

Wayne Township Senior Center

"A PLACE WHERE FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY"

June / July / August 2020

"A place where friends become family" is certainly how I feel about the Wayne Township Senior Center. The 10 years I have had the honor of being your Senior Director have been the BEST. As of April 30, I began the next chapter of my life and stepped down as your Senior Director. The plan is for me to work part time at the Center and still be a part of the incredible Senior Center team. I thank you for the love and kindness you have shown me, I am one of the fortunate ones that truly loved my "job". I have learned so much from you all; the way you will lift each other up and spread kindness inspires me. Thank you, Gayle XOXO

I am pleased to announce that **Erin Simpson** is your new Senior Director! For five years, Erin has been part of the Senior Center team and has demonstrated her leadership and organizational skills, financial abilities, creativity and compassion for people.

Erin has a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Northern Illinois University and brings outstanding skills to this position. As the mother of five children, Erin is experienced in multi-tasking and keeping the peace. It will be a smooth transition.

Stay In, Stay Well

As you are well aware, it is an unusual time and we do not know when we will be able to resume group activities, group exercise, celebrations, etc. We miss your smiling faces, however, our first priority is your safety. Erin, Karen, Sue and I look forward to the time when the Center will again be filled with wonderful members and laughter. We will follow the directives from Governor Pritzker and will keep you updated on new information.

Stay in, stay well.



We are sorry to announce all activities, events, celebrations and trips have been cancelled through JUNE. Refunds will be issued for all and will be mailed out as soon as processed. This has been a very time consuming project. We are looking forward to rescheduling activities as soon as it is safe for the Senior Center to be open. Stay tuned!

Savers FUNDrive!

Have you been organizing and cleaning out your unwanted items while at home? If not, now is the perfect time to start AND you can donate your items to our Savers FUNDrive!

Collection date/time: to be determined (hopefully in summer or early fall)

DO NOT drop off any items at the Center at this time. We will notify you when it is safe to do so.



27W031 North Avenue West Chicago, IL 60185 Hours: M - F 8:00am - 4:00pm
(630) 231-7155 wtSeniors@waynetwp-il.org

Announcements



Wayne Township loves our Volunteers! Thank you to each and every person that has helped in any way. We love listing each volunteer in our newsletter, however, we do not have room in this mini edition.

Unfortunately, this year we had to cancel our annual luncheon for volunteers that have given 18 hours or more. You are important to us and we appreciate your giving spirit.

Way to Go Wayne Township Seniors

Erin, Karen, Sue and Gayle have made numerous calls to our members the past few weeks and are so impressed with the way you are handling the Shelter in Place. It is a challenging time with all the unknowns and we admire your positive attitudes and creative ways you have filled your quarantine time.

We have heard incredible stories about our members making face masks for themselves and others. One member made 400 masks and another couple made 450 to give away. In addition, others have also been making them so we believe our members have made over 1,000 face masks, truly incredible!!

Members have also been calling and checking in on other members regularly; lots of puzzle assembly, reading, taking walks and lots and lots of organizing and cleaning out. Many have had zoom conferences with family and have had drive-bys to see children and grandchildren. The internet has been a great source of entertainment and connecting as well.

Way to go Wayne Township Seniors!!

Face Mask Materials Needed

Many of our members have been making face masks to distribute to high risk areas such as local senior living facilities. They are in need of elastic, pipe cleaners and scrap fabric.

We will have a drop off bin at the Senior Center, under the blue awning. We appreciate any donations you are able to drop off.

Thank you... we are all in this together.

Did You Know the WT Seniors Have a Facebook Page?

If you have access to the internet, consider getting a Facebook account. It is relatively easy to join and once you get an account, you can request to join the private **Wayne Township Seniors Facebook group**, which can only be viewed by Wayne Township members; it's a great way to stay connected.

February Winners.

