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Upcoming Board Meetings

April 02 • May 07 • June 04 • July 02 • August 06
Start time is 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Sorry We Are Closed

Monday, May 26 • Friday, July 03



Wayne Township
27W031 North Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185

Randy Ramey
Township Supervisor

Brandi Ramundo
Township Clerk

Supervisor's Office
630-231-7140
M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

Trustees:
Daniel Brinkman
Jackie Hayden
Mark Hoyert
William Waghorne

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Bartlett
Carol Stream
Hanover Park
St. Charles
Wayne
West Chicago

WAYNE TOWNSHIP NEWS 2020

**A Message From Randy Ramey,
Wayne Township Supervisor**

Hello Residents of Wayne Township,
Our construction project is complete! From expanding the Food Pantry by 2,400 square feet, adding more program rooms and storage for the Senior Center, adding another set of bathrooms to fixing the parking lot, your Township building is prepared for the future.



This work was supplemented with grants so there is no extra burden on you, the taxpayers! Please visit and see for yourself. The Township offers a variety of programs for all residents of the Township.

A new year but the same old talk of consolidation. There are bills that have been introduced to get rid of township government. They do nothing to reduce your property tax. At best, it suggests a 10% savings on the township portion of your bill. On average, this equates to \$16. The bills would transfer our responsibilities to the County. The County is not prepared to do any of this work and most likely will take your tax dollars and do other things with it. There will be no savings to you and the programs will disappear.

Consolidation is bandied about as a cure all. The rhetoric of "Illinois has 7,000 forms of government" seems to indicate that is why your property tax is so high. The reality is you only pay to an average of 12 different government entities, the highest being schools which take up to 75% of your property tax. Townships on the other hand take less than 2%. I encourage you to visit our facility or review our web site to see the many programs we offer the community. We continue to do more with less and strive to keep our portion of your property tax bill to a minimum.

Annual Town Meeting

Our Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st in the Senior Center. We invite all township residents to attend, connect with your township officials and ask questions. The meeting starts at 7:30pm, with check-in starting at 7:00pm.
Note: This year's meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of the month due to Passover.

FREE RECYCLE AND SHRED EVENT

on Saturday, August 15th from 10:00am until noon - rain or shine!!

Collecting: eyeglasses, tattered American flags, laserjet/inkjet cartridges, cell phones, batteries (car, sump, etc.) and textiles such as shoes, clothing, purses, belts, sheets, towels, and old rags. Textiles can be reusable or non-reusable.

Also collecting: metal, computers, and anything electronic. All items are recycled free of charge with the exception of:

- TVs \$20/ea
- Tube monitors \$10/ea
- Microwaves \$5/ea

Cash Or Check Only
Check Payable To
Midwest Computer Recycling

Shredding will run from 10:00am until noon **OR** until the truck is full. Two paper boxes per car. *Sponsored by a grant from DuPage County.*

**Wayne Township Cemetery
29W242 Smith Road, West Chicago**

As one of the oldest cemeteries in DuPage County, the Wayne Township Cemetery has served as a burial ground since before 1840. Fallen fighters of the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, WWI and WWII, the Vietnam War and the Korean War are buried there.

We invite you to take a tour of the cemetery and see history unfold before your eyes.

For information on purchasing a plot, please call the Supervisor's Office at 630-231-7140.

Additional Services and Programs:

- Transportation for township residents
- Benefit Access Program
- Holiday gift and meal programs for eligible residents
- Voter registration
- Recycling of tattered American flags, cell phones, inkjet cartridges, eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Temporary handicap placards
- Free cable-style gun locks
- Free backpacks/school supplies to eligible residents
- Free senior income tax preparation



Wayne Township Road District

Martin McManamon, Highway Commissioner
630-231-4923 • 4N230 Klein Road, West Chicago
M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

Brush Pickup Week (unincorporated WT residents)
April 20, June 1, July 20, September 14, October 19

Permits and Bonds (unincorporated WT residents)

What is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The count is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation

to respond to a short questionnaire - online, by phone, or by mail. Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Census data also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential; you are kept anonymous. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics.

