



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

Food Insecurity

One of the major responsibilities of our Township government is the operation of the "DuPage Township Food Pantry." The Township started the food pantry in early 1999. That means the Township has been operating the food pantry for over 22 years. It started out in the conference room at the Township Administration Building. It is currently located at the 719 Parkwood Ave in Romeoville. This location is the old Township Highway Dept. garage. The Food Pantry currently is serving over 1000 families each month who find themselves in need of help.

Upon taking office in May, I commissioned a survey to find out who is using the Food Pantry. The results were that over 70% of the clients were from Bolingbrook, 20% were from Romeoville and 10% were from outside the two villages.

One problem users had was transportation to the Food Pantry, another was having it open only during weekdays when many were working or having only one car that was needed to get to work. The location is situated in an industrial park with low street visibility and a large amount of semi-truck traffic that creates hazardous situation for our customers who are using the pantry.

We solved the weekday problem by opening on Saturday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

As far as the other problems, we are looking to open a Food Pantry in Bolingbrook. This is the concept of bringing the services to the people rather than making the people come to the services.

To accomplish this, we are looking at two possible options.

Option One

Build a new food pantry on Canterbury Lane between the current township offices and the Bolingbrook Community Center which would be highly visible and accessible. We had an architectural firm work up preliminary plans. One problem is the township owns only half the land needed. The other half is owned by the Village of Bolingbrook. We would need them to donate their half to the project. We have discussed with the Village about the land needed but they have not decided whether to donate the land or even allow us to build a food pantry.

A second problem is funding to construct the food pantry. We have talked to the County Executive and also the County Board about getting some of the Federal funds for COVID relief for constructing the Food Pantry. Under the federal guidelines, Food Pantries are one of the projects allowed for funding. The county has been awarded \$137 million in Federal funds. We have had no feedback or response from the County Executive or County Board.

Option Two

The shopping Center located at the junction of Rt. 53 and I-55 (behind the old Family Square Restaurant, currently named the "Tasty Biscuit") is starting to rent out space. We have contacted the rental agent for the property but are not sure if there is any adequate space for a food pantry. Seems the spaces are way too small or way too big. We are looking at other properties, but the best option seems to be building one next to the township offices.

We are hoping that the Village and County will cooperate with us to help feed the needy in our Township.

Food insecurity or more candidly, hunger is not a temporary problem. It has been around for decades and decades and will be around for decades to come.

Providing food to the needy is a responsibility given to the Township.

We are adamant that we will fulfill our responsibility

Sincerely,

Gary Marschke

DuPage Township Supervisor

INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL
DISPONIBLE EN EL BOLETÍN



UPCOMING TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

January 18th

February 15th

March 15th

Judy Bredeweg's Review

Welcome 2022 and Happy New Year. By the time you are reading this you have either made yourself proud keeping those resolutions or are looking for others who have broken those promises made on New Year's Eve.

If you are 55 or older you belong at the Levy Sr. Center. The Bolingbrook Sr. Club began the new year on Tues., Jan. 4th with the installation of new officers and voting for a program of activities for 2022. We have a short business meeting every week which informs you of events at the center and township. We play Bingo or the No Name Game on alternate Tuesdays. Birthday cake is served once a month. Our membership is open again and we are accepting new and renewing members as they pay their \$20.00 dues.

After 15 years of service, I have decided to step down as President of the Sr. Club. No tears need be shed because I have enjoyed sharing my resources and leadership skills. I have lots of fond memories and I have lost my temper. Yet, you have supported me especially through my battle with colon cancer, chemo, and covid. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I plan to pay my dues and support the new board if I can find a seat at a table. See you on Tuesday.

Judy Bredeweg

**ATTENTION
SENIORS**
WE NEED YOUR EMAIL.
Monthly Activities are going digital!
Call: 630-759-3411

Thank you!

SENIOR Corner

I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Rita Armstrong and I am the new Bolingbrook Senior Club President for 2022, recently sworn in on January 4th. I'm excited to represent the wonderful seniors who are part of the club and look forward to having others in the township come and join us. Feel free to come and see what we are about; you can attend three consecutive meetings prior to joining the club.

My husband, Les, and I have been residents of Bolingbrook for 50 years, we have two adult children and four grandchildren. My experience for the Bolingbrook Senior Club was holding the office of treasurer for three years and being a member for over 8 years, in addition to currently holding officer positions in other clubs and committees within Bolingbrook.

