



Wayne Township
27W031 North Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185

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

Randy Ramey
Township Supervisor

Trustees:
Paul Hempel
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Paige Thoreson
William Waghorne

Brandi Ramundo
Township Clerk

A Message from Randy Ramey, Wayne Township Supervisor

Hello Residents of Wayne Township,

2022 was a successful year for Wayne Township as we saw our attendance rise as the year went on. We have received \$1.2 million in ARPA funds that will help us continue our growth. As the weather gets warmer, we will be constructing an addition to our Senior Center. Our programs are growing and we have worked out an agreement with Winfield Township to allow their seniors to attend. The extra space will come in handy as we welcome our new guests. We will be adding an outdoor receiving area with storage for our food pantry. We are busting at the seams so this addition will bring added room for dry goods storage and will have a small office for setting up residents as they come for food distribution. This has been a request from the Food Pantry as they see their numbers continue to grow. Also for the Food Pantry, a generator is being acquired to make sure the food doesn't spoil in case of a power outage.



Our outdoor park area will finish stage 2. Gazebos, paths, and outdoor seating will be put in place. This will allow our seniors and our youth program to utilize these once overgrown areas. Activities that will be added are bocci, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and a butterfly garden. We will also be adding to our community garden which grows vegetables for home use and the food pantry.

Our cemetery will finally get a paved parking area. Last year we added the paved path so with this the area should be in good shape for year-round service. There are plenty of plots available so please check our website for more information.

We welcome your suggestions to help improve our services to you. The township fills those gaps that the county or municipality does not handle. We continue to add programs and services as the need arises. Our offices are your resource to various programs offered through the

state, the county, and the township. We are the closest government to the people!

Thank you,
Randy

**DRIVE THRU
ELECTRONIC, RECYCLE & SHRED EVENT**
Saturday, June 3 9 – 11am
at the township, rain or shine

Collecting:

- ✓ Anything and Everything Electronic
 - ✓ Small Appliances
 - ✓ Exercise Equipment
 - ✓ Metal
 - ✓ DVDs and CDs
 - ✓ Tattered American Flags
 - ✓ Eyeglasses
- ✓ Large Batteries (no A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9Volt)
- ✓ Textiles in Any Condition (cloth, purses, shoes, rags...)

All items recycled free of charge except for:

- ✓ TVs \$20/ea.
- ✓ Tube monitors \$10/ea.
- ✓ Microwaves \$5/ea.
- ✓ Exercise equipment \$5/ea.

Cash or Check ONLY
Check payable to Midwest Computer Recycling

Paper collected 9 – 11am OR until the truck is full. Limit of five plastic grocery-type bags. Cutting Edge Document Destruction has a AAA security rating by NAID, is FACTA and HIPAA compliant, and shreds documents offsite.

Paper shredding sponsored by a grant from DuPage County.

We are excited to announce that the Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride service has expanded and will now travel to the College of DuPage. All township residents are welcome to use the Dial-A-Ride service. Call 630-231-7140 for information.



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

General Assistance offers services that range from referrals to financial assistance for those facing financial hardship.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ends May 31st. We encourage you to apply; it may help with a one-time payment toward your gas, electric and water bills.

Medicaid or Food Stamp application and filing assistance is available at our office. You can also apply online at abe.illinois.gov

The Wayne Township Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 10am-12pm for quick and easy drive-thru distributions. The line opens at 9:30am and closes at 11:45am.

Diaper distribution is available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, based on available inventory.

Senior Walk-Up Market Client Choice Pantry is available to seniors every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30pm. The walk-up market line does not start until 12:15pm. To avoid parking lot disruptions, please do not line up before then.

Upcoming Projects

Online Market: A new program in progress where participants will be able to create an account and place weekly orders for food from our inventory. Information will be posted on the township's website, stay tuned.

Drive-Up Services: A new annex building will be available to residents of Wayne Township to drive-up and apply for various services. This building is being funded through a grant that will allow low-mobility residents, parents with young children, etc., to apply for services without leaving their vehicle. Services will be available by appointment only. Information will be posted on the township's website, stay tuned.

Project Backpack: As kids and parents are looking forward to the end of the school year, we are busy planning for our next school supply distribution in August. Call us in July if you feel you will need help with backpacks or school supplies for your kids.

