



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

Letter from the Supervisor

Fellow Residents,

Welcome to the first edition of our new township newsletter! As your newly-elected Township Supervisor, my goal is to keep you informed on what the DuPage Township government is doing and to give you information on upcoming events in our community. We will also be telling you about services available from the township, the village, the county, and the state.

The mission of township government is service to the community. The state has tasked township government to focus on those in need and on members of our Senior Community. Through the General Assistance/Emergency Assistance program, the Food Bank, and the Levy Senior Center, the township works with those groups. In subsequent editions of the newsletter, we will go over exactly how these programs work.

We hope to be a valuable resource for the residents of our community.

Sincerely,

Gary Marschke

DuPage Township Supervisor

Our Elected Officials



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Trustee



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Assessor



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Clerk

Your elected
DuPage Township
Board members are
here to serve you.
Get acquainted with
them and attend the
public township board
meetings to discuss
your areas of interest.

SENIOR

Corner

DAILY SENIOR ACTIVITIES

BOLINGBROOK Senior Club

by Judy Bredeweg, Senior Club President

The Bolingbrook Senior Club is meeting again on Tuesday afternoons. Social hour begins at noon and a business meeting follows at 1:00 p.m. We finish the day by playing either Bingo (first and third Tuesdays) or the No Name Game (second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays).

If you paid your \$20.00 dues in 2020, the Board has voted to bring those dues forward to 2021. New members and renewing members have until September 28, 2021 to join by paying the \$20.00 dues. Membership closes after that date and will reopen in January, 2022.

Attendance on Tuesday offers socializing with friends, getting caught up on the Levy Center and Senior Club activities, as well as laughing and enjoying a pleasant afternoon. We finish the day at 3:00 p.m.

The club membership approved the following special activities for the 2021 year. Please mark your calendars:

- July 20: Ice Cream Social
- August 17: Club Picnic
- October 26: Halloween Party
- December 14: Club Christmas Party

These activities are paid for by the dues money from our members and require sign-up with the exception of the Ice Cream Social.

Missing from our meetings is the Deli, the Panera Bread donation and guest speakers. Covid-19 regulations are still in effect regarding these activities and we hope to have them restored by the end of the year. We have also lost 12 members in the last 18 months, some of them from COVID-19. We will be remembering them with a Memorial Tree leaf on December 21, our last meeting for the year. Our elected Vice-President Larry Duda passed in November, 2020 from complications from lung cancer and from Covid. Al Legittino has graciously agreed to fill in until our next election.

Consider this short article your invitation to return to the Senior Club on Tuesday afternoons. Your Board and members are here to welcome you and help you adapt to being an active senior again. Expand your Covid "bubble" to include a new friend. We'll see you at noon!

YOUR 2021 BOARD:

- **President:** Judy Bredeweg
- **Vice-President:** Al Legittino
- **Recording Secretary:** Marianne Jacobson
- **Corresponding Secretary:** June Charnevsky
- **Treasurer:** Laura Dudkowski
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Ernestine Doss

Judy Bredeweg's Review of the Levy Center

I retired in 2004, having worked for DuPage Township as Banquet Manager for the Joseph & Sarah Levy Senior Center. The Levy Center is a beautiful place for seniors and community members to gather and celebrate being alive.

I immediately joined the Center officially as a SENIOR at age 64. I am now 80 and wondering where did the time fly, why can't I continue doing the activities offered by the Center, and how I've missed all my friends during the Covid lockdown.

Activities I've enjoyed over the years included line dancing, Senior Club, bridge games, bunco games, domino games, the Red Hat Ladies, Lunch and Learn, and the various trips around the United States. I ate lobster in Massachusetts, gazed up at Mount Rushmore, rocked with a drink in hand on the Grand Hotel porch in Michigan, and walked the bridge over the Royal Gorge and Garden of the Gods. I was able to visit the Smokies, Dollywood, Branson, and enjoy those bear claws in Savannah. And all that with door-to-door service and no driving required from me.