I'm happy to be working with the new vice president, Kathy Wayne, recording secretary, Marianne Jacobson, Treasurer, Les Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary, Ginny Anderson, and Sergeant of Arms Angie Picchetti, all recently elected on December 7, 2021. We all anticipate 2022 will be a great year for all club members.

A calendar of events for the first quarter will be decided after review of the 2021 budget, and will be made available to all paid members. There will be some changes, but I expect as in the past you will all look forward to Tuesday afternoons. Hope to see you on Tuesday!

Rita Armstrong



DuPage TOWNSHIP

Mackinaw Island Trip

EXPLORE
Mackinaw

\$559
5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS

MON-FRI JUNE 20-24, 2022



For information and reservation's contact:
Linda Youngs @ (630) 759-3411
lyoungs@dupagetownship.com

DAILY SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Line Dance
MON-TUE / 9 AM

Crochet
MONDAYS 9 AM

Ceramics
TUESDAYS 9 AM

Senior Club
TUESDAYS NOON

Chair Exercise
WEDNESDAYS 9 AM

Machine Embroidery
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS 9AM

Flower Arrangement
WEDNESDAYS 10 AM

Art Dabblers
WEDNESDAYS 1PM

Bunco/Bridge/Pinochle/LCR
2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS 1PM

Crafty Seniors
THURSDAYS 9:30AM

Choir
THURSDAYS 10AM

Bingo
THURSDAYS NOON

Men's Club
TUES, WED AND THURS 11:30AM-3:30PM

Country Line Dancing
FRIDAYS 10:00AM

Estate Planning 101



LUNCH AND LEARN
MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST 2022
10:30AM-12:30



251 CANTERBURY LN,
BOLINGBROOK



HAVE FUN TIL YOU'RE DONE!

Featured topics:

Basic estate planning

- Will and Trust
- Power of Attorney for property and health
- What is probate and why people fear it
- Thinking ahead and planning
- What happens when you don't plan
- and there's more

* Light lunch will be served

Please RSVP by Jan 28th, 2022
at 630-759-3411

Take a step toward staying

Healthy & Active

Be Smart: Do More For Your
Cardiovascular Health

ADVANCED ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY LOOKS
INSIDE YOUR ARTERIES FOR SIGNS OF PLAQUE
BUILDUP. THAT'S WHY 9 OUT OF 10
CARDIOVASCULAR DOCTORS SUPPORT
PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS FOR THOSE WITH KEY
RISK FACTORS.*



WHERE: BOLINGBROOK, THE LEVY
SENIOR CENTER

WHEN: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2022

To register for your appointment please call 1-
888-653-6450 or visit <https://llsa.social/HSC>

5 Screening for Only
\$139
Special Package Pricing



*Key Risk Factors include: * High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

Our Elected Officials



**Tom
Braxton**

Tom Braxton and his wife Michelle have lived in DuPage Township for 42 years, raising three children who attended Valley View District schools. An electrical engineer specializing in effects of radio interference, he holds degrees from Purdue University and the Illinois Institute of Technology. Tom has volunteered with Bolingbrook Community Television for 33 years, producing broadcasts from Friendship and Crossroads of Faith United Methodist churches, along with various community events. He was a Bolingbrook Tee-Ball coach for four years and an officer in the Indian Boundary Homeowners' Association.

Besides his community involvement, Tom is an officer in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and contributes articles for its print and online journals.

Tom first became politically active while in middle school. For nearly 30 years, he has served various terms locally as chair, secretary, and precinct committeeperson in the DuPage Township and Will County Democratic organizations. He also was treasurer of the Hynes for Congress campaign and the local contact for the Barack Obama U.S. Senate campaign. Tom is happy to be serving as a DuPage Township trustee, as he believes people are best served by government that is closest to them and their community.



