



# TOWNSHIP

## News for all Residents

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**GARY MARSCHKE**  
*Supervisor*

### 3 MILLION DOLLARS For DuPage Township Food Pantry

In the Omnibus bill passed by Congress in December 2022, **Congressman Bill Foster (D-11)** included an earmark grant for the construction of a new Food Pantry and resource center for DuPage Township. The grant is for THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

The current food pantry is located in the old DuPage Township public works garage located in an industrial park in Romeoville. It is hard to get to, energy inefficient, run down and in need of maintenance. It was designed and built to be a garage and is not American Disability Act (ADA) compliant.

The new facility will be located at the corner of Canterbury Lane and Lily Cache in Bolingbrook. That is about a block from the township administration building. It will be energy efficient, accessible by public transportation, centrally located, designed for low maintenance and ADA compliant.

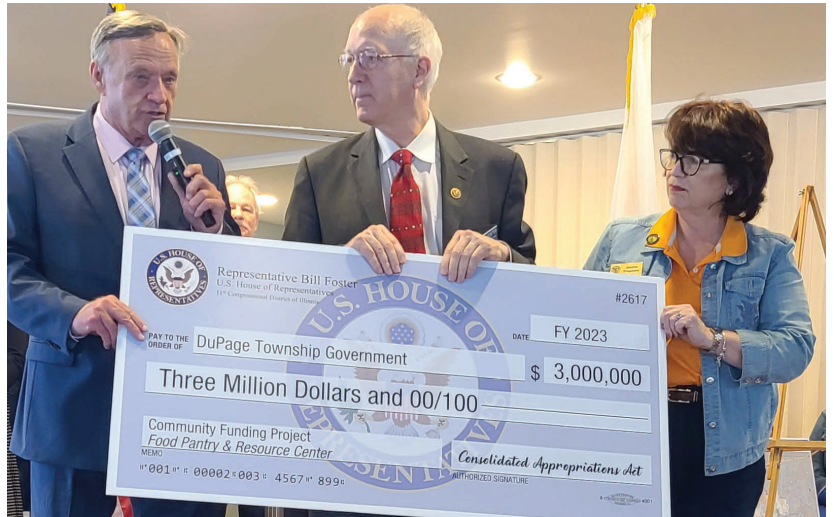
The township has contracted for the purchase of the land for the pantry. We have worked up preliminary architectural plans and submitted them to the Village of Bolingbrook for planning and zoning approval.

“The construction of the new food pantry will be revenue neutral” indicated Township Supervisor Gary Marschke. “That is with the 3 million dollar grant, an ARPA grant, funds in our capital project line item, 2022 budget surplus and sale of existing food pantry building, there will be no tax increase for the new food pantry”.

Food insecurity is not a temporary issue. DuPage Township’s food pantry has been serving our residents for over 20 years. Northern Illinois Food Bank is celebrating it’s 40th year.

We are extremely grateful that Congressman Foster recognized the need and gave us this tremendous help. Without it, we would not have been able to get this project on the road.

On Thursday February 23, Congressman Bill Foster visited our township and at a Senior event presented the Township with the check for Three Million Dollars. We have pictures commemorating the presentation to the right and on page two.



*DuPage Township welcomed Congressman Bill Foster February 23rd at the Senior Hoedown, where he presented Supervisor Gary Marschke a check for \$3,000,000 for the construction of the new DuPage Township Resource Center and Food Pantry. The funds are a grant as part of the larger federal infrastructure investment.*

*Bolingbrook Mayor Mary Alexander-Basta said that these plans demonstrate what could be accomplished when government bodies work together. Marschke thanked Congressman Foster, Mayor Alexander-Basta, County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and acknowledged Administrator Jackie Traynere and Grant Writer Karolina Strack for their work in securing the grant.*

*Also in attendance were County Board Member Raquel Mitchell, DuPage Township Clerk Barbara Parker, Assessor Ken Harris, Collector Monty Jackson, and Trustees Tom Braxton, Terri Ransom, and Reem Townsend.*