Households should have begun receiving official Census Bureau mail mid-March. The months of May - July, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census. *Visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html> for info.*

STOP BY WAYNE TOWNSHIP TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!

General Assistance

Juanita Martinez, Director
630-231-7173 • M, TU, TH, F 9:00am - 2:00pm

The General Assistance Office is most often the first point of contact for residents of Wayne Township who are experiencing a hardship and seeking financial assistance. Besides the township assistance programs, we are part of an extensive network of organizations that come together to help individuals get the help they need to guide them toward self-sufficiency.

Here's a list of services we offer:

- Financial assistance with gas, electric, water or rent
- Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps) or cash assistance applications through the Department of Human Services
- Resolving issues that affect your social security retirement or disability benefits
- Help applying for LIHEAP, Access DuPage and Nicor Sharing
- Information about veteran services and benefits
- Information and referrals to community programs

Please note that all programs have specific eligibility guidelines and factors that may affect your participation. Call to schedule an appointment.

Looking for a volunteer to cover phones once a month; please call our office for information.

Food Pantry

Juanita Martinez, Director • Joan Mruk, President
630-231-7173 x199 • Wednesday 10:00am - 1:45pm

The new and improved food pantry features an expansion that was designed to increase space by at least 200%. The expansion includes a designated area for weekly distributions of bread and fresh produce, a walk-in refrigerator/freezer unit, separate cooling units for dairy, perishable food products and frozen meats and a larger distribution area of non-perishable food items. There is also a Clothes Closet adjacent to the pantry area for clients in need of clothing and household items. Eligible patrons of the pantry are allowed to visit the pantry twice a month for all food products but may come in for bread and produce each week. Any Wayne Township resident struggling financially is welcome to come to the pantry to help supplement their dietary needs.

Need help applying for SNAP and Medicaid? John, our volunteer SNAP Outreach Coordinator, is available every Wednesday between 9:30am and 1:30pm. You must bring your photo ID and know your household's names, dates of birth and income information. If you are already receiving SNAP and/or Medicaid, John can also help you with the Redetermination Application.

Winter clothing donations are no longer being accepted by the Clothes Closet. We welcome your donations of spring clothing,

Food Pantry (continued)

shoes and household items that are in great condition. You may bring in donations to the General Assistance Office on M-T-Th-F from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Food Pantry Wish List

- Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free and Low-Sodium Products
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Baby Wipes
- Soups (canned and dry)
- Pasta Sauce and Assorted Pastas
- Personal Hygiene Products (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)

Volunteers Needed

- Sort incoming food deliveries on Mondays at 1:00pm
- Stock fresh produce on Mondays at 1:00pm
- Distribute food on Wednesdays from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Food pantry clients can sign up to attend **FREE yoga classes** with a certified yoga instructor; Thursdays from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Wayne Township Pantry & Senior Services Board of Directors



Front Row: Al Pioch, Gayle Kennedy, Michael Musson
Back Row: Cheryl Reining, Joan Mruk, Erin Simpson, Juanita Martinez

Please consider financially supporting our food pantry. We are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and your donations are fully deductible per current tax laws.

WAYS (Wayne/Winfield Areas Youth/Family Services)

Allison Kowieski, Executive Director
630-231-7166 • 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago
M-TH 10:00am - 9:00pm • F 9:00am - 5:00pm
501(c)3 charity • www.ways4change.org

Call WAYS to register and for sliding-scale payment options.

- Individual and Family Therapy (English/Spanish)
- Youth Tutoring
- Anger Management and Parenting Classes (English/Spanish)
- Senior Computer/Device Classes

WAYS Luncheon and Silent Auction Fund Raiser
Scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st from 11:30am - 1:15pm
Call WAYS for final date due to Corona Virus outbreak!!

Summer Camp

- May 26th through August 14th
- M-F 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Extended hours available
- \$70/regular week
- \$110/extended hours week
- Breakfast and lunch included
- Grade school and middle school youth ages 6 - 13



Senior Center

Gayle Kennedy, Director
630-231-7155 • M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

“Where Friends Become Family”

The newly renovated Senior Center welcomes township residents 55+ an opportunity to get involved, socialize and stay active. If you live within Wayne Township, membership is free. If you live outside the township boundaries you can attend our fee based day trips at the guest rate.

