing into Spring Senior Expo



Live entertainment is always a favorite part of the annual Senior Expo. The last hour of this year's event featured a musical tribute to the music of legendary Roy Orbison.



Over the past four years, Countryside Saloon in unincorporated Des Plaines has raised about \$17,000 for the Maine Township Food Pantry during the NFL season. For Chicago Bears home games, Countryside auctions off a Bears jersey. The money raised is donated. This year a check for \$5,000 was presented by Owner Janet Bar, second from the left, to Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, second from the right. Food Pantry Coordinator Carol Langan, left, and Countryside Fundraising Coordinator Joyce Solvig, right, were on hand for the presentation. Teschky said, "thanks to the generous donations of people such as those at Countryside, the food pantry operation continues to serve our area's needy year around." For more information on the pantry operation or to donate, contact 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey



Understanding a Triennial Reassessment

Every three (3) years the Cook County Assessor, Joseph Berrios issues a reassessment notice. His staff uses a computer-assisted mass appraisal method to value all residential properties. The appraisal method reviews all the sales within a neighborhood and estimates a market value by assigning values to individual building characteristics of sold properties. The Maine Township reassessment notices were mailed to all residents in late-May.

Can I appeal my new assessed value?

As a taxpayer in Cook County, homeowners have the right to

appeal their property assessment twice a year. The first opportunity will be for 30 days after the mailing of the notice from the Cook County Assessor in late-May. The second opportunity will be to the Board of Review in the fall, the date has not yet been determined. Homeowners who need help filing appeals can come to the Maine Township Assessor's office for assistance during the "open" appeal time. Appeal information can also be found online at www.cookcountyassessor.com and www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

When will the new assessed value appear on my property tax bill?

Tax bill changes resulting from the 2016 reassessment will appear on the second installment of the 2016 property bill mailed in July of 2017.

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

For more information: www.maintownship.com



Annual Township Topics Day

On April 6 Maine Township Trustees Walter Kazmierczak, right, and Kimberly Jones, middle, travelled to Springfield for the Annual Township Topics Day. This year's theme was "Neighbors Serving Neighbors". During their visit they had an opportunity to meet with their legislators to discuss important issues facing townships. Here, they visit with State Representative Michael McAuliffe. For more information about township government and its many unique services for residents visit www.maintownship.com or www.toi.org.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Highway Commissioner, Robert Provenzano

Finally, the cold temperatures and snow are behind us. Now is the time for spring cleaning, barbecues, and yard sale bargains. Not as easy as it used to be, spring cleaning means that many items stored in garages,

basements or homes must be recycled, rather than just thrown out with our garbage. Maine Township has ways to help.

Many banks and other organizations in the area schedule free document shredding days and local towns and villages may offer recycling programs for electronics and other materials. For more information on recycling electronics, documents, drugs/sharps, and chemicals check out SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County www.swancc.org) click on Recycling and then choose Green Pages Directory, but ALWAYS CALL to verify information on hours and location before you make a trip. You may also call 847-724-9205 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email Info@swancc.org. Another good resource is www.earth911.com.

Please check with your local garbage service for household items that are not recyclable to find out if advance notice is required or if they may be put out on your normal garbage day.

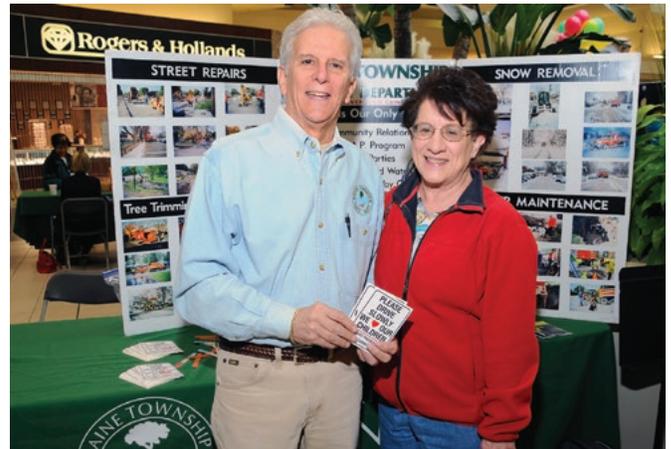
Keeping Our Environment Clean and Healthy

As part of our spring time routine many residents are eager to start home and landscaping projects, please be mindful of how to prevent storm water runoff pollution. To prevent polluted runoff, the nation's greatest threat to clean water systems, remember to:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up spills
- NEVER dump anything down storm drains
- Plant vegetation in bare spots
- Consider starting a compost pile
- Avoid pesticides and learn about integrated pest management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for fluid leaks and recycle used motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- If you have a septic tank have it pumped and the system inspected regularly

To protect storm drains from debris and other home repair materials, remember to:

- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris
- Minimize use of hazardous substances such as paints, solvents and cleaners



Commissioner Provenzano talks with resident Bobbi Alscher at the 2016 Swing Into Spring Senior Expo.

