



Calendar

- 04/12 Annual Town Meeting
- 04/23 Electronics Recycling
- 05/30 Offices Closed
- 06/28 General Primary Election
- 07/30 Recycle/Shred Event

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

Additional Services and Programs

- Transportation for township residents
- Medicare and Medicaid assistance
- Free income tax preparation during tax season
- Voter registration
- Recycling of tattered American flags
- Temporary handicap placards
- Free cable-style gun locks
- Maintenance of nuisance weeds, unincorporated
- Financial assistance
- Veterans memorial wall
- Brush collection, unincorporated
 - Week of 4/18, 6/6, 7/18, 9/12, 10/17

**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.

Today, well over 176 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.



Wayne Township is now a renewal site for license plate stickers/vehicle registration. Please bring your vehicle registration, driver's license and exact cash or check. Cars needing an emission test must do so beforehand.

A \$5 processing fee will be added.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

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



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:
Paul Hempel
Mark Hoyert
Janusz Jarmula
William Waghorne

Serving Portions Of:
Bartlett
Carol Stream
Hanover Park
St. Charles
Wayne
West Chicago

WAYNE TOWNSHIP NEWS 2022

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

Hello Residents of Wayne Township,

2021 has come and gone and your Township is stronger for it! We went through a period of upgrading with CARES Act funds to keep our facility a safe haven for people to continue their activities. The year started out slow, but the confidence of our residents continued to grow, and they felt safe in attending programs. We took great precaution with the items we purchased to make sure all areas of the Township were protected. The results proved our efforts as there were no COVID related issues at the Township! Our offices continue to be your resource to various programs offered through the State, the County, and the Township.



Our Food Pantry continues to be in demand and is serving over 100 families per week. The volunteers and staff drive the success of the pantry. As the weather turned cold, people continued to come, and we are thankful for the volunteers who in turn continued to provide the help. We have been able to grow our relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Costco, Wal-Mart, and the Sheriff's Department. We added another entity, Amazon Fresh, as a donor to our pantry. We work with other pantries throughout the County to serve those in need.

The path at the cemetery was finished and is a great improvement to the aesthetics there. The gravel was replaced by asphalt so it is no longer a mess during inclement weather. We were able to finish phase one of our park project. COVID and fluctuating pricing were a deterrent but we finished before the snow flew. We are now accessing ARPA Funds that will help us finish the park project. Other projects we will look to cover with those funds are an addition to the Senior Center, an access point for food distribution, parking lot paving for the cemetery and a generator to keep the power on if an

issue occurs. We continue to look for grants and donations to avoid using property tax dollars on these projects.

We welcome your suggestions to any needs that we are not covering. The Township fills those gaps that the County or Municipality doesn't handle and we keep adding as those needs change. We are the closest government to the people and we are here to serve you!



**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
Saturday, April 23 9am – 11am**

This event will be held at the township rain or shine. We will be collecting computers, monitors, printers, cables/wires/power supplies, mice, all electronics, TVs, stereos, power tools, appliances, cameras, exercise equipment, microwaves, metal, and so much more. All items are recycled free of charge with the exception of:

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

Cash or Check ONLY

Check payable to Midwest Computer Recycling

**RECYCLE AND SHRED EVENT
Saturday, July 30 9am – 11am**

This FREE event will be held rain or shine at the township. Collecting tattered American flags, large batteries (car, sump, etc.) and textiles such as shoes, clothes, purses, belts, sheets, blankets, towels, rags, etc.

Paper will be collected 9am – 11am OR until the truck is full. Limit of four plastic "Jewel" bags per car. Shredding is performed offsite by Cutting Edge Document Destruction.

This is a drive-thru event; you must remain in your car at all times.

Sponsored by a grant from DuPage County.

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

General Assistance

Juanita Martinez, Director
630-231-7173 • M, TU, TH, F 8:30am - 4:30pm

In Appreciation

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated toward our 2021 Holiday Assistance Program! Whether you adopted a family, donated funds/food or sponsored a toy drive, you helped bring joy to seniors and families in need. Together we provided food and gifts to over 600 individuals!

We are very grateful to the Kara Foundation for their generous grant of \$7,000 to purchase fresh milk weekly for our food pantry! This is a great help to our neighbors in need.

Thank you to B.A.P.S. Charities, and their members, for the recent donation of \$5,000 to be used toward food and product purchases for the pantry.