50/50 Winners:

*Rick Sietmann
Ellen Sietmann
Debbie Riley
Carolyn Trycynski*



100 Club Winners:

*Mary Kavanagh #80
Mary Hoffman #43*

Pay It Forward:

*Alice Tinnis
Linda Assise*

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear

*Ruth Beam
Gloria Fournier
Butch Gonzalez
Thomas Jacek
Robert Manning
Mary Nevera
John Partynski
Bonnie Price
Thomas Schultz*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To YOU

June

Patricia Bishop 06/01
 Pamela Mosier 06/01
 Hansa Patel 06/01
 Marlene Salerno 06/01
 Mary Mlynarski 06/02
 Halina Morgan 06/02
 Barbara Ogorek 06/02
 Dolores Sansone 06/02
 James Arena 06/03
 Gunda Richter 06/03
 Linda Assise 06/04
 Santa Campobasso 06/05
 John Jaeger 06/05
 Darlene Jones 06/05
 Effie Soles 06/05
 Evelyn Bautista 06/06
 Wendy Vernon 06/06
 June Diaz 06/07
 Irene Birkholz-Benter 06/09
 Mary Tremmel 06/10
 Anna Mae Hutson 06/12
 Kerry Perry 06/12
 William Axelson 06/13
 Bridget Jardis 06/13
 Nancy Froelich 06/14
 Linda Mandoske 06/14
 Jacqueline Tomaso 06/14
 Kathleen Gannon 06/15
 Jack Rouck 06/15
 Joseph Banno 06/16
 Angeline Phillips 06/16
 Geraldine Sodemann 06/16
 Bonnie Sethna 06/17
 Richard Henkel 06/18
 Betty Lou Blank 06/19
 Gerry Conte 06/19
 Leticia Dino 06/19
 Myra Kiely 06/19
 Catherine Paul 06/19
 Martin Szalay 06/19
 Kristine Schlechter 06/20
 William Babyar 06/21
 Peggy Benton 06/21
 Linda Claud 06/21
 Ruth Green 06/22
 Judith Hanaughan 06/22
 Marty Morse 06/22
 Joyce Rawlings 06/22
 Gopal Modi 06/23
 Robert Briggs 06/24
 Donald Mielke 06/24
 Roger Vernon 06/24
 Liz Ellison 06/25
 Helen Gumble 06/25
 Gary McKowen 06/25
 Karen Carlson 06/26

June (continued)

Shirley Rickert 06/26
 Christine Benjamin 06/27
 Barbara Fink-Suma 06/27
 Martha Hadzima 06/28
 Mary Bellin 06/29
 Ria Hartjes 06/29
 Leonard Skrobott 06/29
 Patti Parker 06/30
 Leo Smoot 06/30

July

Sharon Brinkman 07/01
 Ellen Sietmann 07/01
 Linda Storck 07/01
 Gail Cassettari 07/02
 Maria Gueva 07/02
 James Hubberts 07/02
 Elizabeth Salazar 07/02
 Ann Turnbull 07/02
 Sherry Olsen 07/03
 Sue Stocks 07/04
 Raymond Lorch 07/05
 Penny Kukovec 07/06
 Rose Marie Morales 07/06
 Smita Shah 07/06
 Irene Fawsitt 07/07
 Louis Graf 07/07
 Judith Gracyas 07/08
 Janice Rafie 07/08
 Kathy Szalay 07/08
 Dora Gibellina 07/09
 Martha Rouck 07/09
 Linda Johnson 07/10
 Kay Piemonte 07/10
 Lya Zinn 07/10
 Nancy Arndt 07/12
 Kim Lee 07/12
 June Slawson 07/12
 Michael Kukovec 07/13
 Patricia Walker 07/13
 Richard Jendrycki 07/14
 Renee Nemer 07/14
 Patricia Musson 07/16
 Susan McKowen 07/17
 Charles Essig 07/19
 Rochelle Prybylski 07/19
 Josephine Uy 07/19
 Marianne Cordell 07/20
 Monika Schuttie 07/20
 Christina Gozdecki 07/21
 Frances Belzone 07/22
 Virginia Dziedzic 07/22
 Patricia Konishi 07/22
 Annette Loblillo 07/22
 Pamela Sutton 07/22
 Ray Bennett 07/23