I also discovered what it's like to be a senior. Education programs such as the AARP driving program to reduce your auto insurance costs, sorting out the enrollment procedures for Medicare, and staying in touch with the activities offered by the DuPage Township and Bolingbrook communities. I did not sit at home!

Then Covid-19 hit! My first reaction was feeling alone, isolated, and slowing down. I didn't like it! So I am one of the seniors who has returned to the Levy Center. The first step was hard, but I did it. I am slowly building my energy level so that I can once again participate in the activities that are available to us.

Come and join me! Together we can once again rejoice in being retired.



LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION for Seniors

On Monday, May 24, 2021, over 40 seniors attended an important Lunch and Learn with police officers Kinsella and Armstrong. Officer Kinsella warned seniors to not stay on the phone to talk to potential scammers and instead, just hang up. "The longer they have you on the phone, the easier it is to gain your trust. Once they think they have your trust, they begin asking for your personal information." Statistics show that 9 times out of 10, seniors will answer their questions by giving their personal information without realizing it. Officer Armstrong shared the latest scams against seniors from calls regarding auto warranties, gift cards, social security, and unemployment claim fraud to the IRS. These calls are aggravating and frequent on people's home phones and cell phones! Don't let them scam you-just hang up.

Mother's Day/Father's Day Senior Club Luncheon

This luncheon by the Senior Club was held at the Levy Center with a terrific attendance. Judy Bredeweg shared a noteworthy history of Father's day and that the day became an official holiday in 1972, 58 years after President Wilson made Mother's day an official holiday. Seniors dined on White Fence Farm chicken, had a raffle, and the no-name game. Supervisor Gary Marschke, Clerk Barbara Parker, and Trustee Debi Savage were happy to attend and talk with seniors at this lovely event.

Calling all DuPage Township Seniors!

If you are 55 or older, come to the next Senior Club meeting on Tuesdays at 12pm for social hour and the meeting begins at 1pm at the Levy Center. The Senior Club is a great way to meet new people, develop new friends, and have some fun. If you like what you experience and join the Senior Club, membership is \$20 per year. Consider joining the Levy Center by coming to the Levy Center to complete a membership form. It is free to join the Levy Center for all DuPage Township seniors. This way you will be aware of all the fun events going on at the Levy Center and planned trips. We look forward to meeting you!

Debi Savage RN, MSN
DuPage Township Trustee, Senior Liaison
630-453-9050

- Exercise Classes**
MON-TUE-WED / 9 AM
- Movie Monday**
MONDAY'S 1PM
- Crafty Seniors**
MONDAY'S 9 AM
- Ceramics**
TUESDAY'S 9 AM
- Senior Club**
TUESDAY'S NOON
- Machine Embroidery**
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM
- Swingin' Seniors**
WED 10:15 AM
- Bunco/Bridge/Pinochle**
2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY 1PM
- Choir**
THURSDAY'S 10 AM
- Art Dabblers**
THURSDAY'S 11:30 AM
- BINGO**
THURSDAY'S NOON
- Men's Club**
WED AND THURS 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Monthly Clubs**
Levy Lovely Ladies
1ST WEDNESDAY 1 PM

JULY SENIOR ACTIVITIES

- 1 Lunch Bunch Mabenka's Lithuanian/Polish 11:00 AM / \$2
- 2 Lunch and Games 11:30 AM / \$7
- 8 Lunch Bunch Adoke 11:30 AM / \$2
- 14 Bunco 12:30 PM / \$2
- 16 Lunch and Games 11:30 AM / \$7
- 21 Lunch Bunch Uncle Julio's 11:30 AM / \$2
- 23 Margaritaville Supervisor's Picnic NOON / \$10
- 27 Chicago Dogs Baseball Game 5:00 PM / \$10
- 28 Bunco 12:30 PM / \$2
- 29 Lunch Bunch Chuck's Southern Comfort 11:30 AM / \$2

LEVY CENTER

Food Pantries Have a Long History of Service to the Township

DuPage Township residents who are in need of supplemental food items can find resources at food pantries in the township. DuPage Township has maintained a food pantry in Romeoville for many years, and several volunteer organizations in the township also maintain food pantries as well. If you are aware of a person or family in need, please let them know that these resources are available.