**Terri
Ransom**

Terri Ransom has served as a leader in a variety of organizations, including treasurer for the DuPage Township Democratic Organization; precinct 31 Committeeperson; president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., West Suburban Chicago Chapter; president of the SOS Investment Club; program director for the Black History Awareness Club; vice president for the Naperville Youth Club; fundraising chair for Citizens Against Abuse; Girl Scout troop leader; and past treasurer for the Bolingbrook Panthers Sports Club. She has written grants to fund the technology program at a local day care center and has been instrumental in creating scholarships for high school seniors. Terri is a former business owner of ComputerTots /Computer Explorers and she has a technology and security background and has worked for major corporations in the financial industry for over 25 years. Terri has a bachelor's degree in computer science and is currently working remotely for Sun Communities as a Business Analyst. A 22-year resident of DuPage Township, she is married with two adult children. She attends DuPage AME Church in Lisle, where she serves as a stewardess. When she is not volunteering, she enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, walking (Girl Trek), sports, reading, watching movies, and dancing. One of her favorite quotes is, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." - Jackie Robinson.



**Debra
Savage**

Debi Savage has been a Registered Nurse for the last 31 years in various clinical, leadership, and educational leadership roles including staff nurse, director, chief nursing officer, professor, dean, and director of nursing. She works for Moraine Valley Community College leading the nursing and nurse's aide programs and teaches nurses online in the RN-BSN program for Governors State University. Debi is elected as a DuPage Township Precinct Committeewoman and as Trustee for the Will County Regional Office of Education. Debi is the Chairwoman for the IL Health Facilities and Services Review Board. She is a board member and community service chair for the Exchange Club of North Will County, board member for the District 99 Education Foundation, and a member of the ANA-Illinois Legislative committee. Debi serves on the Administration and Finance Council for her parish and is a cantor and lector. She is a 15-year resident of DuPage Township and a former Bolingbrook Beautification Commissioner. When not working and volunteering, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends, music, theatre, hockey, football, learning new things, and travel.



**Reem
Townsend**

Reem and her Army veteran husband, Eric, are proud to call DuPage Township their home. The prospects of raising their family in a diverse and wonderful town is what drew them to Bolingbrook. They have a beautiful blended family with two wonderful sons, Laith and Caleb, their new daughter, Alia, and a lovable goldendoodle named Lola. Reem is invested in building a better and stronger community through philanthropy and championing community causes. She devotes her time to these causes and is an active member of the Will County Exchange Club. A lifelong advocate of social justice, Reem is a Board member of CADR: the Community Alliance for Diversity and Reform. Reem also works to mobilize and engage voters in DuPage Township and is the Precinct #1 committeeperson. She enjoys a successful career as an Administrative Professional with McDonald's.



**Barbara
Parker**

Barbara Parker has over 30 years administrative management experience in business and various volunteer organizations. Over 18 years ago she joined Bolingbrook Community Television as a volunteer, she quickly learned how to use the cameras, edit software and to produce television shows. As a board member she saw the need to revamp the training provided to new members and took on the role of education director. She can still be found around town videotaping her grandchildren and engaging in many other activities. She has worked with the American Cancer Society on Relay for Life. Barbara is the founder and former chair/board member of Bolingbrook Pride Committee. In addition she sits on the Will County Forest Preserve Citizens Advisory Board for our community and has learned about the fabulous parks and preserves we have in Will County. She is a member of the DuPage Township Democratic Organization as well as many other democratic organizations. She is a widow and has lived in Bolingbrook for over 20 years. Her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren also reside in our community and is looking forward to resuming her travel schedule which has been curtailed by the pandemic. She hopes to complete her goal of seeing all 50 states (2 to go) and 7 continents (2 to go); she reads, listens to music and watches her New York Yankees as her pass times. She hopes to see you soon at a Township event.



**Kenneth
Harris**

Introducing our new Assessor

Ken has been a resident of Bolingbrook and the DuPage Township since 1993. He graduated from Lockport Township High School and obtained a BA degree in accounting from Augustana College, Rock Island IL. He is a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer as well as a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He was a Will County Board Member (elected in 2012), past president of the Forest Preserve District of Will County and past president of the Illinois Association of Conservation Districts until taking office here at the Township as your new assessor Jan 1, 2021. He has credentials as a substitute teach, insurance producer and retired in 2019, after 30+ years of service, as an employee of the State of Illinois.

Ken is married to Rose and they have a son named Kenneth also. He enjoys coin collecting, fitness training and bicycling to keep busy during "Me Time". His education and work experiences have prepared him to assume the duties and responsibilities of the DuPage Township Assessor. He looks forward to the challenges of setting property values for all of the property within the township according to State statutes.

