

**Calendar**

- 04/09 Annual Town Meeting
- 05/27 Offices Closed, Memorial Day
- 06/08 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
- Overseer of weed complaints, 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, the cemetery 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). The cost of one plot is \$1,200; the cost of two plots is \$1,800.

**Pace Dial-A-Ride**

We are excited to announce that the Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride service has expanded and will now travel to Marianjoy Physical Therapy and Outpatient Services in Wheaton.

All township residents are welcome to use the Dial-A-Ride service. Registration and reservations are handled through Pace by calling 1-800-713-7445. When speaking to a Pace employee, you need to tell them you are calling about the “Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride Program”.

The Pace bus is a curb-to-curb service which runs Monday through Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm, except for major holidays. The bus travels within the boundaries of Wayne Township and Bloomingdale Township but has several exceptions. The bus will also travel to College of DuPage, Central DuPage Hospital, the DuPage County buildings, Mona Kea Medical Complex, and the Wheaton Eye and Medical Clinic. Please visit our website for a complete list of additional travel locations.

The cost to ride the bus is \$1.50 one way, cash only, for seniors, students, and those with a disability. The cost for all others is \$2.50 one way, cash only.



Call the township for information.

**Randy Ramey, Township Supervisor  
Brandi Ramundo, Township Clerk**

**Trustees:**  
**Paul Hempel**  
**Janusz Jarmula**  
**Paige Thoreson**  
**William Waghorne**

**Wayne Township**  
**27W031 North Avenue**  
**West Chicago, IL 60185**  
**Supervisor’s Office**  
**630-231-7140**  
**M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm**

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

Hello Residents of Wayne Township, 2023 saw Wayne Township start on the projects that were funded by the received \$1.2 million in ARPA funds. The annex for the food pantry was completed and is now full of baby and adult diapers. The building is also used as the check in point for food distribution and has greatly streamlined this process. The number of clients continues to grow, and the annex has been a great benefit to our service to the people. Our Senior Center expansion is nearly complete. Our seniors are very excited about having the exercise, yoga, and dance classes that await. We are hoping for an early May grand opening so be on the watch for that! The third phase of the park project will be moving forward, and we should see completion very soon. The addition of 2 horseshoe pits, path augmentation and grounds refurbishing will make this area a pleasant part of the township property. There will be outdoor activities scheduled to utilize this reclaimed area.



Our cemetery has had some delays, but we will finally get the parking lot finished. We will also start refurbishing the older headstones. There are 40 stones in need so we will be doing this in phases. Our hope is to bring the cemetery back to a standard that is respectful to our veterans and residents. If you have an interest, 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 the gaps that the County or Municipality does not handle. We continue to add programs and services as the need arises. Our offices continue to be 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

**Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, April 9**

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.

**DRIVE THRU  
ELECTRONIC, RECYCLE & SHRED EVENT  
Saturday, June 8 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 will be collected 9 – 11am OR until the truck is full. Limit of five plastic grocery-type bags; for residential shredding only. 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.

Call the township with any questions you might have.

## General Assistance

General Assistance *continued*WAYS *continued*Senior Center *continued*

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

General Assistance offers the following services for those facing financial hardship (*call for eligibility guidelines*): help with pending evictions/utility disconnections, application assistance for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), application assistance for SNAP and Medicaid, advocacy for federal, state, and local public benefits and referrals for clothing and furniture vouchers.

LIHEAP will be accepting applications through August. We urge anyone interested in applying to call us for an appointment before funds are exhausted. If eligible, your household will receive a one-time payment toward your gas and electric accounts to help offset your cost. You may apply in person, at our drive-thru window, or via email. *To apply, you'll need proof of income, social security card, gas and electric bill.*

The food pantry serves 1,500 individuals each week. There are three programs that allow residents access to food if they need assistance during a financial crisis.

- Drive Thru Food Pantry Wednesdays, 10am-12pm**  
Pre-packed bags of food including fresh produce, frozen meats, canned goods, dry goods, paper products, etc.
- Senior Walk-Up Market**  
For seniors who need assistance to supplement their low social security income.
- Online Market**  
Allows individuals to customize their order from an online menu and pick it up on Friday afternoon.



**Children/Adult Diaper Distribution** is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month as part of the food pantry distribution.

**Project Backpack** will take place in early August and will address the need for school supplies and backpacks to low-income students in elementary grades.

