



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

Food Pantry Update

Our Architect firm, the Wight, has completed the conceptual study and cost estimate of a new DuPage Township Food Pantry in Bolingbrook. It would be located between the current township administration building at 241 Canterbury Lane and the Bolingbrook Community Center.

We have presented our formal request to the Village of Bolingbrook for the donation of their portion of the land needed to construct the Food Pantry.

We also sent a formal request to the Will County Executive and the Will County Board for funding of the project under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); my understanding is that the county has not yet set up the application process for this funding, so we may have to submit again once this is set up. Hopefully, the process will be in place shortly. If you would like to see the preliminary design and cost of the proposed New Food Pantry, please go to bit.ly/35UEzfE.

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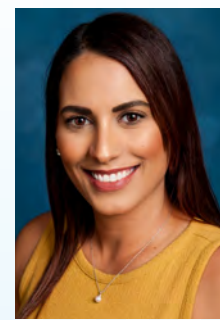
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UPCOMING TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

APRIL 19TH
MAY 17th
JUNE 21st

ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 12th

Hello Seniors!

I want to start by telling you about the senior committee. This committee was formed approximately two years ago to keep our seniors informed and engaged in activities offered at the Levy Center and Township. Suggestions for trips, educational speakers, and other activities have come from our committee members and direct input from seniors.

Our group also serves as 'Welcome Ambassadors' to make new members of The Levy Center feel comfortable and encourage them to participate in our many activities.

The committee currently comprises nine members, A township liaison and a senior activities director. The positions and names are as follows: Chair-Kathy Wayne ; Co-Chair-Trish Stach; Secretary-Rita Armstrong; Member-Christine Betschel; Member-Jimmie Hargrove; Member-Lurine Hild; Member-Ocie Koonce; Member-Diane Itell; Member-Al Legittino; Township Trustee Liaison-Debi Savage; Director of Senior Activities-Linda Youngs.

Our Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 pm either in the township conference room or at the Levy Center. All are welcome to attend our meetings to let us know your suggestions or if you have any comments.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please contact me at kwayne49@sbcglobal.net or The Levy Center at 630-759-3411. We will be happy to provide you with the application.

Thank You

Kathy Wayne , Senior Committee Chair

SENIOR Club News

Here we are in the second quarter of 2022, with the hopes that Covid and its variants are behind us. Our anticipation of warmer weather, chirping birds, and spring flowers pushing their way through the no longer frozen ground makes us smile and say Good-Bye to winter. It also allows us to get out of our homes and start enjoying the friendship of others.

There's no better way to experience making new friends than at the Bolingbrook Senior Club. We meet every Tuesday from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Levy Senior Center. The first hour is social time unless we have a scheduled guest speaker. The meeting itself begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. and is relatively short; we do weekly 50/50 raffles and play either Bingo (\$2.00) on the (1st and 3rd Tuesday or the No Name Game (\$2.00) on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday.

On the first Tuesday of every month, we celebrate our member's birthdays with cake and refreshments. On May 3rd, we will be doing a Kentucky Derby Day, including trivia and games and Derby attire... hats and all!! On May 24th, we celebrate our members with our Annual Mother's Day and Father's Day luncheon; it's your time to share pictures of your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

I want to welcome you to come out and spend a few hours each week with us. Dues for new members are \$25.00. Returning members who have not paid their dues by March 1st will incur a \$5.00 penalty.

2022 Board of Directors are: Rita Armstrong, President (630-759-7792); Kathy Wayne, Vice President (630-802-1965); Marianne Jacobson Rec. Sec. (630-739-4225); Ginny Anderson, Corr. Sec. (630-739-3228); Les Armstrong, Treasurer (630-759-7792); Angie Picchetti, Sgt. of Arms (708 995-1535).

Rita Armstrong, Senior Committee President



The Levy Center Presents Mackinaw Trip 2 Mon-Fri Sept. 5 to 9, 2022 5 Days, 4 Nights.