Affiliations/Organizations:

- AICPA Member
- Illinois CPA Society Member
- National Association of Counties (NACo) Member
- Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Member
- Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity Inc. Member
- Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce, member
- AFSCME Sub Chapter 73 Member
- Illinois Democratic Women of Will County (IDWOW), Member
- DuPage Township Democratic Organization, Member
- Will County Democratic Central Committee
- Will County Democratic Black Caucus
- National Notary Association

Volunteer experience includes:

- FANS (Friends and Neighbors Supporting Students) Volunteer
- Heart Haven Organization (H2O) volunteer
- Diamond Youth Foundation Treasurer
- Bolingbrook Community Basketball, Past Vice-President
- Illinois CPA Society Junior Achievers
- Center of Economic Progress
- Romeoville Community Basketball



**Monty
Jackson**

Our new Collector

Monty has lived in DuPage Township for over 21 years with his wife of 23 years, Marcia. They have 3 grown children and Grace who is 19 and still at home is a sophomore at Lewis University. He is a certified Airframe and Powerplant Technician and has over 40 years of experience in all facets of Aviation Maintenance and Engineering. He currently works for a large commercial airline. Additionally, he holds a degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Aviation Maintenance Management.

He has served 6 years in the Air Force Civil Air Patrol training for search and rescue missions and currently volunteers for Civil Air Patrol. Over the years he has taken an active role in local government and politics. He serves as a volunteer with the DuPage Township Democratic Organization and really enjoys political discussions, especially those on national level issues. He enjoys serving others and has had the opportunity to do so as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. As a resident of the township he really enjoys the diversity of the residents and wants to see that continue to grow.

FROM THE

CLERK'S CORNER

Anyone interested in running for public office, precinct committee person, etc.

Petition season has changed for this election cycle. Petitions can be circulated on January 20, 2022. Please go to www.willcountyclerk.gov/elections to review the guidelines or receive a petition packet. If you need a document notarized or want to register to vote, please call the township office at (630) 759-1317, and make an appointment.

Wishing all the residents of our Township health and happiness in 2022!

Barbara Ann Parker
DuPage Township Clerk



PRIMARY ELECTIONS DATE CHANGED

**The normal primary elections held on
the 3rd Tuesday of March in 2022,
will be moved to June.**

**Please consider being an election judge.
They are always in short supply.**

**Contact our Will County Clerk's office
at 815-740-4615 for information.**

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 three times 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, Saturday 9AM-11AM

Federal Guidelines for Food Pantry Assistance:

Valid July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Household Size*

1-	\$1,986
2-	\$2,686
3-	\$3,386
4-	\$4,086
5-	\$4,786
6-	\$5,486
7-	\$6,186
8-	\$6,866

*For each additional household member over 8, add \$700

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

Friendship United Methodist Church
305 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook

Fountaindale Public Library
300 W Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center
500 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook

Despensa de Comida de DuPage Township

La despensa de comida de DuPage Township fue establecido por el consejo de administración del township para suplementar las necesidades de los residentes. En los últimos años, la despensa de comida ha crecido sirviendo 60 familias al mes hasta sirviendo mas de 1000 familias al mes.

La despensa de comida esta disponible para familias de DuPage Township experimentando una crisis de comida. Residentes pueden venir a la despensa tres veces al mes y recibir un suplemento para ayudar en planear las comidas de sus familias. La despensa de comida se encuentra en el 719 Parkwood Avenue, Romeoville, Illinois.

Horas: martes y jueves, 9:00AM-2:00PM, sábados 9AM-11AM

Límites federales para asistencia de la despensa de comida:

Vigente el 1 de julio 2021 a 30 de junio 2022

Personas en el domicilio*

1-	\$1,986
2-	\$2,686
3-	\$3,386
4-	\$4,086
5-	\$4,786
6-	\$5,486
7-	\$6,186
8-	\$6,866

*Para los domicilios con mas de 8 personas, agregue \$700 por cada persona

Tenga en cuenta que cuando acepta comida del USDA (Departamento de Agricultura del EEUU), tiene que verificar con su firma, que sus ingresos no es mas del limite del departamento de servicios humano y que vive entre los límites del DuPage Township. Cometer fraude por un beneficio personal es un delito federal. Usted puede ser procesado por dar información falsa a la despensa de comida.