July (continued)

David Bohnenkamp 07/23
 Luanne Lawrence 07/23
 Rose Losito 07/23
 Joseph Dandre 07/24
 Janet Hookham 07/24
 Arlene Thompson 07/24
 Nadine Buck 07/25
 Arlene Sebestin 07/25
 Kathleen Hannon 07/26
 Hasumukh Patel 07/26
 Bill Katsoolias 07/27
 Jeff Storck 07/27
 Gloria Campo 07/28
 Rose Marie DiSerio 07/28
 Judith Dogoda 07/28
 Rebecca Duntz 07/28
 Jim Holmberg 07/28
 Joyce Jendrycki 07/28
 Cynthia Laine 07/28
 Michael Loisi 07/28
 Cynthia Perkins 07/28
 Ann Pintozzi 07/28
 John George Finn 07/29
 Frank Villanueva 07/30
 Louise Carroll 07/31
 Jim Cicero 07/31

August

Donna Donofrio 08/01
 Cathryn Keiler 08/01
 Thalia Lovelace 08/01
 Joseph Bird 08/02
 Jeanette Martin 08/02
 Mary Messina 08/02
 Barbara Petry 08/02
 Joyce Stahl 08/02
 Delores Katavic 08/03
 Rhonda McLarney 08/03
 Mary Palmisano 08/03
 Richard Wadda 08/03
 Sharon Baran 08/04
 David Konishi 08/04
 Donna Fish 08/05
 Madalyn Worley 08/05
 Patricia Srain 08/06
 Albert Glazier 08/07
 Marie Seater 08/07
 Anne DeFreece 08/08
 Peggy King 08/09
 Mary Meyers 08/09
 Andy Watson 08/09
 William Boyle 08/10
 Charles McDonough 08/10
 Shirley Mirrilees 08/10
 Anne Templin 08/10
 Chris Magnatowski 08/11

August (continued)

Chuck Mikutis 08/11
 Eleanor Franken 08/13
 Geraldine Laudick 08/13
 Mary Arena 08/14
 Barbara Los 08/14
 Loisteen Polk 08/14
 Annette Ruenzi 08/14
 Charlotte Turnbull 08/14
 Ghousia Ghiasuddin 08/15
 Janice Pertuit-Evans 08/15
 Helen Chen 08/16
 Carol Hokenson 08/16
 Jolanta Mikutis 08/17
 Richard Sietmann 08/17
 Doreen Volkmann 08/17
 Carol Glenn 08/18
 Dolores Harper 08/19
 Kathleen Nevera 08/19
 Robert Brown 08/20
 Barbara MacFarlane 08/20
 Darcy Brisco 08/21
 Harriett Kunesch 08/21
 Thomas Ray 08/21
 Frank Regiro 08/21
 Kenneth Wisthoff 08/21
 Frank Brady 08/22
 Shirley Fenderson 08/22
 Surendra Kaushik 08/22
 Margaret Murphy 08/23
 Tanya Parker 08/23
 Richard Ross 08/23
 Joseph Gomilar 08/24
 Emily Routhier 08/24
 Alice Dorsz 08/25
 Maria Laterza 08/25
 Thalia Puncochar 08/25
 Cheryl Romano 08/25
 Jenice Tremelling 08/26
 Ronald Donofrio 08/27
 Wynnnon Dudek 08/27
 Kristine Hogan 08/27
 Joanne Knepler 08/27
 Smita Modi 08/27
 Carol Dwyer 08/28
 Jan Ortberg 08/28
 Lillian Ryvold 08/28
 Shirley Doweidt 08/29
 Mike Eberhardt 08/29
 Gabriel Flores 08/29
 Rosalie Coduto 08/30
 Ann Cristino 08/30
 Steven Hill 08/31
 Terry Huber 08/31
 Lenore Petit 08/31

Township Happenings

A Message From Supervisor Randy Ramey 630-231-7140

Hello All!

It has been a while since we have seen each other and I hope that you are able to get through this stay at home order. I know my house is so clean now that any time a finger print shows up I'm wiping down everything. Hahahahahaha!