**Pantry Donations Needed:** canned pasta sauce, canned tuna/chicken, canned veggies, low-sodium soup, sugar-free syrup/jelly, bath and dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, trash bags

**School Supplies Needed:** wide ruled notebooks, two-pocket folders, wide ruled loose-leaf paper

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Receptionist; any day M-F; 8:30-10:30am
- Food pantry helper; Mon.; 12:00-1:30pm
- Parking lot attendant for food distribution; Wed., 12-1:30pm

*We would like to acknowledge the following grants that allowed us to expand our services: Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot Grant, DeMoon Family Foundation, DuPage County Board, DuPage Foundation, Fidelity Charitable Foundation, FT Cares Foundation.*

**Thank you** to ALL our donors who donated to us during the year to bring holiday cheer to the families we serve during the holidays and for financial support throughout the year. There is not enough room to mention each of you individually, but please know that we are grateful for your partnerships and your generosity.

**Call for information on any of our services.**

**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 and F 9:00am - 5:00pm  
501(c)3 charity • www.ways4change.org

**Individual and Family Therapy**

- Available in English and Spanish
- Children, teens, adults, and seniors
- Family conflict, depression, anxiety, self-harm, youth behavioral concerns, communication concerns, marital concerns, stress management, adjustment to change, grief and more
- \$65 per session; sliding scale for eligible clients
- In-person or via telehealth on Zoom

**Parenting Classes**

- 8-session series
  - \$13 consult; \$25 per session
- English:**
- Tuesday OR Wednesday 8-9pm
  - Thursday 10-11am

**Spanish:**

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

**Anger Management Classes**

- 10-session series
- \$13 consult; \$25 per session

**English:**

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

**Spanish:**

- Friday 9-10am

**ZOOM only**

**Tutoring to help support struggling children**

- Certified teachers
- Elementary and middle school age youth
- \$25 per session, sliding scale for eligible clients
- Available in-person or via Zoom

**Help Wanted!** Now interviewing for late May 2024 start, Bachelor's level internships for Summer Camp.

**WAYS Stats:** In FY'23 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) across all programs, WAYS served 412 clients, providing a total of 4,686 hours of service.

**Senior Center**

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

The Wayne Township Senior Center is the place to be for Wayne Township residents, 55 and older. We offer educational programs, entertainment, overnight trips, and daily activities... just to name a few. Join us this spring/summer to assist with our Butterfly Garden. We plant flowers and herbs that attract butterflies, collect the eggs, raise the caterpillars, and release the butterflies. This is educational, exciting, and rewarding all in one!



Our in-house celebrations such as "Day at the Races" or exercise classes such as "seated volleyball" are sure to bring laughter to your day. If that doesn't interest you, stop in on a Friday afternoon and join our darts group where you'll hear the whooping and hollering over their random bullseyes! Or... sign up for one of our overnight trips; these are very popular and are planned with our seniors wants and wishes in mind.



At Wayne Township Senior Center, we strive to keep our members active. We take pride in the friendships that are formed, the memories that are made, and the fun that is had by all. Our motto is "A Place Where Friends Become Family"

and we believe that whole-heartedly. Stop in and see what we are all about, you'll be happy that you did!

**Assessor**

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

**2023 General Assessment Completed**

My staff and I completed the 2023 General Assessment in November 2023. Each neighborhood was reviewed and adjusted to bring the median level of assessments closer to 33 1/3% (one-third) of market value, as required by Illinois statute. Most neighborhoods required significant assessment increases, due to the strong real estate market during the past three years.

The assessment roll was published in the *Examiner* on December 13, 2023, and assessment notices were mailed to all property owners. The final assessment appeal date was January 12, 2024. Appeal hearings were held during February and early March, and the final Board of Review decisions will be mailed in late March.

We are now working on the 2024 assessment cycle, which will be completed later this year. My staff and I are available throughout the year to review your property record and assessment with you.

**Exemption Information**

The amounts of the General and Senior Citizens Homestead Exemptions are increasing for the 2023 tax year, payable in 2024. The General Homestead Exemption will increase from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption will increase from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

The Supervisor of Assessments will mail applications for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption in June. This exemption is available to Senior Citizens who will be 65 and older during 2024, who owned and occupied the home on January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, with total household income of \$65,000 or less.

Applications will also be available in my office for new applicants at that time. Please call my office to schedule an appointment to complete your application. Please bring your 2023 SSA 1099 and Federal 1040 Forms. The deadline to apply for this exemption for 2024 is October 1, 2024.

**Township Assessor Functions**

- ✓ Uniformly assess properties at a median level of 33 1/3% (one-third) of market value, following the guidelines set forth by the state legislature.
- ✓ Perform a General Reassessment every four years to ensure uniform assessed values within each neighborhood.
- ✓ Increase or decrease assessed values within neighborhoods for each tax cycle based on the three prior years' sales.
- ✓ Create and maintain a file detailing the characteristics of every property.
- ✓ Provide property assessment information to the public as requested.
- ✓ Assist homeowners in applying for the exemptions for which they are eligible.