### UPCOMING TOWNSHIP 2023 MEETING DATES

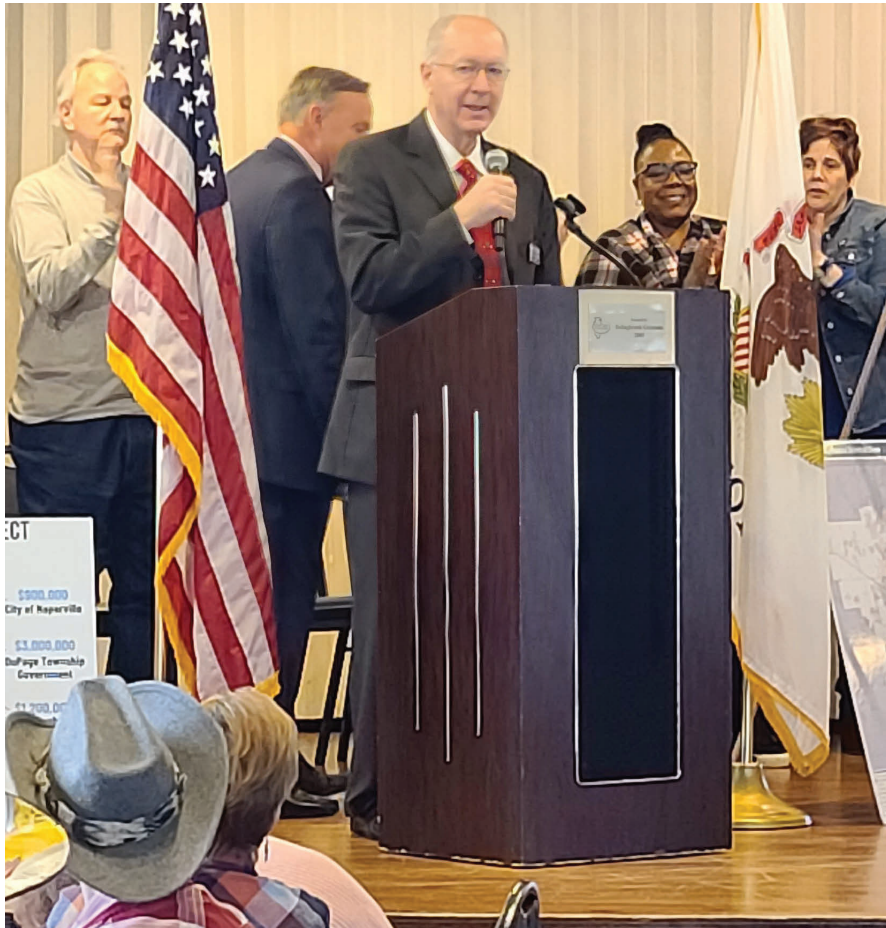
April 18th

May 16th

June 20th



# 3 MILLION DOLLARS AWARDED TO DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOR



*Congressman Foster's remarks acknowledged the need for services provided by the township, foremost among those is the food pantry that serves hundreds of families every month. The current food pantry is in the former township highway garage in Romeoville, a cramped space with limited access, making it difficult to provide support for families in need.*

*Plans call for the new Resource Center to be constructed at a centrally located site in Bolingbrook. The Resource Center will house the food pantry and have additional space for other outreach services offered by the township. The location will be designed for traffic access, parking, and full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).*



*"Our goals have been focused on two areas," Marschke told the guests at the Senior Hoedown. "Improving and expanding the Senior programs and opening a better, more accessible food pantry." He explained that those services are in addition to the township's longstanding General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs, passport application service, home energy assistance, and serving as a satellite office of the Will County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds.*



# FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER AT SENIOR HOEDOWN

*The Hoedown was attended by over 250 Seniors who enjoyed a buffet lunch of barbequed and fried chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and dessert, and an afternoon of music and dancing with a Western style.*





# FRIENDS OF THE LEVY CENTER



## *BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER*

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Levy Center  
251 Canterbury Lane  
Bolingbrook, IL**

**Doors Open: 5:00 PM – Gametime: 6:30 PM  
\$30.00 per book**

**For Information call (630) 759-3411**

**Come out and support The Friends of the Levy Center  
10 \$100 Regular Games each  
3 Special Games at \$250 each  
1 \$500 Jackpot Game**

**Food and Beverage available for purchase**

**Proceeds go to support  
Levy Senior Center**





Youth Committee  
Presents...

# ***FLAG DESIGN CONTEST***

## **Contest Guidelines:**

To enter, you must be in grades 3-12, live within the DuPage Township,  
and submit your design by  
email to [staff@dupagetownship.com](mailto:staff@dupagetownship.com)  
or drop off the original at the township admin office on  
241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, by  
Friday, April 21st, 2023.

## **Drawing Guidelines**

- 1) Keep it simple!
- 2) Try to use meaningful symbolism (shapes & patterns)
- 3) Use 2-3 basic colors.
- 4) No words or seals.
- 5) Be CREATIVE and have fun!

