



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

DuPage Township Projects

Township officials and staff have been working on several grants to help fund some important needs of the township. The following is an update on these projects.

ARPA Funds

The Will County Board and administration has made available funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) to the various townships in the county. DuPage Township's allocation is \$391,000. Since the money comes from the federal government, what and how we can spend it is extremely complicated. We actually went to Joliet for training on how and what we can use the funds for. We have to submit projects we would like to use it on by the first week of July. We will update our requests in our next newsletter.

In the meantime, I'd like to thank Our County Executive, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Mimi Cowen, County Board Speaker and the County Board members for making these funds available to the township.

Bluff Road Construction

We no longer have a township highway department because our township roads fell below a total of 6 miles. However, we have a road that we are responsible for that is a huge eyesore for the township. It is a short length of Bluff Road between Joliet Rd and the Cook County line. It can be best described as a "continuous pothole". It has been a problem for over 10 years but previous administrations have been "kicking the can down the road."

It has been costing the township over \$75,000 yearly in upkeep and to repair potholes. This price will go up as the road continues to deteriorate. State Representative Dagmar Avelar has worked with the township and put in a request for \$1.5 million dollars in state infrastructure funds to help reconstruct the road. Mayor John Noak of Romeoville and his public works department has been extremely cooperative. Since we no longer have a highway department, their expertise has been invaluable.

DuPage Township Food Pantry

As you are aware, we are working on building a new Food Pantry in Bolingbrook. Congressman Bill Foster is giving us a huge assist. Congressman Foster has put in an "earmark" in the federal budget for construction of the Food Pantry. The amount is \$3 million dollars. Getting the approval for this money is a long and tedious process. However, we are hopeful it will go through.

One of the important points of these projects is that we are getting financial assistance that is not increasing our local property taxes or sales taxes.

**UPCOMING TOWNSHIP
MEETING DATES**

JULY 19th

AUGUST 16th

SEPTEMBER 20TH

BOLINGBROOK SENIOR Club News

Well, the year is half over, and the Bolingbrook Senior Club has tried a few different things this year. We had an Easter egg decorating contest, Kentucky Derby Day, or "Nickel in a Cup" as some members called it, along with the ladies sharing their fashion hats, our scrumptious Mother's Day and Father's Day Luncheon, and gave members a chance to win prizes with some holiday trivia. Though six months have gone by, we still have another six to go with more fun activities.

July 19th, we will be having our annual member picnic. Cost for members is \$5.00, and tickets will be available starting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. This is a no-meeting day, but one of games, food and fun.

In August, we will be hosting a "No Name Game Fundraiser", with all proceeds going towards our Annual Christmas Party in December held at the Bolingbrook Golf Course.

Every month the board provides birthday cake for the members whose birthday fall in that specific month. We play Bingo after meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month, and play the "No Name Game" on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesday. All games are at a cost of \$2.00 per person. We do a 50/50 raffle each Tuesday, tickets are 2 for \$1.00, with cash split evenly over 5-6 cash prizes.

Our meetings start promptly at 1:00 pm, though most members come between 11:30-12:00 to have lunch, a pre-ordered meal provided by Will County for \$4.00, and stay to enjoy each other's company before the meeting. We currently have 136 members.

If you are not a member currently, you are still able to join us through the last Tuesday in September when the membership officially closes for the calendar year. Dues for new members is \$25.00, returning members, at this late date will pay and additional \$5.00 late fee. All members must attend a minimum of 8 meetings in a calendar year and participate in fundraisers.

I'd like to invite you all to come out and spend a few hours with us each week, I'm sure you will enjoy your time and make new friends. Be safe and enjoy your summer.

Rita Armstrong
2022 Board of Directors, President



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

***Per Person, Double Occupancy**

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

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\$499

**Motorcoach transportation,
4 Nights lodging in North Michigan, 8 Meals: 4 breakfast and 4 Dinners,
Guided Tour of Mackinaw City, Visit Mackinaw Island including Guided Carriage Tour
Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sightseeing.**

Hello Township Residents!

We want to thank everyone who joined us at our Bingo Night Fundraiser on May 19th.

All the funds raised from the event continue to benefit the senior center to foster, encourage and promote the purposes of senior social activities. It helps engagement and improvements such as the electronic message sign, furniture in the lobby, and lights along the walking path.

The Joseph and Sarah Levy Family Foundation and the DuPage township Center entered a cooperative agreement on October 10th, 1990, to construct a Senior Citizen's Center. The Levy Family Foundation agreed to make a conditional monetary gift of \$300,000 in a worthwhile endeavor. This cooperation operates exclusively for charitable, recreational, literary, and educational purposes.

The Levy Senior Center hosts various fun and engaging senior activities administered by the township. We hope that everyone will continue to join us in our fundraising events for this meaningful center in our township.

Kathy Wayne,
President, Friends of the Levy Center

Thank you



BOOKING NOW

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6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS
*PER PERSON,
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY



MEMPHIS HOME OF THE KING

October 9-14, 2022

\$85 Due Upon Signing
*Price per person based on
double occupancy. Add \$210
for single occupancy. Final
payment due 8/2/2022



For Info and Reservations contact:
Call: 630-759-3411 or Email:
thelevy@dupagetownship.com



FROM THE
CLERK'S CORNER

Our Township Food Pantry needs volunteers

Our food pantry supplies food to those in need in our community. Be a vital part of this worthwhile effort, ensuring that all our residents have food to eat regularly. I have volunteered in many food giveaways that we conduct throughout the year, and it is incredibly gratifying to see first-hand how you are helping someone get the food that is essential for their family.