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**For Info Call: Linda Youngs
at 630-759-3411 ext. 101**

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Do You Need Help with Health Insurance?

Coffee with Jasmyn

Please Join Me for an hour of informal conversation to get questions answered, discuss healthcare issues/ topics and how to Think Blue can help your community.



THE LEVY SENIOR CENTER, 251 Canterbury Ln,
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
For Info Call 630-759-3411
Dates available thru June 2022



Jasmyn Lilly has years of experience in the Chicagoland health care market. She has worked as a General Agent and speaks to community partners about many health care topics. Her knowledge and work in the pharmaceutical industry give her a holistic understanding of how health care has evolved.

Jasmyn has experience in Medicare, large and small group plans, and the Affordable Care Act. She has worked with Senior Education programs, non-profit organizations, small businesses, and community organizations to help them understand the complex health care system. Jasmyn strives to empower the community to understand their health care options better

Register for the COVID-19 Vaccine and booster!

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022 | 11 AM TO 2 PM
DUPAGE TOWNSHIP: LEVY SENIOR CENTER
251 CANTERBURY LANE BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440

TO REGISTER, SIGN UP AT:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3J75K5H](https://bit.ly/3J75K5H)

Vaccinations are by appointment only, so be sure to reserve your spot by registering.
Walk-ins are welcome but may experience longer wait times.

All vaccines will be available.

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FROM THE *CLERK'S CORNER*

As the clocks have moved forward and spring is in the air, it must be time for the Township Annual Meeting. The DuPage Township Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Levy Center located at 251 Canterbury Lane in Bolingbrook. All residents are invited to attend to ask questions, listen to what has been going on, and see some of your neighbors. The schedule will be posted in April on Dupagetownship.com and the Township office from the door, village hall, and our library front door.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Barbara Ann Parker
DuPage Township Clerk

Appointee to Will County Board District 4:

In March, longtime Bolingbrook resident Saud Gazanfer was appointed to Will County Board District 4 to replace the vacant position created by Ken Harris's election as DuPage Township Assessor. This is for the remainder of his county board term until December 2022.

He is married to Dr. Subuhi Humera, a physician at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, and has three beautiful daughters, ages 9, 6 and 2. He is a very active member of the Bolingbrook Mosque, Masjid Al Jumm'uah, and the Bolingbrook Indian community.



Saud Gazanfer



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GARY MARSCHKE, SUPERVISOR

VISIT THE SENIOR TENT IN THE VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK COMMUNITY PICNIC



26 June 2022 | 12 PM to 6 PM
Village of Bolingbrook

Celebrate the real meaning of
community with fun games, good
food, and great company! You're
sure to have fun, so don't miss out!



DUPAGE TOWNSHIP PRESENTS

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2022

Egg Hunt for kids ages 1-12.
Treat bags will be handed out for kids ages 13-17. Come
take a family photo with the Easter bunny!

SATURDAY APRIL 9 12-1:30PM

**OUTSIDE THE DUPAGE
TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

**241 CANTERBURY LANE
BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440**



Hosted by DuPage Township Youth Committee

Please pre-register for the event at www.dupagetownship.com
or sign up at the DuPage Township Office by April 8.

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In Memoriam
Dolores J. Sanhamel (nee Michaels), 91, of
Bolingbrook; loving wife of Richard Sanhamel for 54
years, passed away Sunday, February 27th, 2022
She was an active member of The DuPage
Township Levy Center. Her daughter-in-law Pam
remembers her talking fondly about the activities
hosted by the Center.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE NEWS

Vicente Fernandez, General Assistance Administrator
630-759-1317 ext. 203 GA@dupagetownship.com



CRISIS BUDGETING

Often when folks come in to the General Assistance Office, it's under a time of crisis for them, either job loss, a loss of hours at work, being laid off or even large unexpected expenses. While many seek out financial assistance from various groups or organizations, it's also important to keep the overall picture in mind when it comes to finances. This is where the idea of "crisis budgeting" comes in. Crisis budgeting is done when a household is faced with a financial crisis and needs to readjust their normal household budget to meet their financial obligations. Below are some simple tips to help during times of crisis:

ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY EXPENSES

Get rid of expenses that are not immediately needed such as subscriptions services, cable TV, going out, gym memberships, etc. Whether the crisis is long term or short term, saving money by not spending it on unnecessary things will help.