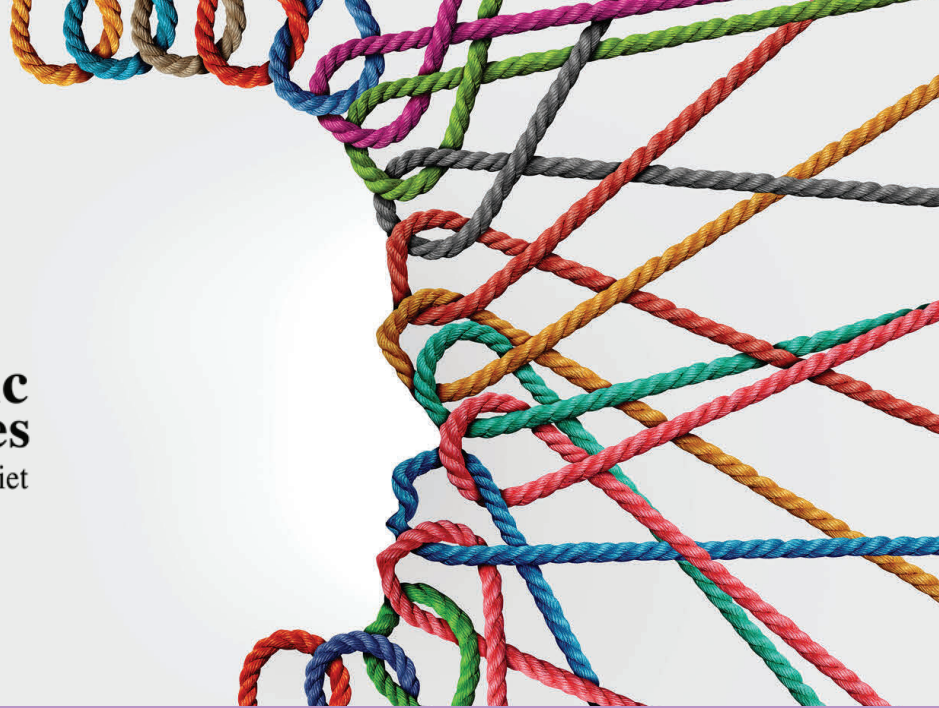
**Your flag design must fit inside 8.5 x 11in paper!**

**Top 3 submissions will each receive a \$100 gift card.**





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# **Attention: DuPage Township Residents (ages 60+ and 18-59 with disabilities)**

## **Meet with Catholic Charities' Aging and Disability Services Network Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:00pm 241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook**

We can provide information and assistance with:

- Benefit Access Applications
- Medicaid/SNAP
- Community Care Program
- Housing
- Transportation
- Financial Assistance
- Options Counseling
- Other resources and programs

**To make an appointment,  
call Jo Prempeh (815) 933- 7791 ext. 9908  
Walk ins are welcome.**

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.





# DuPage Township Food Pantry



719 PARKWOOD AVE.  
ROMEOVILLE, IL  
815-886-7986  
OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS:  
9AM-2PM  
SATURDAYS:  
9AM-11AM

## Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 25th, we held a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the DuPage Township Food Pantry. The outpouring of support was unbelievable!!! We served 374 pancake meals in 3 hours!!! We would like to thank everyone who came out and showed their support for our Food Pantry! It shows where the heart of our community is.

**THE FOOD PANTRY IS AVAILABLE TO DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FAMILIES EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY. RESIDENTS MAY COME TO THE PANTRY TWICE A MONTH. BRING AN ID AND UTILITY BILL EACH TIME YOU VISIT.**



**LA DESPENSA DE COMIDA ESTÁ DISPONIBLE PARA FAMILIAS DE DUPAGE TOWNSHIP EXPERIMENTANDO INSEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA. RESIDENTES PUEDEN UTILIZAR LA DESPENSA DOS VESES AL MES. TRAIGA IDENTIFICACIÓN Y FRACTURA DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS**



FROM THE

# CLERK'S CORNER



## WHY IS VOLUNTEERING IMPORTANT?

Volunteering is important for communities because it supports organizations to provide vital services to groups and individuals within the community. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

Being a volunteer means that you are offering something – something that is not required nor an obligation. You do not volunteer for the pursuit of a monetary prize or

recognition. You volunteer because the optimist inside you, perhaps the idealist knows that you are helping to make your community better! There are lots of great organizations in our community, one of them is the DuPage Township Food Pantry. Please consider offering your services and help others in our community. They can be reached at 815-886-7926.