Utility Assistance

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Assistance with your gas and electric bill
- Shut off notice not needed
- Income based
- Ends in May; call our office to apply

Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

- Assistance with water bill if owing more than \$250
- Call DuPage County at 630-407-6500 to apply

Mobile Food Pantry Services Open to the Public

- Food pantry is open on Wednesdays, 10am-12pm
- Receive an assortment of food such as: non-perishable food items, fresh produce, frozen meat, dairy products, paper products and personal health products
- Adult and baby diapers available the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Senior Walk-Up Food Distribution

- Every Wednesday, 12:30 – 1pm

Financial Assistance Programs

- Wayne Township residents only
- Assistance for utilities and rent
- Must meet eligibility guidelines
- Call our office for information

Public Benefits Information and Advocacy

- Access federal, state, and local public benefits
- Call our office for information

Easter Donations

- For children in our area who are in need
- Accepting Easter supplies such as baskets, eggs, small toys, grass, etc.; no candy please
- Donations accepted through April 4th

School Supplies

- Assisting 100+ children with supplies and a backpack
- Accepting new backpacks and school supplies
- \$20 sponsorship gives a child a backpack and supplies
- Call our office for information

WAYS (Wayne/Winfield Area 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

Individual and Family Therapy is available in English and Spanish, addressing 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, work issues, 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, Tuesday, or Wednesday 8-9pm
- Wednesday or Thursdays 10-11am

Spanish:

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



\$13 consult \$25 per session

Anger Management Classes: A 10-session series

English:

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

Spanish:

- Friday 9-10 am

Tutoring is available to elementary and middle school aged youth. Many students have been using 2-3 sessions a week during remote and hybrid learning. Certified teachers tutor elementary and middle school youth, along with a limited number of high school subjects; \$25 per session with sliding scale reductions available for eligible clients.

Help Wanted! Now interviewing for Master's level internships for May 2022 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

Finally, finally, finally is all I can say! FINALLY, we are open, in full force, to all our Wayne Township residents, 55+. If you are not already a member of our Senior Center, what are you waiting for?! We are an ACTIVITIES center where people come to see entertainment, play cards, socialize, exercise, volunteer, craft, take day trips, overnight trips, and so much more. We currently have 650 active members and are continually growing with new members joining each month.

After our Covid closure, our attendance for the year started

Senior Center continued

slowly, with an average of 23 members at the Senior Center each day during the month of February. I am happy to say that 2021 ended with an average of 157 members at our Senior Center EACH DAY during the month of December.... WOW! This is the participation that we are used to!!

Over the summer we celebrated 100 of our volunteers with an outdoor luncheon at Hawthorne's Backyard in West Chicago. This luncheon is where we thank our volunteers who give eighteen hours or more of volunteer time within the year. We remind them how essential they are to us and to the community that we give back to. This amazing group sewed 500 stockings, made 400 ornaments, 900 cards, and collected 2,500 lbs. of needed items for soldiers overseas. Volunteers also shredded 99 bags of newspaper in 2021 alone for Anderson Animal Shelter to use for the kittens and puppies. And if that wasn't enough, over 200 blankets were made and donated to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Animal Rescue Foundation, PADS, Central DuPage Hospital, Phil's Friends, Ronald McDonald House, and Wayne Township General Assistance.

As fall approached, we honored our members who are 90+ years old with a Celebration of Life party and took a photo of our newest 90+ members to add to our honorary wall.



We also celebrated our Veterans in November with a Presentation of Colors by the Honor Guard from Bartlett VFW, lunch from Texas Roadhouse, and entertainment.

Texas Roadhouse in Bloomingdale gave each of our veterans a free meal voucher to show their support. We hold each of these events annually and are two of the most meaningful and memorable celebrations we have.

We are proud to announce that we have two Senior Center members who are now 100 years old. These ladies remain extremely active and attend events regularly. In fact, we had a Centennial Celebration for them where friends and family came to honor them and at the same time, were reminded that being active keeps you young at heart.



Gerri Weyerstrahs and Ruth Sear

Senior Center continued

Our activity and trip calendar is as full as ever and we welcome anyone 55 or older who resides in Wayne Township. Come visit us Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm. We will give you a tour of our Senior 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!

Visit the website calendar for event details.

Assessor

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

2021 Assessment Cycle Completed

My staff and I completed the 2021 Assessments in October 2021. Wayne Township received a 1.0309 Equalization Factor to bring the median level of assessments to 33 1/3% (one-third) of market value. An Equalization Factor does not cause taxes to increase because it is applied uniformly to all properties in the Township.

The Equalization Notice was published on November 3, 2021, in the Examiner newspapers, and the final date to appeal a 2021 assessment was December 3, 2021. Appeal hearings were held in January, and the final Board of Review decisions will be mailed in March.

We are now working on the 2022 assessments, which will be completed in the Fall of 2022. Because the real estate market has been extremely strong for an extended period of time, for the next few years assessments will likely need to increase more than they have in recent years, to bring the median level to one-third of market value. Again, when assessments are uniformly raised through equalization, taxes do not increase unless taxing districts increase their levies.

Exemption Applications

Applications will be required for the 2022 Senior Freeze Exemption, Disabled Persons' Exemption and Disabled Veterans' Exemption. For the past two years, legislation was passed that allowed recipients to continue to receive the exemptions without reapplying. We do not anticipate such legislation this year. Applications will be mailed in late April to all who received the exemptions for 2021.

Because we will have an extremely high volume of applicants, we will be taking appointments to complete the applications. Please call my office to make an appointment after you receive your application in the mail. If you are a new applicant, please call the office in late April to schedule an appointment.

As a reminder, the Senior Freeze Exemption is available to seniors who are 65 and older in 2022, who owned and occupied the property on January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022, with a total household income of \$65,000 or less.

Call my office at (630)231-8900 if you have any questions.