SPEAK WITH YOUR LENDERS

If you have any type of loans such as students loans, mortgage loans, car loans, etc. speak with the lender to see what options you have if you cannot make payments. Often times lenders will either suspend payments, move payments to end of the loan term or readjust the terms of the loan. Keep in mind that different companies do offer different things so it is vitally important to communicate your situation to your lender and see what options are available.

APPLY FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS

For some folks, there is still a stigma in applying for public benefits such as SNAP (aka food stamps) or medicaid but applying does not mean you have to be on them for long. Also, if you receive benefits, often times you may qualify for other programs, especially if there are children in the home.

APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

If your crisis is because of a job loss or being laid off, one should apply for unemployment. If approved, it can help with having some income coming in, even if it is not a lot. If you are denied, it can help with applying for other benefits or programs.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Even after attempting to move money around and cut out unnecessary expenses, it may still not be enough. Applying for programs like LIHEAP and Emergency Assistance through the township can help alleviate some of the financial burden when it comes to rent or utilities.

ASK FOR HELP

It is natural to feel embarrassed asking for help but that is what different agencies and organizations are here for. So don't feel bad reaching out. That is why the General Assistance Office is here, even if the township is unable to provide specific assistance, it can at least help point you in a direction and refer you to places that might be able to help.

PRESUPUESTO DE CRISIS

Muchas veces, cuando la gente viene a la oficina de ayuda general, en cuando ellos están experimentando una crisis como perdiendo su trabajo, menos horas en el trabajo, despedido por falta de trabajo, o un gasto inesperado. Mientras muchos busca por ayuda financiera de parte de varios grupos u organizaciones, es importante de tomar todo en cuenta sobre sus finanzas. Por eso, uno tiene que hacer un "presupuesto de crisis." Un presupuesto de crisis es cuando un domicilio está experimentando una crisis financiera y tiene que reajustar su presupuesto normal para mantener sus obligaciones financieras. Aquí están algunas ideas sencillas:

ELIMINE GASTOS INNECESARIOS

Deshacerse de gastos que no son inmediatamente necesarios como suscripciones, el cable, saliendo con amigos, membresías de gimnasio, etc. Aunque el crisis puede ser por mucho tiempo o no, puede ahorrar dinero si uno no tiene gastos que no son necesarios.

HABLA CON SUS PRESTEMISTAS

Si tiene cualquier tipo de préstamo como pagos de escuela, hipoteca de la casa o pago de carro, habla con el prestador para ver cuales son sus opciones si no puede hacer su pago mensual. A veces, el prestador puede suspender los pagos, mover los pagos hasta el fin del prestamo o reajustar los términos del préstamo. Tenga en mente que diferentes compañías de préstamo ofrece diferentes opciones, entonces es muy importante de comunicar con sus prestemistas.

SOLICITE POR BENEFICIOS PÚBLICOS

Por ciertas personas, todavía hay un estigma en solicitando por beneficios públicos como SNAP (estampillas de comida, tarjeta LINK) o ayuda medica pero solicitando no tiene que decir que va estar recibiendo los beneficios por mucho tiempo. Además, si recibe beneficios, puede calificar por otras programas, especialmente si hay niños en el domicilio.

SOLICITE POR EL DESEMPLEO

Si su crisis fue por medio de pérdida de trabajo o al despido de trabajo, debe solicitar por el desempleo. Si se aprueba, puede ayudarle con algunos ingresos, aunque no son muchos. Si le niega, puede ayudar a solicitar otros beneficios o programas.

