



# TOWNSHIP

## *News for all Residents*

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**GARY MARSCHKE**  
*Supervisor*

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: DuPage Township Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry is a shining example of our Township's service to the needs of our community. During the past year, the pantry served almost 8300 households. That equates to approximately **25,000 individuals**. We gave out Thanksgiving dinners to 430 families, delivered 442 dinners to the Senior Living locations in Bolingbrook and Romeoville, totaling some 2022 individuals. We also donated to the Lions' club turkey meal giveaway at the Township offices. Our assistance allowed the Lion's club to distribute another 100 holiday meals.

In addition, we have periodic food drops at the senior apartment complexes, deliver food to families without transportation and help families in the Will County immigration program. During the school year, we had backpacks of food delivered to four schools.

To accomplish this, each week, we picked up donations at 37 scheduled stores, with additional pickups at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, which sells the Food Pantry food at an extremely low cost.

The combination of donations and purchases resulted in the Food Pantry handling over **2,000,000 pounds** of product for distribution to our Township's needy families

Our Food Pantry clients must meet US Dept. of Agriculture income requirements to use the Food Pantry. According to these standards, 20% of the families in the Township qualify for food assistance at the pantry.

Regarding whom uses the pantry now, approximately 75% of the Food Pantry clients are residents of Bolingbrook, 20% are from Romeoville, and 5% are from other parts of the Township. We can and need to do more. The Food Pantry is in an industrial park at the southern end of the Township. It is the vacated Township Highway Department garage. It has been the Food Pantry since our Township Highway Dept was eliminated. It is not conveniently located, is difficult to find, and truck traffic makes parking precarious.

We plan to build a Food Pantry centrally located in the Township and move the Food Pantry to that location. We have been working with the county, state, and federal governments for grants to finance the new Food Pantry. If you want more information on our plans, call 630-759-1317 and ask for the Township Supervisor.

**UPCOMING TOWNSHIP  
2023 MEETING DATES**

**January 17th   February 21st   March 21st**

# SENIOR News

## Seniors on the Move!

Hello, everyone! Come out and join the Levy Senior Center. The Seniors here are active and on the move!

We need to offer special thanks to the Line Dancers for their appearance on stage at the Juneteenth Event held behind Bolingbrook Village Hall, and for their performance at the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Promenade shopping center. They look good and they feel good!

You can check out the line dancing program at the Levy Center:

Line Dancing – Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Exercise – Monday, 10:15 a.m. and  
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Country Line Dancing – Friday, 10:15 a.m.

In the summer of 2022, DuPage Township added several new activities, and ventured outside for a Fishing Tournament and Picnic with nature walks. Thanks to Carol Chaffin, our fishing aficionado, and to Officer Gentry of the Bolingbrook Police Department for their help, and thanks to Levy Activities Director Linda Youngs for conducting the nature walk.

And there's more! Participants are needed for our Senior Monday Bowling League and for the Senior Olympics, which is held in September in Springfield, Illinois.

But most of all, we need your suggestions for activities to keep us all active and fit. Perhaps there's a place you have visited or a place you would like to visit. All suggestions are welcome!

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Levy Center. See you there!

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*Senior Advisory Committee Chair*

**For information, call us at 630-759-3411**

## The 2022 Senior Olympics

DuPage Township's Levy Center was proudly represented by Senior Olympians in the 2022 Senior Olympics. 27 senior athletes, ranging from their 50s through their 90s, competed in widely varied events: basketball free-throwing, bowling, mini-golf, table tennis, shuffleboard, and pickleball.

These Levy Center athletes were honored with their medals at a dinner and special DuPage Township Board meeting on November 15.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CHAMPIONS!



	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Judy Christ	3		
Nancy Clemens	2	1	
Ernestine Doss	4	1	
Laura Duakowski	1	1	1
Sally Gilbo	6	4	
Mary Lou Gist		3	
Dianne Gonzales	2	2	3
Jimmie Hargrove	3	1	
Georgia Hill			
Marianne Jacobson		1	4
Debbie Langworth	1	1	
Prudy Miller	2		2
Camilla Mitchell		4	
Stella O'Hara	1	2	
Steve Page	2	2	1
Sylvia Page	3		
Eileen Polsky	6	1	
Sharon Schubert	1	1	3
Claudia Smith	5	1	1
Audrey Stacoviak		1	
Gerry Wagner		2	
Dianne Waldon		1	1
Doran Wending	1	1	
Carol Wocede		1	
Lisa Wukisak	3	1	
Kay Zasadzinski	5	2	
Charlotte Zinsky	6	1	



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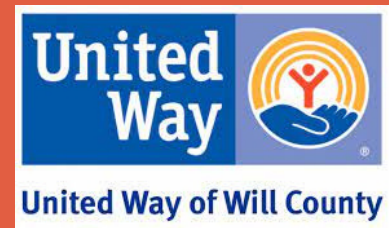


 **2-1-1**

GET CONNECTED.