Microdespensas en DuPage Township

Las microdespensas son instalaciones de autoservicio disponibles por distribución y donación anónima. Donde pueden buscar las microdespensas:

Blessings Pantry
553 Redwood Rd, Bolingbrook

Friendship United Methodist Church
305 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook

Biblioteca Fountaindale
300 W Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook

AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center
500 Remington Blvd, Bolingbrook



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs): COVID-19 VACCINATION

Funding is provided in whole by the IL Dept. of Public Health



Q: If I already had COVID-19, do I still need the vaccine?

A: YES; natural immunity for COVID-19 lasts only a few months and is largely only for the variant that you were infected with. Natural immunity WILL NOT protect you long term and WILL NOT fully protect you against other variants of COVID-19.

Q: What are the side effects of the vaccine?

A: For most people, the side effects from the vaccines are mild and can last up to 36-48 hours, including fever, muscle aches, and headache. Severe reactions are rare, but you will be observed for 15-20 mins after each dose to make sure you feel okay. If you have had reactions to other vaccines, consult your doctor before you take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Q: Is there a microchip or tracking device in the vaccine?

A: NO; all 3 vaccines WILL NOT inject a microchip or tracking device into your body. The vaccines do not contain either.

Q: Should I get vaccinated if I am pregnant or want to get pregnant in the future?

A: YES; IT WILL NOT be of harm to you or your baby if you are pregnant - in fact, health providers and scientists are strongly recommending that pregnant women get vaccinated to prevent the possibility of severe infection and long-lasting effects for pregnant mothers and their unborn babies. The vaccine is also safe for those who are trying to get pregnant now or later. The vaccine DOES NOT cause infertility or fertility issues.

Q: Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?

A: NO; all 3 vaccines CANNOT infect you with COVID-19. The vaccines DO NOT contain the live virus. They simply teach your cells how to create antibodies against COVID-19 to fight off infection if you come in contact with the virus.

Q: Will the vaccine change my DNA?

A: NO; the vaccine WILL NOT alter or change your DNA in any way. The vaccine is only comprised of the genetic material for the surface protein, not the entire virus. It will not change any DNA in the nucleus of your cells.

Q: How were the vaccines developed so fast? Can I trust them?

A: The technology used in the vaccines were not developed as fast as you think. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use mRNA technology, which has existed and has been researched for nearly 2 decades. This technology has been studied since the SARS and MERS epidemics in the early 2000s. The Janssen (J&J) vaccine uses a viral vector (not live virus), which many other vaccines use and this method has been studied for decades. COVID-19 vaccines were able to be developed quickly to address the global crisis due to decades of research on how to use the technologies safely and efficiently.

TRUST THE FACTS, GET THE VAX!!



Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center





PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES: VACUNACIÓN CONTRA LA COVID-19

El Departamento de Salud Pública de IL. suministra toda la financiación.



P: Si ya tuve COVID-19, ¿sigo necesitando la vacuna?

R: SÍ. La inmunidad natural contra la COVID-19 dura tan solo unos pocos meses y es, en gran medida, solo contra la variante con la cual se ha infectado. La inmunidad natural NO lo protegerá a largo plazo y NO lo protegerá totalmente contra otras variantes de la COVID-19.

P: ¿Cuáles son los efectos secundarios de la vacuna?

R: Para la mayoría de las personas, los efectos secundarios de las vacunas son leves y pueden durar entre 36 y 48 horas, incluso fiebre, dolor muscular y dolor de cabeza.

Las reacciones graves son poco frecuentes, pero lo observarán entre 15 y 20 minutos después de cada dosis para asegurarse de que se sienta bien. Si ha tenido reacciones a otras vacunas, consulte a su médico antes de recibir la vacuna contra la COVID-19.

P: ¿La vacuna tiene un microchip o dispositivo de rastreo?

R: NO. Las 3 vacunas NO le inyectarán un microchip ni un dispositivo de rastreo en el cuerpo. Las vacunas no contienen ninguno de estos.

P: ¿Debo vacunarme si estoy embarazada o si deseo quedar embarazada en el futuro?

R: SÍ. NO resultará perjudicial para usted ni para su bebé, en caso de que estuviera embarazada. En realidad, los médicos y los científicos recomiendan fervientemente la vacunación de las mujeres embarazadas para prevenir la posibilidad de que sufran infecciones graves y efectos duraderos para mujeres embarazadas y sus bebés no nacidos. La vacuna también es segura para quienes buscan un embarazo ahora o planean hacerlo en el futuro. La vacuna NO causa infertilidad ni problemas de fertilidad.