I look forward to seeing you there!

*Barbara Ann Parker*  
DuPage Township Clerk



## WE CAN HELP FIX YOUR CAR

If you are employed or seeking employment and need help fixing your car, DuPage Township may be able to help.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a township resident
- Be employed or seeking employment
- Have a written repair estimate from a mechanic
- Meet financial and non-financial requirements

## PODEMOS AYUDAR ARREGLAR SU CARRO

Si usted esta empleado o buscando empleo y necesita ayuda arreglando su carro, DuPage Township puede ayudarle.

### REQUISITOS

- Ser residente del township
- Ser empleado o buscando empleo
- Tener una estimación de reparar del mecánico
- Cumplir requisitos financieros y no financieros



### CONTACT CONTACTO



630-759-1317



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Bolingbrook, IL 60440



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# 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.

# SENIORS GETTING HEALTHY TOGETHER

Is your sugar out of control? Can you select better choices even when going to a restaurant? Will cutting down on your sugar help? What does it mean to be a diabetic? What are HbA1C numbers and how do you find them? How does HDL and LDL affect diabetes? If you have been feeling sluggish and want to add a little more step to your life, come join us!

## Monday

Line Dancing: 9:00-10:00 AM

Chair Exercises: 10:15-11:00AM



## Tuesday

Line Dancing: 9:00-10:00 AM

Group will meet for 15 minutes after class.



## Wednesday

Chair Exercises: 9:00-10:00 AM

Group will meet for 30 minutes after class. We will have speakers, recipes, and success stories.

## Friday

Country Line Dancing : 10:15 AM



**The fun starts at 9:00 AM on April 17, 2023. COST IS FREE!**

**The Levy Center, 251 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 630-759-3411**



## HELLO SENIORS!

Our active Levy Seniors are on the move again, preparing for their educational and fun excursion to Washington, DC, and departing on March 30, 2023. I hope the Cherry Blossoms are still in bloom upon their arrival. Wishing all a safe and enjoyable trip.

The Red Hat Club created and distributed over 500 plus Valentine's Day Love Baskets to seniors at the Atrium, Encore, Meadowbrook & Heritage Woods assisted living facilities in the township. If you are 55 or older, join the Levy Center at 251 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. For more information call 630/759-3411

**By: Ocie Koonce, Senior Advisory committee Chair.**

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The meals on wheels program are now serving 175 people in the township. We are also in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals.

To receive meals, please register one week in advance for meal service. For more information, **Contact Jennifer at 815-351-9108**



# Choose VA



**Dear Veterans,  
Come join the Hines VA community outreach team every second Thursday of the month at the township administration building at 241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 from 10AM to 2PM.**

**Be sure to bring a copy of your DD-214 to sign up for benefits.  
No appointments necessary.**



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# SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

“How silent are the footsteps of Spring!”

Henry David Thoreau wrote that in the 19th century as he watched the Winter melt away. The cold, gray season doesn't suddenly give way to Spring, but instead it dissolves so that Spring can silently take the stage.

At some point we realize that the seasons have changed. The days are a little warmer, the grass is a little greener, and it hits us that Spring is moving in. A lot of little things are happening. We feel a little brighter as the days get a little longer.

The plants and animals get busy blooming and moving, and we feel like doing more. Getting out, getting reacquainted with the world, and sharing time with those we missed over the cold months.

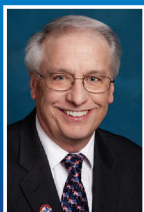
When the growing warmth reminds you that you're ready, DuPage Township gives you a host of opportunities to share that warm time with friends. The Senior activity series is like a buffet: you can choose among movie days, exercise, line dancing, tours, trips, luncheons, games, classes, and more that allow you to take in all that Spring can offer. And not just Seniors -- the Youth Summer Bridge program for children is available as well.

Spring is an active time for Nature. Mark Twain said, “In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.” That's as true now as it was then, and that's why the Levy Center at DuPage Township has indoor and outdoor options for you to enjoy. Spring really is coming. Maya Angelou said it best:

“I have heard it said that winter too, will pass, that Spring is a sign that Summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on.”

Tom Braxton  
Trustee

## Our Elected Officials



THOMAS BRAXTON  
Trustee



TERRI RANSOM  
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DEBI SAVAGE  
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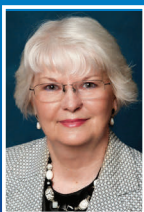
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Clerk