A short application asks for your name, address, phone number, emergency contact information, and what days and hours you are available. Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Saturday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Join us in being part of this rewarding experience to help others.

For more information, don't hesitate to contact Dave Locke at 815-905-3413, ext. 217.

Thank you and enjoy the summer!

Barbara Ann Parker
DuPage Township Clerk



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DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP!

Volunteer Now!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE



815-886-7986
Dave Locke, Mgr.



719 Parkwood Ave,
Romeoville, IL 60446



dlocke@dupagetownship.com
communications@dupagetownship.com

Additional Township Services



In addition, DuPage Township serves as a satellite for many county, state and federal services, such as:



MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS



PASSPORT APPLICATIONS



NOTARY PUBLIC



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS FOR DISCOUNT VEHICLE STICKER AND/OR FREE TRANSIT



WILL COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS- EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY



LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)-MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1ST-MAY 31ST

Marriage licenses and passport applications require appointments, all other services are walk-in. Call the township to set up an appointment.



TOOLS FOR SCHOOL



DuPage Township will be assisting its youth by providing school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<https://bit.ly/3PFEtUJ>

PLEASE REGISTER BY:

JULY 28TH

241 CANTERBURY LANE
BOLINGBROOK, IL
630-759-1317

For eligibility requirements call
630-759-1317





In search of baby formula?

THE DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY HAS SOME FORMULA AVAILABLE FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-2pm

Saturdays from 9-11am

Address:

719 Parkwood Ave.

Romeoville, IL

Phone:

815-886-7986

COVID-19 TESTING KITS

DuPage Township has a **limited** number of **free** COVID-19 home testing kits (each kit has two tests) available to local residents.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

For more information call the township at 630-759-1317





Do you know someone in need of assistance with their rent or utilities?

They may qualify for Emergency Assistance through DuPage Township!

Applicants must be residents of the township, have a current disconnect notice for utilities or have a late notice for their rent. Applicants must also meet other qualifications.

Do you know someone with absolutely no income and does not qualify for any other Financial assistance?

They may qualify for General Assistance through DuPage Township!

Applicants must be residents of the township, have exhausted all other benefits and/or have a pending social security case. Applicants must also meet other qualifications.

If they do not qualify for either Emergency or General Assistance, residents may qualify for other programs available at the township



¿Conoce a alguien que necesita ayuda con la renta o utilidades?

Ellos pueden calificar por asistencia de emergencia por medio de DuPage Township!

Personas interesadas tiene que ser residentes del township y tener un notificación de desconexión para las utilidades o notificación del dueño del apartamnto. Personas también tiene que cumplir otros calificaciones.

¿Conoce a alguien que no tiene absolutamente ninguna forma de ingresos ni califique por ninguna forma de asistencia financiera?

Ellos pueden calificar por asistencia general por medio de DuPage Township!

Personas interesadas tiene que ser residentes del township, no calificar por otros beneficios del gobierno y/o tener un caso por beneficios de la oficina de seguro social. Personas también tiene que cumplir otros calificaciones.

Si no califican por ninguna programa de asistencia de emergencia o asistencia general, pueden calificar por otros programas disponibles por el township.



CAR REPAIR ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of car repair as a means to get to work or find work, you may be able to receive assistance from the General Assistance Office at DuPage Township through the Emergency Assistance Program

To apply for assistance you must:

- ✓ Be a township resident
- ✓ Be employed or seeking employment
- ✓ Have an estimate from a licensed mechanic
- ✓ Meet financial and non financial requirements

Call: 630-759-1317 for information



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LIHEAP

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**ASSISTANCE WITH HOME ENERGY BILLS
(GAS AND ELECTRIC)**



**THE NEXT PROGRAM YEAR STARTS:
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2022
1ST MONDAY AT THE TOWNSHIP:
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2022**

EVERY MONDAY | 9AM-3PM

**DUPAGE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
241 CANTERBURY LN.**

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The Dog Days of Summer

This time of year, we find ourselves entering what we call the “dog days of summer.” Those words are usually said with a weary sigh or a shake of the head, almost as a warning of something unpleasant to come. It’s true that July, August, and early September can be hot and uncomfortable, but why call them “dog days?” It’s really not fair to dogs.

Way, way back, the ancient Greeks relied on constellations of stars in the sky to explain things they didn’t understand. The constellation Canis Major (greater dog) contains the star Sirius, which is the night sky’s brightest. In late July, Sirius would appear to stand alongside the sun in the Northern Hemisphere. The Greeks naturally assumed that the position of those stars at that time of the year had something to do with the heat of July and August, and since Sirius was part of the “greater dog,” they referred to those weeks as “dog days.”

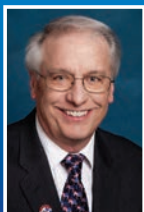
Several thousand years later we still refer to these months as the dog days with a hint of dread. But in DuPage Township they’re lovely, sun-kissed days to enjoy the company of friends, whether at one of the dozens of Senior activities or the youth programs. Check out the perennial favorite, Bingo Night. You can find these and a host of other programs at www.dupagetownship.com. Just go to the Upcoming Events tab to see what’s planned for the coming weeks.

Or you can simply visit the gardens behind the Joseph and Sarah Levy Senior Center and take in the gifts that nature brings us. Stroll the paths, smell the flowers, and listen to the gently flowing stream and feel your mood soften. DuPage Township is a wonderful place to be, especially in the warmth of the summer months.

Just ask your dog. To them, dog days means running through the grass and lapping up cool water and laying in a sunbeam coming through a window. They know how to enjoy life, which is what dog days could mean for us, too.

Tom Braxton
Trustee

Our Elected Officials



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