Pantry Donations Needed: canned vegetables and fruit, pasta sauce, soup, toiletries, paper products, salt, sugar, peanut butter, sugar-free jelly, syrup, pancake mix, etc.

School Supplies Needed: wide ruled notebooks, pencils, loose leaf paper, markers, glue, crayons, pens, etc.

Volunteers Needed:

- Looking for a driver to pick up food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Tuesday mornings. You must have a valid DL and a good driving record, must be okay with driving a 16 ft. box truck, and must be able to use a hand pallet jack.
- Volunteers to help with the online market to fill orders and help with distribution on Fridays. The tentative starting date is late spring/early summer.

Call us for information on any of the above.

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

Individual and Family Therapy is available in English and Spanish. Working with children, teens, adults and seniors, we address a wide variety of issues such as family conflict, depression, anxiety, self-harm, youth behavioral concerns, communication concerns, marital concerns, stress management, adjustment to change, grief and more. Full fee is \$65 per session, with sliding scale reductions available for eligible clients, based on household income and family size. *Sessions are available in-person or via telehealth on Zoom.*

\$13 consult \$25 per session

Parenting Classes: An 8-session series

English:

- Monday OR Thursday 10-11am
- Tuesday OR Wednesday 8-9pm

Spanish:

- Monday 7-8 pm OR Wednesday 10-11am



\$13 consult \$25 per session

Anger Management Classes: A 10-session series

English:

- Tuesday 8-9pm OR Friday 9-10am

Spanish:

- Friday 9-10am

Tutoring is available from certified teachers for elementary and middle school youth. The fee is \$25 per session with sliding scale reductions available for eligible clients. *Sessions are available in-person or via Zoom.*



WAYS' Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction
Tuesday April 11, 2023

To bid on raffle items, purchase tickets, or make a monetary donation to WAYS visit: charityauction.bid/WAYS40years. To donate raffle items or for information on this event, call WAYS.

Help Wanted! Now interviewing for Master's level internships for May 2023 start, as well as tutors for elementary, middle and high school.

Senior Center

Erin Simpson, Director
630-231-7155 • M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

Are you 55 or older and live in Wayne Township? Do you like to meet new people, play cards or dice games, socialize, volunteer, craft, go on day or overnight trips, exercise? If you said yes to any of these activities, then the Wayne Township Senior Center

is the place for you! We currently have 780 members, an increase of over 100 seniors since last year!

We are happy to say that we continually grow with the changing needs and wants of our members by adding new classes, trips, card games and presentations each time the request comes in. New to our exercise classes are ballroom dancing and adult tap. These classes started as requests from our members, and we were able to make it happen. We started a weekly dart league, added on canasta, a bocce ball court, monthly movies at Charlestowne Cinemas, and a butterfly garden class. We took a trip to an alpaca farm, went to Memphis for five days, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children and attended lunches at Spartan Terrace, Elgin Community College along with lunches at Waterleaf, College of DuPage. On top of that, we brought back childhood memories by having lunch in the Walnut Room at Macy's, which will now be a yearly outing. All these trips, along with many more, were new to our Wayne Township members and are a way for us to keep the interests of our members satisfied along with enjoying time with new and old friends. We are happy to say that our newly released trips are quickly filling up. In fact, we had to add a second bus for some!

We have an upcoming overnight casino trip to the Quad Cities, a two-night trip to the Tulip Festival in Holland, MI and are planning a few overnight trips in the fall to Door County and Michigan casinos. Our newest adventure will be a week-long Hawaiian Cruise in early 2024! I have to say, our overnight trips tend to be the most memorable because we spend so much time together. Many memories are made and friendships formed, which is what our Senior Center is all about.

Members often come to us and tell us what the WTSC means to them. One member recently said she is not going to put her house up for sale and move after being recently widowed. She went on to say she loves our Center so much, feels comfort when she is here, and has made new connections with new people that she is not willing or wanting to move away from. Another person came into my office whose mother comes to our Center regularly. This person lives out of state and was here visiting. She told me how happy she was that her mom had a place to go each day, that we have exercise which keeps her fit, card games that keep her mind sharp, jobs that give her purpose, and day and overnight trips that keep her entertained. She thanked me for giving her mom a place to go and remain active when her family was not in the area to keep her busy.