You will notice a change of Director when you come back. Gayle has decided to step down and take a lesser role with the Senior Center. I have enjoyed working with Gayle and appreciate all that she has done over the years to make our Senior Center the envy of DuPage County. She has offered knowledge and insight to expand our programs, utilize the facility efficiently and to make trips fun and dynamic. Her positive attitude will still be around as we grow with our new director, Erin Simpson.

Erin impresses me with her dedication, hard work and initiative. She will strive to keep up the growth of the Senior Center and with your help she will be a great success! Please welcome her in this new role with open arms.

At some point you will be coming back to the Senior Center. We have diligently worked to be prepared for this opening. Your health is our main concern and we will only open when we feel it's appropriate.

This is the time of year when we'll do some work on the outside. We will be having the parking lot sealed and we'll be able to adjust the spots that need to be changed. We should also be getting the turn lane painted so it is safer to turn into the facility.

Keep a smile on your face, we'll be together soon; otherwise draw one on your mask! Be safe.

General Assistance and Food Pantry *Juanita Martinez, Director*

Financial Assistance Programs- Although our building remains closed to the public, our office is still assisting clients in need with rent, utilities, advocacy and information & referrals. If you, or anyone you know is in need of financial assistance or needs services but do not know who to call, please call us at 630-231-7173, leave us a detailed message and we will return your call within 24 hours.

Drive-thru Food Pantry- The food pantry is currently distributing pre-packed food boxes to anyone in need every other Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon. If you are in need of food, please come to the township on the following dates: May 16th and May 30th. **Our volunteers will load the food in your car without you having to get out of your vehicle.**

Food Donations- We are collecting food donations every Tuesday from 10 am to 12 noon. Please drop off canned vegetables, soups, pasta sauce, tuna, hamburger helper, rice, peanut butter, toilet paper, cleaning products, and shampoo. Monetary donations may be mailed to: WT Food Pantry, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL 60185.

Thank you for your support. Please stay safe.

Assessor's Office *Michael Musson, Wayne Township Assessor*

I hope you and your families are healthy and safe and adjusting to this new reality. I am praying we can start to return to normal soon.

Typically, at this time of year many of you are visiting our office to apply for the Senior Freeze Exemption. Due to the extension of the stay-at-home order by Governor Pritzker, the applications will not be mailed by the Supervisor of Assessments' office or available in our office until **after June 1st**.

For assistance completing Senior Freeze Exemption applications, and other exemption applications, please call my office at (630)231-8900 **after June 1st** to make an appointment. Those who come in to apply without first making an appointment will be given an appointment time and asked to come back. As a reminder, the Freeze Application due date is October 1, 2020, so there is still plenty of time to complete the application.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement new procedures to keep you safe, as well as our office staff. Face masks are now required to be worn in public, and we strongly encourage visitors to our office to wear them.

For DuPage County taxpayers who have been laid off or experienced a 20% reduction in income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, or whose businesses were deemed nonessential and required to close, or for those who have rental property and have been unable to collect at least 80% of the collectible rent between March 1, 2020 and May 30, 2020, the County Collector will waive the late payment penalties for real estate taxes between June 1st and September 1, 2020.

A COVID-19 Penalty Waiver Application must be filed with the County Collector by June 1st, and may be obtained by calling (630)407-5900, or online at <https://www.dupageco.org/treasurer/>.

WAYS *Wayne/Winfield Area Youth/Family Services* *Allison Kowieski, Director*

WAYS is providing counseling services via telehealth (video conferencing or telephone) while the agency is closed until the end of May. Call the agency at 630-231-7166 and leave a voicemail. As our message states, we will call you back, as we are constantly checking our voicemail.

Since we are all working from home, you will receive a call from a blocked number, to maintain staff privacy. It may say "private" or "no caller ID". You can also reach us via email at waysintakes@gmail.com.

Payments for sessions will need to be paid by check payable to "WAYS" and mailed to: WAYS, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL 60185.

We are here to help you through this difficult time.