SOLICITE POR AYUDA FINANCIERA

Incluso después de intentar mover el dinero y cortar los gastos innecesarios, es posible que no sea suficiente. Solicitando por programas como LIHEAP y asistencia de emergencia a través dell township puede ayudar a aliviar parte de la carga financiera cuando se trata de su renta o servicios públicos.

PREGUNTA POR AYUDA

Es natural sentir avergonzado pidiendo por ayuda, pero para eso son las diferentes agencias y organizaciones. Entonces, no se siente mal. Es por eso que la Oficina de Asistencia General está aquí, incluso si el township no puede darle asistencia específica, a lo menos puede ayudarle a orientarlo y referirle a lugares que podrían ayudarle.

DUPAGE TOWNSHIP
GENERAL ASSISTANCE
OFFICE

CAR REPAIR ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of car repair as a means to get to work or find work, you may be able to receive assistance from the General Assistance Office at DuPage Township. You must meet the financial and non-financial qualifications to receive assistance.

To apply, contact the General Assistance Office at
630-759-1317 or
GA@dupagetownship.com



Weber & Rt 55 update

By Township Supervisor Gary Marschke

DuPage Township has been in contact with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to get an update on the status of this project. Currently the construction phase has been halted during the winter months. However, electricians are currently working on the lighting. As soon as weather permitting, the construction will resume.

In June, the intersection will be shut down for two weeks for ALL LEFT-HAND TURNS. The restriction is necessary to finish the traffic signals. That means if you are coming south on Weber, you will not be able to turn left onto northbound I-55. Going north on Weber, you will not be able to turn left to southbound I-55. This also pertains to traffic on I-55.

Northbound traffic exiting at Weber will not be able to turn left. Also, southbound traffic on I-55 exiting at Weber will not be able to turn left.

IDOT will be posting detour routes, but they may be very complicated. The best plan would be to avoid the interchange during this phase. Route 53 and I-55 are alternatives. But realize that interchange will be very busy during this phase.

The date for completion of construction work is currently set for late August.

Of course, the shutdown date and completion are subject to weather conditions.

To stay informed of the latest information on this project, you can go to:

<http://idot.illinois.gov/projects/i55-at-weber-road>

Attached is a picture of how the interchange will look when completed.

Please be patient during this phase and DRIVE SAFE!

Looking at it North and Northeast bound



Looking at it South and Southwest bound



Applications for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) are still being taken at the township administration offices every

Monday from 9am-3pm.

Applications are taken on a first come first served basis (no appointments). The LIHEAP program year ends on May 31st, 2022.

LIHEAP is administered locally by the
Will County Center for Community Concerns.



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"O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote that in "Ode to the West Wind," his 1819 poem that marvels at the wind's power to carry the seasons. It's as true now as it was then. As the winter is pushed aside by the wind, spring is carried along as a gift to us all.

Just like Shelley, DuPage Township looks forward to spring. The Joseph and Sarah Levy Senior Center is heavily booked for 2022, as DuPage Township residents emerge from the winter to celebrate and share good times with friends and family.

The Senior program continues to grow at the Levy Center. Events, trips, concerts, tours, classes – a full menu of activities for you among friends, old and new. Read more about it on Page 2.

Also, don't miss the DuPage Township Senior Tent at the Bolingbrook Community Picnic! The highlight of the season – food, games, and good company on June 26 behind Bolingbrook Village Hall. Check out the details on Page 5.

The Youth program continues with a full roster of activities. Before the 2021 holidays, Santa Claus came to the Levy Center and listened to hopes and dreams of the kids and their families. After decorating holiday cookies and enjoying hot chocolate, their day was complete with gifts from the North Pole.

The expanding youth program extends to all ages. Call the township office to learn what events are available to you and to the young people in your family and friends. The broad range of services available through your township are described on the pages inside. Read about them and find the ones that fit your needs. Spring is a time of growth, and DuPage Township offers you the tools to keep growing.

A Chinese proverb says it best: "Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still."

Trustee, Tom Braxton