- Clean up spills immediately, dispose of waste safely and store substances properly
- Use nontoxic biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products when possible
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors
- Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil based paints
- Dispose of excess paints through a hazardous waste collection program
- Donate unused paint to local organizations
- Reduce the amount of paved area in your yard
- Landscape with native plants to reduce the need to water during dry periods
- When possible direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces to reduce polluted runoff

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, such as new construction, remodeling /additions, driveways, fences or sheds. To determine permit requirements of any project, contact Cook County Building and Zoning at 312-603-0500 or email info.bnz@cookcountyil.gov.

Tree Branch Pickup - (UNINCORPORATED AREA ONLY)

Pickup date is the third Monday of the month April through September. Branches must be put out at the curb by 7 a.m. but not more than 48 hours before pickup day.

Street Light, Signs and Inoperable Vehicles -

(UNINCORPORATED AREA ONLY) Please report to the highway department any burned out street lights, missing street signs or inoperable vehicles that need removal.

For more information, please call 847-297-5225 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or email MTHighway@aol.com.



CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Gary K. Warner



Never thought summer would get here? Well, it has and so have the 2016-2017 unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers.

Residents of the unincorporated areas are required to display the Cook County stickers on their vehicles. Stickers are valid for one year, beginning July 1. Per Cook County a late fee is charged for stickers purchased after July 1.

Only checks or money orders are accepted for payments of stickers. A convenience fee of \$2 charged by Maine Township to cover processing is waived for seniors, physically handicapped and disabled veterans.

The Clerk's office, normally open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be open on Saturdays in

June from 9 a.m. until noon to provide extended hours for purchasing vehicle stickers.

The Clerk's Office also assists with first time passport applications, passport card and renewal form application. Routine passport processing takes approximately four to six weeks and expedited service takes two to three weeks. No appointments are necessary. Passport applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Election Day 2016 is Tuesday, Nov. 8. You must be registered to vote in order to cast a ballot. Deputy registrars are on duty in the Clerk's Office five days a week to register anyone who is a United States citizen. Applicants must provide two forms of identification, one with their current address. Anyone who has changed their name or moved must re-register.

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

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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.



MaineStay Summer Programs Announced

Summer Camp

Our Adventure Maine Township summer camp program will be offered in separate two-week sessions from June 20-30 and July 11-21 (Monday-Thursday) and is open to children ages 8-13 who qualify based on family income. This camp provides a supportive and structured environment where children can improve their social skills while being exposed to new activities they may not otherwise be able to experience. Each session costs only \$30. If you would like your child to participate, please visit our website to download an application or call Anne at 847-297-2510, ext. 272.

Free Professional Development Workshop

Our first free professional development workshop titled *Don't Try Harder, Try Different* will be held on June 3 from 9-11 a.m. at the Maine Township Town Hall. Dr. Patrick McGrath, Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Center for Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital, will discuss clinically-proven methods to better manage anxiety and stress. Free continuing education units (CEUs) for social workers, counselors, and family therapists are included.

Maine Township Community Garage Sale – Save the Date

Our 11th annual Community Garage Sale will be held on September 24. We will begin selling spaces on August 1 for residents and on August 8 for all others. Come for a day of shopping fun, food, and some great bargains as well! Proceeds will benefit MaineStay's Summer Camp and the Maine Township Food Pantry.

For more information or to sign up
for our e-newsletter
visit mainetownship.com/mainestay
or call 847-297-2510.

MaineStreamers Welcomes Baby Boomers

Open to all residents and property owners 55 and older, MaineStreamers growing membership includes a number of recently retired Baby Boomers. All members can choose from a variety of interesting, educational, fun programs, classes and trips to fit their individual lifestyle and budget. Free membership includes a subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter.

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

Five-Day Bahama Cruise Planned for February

A five-day/four night cruise vacation Feb. 20 through Feb. 24, 2017, is open to all MaineStreamers. The itinerary includes one night in Miami before boarding the Norwegian Sky with stops in Grand Bahama Island, Nassau, and Great Stirrup Cay. Complete cruise vacation packages starting at \$1,579 per person/double occupancy. For a detailed flyer call the MaineStreamer Staff at 847-297-2510.

MaineStreamer Volunteer Awarded Super Senior Award

Harold Baum of Park Ridge (shown in 2015 photo) received the Super Senior Award at North Shore Senior Center on May 26. A volunteer for more than 10 years, Harold is one of the mailing volunteers for MaineStreamers as well as assists at the Intergenerational fishing outings done at the Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp. Congratulations Harold!



Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp Fishing Outing



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Evening MaineStay appointments are available by advanced request.

POSTAL CUSTOMER

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Offices closed on May 30 for Memorial Day
Board Meetings on June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 and Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m.
Offices closed on July 4 for Independence Day
National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 2 in Dee Park at 6:30 p.m.
Offices closed on Sept. 5 for Labor Day
Community Garage Sale on Sept. 24 from 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. 255
- 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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