DuPage Township Food Pantry

The DuPage Township Food Pantry was established by the Township Board of Trustees to supplement the needs of the Township's residents. In recent years, the Food Pantry has grown from serving approximately 60 families a month to now serving over 1000 families a month.

The Food Pantry is available to DuPage Township families who are experiencing a food crisis. Residents may come to the pantry twice a month and receive a supplement for planning meals for their families. Food Pantry distribution center: 719 Parkwood Avenue, Romeoville, Illinois
Current Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM

Federal Guidelines for Food Pantry Assistance:

Household Size*	Monthly Income	Household Size*	Monthly Income
1	\$1,859	5	\$4,437
2	\$2,504	6	\$5,082
3	\$3,149	7	\$5,726
4	\$3,793	8	\$6,370

*For each additional household member over 8, add \$644.

Please note: Upon acceptance of USDA food commodities, you are required to certify with your signature that your gross income does not exceed Illinois Department of Human Services established income limits and that you live within the boundaries of DuPage Township. Willful diversion of commodities for person gain is a federal offense. You can be prosecuted for giving false information to the Food Pantry.

Micropantries in DuPage Township

Micropantries are self-service facilities available for anonymous distribution and donation.

Several can be found within the township:

Blessings Pantry
553 Redwood Rd
Bolingbrook

White Oak Library
201 W Normantown Rd
Romeoville

Friendship United Methodist Church
305 E Boughton Rd
Bolingbrook

Additional Food Pantries
Contact the pantries for hours and availability.
Liberty Temple Food Pantry Pop Up
Contact Information
378 Commons Drive
Bolingbrook, IL - 60440
Phone: (630) 783-1600

Fountaindale Public Library
300 W Briarcliff Rd
Bolingbrook

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center
500 Remington Blvd


Romeoville Community Pantry
Contact Information
2 Belmont Drive
Romeoville, IL - 60446
Phone: (815) 570-9772




DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY


Tuesday, July 15th

DuPage Township Food pantry will be holding a **Grand Re-opening** allowing clients to shop inside once again. It will also be an opportunity to meet the new **Township Supervisor, Gary Marschke, as well as some of the new Trustees and administration.** As in the past, we will be open from 9:00 until 2:00 and again on Thursday with residents allowed to shop 3 times per month. We will continue to follow all safety guidelines to keep clients and staff safe. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back!



PLEASE JOIN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DAGMARA AVELAR
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DRIVER SERVICES UNIT

Offered by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office

SATURDAY, JULY 10

10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

LEVY SENIOR CENTER BOLINGBROOK

251 Canterbury Lane
Bolingbrook

Rep. Avelar is partnering with the Illinois Secretary of State's office to bring driver services to you, including:

Renewal or Correction of a Driver's License

New, Renewal or Correction of a State ID Card • License Plate Stickers

Motor Voter Registration with Renewal of DL/ID • Organ Donor Registration with Renewal of DL/ID

PLEASE NOTE:

• Real ID compliant driver's licenses and ID cards must be processed at a driver service facility. We will not process REAL ID's in this event.

• Seniors age 75 and up need to visit the DMV to renew a driver's license.

• Proper identification will be needed for the above services.

For more information, please contact Rep. Avelar at 815-372-0085 or info@repdagmara.org.

LIVE JAZZ Through July and August

Live music is back! If you enjoy jazz, especially live jazz, check out these shows in July and August in nearby suburbs. This listing comes from WDCB radio, 90.9 FM. You can find clickable links to details at <https://wdcb.org/events/jazz> If your taste runs to blues, take a look at their listing at <https://wdcb.org/events/blues>. And for folk music and Americana, check the calendar at <https://wdcb.org/events/folk>. There's a rich world of music out there!