We have a motto: Wayne Township Senior Center, "A Place Where Friends Become Family." We take pride in this statement and do our best to make it true. This is a "home away from home" for so many seniors. Our staff strives



each and every day to remain welcoming to everyone, open to new ideas, and helpful in any way we can be. Most importantly, we are here... not only for activities, entertainment, socializing, or exercise, but we are here for our members for anything they may need. Sometimes it's just conversation, or help with their phone, or listening to a story, or even a hug. Whatever it may be, we are here.

Our calendar is as full as ever. Come visit us when we are open. We will give you a tour of our Center and provide information about everything we have to offer.



Let us show you how and why we are proud to be part of such a wonderful group of people who are giving, caring, self-less, and most importantly, wanting to stay busy and active!

Assessor

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

2023 General Assessment

My staff and I are working on the 2023 General Assessment, which occurs every four years. Each neighborhood will be reviewed, and assessments will be adjusted to improve uniformity and to bring the median level of assessments closer to 33^{1/3}% of the market value. After the General Assessment is completed, the assessment roll will be published in the Examiner newspapers. All property owners will receive General Assessment notices and will have 30 days from the date of publication to file assessment appeals. To appeal your assessment, you must provide evidence to prove your assessment exceeds 33^{1/3}% of its fair market value as of January 1, 2023, based on recent sales of similar properties, or provide evidence that your home is not assessed uniformly with similar properties in your neighborhood. Assessments and sales information is available at www.waynetowshipassessor.com.

As the Assessor it is my duty to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden by conducting an accurate mass-appraisal of all properties in the township. The burden itself is the result of the levies of various taxing bodies, such as school districts, villages, park districts, libraries, and fire districts.

The **Low-Income Senior Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption** had the words "Low-Income" added to the title by the IL Legislature. This exemption is available to seniors who are 65+ in 2023, who owned and occupied the property on January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, with a total household income of \$65,000 or less. Previous recipients of this exemption will be mailed an application to re-apply in May. New applicants can pick up an application at my office or call to schedule an appointment to complete your application. My staff is available to review your property record and assessments with you. The deadline to apply for this exemption is October 1, 2023.

Calendar

04/18 Annual Town Meeting

05/29 Offices Closed, Memorial Day

06/03 Electronic, Recycle and Shred Event

06/19 Offices Closed, Juneteenth

Board meetings are the first Thursday of every month, starting at 7pm.



Serving Portions Of:

Bartlett

Carol Stream

Hanover Park

St. Charles

Wayne

West Chicago

Additional Services and Programs

- Transportation for township residents
- License plate sticker renewal
- Medicare and Medicaid assistance
- Free income tax preparation during tax season
- Voter registration
- Free notary services
- Drop off site for tattered American flags & eyeglasses
- Issuer of temporary handicap placards
- Free cable-style gun locks
- Maintenance of nuisance weeds, unincorporated
- Free prescription drug deactivation kits
- Veterans memorial wall
- Senior transportation to and from the WTSC

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.

Today, well over 180 years after the Wayne Township Cemetery was created, it continues to provide a serene environment in which to memorialize a loved one.

Contact the Supervisor's Office for information or to purchase a plot(s).

Welcome New Wayne Township Trustee

On March 2, 2023, Wayne Township appointed Paige Thoreson to the Board of Trustees. Paige has a bachelor's degree in Community Health Education from IL State University. While there she completed an internship at the American Red Cross as a Disaster Preparedness Intern. Paige currently works at Superior Air Ground Ambulance Service, Inc. in a leadership position. She has participated in several state-run ambulance organizations and is on the American Ambulance Association Medicare Regulatory Committee. We all look forward to Paige providing a fresh perspective.

We thank outgoing Trustee Mark Hoyert for his three years of service. Mark resigned his position due to moving out of the township.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

We invite all township residents to attend this year's Annual Town Meeting to connect with your township officials and ask questions. We are the closest government to the people, and we are here to serve you. The meeting starts at 7:30pm, with check-in starting at 7:00pm.