P: ¿Puedo contraer COVID-19 a causa de la vacuna?

R: NO. Las 3 vacunas NO PUEDEN infectarlo con COVID-19. Las vacunas NO contienen el virus vivo. Simplemente les enseñan a sus células cómo crear anticuerpos contra la COVID-19 para combatir la infección si entra en contacto con el virus.

P: ¿La vacuna modificará mi ADN?

R: NO. La vacuna NO alterará ni modificará el ADN de ninguna manera. La vacuna solo contiene el material genético de la proteína de superficie, no el virus completo. No modificará el ADN del núcleo de las células.

P: ¿Cómo es que las vacunas se desarrollaron tan rápido? ¿Puedo confiar en ellas?

R: La tecnología utilizada en las vacunas no se desarrolló tan rápido como cree. Las vacunas de Pfizer y Moderna utilizan tecnología de ARNm que ha existido y se ha investigado durante casi 2 décadas. Esta tecnología se ha estudiado desde las epidemias del SARS y MERS a principios de la década del 2000. La vacuna de Janssen (J&J) utiliza un vector viral (no el virus vivo), que muchas otras vacunas usan, y este método se ha estudiado durante décadas. Las vacunas contra la COVID-19 se pudieron desarrollar rápido para abordar la crisis mundial debido a décadas de investigación sobre cómo usar las tecnologías de manera segura y eficaz.

CONFÍE EN LOS HECHOS, ¡VACÚNESE!



Will County
Health Department &
Community Health Center



GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE NEWS

Vicente Fernandez, General Assistance Administrator

SALVATION ARMY PROGRAMS

In addition to General Assistance and Emergency Assistance, the General Assistance Office at DuPage Township also serves as an extension office of the Salvation Army. These programs can be used in conjunction with Emergency Assistance or it can be for those who do not qualify for Emergency Assistance or programs such as LIHEAP. If you are in need of assistance, contact the General Assistance Office to see what program you may qualify for. Below is a list of some of the programs that are offered.

PROGRAMAS DEL EJÉRCITO DE SALVACIÓN

Además de asistencia general y asistencia de emergencia, la Oficina de Asistencia General en el DuPage Township sirve como una oficina de extensión del Ejército de Salvación. Estas programas puede usar conjunto con asistencia de emergencia o por aquellas personas que no califican for asistencia de emergencia o programas como LIHEAP (ayuda de energia). Si usted necesita ayuda, llame al Oficina de Asistencia General para ver cuales programas para los que puede calificar. Aquí esta una lista de algunos de los programas.

Salvation Army Extension

The Salvation Army Extension is the way that they are able to help as many people as possible in the area. While there is no Salvation Army Center in the immediate area, the Salvation Army is able to have a presence through its partnership with local agencies and organizations. The Salvation Army Extension helps those in need with delinquent rent or utility assistance. Assistance can only be given once in a 12 month period.



Extensión del Ejército de Salvación

La extensión del Ejército de Salvación es la manera en que ellos pueden ayudar a la gente en el área. Aunque no hay un centro del Ejército de Salvación en el área inmediata, el Ejército de Salvación tiene una presencia por medio de su asociación con agencias y organizaciones locales. El Ejército de Salvación ayuda a la gente que son atrasada con la renta o utilidades. Uno puede recibir ayuda solamente una vez al año.

Nicor Sharing

Nicor Sharing is a one time grant to those who meet the income qualifications (201%-300% of the Federal poverty level) and have experienced a financial crisis such as a drop in income or unexpected expense. The benefit can help with past due balances. Account must be active or grant amount is enough to reinstate service if account is inactive. Veterans who have already applied for LIHEAP can also apply for this program.



El Programa de Compartir de Nicor

El Programa de Compartir de Nicor es un beneficio único por aquellas personas que cumplen con las calificaciones (201%-300% del nivel federal de pobreza) y que ha experimentado una crisis financiera como una reducción de ingresos o un gasto inesperado. El beneficio puede ayudar con balanzas atrasadas. La cuenta tiene que ser activo o el beneficio tiene que ser suficiente para restablecer el servicio si la cuenta no es activo. Veteranos de las fuerzas armadas que han aplicado por LIHEAP puede aplicar por este programa.