July 2021 -- JAZZ PERFORMANCES

SUN, JUL 4 FROM 10:30AM TO 2:30PM - IN PERSON

Sunday Jazz Brunch - Jeanne Becker Duo with Kevin Fort
Hey Nonny - Arlington Heights

TUE, JUL 6 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, JUL 7 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

WED, JUL 7 FROM 5:30 TO 8:30PM - IN PERSON

Paul Abella Trio
Copper Fox - Geneva

FRI, JUL 9 FROM 6 TO 8PM - IN PERSON

Jade Moon Jazz Trio with Stephanie Su, Marcus Jefferson
and Chano Cruz

Eden on the River - St. Charles

SAT, JUL 10 FROM 5 TO 10PM - IN PERSON

The Venue Jazz Festival
DOSH - Joe Policastro Trio - Chris Greene Quartet - Chicago
Soul Jazz Collective

The Venue | Mundy Park - Aurora

SAT, JUL 10 FROM 4 TO 8:30PM - ONLINE

Jazz Up Glen Ellyn - presented by the Alliance of Downtown
Glen Ellyn

SAT, JUL 10 FROM 6 TO 9PM - IN PERSON

Jade Moon Jazz Band with Marcus Jefferson, Chano Cruz,
Mario Duenas and Stephanie Su

Geneva Winery - Geneva

TUE, JUL 13 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, JUL 14 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

FRI, JUL 16 AT 6PM - IN PERSON

Paul Abella Trio
Dry City Brew Works - Wheaton

SAT, JUL 17 FROM 6 TO 9PM - IN PERSON

Jade Moon Jazz Band with Marcus Jefferson, Chano Cruz,
Mario Duenas and Stephanie Su

Geneva Winery - Geneva

SUN, JUL 18 FROM 6 TO 9PM - IN PERSON

Outcast Jazz Band
Fitz's Spare Keys - Elmhurst

SUN, JUL 18 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

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The Venue | Mundy Park - Aurora

MON, JUL 19 AT 6:45PM - IN PERSON

Town Square Concert: Del Bergeson Orchestra

Town Square - Schaumburg

TUE, JUL 20 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, JUL 21 FROM 7 TO 9PM - IN PERSON

Aurora Downtown's "Wednesdays at the Plaza" with WDCB
Jazz features Chris Greene Quartet

Millennium Plaza - Aurora

WED, JUL 21 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers

SAT, JUL 24 FROM 6 TO 9PM - IN PERSON

Paul Abella Trio

Copper Fox - Geneva

TUE, JUL 27 AT 8PM - IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Fulton Street Collective welcomes Kabir Dalawari Quartet

TUE, JUL 27 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, JUL 28 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

August 2021 -- JAZZ PERFORMANCES

TUE, AUG 3 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, AUG 4 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

FRI, AUG 6 FROM 6 TO 8PM - IN PERSON

Jade Moon Jazz Trio with Stephanie Su, Marcus Jefferson and
Chano Cruz

Eden on the River - St. Charles

TUE, AUG 10 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, AUG 11 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

SAT, AUG 14 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Paul Abella Trio

Foxfire Restaurant - Geneva

TUE, AUG 17 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, AUG 18 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

TUE, AUG 24 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

WED, AUG 25 AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Wednesday Jazz Jam Session with Nick Schneider & Jim Sellers
Manhattan's American Bar & Grill - Carol Stream

TUE, AUG 31 AND TUESDAYS AT 7PM - IN PERSON

Tuesday Jazz Jam Session led by Steve Hashimoto
Irish Legend Pub and Restaurant - Willow Springs

Wednesday Night Summer Concerts in DuPage Township

The Village of Bolingbrook holds a series of fun concert events Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. behind Village Hall, 375 West Briarcliff Road. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and check out these exciting offerings!

Wednesday Night Summer Concert Update

Are Your Ready to Join us LIVE for some Music !!!

While Social Distancing may still continue on the Hill,
We Anticipate a Bigger, Better and More Beautiful 2021 Concert Season
at the Roger C. Claar Performing Arts Center!