GET HELP.

ONE FREE CALL TO 2-1-1 CONNECTS YOUR WITH ALL HUMAN SERVICES IN WILL COUNTY.



Help is available in 150+ languages.

Food  
 Clothing  
 Shelter  
 Housing Rent/Utility Assistance  
 Counseling  
 Substance Abuse  
 Domestic Violence  
 Health Care

Sexual Assault  
 Transportation  
 Support Groups  
 Senior Service  
 Aging Parents  
 Child Care  
 Employment  
 Legal Assistance

Operators are standing by to answer your questions 24/7/365

Give help by volunteering. Find where to donate food, clothes and furniture.

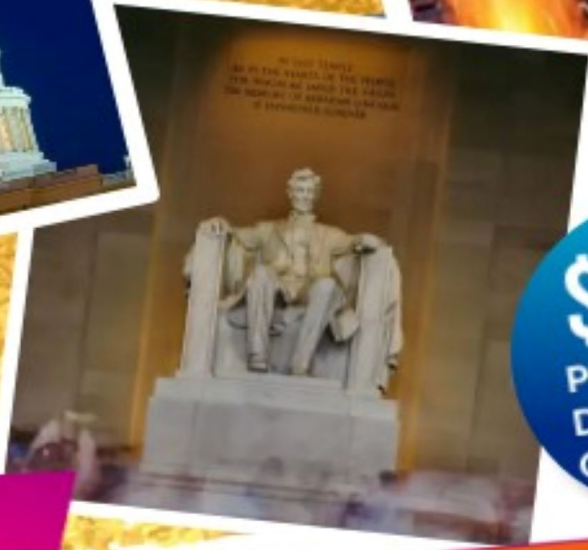
211 is your new, free, and confidential information & referral hotline.



# SENIOR ROADTRIP

## TO DC

MAR 30 - APR 5



**\$805**  
PER PERSON  
DOUBLE  
OCCUPANCY

**Deadline**  
**FEB 1**

**MAX. 50 PEOPLE**

Motorcoach transportation, 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Washington DC area, 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners, touring WW2 Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Smithsonian, MLK Jr Monument, Lincoln memorial, and more! Museum of the Bible, tram ride, and admission to Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Garden



251 Canterbury Lane,  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
630 - 759 - 3411

## OTHER PROGRAMS TO HELP TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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### SALVATION ARMY SERVICE 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.

### 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.

### 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.

*For more information about these programs, contact Vicente Fernandez, General Assistance Administrator at 630-759-1317 or email at GA@dupagetownship.com*

## OTROS PROGRAMAS DE AYUDA PARA RESIDENTES

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### 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.

### 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 balancias 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)

El programa "Ayuda a Otros" (H2O Help to Others) es un 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.

*Para más información sobre estos programas, llama a Vicente Fernández, Administrador de Asistencia General a 630-759-1317 o correo electrónico GA@dupagetownship.com*

Save the date!

DuPage Township Food Pantry



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 9 AM-12 PM

\$7  
Adults

\$5  
Kids  
under 14 yr.

## MENU

Pancakes  
Eggs  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Orange Juice  
Milk  
Tea  
Coffee



Thank  
you!

For Your Support

THE LEVY CENTER  
251 CANTERBURY LN  
BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR  
FOR MORE INFO CALL 630-759-1317

PROCEEDS BENEFIT DUPAGE  
TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY



FROM THE

# CLERK'S CORNER



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Happy New Year! May 2023 bring you lots of health and joy!

Volunteers are the backbone of our community and especially food pantries. Our food pantry needs your help. By giving generously of your time and talent, you will nourish our community. Whether you can help once a week, once a month or once a quarter, you will make a difference. It is a very rewarding experience. I enjoyed my time assisting at our food pantry last month with my granddaughter Maddie. She said it was nice to help others in need.

Our staff and volunteers are extremely helpful and knowledgeable. If you need service hours, you can get them here. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and complete an application with parental / guardian contact information. Our Pantry is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday mornings to service our customers, but help is needed every day. The food must be sorted and put away so that it is easier for our customers to come in and shop.