Help To Others (H2O)

H2O Help to Others is a customer assistance program created by Illinois American Water and Illinois' Salvation Army agencies. The program helps provide supplemental funding to Illinois American Water residential customers who would otherwise have trouble paying their bills. H2O Help to Others is supported by contributions from Illinois American Water and contributions from customers. Residents can apply for a one time grant that can only be utilized in a 12 month period.



Help To Others (H2O)

El programa "Ayuda a Otros" (H2O Help to Others) es una programa de asistencia para clientes creado por Illinois American Water y las agencias del Ejército de Salvación de Illinois. El programa ayuda a proveer fondos suplementarios a clientes residenciales de Illinois American Water quienes estan teniendo problemas en pagando sus facturas. H2O Help to Others esta apoyado por medio de contribuciones de Illinois American Water y contribuciones de parte de otros clientes. Residentes pueden aplicar por un beneficio único una vez al año.

DuPage Township Announces Community Solar Program for Residents and Businesses

DuPage Township is pleased to announce a unique partnership with Solstice Community Solar to bring affordable, clean energy savings to DuPage residents, town buildings, and small businesses.

As an alternative to installing rooftop solar, Solstice enables community members to pay a monthly subscription to a share of a nearby shared solar farm, support clean energy on the grid, and save money on their monthly electric bills--with no upfront costs or changes to their property. With their subscription, customers receive solar credits as a deduction to their electric bills each month, and pay for these credits at a 20% supply side discount through the Illinois Power Authority's Illinois Shines Program.

"DuPage Township is proud to have signed up its own municipal meters for community solar with Solstice, which will provide us significant savings on our electric costs each month and help us lower our carbon footprint," said DuPage Township Supervisor Gary Marschke. "We can't wait for our residents to follow suit in taking advantage of this great opportunity to access the benefits of local clean power."

Community solar is available to most households and small businesses with ComEd as their utility. Subscribers keep their utility company and see no changes to the way their electricity is supplied or delivered.

"What makes community solar so great is that practically our entire Township will benefit from this program if they choose to enroll," said Township Administrator Jackie Traynere. "Since you pay for solar credits at a discount, you'll save on your bills--without paying added fees to join or paying any ongoing subscription costs. This is truly a win for our community."

"At Solstice, we believe clean energy savings should belong to everyone, not just those who have the right roof and enough savings to be able to buy their own solar panels," said Solstice Partnerships Coordinator Alex Goldfarb. "We're thrilled to be able to bring this opportunity to DuPage residents, many of whom can now participate in the green economy for the first time."

Homeowners, renters, and business owners in DuPage Township can find more information and enroll online <https://bit.ly/3EaNupc>.

Winter Coats For Those In Need

To prepare for the chilly weather ahead and to make sure our community stays warm we will be donating a winter coat to help residents this coming winter season.

Para prepararnos para el clima frío que se avecina y para asegurarnos de que nuestra comunidad se mantenga abrigada, donaremos un abrigo de invierno para ayudar a los residentes la próxima temporada de invierno.

For more information give us a call at 630-759-1317 from 8:30am-4:30pm or email us at staff@dupagetownship.com
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IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR and everyone in DuPage Township enjoyed watching the calendar turn a page. The days began getting longer on December 21, spring will be coming in a few weeks, and the programs at DuPage Township are heating up in anticipation.

If you noticed things looking brighter at the DuPage Township offices and at the Joseph and Sarah Levy Center, your eyes were not deceiving you. Installation of new LED lamps in both buildings' fixtures began in the late months of 2021 and are already making a difference. Brighter, cheerier, safer – those are all benefits we can be excited about. Add the energy and maintenance savings, and the improvements are part of a great way to start the new year.

The improvements continue: the DuPage Township Food Pantry hosted a Thanksgiving meal service that provided a complete turkey with side dishes to hundreds of families. This is in addition to the food pantry's new Saturday hours, 9:00-11:00 a.m., which expands the reach of that vital service.

The new year will see even more of the senior programs that DuPage Township is famous for. As the year progresses, new activities and seminars will complement the long-standing opportunities for fun and enrichment. Check for details in this issue and stay in touch with DuPage Township so you don't miss new programs as they're added to the schedule.

A new year offers a bright future as we emerge from an old year. Albert Einstein offered this advice: "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." DuPage Township is a place where you can do all three.

HAPPY NEW YEAR