Your Concert Lineup, sponsored by the Village of Bolingbrook

July 14th	Spoken Four	July 21st	SCRAMBLE	July 28th	Hillbilly RockStarz
Aug 4th	Little Victory	Aug 11th	The Sumthins	Aug 18th	R-Gang
		Aug 25th	One of These Nights		

You can watch the LIVE Stream starting at 7:25pm on:

- Connect at <https://www.bolingbrook.com/bctvlive.gov> or FaceBook Live @PACBolingbrook or @Bolingbrook
- Watch on Bolingbrook Community Television (BCT) Available on: Xfinity-Channel 6 and ATT Uverse-Channel 99

Eagle Scout Receives Recognition

Eagle Scout, Brice Dirl, received his scouting recognition from DuPage Township. Supervisor Marschke was excited to be able to present this earned recognition. Brice has just finished up another year of college, majoring in economics and minoring in mathematics at Loyola.



Notes from the Assessor:

July /August / September 2021

I hope you are having a great summer!

By now you have received your 2020 Tax Bills and paid the first installment! Please check the exemption section and make sure you are getting everything you should be. If you have any questions, feel free to call or stop in our office!

If you have a new exemption to sign up for or if you are just turning 65, then we can help you fill out those exemption forms. Our office is open to the public, Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

After much research, our office has finalized the 2021 assessment changes and sent them down to the County. If we made a change to your assessment you will receive a letter from the County in August.

If you are getting the Senior Freeze Exemption, any increase in your assessment will not affect you because your assessment is frozen at your base year!

If you ever have a question on your tax bill or your assessment, please stop in our office so we can discuss it! We are here to help you. Sometimes a company will do a mass mailing saying they can “lower your property taxes”.... This usually isn’t the case, especially if you are getting the senior freeze! Please call our office before you sign up with any firm that says they can lower your property taxes. We have had people say they were charged a lot of money from some of those companies. So, if you get a note about appealing your property taxes or lowering your property taxes, just call our office. We are happy to review your information FREE of charge! You do NOT need to hire an attorney or a tax consultant.

See you at the Bolingbrook Jubilee this August!

Stay safe,
Jean Kelly

630-759-1315
assessor@dupagetownship.com

Office hours: 9AM to 4PM Monday – Friday.



JEAN KELLY
Assessor

SCHOOL SUPPLIES for DuPage Township Residents

VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL BEGINS ON AUGUST 19TH

School supplies will be available for pick up on August 12th from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Levy Center. Must register in advance in person at the township office by August 9th. Proof of residency (photo ID and utility bill) and need (free lunch or reduced form) required. Please call the Township (630) 759-3411 with any questions.



DuPage Township residents can take advantage of local public transportation services to access neighboring communities, regional attractions, and popular local destinations. Pace Suburban Bus has four nearby routes providing convenient connections to downtown Chicago, other Pace service and Metra train lines.

The Pace bus routes in DuPage Township are:

[Route 834 - Joliet-Downers Grove](#)

Provides service from Joliet central business district and Metra Station to Finley & Branding. Serves Lewis University, Good Samaritan Hospital, Romeoville, Lockport, Bolingbrook, Will County Courthouse, Yorktown Shopping Center and Downers Grove. Certain trips connect with Metra-BNSF service in Downers Grove. [Posted stop info](#)

[850 - North Bolingbrook – East Loop Express](#)

Provides weekday rush hour service between the Pace Canterbury Park-n-Ride in Bolingbrook and portions of the Loop, Streeterville and River North in Chicago. [Posted stop info](#)

[851 - South Bolingbrook – East Loop Express](#)

Provides weekday rush hour service between the Pace Park-n-Ride at White Fence Farm in Romeoville and portions of the Loop, Streeterville and River North in Chicago. [Posted stop info](#)

[Route 755 - Plainfield - IMD - West Loop Express](#)

Provides bi-directional, weekday rush hour service between the Plainfield Park-n-Ride, the Illinois Medical District, and Union Station in the West Loop, with intermediate stops along I-55 at the Pace Park-n-Ride in Bolingbrook, the CTA Pink Line Damen Station and UIC. Route serves Posted Stops Only along the entire route. [Posted stop info](#)

Passengers may board and exit the bus at specific locations at Pace bus stop signs, the locations of which are found at the “posted stops info” on our website. The one-way fare for the I-55 express services to Chicago is \$4.50 or \$2.50 with a reduced fare card. The regular bus route fare is \$2.00 with a Ventra Card or \$2.25 with cash. Reduced fares are also available for eligible customers. For more detailed information, please visit [PaceBus.com](#) or call (847)364-PACE (7223). For trip planning assistance, visit [www.pacebus.com/trip-planner](#) or call (630) 836-7000.