Our food pantry is located at 719 Parkwood Avenue in Romeoville. Please call 815-886-7986 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

If you can afford to give to charitable organizations, I can't think of a better cause than the food pantry right here in your community. It's a great organization, well-managed, the food goes to the families that need it in our own community. Any monetary donations that are received go towards purchasing more food. I think the cause is about as basic and as important a cause as it can be – which is handing out food to people who need it. I look forward to seeing you at the food pantry soon.

Stay safe this winter.

*Barbara Ann Parker*  
DuPage Township Clerk

Join Us In Our Efforts  
at the



## DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY



We are proud of our work here and hope to inspire generous support by volunteering your time or donating on our website at [www.dupagetownship.com](http://www.dupagetownship.com).

We want to continue expanding upon the food pantry's mission to impact the lives of DuPage Township's vulnerable population.

For more info on  
how to help, call 815-886-7926.



## **LIHEAP (Pronounced "lie-heep")**

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

Need help with your home energy bills? LIHEAP applications are still being taken at the township every Monday from 9am-3pm on a walk in basis only. Documents needed to apply, but not limited to:

- Photo ID
- Gas and electric bill
- Social Security Cards of everyone in the household
- Proof of all household income for last 30 days
- If there is no income of any adult household member 18 or older will need proof that they are or are not receiving benefits from DHS (Public Aid) and IDES (Unemployment)

## **LIHEAP (Pronunciado "lie-heep")**

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

Necesita ayuda con las facturas de las utilidades? Estamos tomando aplicaciones en nuestra oficina cada lunes de 9am-3pm, no necesita cita. Documentos para aplicar:

- Una forma de identificación
- Facturas de gas y electricidad
- Tarjetas de seguro social de todos en el domicilio
- Ingresos por los últimos 30 días
- Cada persona mayor de 18 años sin ingresos tienen que comprobar que no estan recibiendo beneficios del Departamento de Servicios Humano y del Departamento de Seguridad de Empleo de Illinois

***LIHEAP is locally administered by the Will County Center for Community Concerns. Questions about programming or requirements can be directed to them at 815-722-0722***



# GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is a state mandated program for those individuals who have absolutely no income and little assets. General Assistance is an ongoing 12 month program and is considered a program of "last resort." Recipients receive a benefit to help with basic necessities, utilities and housing. Contact the General Assistance office to see if you qualify.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is a program to help residents in "life threatening" circumstances such as rental eviction or utility shut-off. Also, residents can receive work related assistance with regards to car repair. Assistance is only given once in a 12 month period. Applicants must meet financial and non-financial qualifications.



## ASISTENCIA GENERAL

Asistencia General is un programa mandado por el estado de Illinois por aquellas pesonas con absolutamente ningún ingreso. Asistencia General es un programa por un máximo de 12 meses y es considerado un programa de "ultimo recurso." Residentes recibe un beneficio para ayudar con necesidades básicas, utilidades y renta. Llame a la oficina de Asistencia General para mas informatción.

## ASISTENCIA DE EMERGENCIA

Asistencia de Emergencia es un programa por personas en circunstancias de "peligro de vida" como evicción o perdido de servicios publicos. Además, residentes pueden recibir asistencia relacionada con el trabajo como arreglamiento del automovil. Asistencia es disponible una vez, cada 12 meses. Residentes tienen que calificar financieramente y no financiero.

# HINES VA HOSPITAL OUTREACH

The Hines VA Hospital will have an outreach person here at the township in January, February and March. The purpose of the outreach is for veterans to enroll in services and to have some minor health screenings. This outreach opportunity is not only for veterans in the township but also the surrounding area, so spread the word to any veterans who may wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Veterans who wish to enroll for health benefits must bring a copy of their DD214. Call 708-202-8387 for more information.

## RECORDING YOUR DD214

As a service to veterans in Will County, the Will County Recorder can record a copy of a veteran's DD214. To have your DD214 recorded, the veteran must bring a picture ID along with the DD214 to be recorded. Recording the DD214 along with regular copies and certified copies are free of charge.