Our “Hall of Honor” recognizes Wayne Township Veterans that served our country with their pictures proudly displayed. Thank you to our Veterans.



We are also proud of our “Wall of Fame” honoring our members that are 90+. Participating in activities that offer stimulation and socialization contribute to a long, healthy life.

Volunteering is important to many Wayne Township members. We are involved with Operation Support Our Troops, Phil's Friends, making knit hats for cancer survivors and shredding newspapers for Anderson Animal Shelter.

The Wayne Township Seniors have been making cards and Christmas stockings, as well as collecting “wish/want” items for our soldiers in harms way for the past six years. Last year they made over 2,500 stockings for Christmas stuffing. They make approx. 100 cards each month and have donated over 3,000 lbs. of “wish/want” items. They also make cards for veterans.

The Senior Center Offers Members:

- Tai Chi • Seated Yoga • Line Dancing • Wii Bowling • Help with Medicare • Driver Safety Programs • Book Club • Board and Card Games • Movie Days • Crafting • Bingo • Eat Right / Be Light • Convalescent Supplies • Large Print Books and DVDs • Blood Pressure Screening • Gift Certificates • Flu Shots • Weight Watchers • Informational Presentations

Check Out Some Of Our Upcoming Trips And Events:

- Mother's Day Tea with “Mae West”; Hawaiian Luau
- The Untouchable Tour; Onesti's Wild West Town
- Painting Classes; REAL ID Presentation; Driver Safety
- Lunch and “Top 10” at Rosewood Musical Theater
- Lunch at Greek Islands and 42nd Street; Casino Trips
- Cubs and White Sox Games
- Lunch at Tokyo Steakhouse; Short Getaways

Visit the website calendar for details or call for information.

Assessor

Michael E. Musson, Wayne Township Assessor
630-231-8900 • M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

2019 General Assessment Completed

My staff and I completed the 2019 General Assessment in November, 2019. Each neighborhood was reviewed and adjusted as needed to bring the median level of assessments to 33.33% (one-third) of market value, as required by Illinois Statute. Although the overall real estate market improved between 2016 and 2018, the percentage of assessment change varied across the Township based on sales in each neighborhood.

The assessment list was published on December 4, 2019, and General Assessment Notices were mailed to all property owners. The final date to appeal a 2019 assessment was January 3, 2020. Appeal hearings were held in February and final Board of Review decisions were mailed in March.

My staff and I are now working on the 2020 assessments and hope to complete them in early Fall, 2020.

If you recently purchased your home and have received letters from attorneys or agents offering to represent you in an assessment appeal, I strongly encourage you to call my office before signing any agreement with them. It is premature to sign an agreement when the 2020 valuations have not yet been determined. If a reduction is warranted based on the purchase price, you should not have to pay a portion of your tax savings to a third party to receive the reduction.

Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

The Supervisor of Assessments will mail Senior Homestead Exemption status forms to previous applicants in late April. Any changes in owner-occupants, such as due to a move or the death of an owner, must be noted on the card and the card returned. If there have been no changes in owner-occupants, the cards do not need to be returned.

If you will be turning 65 during 2020, you can apply for the Senior Homestead Exemption at any time during the year. Please bring proof of age (driver's license) and proof of ownership (Warranty Deed or Deed-In-Trust with Trust Agreement).

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption

This exemption is available to Senior Citizens 65 and older during 2020, who owned and occupied the home on January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2020, with total household income of \$65,000 or less.

The Supervisor of Assessments will mail applications to previous recipients of the Senior Freeze Exemption in April. Applications will also be available in my office for new applicants after the April mailing. To apply, please bring your 2019 SSA 1099 and US 1040 Forms. The deadline to apply for this exemption for 2020 (tax bill payable 2021) is October 1, 2020.

For additional information regarding all of the exemptions available to homeowners, please visit our website at www.waynetownshipassessor.com