DuPage Township Dial-a-Ride service is available for seniors and disabled residents who have an RTA reduced fare card. Eligible residents can travel from their home to locations within the township or to connect with other Pace service. Operating Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 5:00pm, the service costs \$1.00 each way and reservations are taken up to seven day in advance. Contact the DuPage Township Levy Center to register for the service at (630) 759-3411. For reservations, call (800)244-4410 between 7:00am – 5:00pm.

NEW! Visit www.ChildTaxCredit.gov today

and sign up for monthly payments by July 15, 2021.

On Monday, June 21st, the Biden-Harris Administration is encouraging all elected officials and other stakeholders to join us in ***Child Tax Credit Awareness Day***—a day of action to get the word out far and wide on the new monthly payments of \$250 to \$300 for each child included in the American Rescue Plan to help families make ends meet. Child Tax Credit Awareness Day will:

- Ensure Americans know about this **major tax relief**—\$3,000 to \$3,600 per child—for nearly all families.
- Promote the need to **extend these benefits for years and years** as the President has proposed in his American Families Plan.
- Help **give children a lifeline out of poverty** by assisting eligible low-income families—who may have such low-incomes that they are not required to file taxes—in signing up for Child Tax Credit benefits using a new, simple sign-up tool.

State, local and tribal officials are encouraged to join the Administration on June 21st in raising awareness, holding events, launching outreach campaigns, and announcing new actions and partnerships so that all children benefit from the historic expansion of the ***Child Tax Credit***.

While most families will automatically benefit, state and local leaders have a critical role to play in the effort to ensure all eligible families get the benefits they are eligible for, cutting poverty in their communities. Such leaders could commit to:

1. Raising awareness through your office and your official communication channels
 - a. Launch a campaign on the June 21st National Child Tax Credit Day of Action with a press conference or op-ed in your local news outlet
 - b. Add a hyperlink to childtaxcredit.gov on your online landing pages, your e-mail signatures and your newsletters, or other messaging channels
 - c. Lift up the #ChildTaxCredit on Social Media. Some great examples:
 - i. Vice President Kamala Harris: @POTUS and I are determined to build a future worthy of every child's aspiration. So we put the children of America at the center of our agenda. Today, we released guidance to ensure relief from the American Rescue Plan gets to families with children and childcare providers.
2. Leveraging program data and partnerships to target outreach to hard-pressed families
 - a. Identify the families least likely to be receiving Child Tax Credit benefits.
 - i. Where possible and appropriate, use administrative data from state-run programs like SNAP to identify families with children whose incomes may not have been high enough to have had to file taxes in recent years—and provide them information about the simple, non-filer sign-up tool so they don't miss out on benefits.
 - ii. Where possible and appropriate, direct state higher education agencies to target outreach about the Child Tax Credit to students who apply for or receive financial aid as independents with children.
 - b. Help families seeking help.
 - i. Provide families applying for or receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with information about the new monthly Child Tax Credit benefits and—if they haven't filed taxes in recent years or received stimulus payments—assistance signing up.
 - ii. Direct state or county-run SNAP programs to include information on the Child Tax Credit and a link to www.childtaxcredit.gov on their online application portals and in their call center recordings.