Public Act 093-0468 protects the rights of veterans and a DD214 is no longer considered public record. Only the service person is allowed to obtain a copy of the recorded DD214. Spouses and family members would need to contact the Veterans Assistance Commission for the same information. The Will County Recorder is available at the DuPage Township office every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm. For more information call: 815-740-4637

*Hines VA Hospital  
Outreach will be at the  
DuPage Township  
Administration Building:  
January 12th, 2023  
February 9th, 2023  
March 9th, 2023  
10am-2pm*



**Choose VA**  
Choose Hines





## OTHER TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Couples wishing to marry or join into a civil union in Will County can apply for a marriage *license* or civil union *license* at the township. If either applicant had been previously married, they would need to present a copy of their divorce decree from their previous marriage.

Please note too that DuPage Township **does not** conduct ceremonies and this service is for a marriage license **not** marriage certificate. For more information go to:

<https://www.willcountyclerk.gov/vital-records-2/>

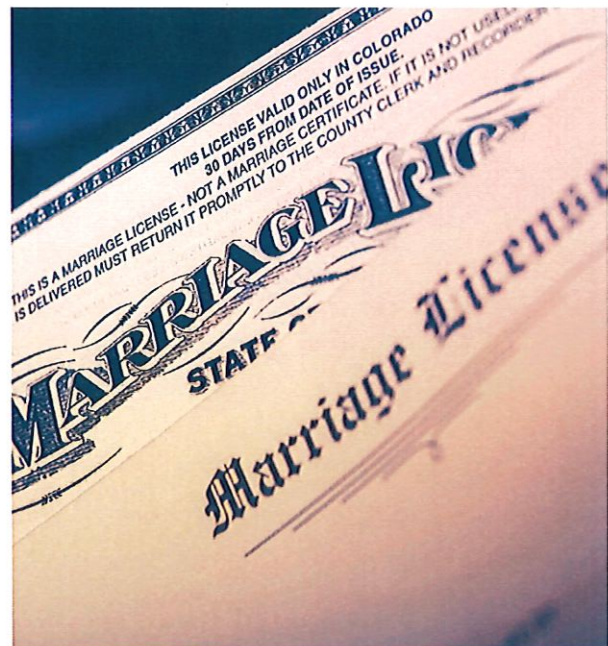
Another service through the township is for first time applicants for a passport can submit their passport application at the township. DuPage Township can only do **first time** passport applications, **not renewals**. The township also does not take passport pictures and must be done ahead of time.

Both of these services are done by **appointment only**. Please contact the township at 630-759-1317 to make an appointment and for information about requirements and fees for these services.

## ILLINOIS BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

Seniors and those who are disabled may qualify for a discount on their IL vehicle sticker or obtain a free transit card. Those who are interested in applying must meet residency and income requirements and can stop by the township office to apply

The Illinois Benefit Access program is administered by the Illinois Department of Aging





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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! A new calendar page has turned over, signaling our chance to lay plans for the coming months.

January is first named for the Roman god Janus, who, by legend, had two faces to see both the past and the future. January offers that to us. We look forward to the future and look back to the year that has just passed. It's that ability to see in both directions that gives us the urge to accomplish in the future what was not done in the past.

DuPage Township offers chances to make plans. If you're over age 55, the enormous range of activities and programs at the Joseph and Sarah Levy Senior Center are available to you. Whether you want to exercise, try your hand at a craft or game, or meet new people, it's all there. Visit the Levy Center at 251 Canterbury Lane in Bolingbrook and find a program to fit your plans.

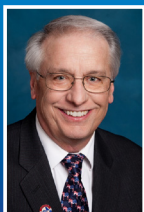
If you're a youth or want to be involved with youth, volunteer in one of the DuPage Township Youth Committee's activities. If you want to help those in need, the DuPage Township Food Pantry is waiting for you. Janus looked back, saw what needed to be done, and looked forward as he planned to do it. You can also do that – visit the Levy Center and start making plans.

Just like the calendar, those plans don't stop in January. The ancients figured out that the moon went through its phases in consistent cycles of 29.53 days, and twelve of those cycles were close to a complete cycle of the sun. A few corrections added days to some months so that a full year would follow the sun. The word "month" itself comes from an archaic word for moon.

Janus looked backward at short days and looked forward to longer days. His month of January does that too. When you consider what you'll do in 2023, you can thank the moon for inspiring the calendar that gives us twelve months to fill with plans.

Tom Braxton  
*Trustee*

### Our Elected Officials



THOMAS BRAXTON  
Trustee



TERRI RANSOM  
Trustee



DEBI SAVAGE  
Trustee



REEM TOWNSEND  
Trustee



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Assessor



MONTY JACKSON  
Collector



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Clerk