- c. Reach families where they live. Mayors could partner with local public housing authorities to post flyers and deliver letters on the expanded Child Tax Credit. Similarly, States could provide owners and property managers of Low Income Housing Tax Credit-aided properties with similar materials.
3. Partnering with schools.
 - a. Work with local school leaders to send notices and emails home to parents with information on Child Tax Credit benefits and how to sign-up
 - b. Make Child Tax Credit awareness, and assistance signing-up, part of back-to-school events (e.g. have members of community organizations available to help walk parents through the non-filer sign-up process or collect contact information to follow-up with interested parents at a later date)
 - c. Include information on the Child Tax Credit as part of new school year enrollment or welcome packages and bring in trusted volunteers to run sign-up drives at drop-off and pick-up during the first week of school.
 4. Engaging communities with trusted messengers.
 - a. Host a meeting with community pediatricians and ask them to provide Child Tax Credit information to the families they see
 - b. Equip local staff directly working with families and children (e.g. Parks and Rec, community ambassadors, COVID Vaccine Ambassadors) with a Child Tax Credit toolkit or partner with entities that receive state and local funding that can reach the most vulnerable families and children, such as family resource centers and domestic violence shelters.
 - c. Engage your community's summer feeding programs, food banks, and local Housing Authorities in an outreach campaign or partner with child care centers in low-income communities to provide information and materials on the child tax credit to families.
 5. Using caseworkers to reach vulnerable families.
 - a. State and local leaders could add Child Tax Credit-related messages to the scripts or checklists that public workers use when they sign up or check-in with families in their programs. For example, in state or county administered child welfare systems, governors and county officials could:
 - i. Provide materials and talking points on the Child Tax Credit and the non-filer portal for caseworkers to use during their initial and regular check-ins with the parents who are in contact with these systems.
 - ii. Direct their child welfare agency leaders to incorporate information on the Child Tax Credit into their caseworkers' trainings and into existing caseworker tools, such as checklists and lists of resources caseworkers rely on when determining on how to meet the needs of the families they serve.
 - b. Similar approaches could be taken within WIC programs, reaching low-income families with young children during quarterly nutrition education meetings.

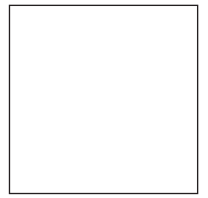
For additional resources on the Child Tax Credit, visit www.ChildTaxCredit.gov. For state and local leaders interested in ZIP Code-level data on eligible non-filers, Department of Treasury estimates are available online.

Share the actions you will take to ensure your community learns about the Child Tax Credit by emailing IGA46@WHO.eop.gov.



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WWW.DUPAGETOWNSHIP.COM



Summer is here and DuPage Township has a program for you!

WELCOME BACK! Summer is here, the pandemic is fading away, and your DuPage Township programs are back in full swing.

Check out the summer programs listed here and take advantage of what's available to you. There's something for everyone and for every need.

Be sure to read former Supervisor Judy Bredeweg's articles in this issue. Judy's long history with DuPage Township gives her a special perspective on its programs, its history, and its connection to all of us who live here. In many ways we have Judy to thank for the current success of the township's programs and services.

DuPage Township has a history dating back to Abe Lincoln's years as an obscure lawyer in Springfield. If you haven't seen it, you'll enjoy reading the township's story at www.dupagetownship.com/history. In those pages you will probably learn things you didn't know.

For instance, did you know that it was April 2, 1850, when the first town meeting was held? Bylaws were drafted, an organization was created, and officers were elected. Among them were Mathew Boughton and Harry Boardman, names you recognize from the road spanning our township and from the historic cemetery on Paxson Drive. We are the inheritors of a rich history.

DuPage Township has a tradition of public service going back many years. Besides the statutory duties of property assessment and general assistance, the township offers a host of senior programs that provide education and amusement. We all need the companionship of our friends and neighbors, especially after this last year of isolation. DuPage Township gives you the opportunity to pick up where you left off and share the joy of joining your friends.

In this issue you also can meet your new township elected officials, who took office May 17. As the months go by, there will be in-depth interviews with the new officials, asking them about their experience, their backgrounds, and their goals to broaden the township's services.

As always, contact the township office at 630-759-1317 to find out what's new. And welcome back to summer!