



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

THE LEVY SENIOR CENTER

The Levy Senior Center has been a part of DuPage Township for over 30 years.

In 1991, the Joseph and Saah Levy Foundation approached the village of Bolingbrook about establishing a senior center in Bolingbrook. The village referred them to DuPage Township and its Supervisor, John Annerino.

Under John's leadership, the Levy Center was born. The Levy Foundation contributed \$300,000 to the land and the Village of Bolingbrook; at the time, it was valued at \$200,000.

The Township put in \$500,000, making the total contributions \$1,000,000.

The Levy Senior Center opened in 1992. The Levy Center, located at 251 Canterbury Lane, next to the township administration building, is open to all seniors 55 years and older. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for the exclusive use of seniors. The Levy is available for rental by the public in the evenings and weekends. That includes weddings, quinceaneras, birthday parties, anniversaries, etc. All the proceeds from rentals go into seniors' programming and the overhead of the Levy Center.

Services at the Levy Center fall into two general categories. The first is Education. Under education, we provide seminars on many topics geared toward seniors. Our "Lunch and

Learn" program is especially popular; we even provide a light lunch with the seminar.

We provide tax filing assistance, legal seminars on trusts and wills, health seminars geared towards seniors, Medicare information, vaccine clinics, and safety seminars. Our seniors are constantly coming up with topics they want more information about.

The second category is recreation. Our programs range from exercise classes, line dancing, lunch trips, plays, day trips, ball games, art classes, card games, chorus, casino trips, week-long bus trips, pottery classes, Senior Olympics, etc. Most events are free or have a minimal cost.

To participate in these programs, you must register at the Levy Center, and registration is free. You will then be on our list to receive a monthly bulletin listing the events for the coming month. You will also receive flash emails on special events and details on events listed in the monthly bulletin.

We currently have over 2600 seniors registered at the Levy Center. If you are 55 years of age or over, please join us.

Gary Marschke
DuPage Township Supervisor

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LEVY CENTER, CALL (630) 759-3411

**UPCOMING TOWNSHIP
2023 MEETING DATES**

OCTOBER 17th NOVEMBER 21st DECEMBER 12th

WELLNESS AT THE LEVY CENTER



Dear Seniors,

If you have "Wellness" on your mind, the Levy Center in DuPage Township is the place to stay active and healthy and even make new friends! Staying well doesn't have to be boring. Active seniors 55+ face many life and health challenges, but well-attended free chair exercise and line dancing classes have made seniors' lives easier to start moving.

Seniors also have attended "Lunch and Learn" seminars that introduced great speakers on the subjects of "Health and Wellness", "Seniors getting Healthy Together" and being "Heart Healthy."

The Levy Center of DuPage Township takes great pride in its seniors.

Are you sitting at home bored, wondering how to be more active energetic, and meet new friends to give your life meaning?

The cost is Free, but you must take the first step! It can be the best first step you have ever taken that may change your life forever.



SENIORS, JOIN US TODAY! At the Levy Center
Call 630-759-3411.

LUAU AT THE LEVY CENTER LETS FOLKS LIGHTEN UP



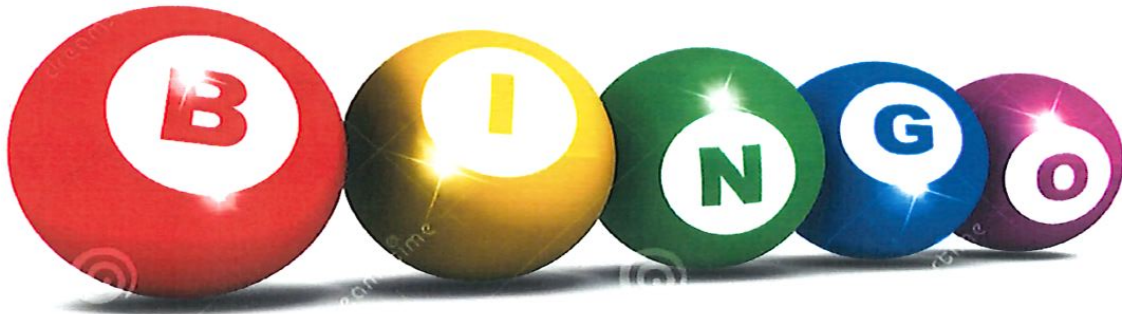
DuPage Township doesn't have palm trees or surfers riding waves, but it does know how to bring a Hawaiian feel to the Levy Center. A packed house enjoyed a township luau on August 31st. Led by Seniors from the Levy Center, a buffet meal and Hawaiian-themed music filled the room. The luau was one of many Levy Center events held throughout the year. Guests wore festive Pacific-island attire and danced throughout the afternoon. DuPage Township Supervisor Gary Marschke welcomed all and introduced State Senator Rachel Ventura, who visited with many of the guests.

Pick up the monthly Levy Center calendar and make your plans for the next event. You can eat, talk with your friends, dance, or do all three at the Levy Center.



FRIENDS OF THE LEVY CENTER

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Thursday, October 26, 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
2 Special Games at \$250 each
1 \$500 Jackpot Game**

Food and Beverage available for purchase

**Proceeds go to support
the Joseph and Sarah Levy Senior Center**

FROM THE

CLERK'S CORNER

With the holidays coming up it is time to think about the numerous ways we can help others. The Township has several opportunities to volunteer. There is always our food pantry and Meals on Wheels, but as we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be handing out Thanksgiving meals to those in need on November 18th at the food pantry in Romeoville. Then we will be handing out Thanksgiving meals to our seniors in both Bolingbrook and Romeoville senior living complexes on November 21st. We will also have collection bins for Toys for Tots that will be used for our Township. Locations are: Fountaindale Public Library, Township Office, and Levy Center. The collection bins will be out from October 2nd until December 8th. At this time of year volunteers are needed more than ever. It is especially rewarding to help others in our community. I hope to see some of you at these events. Need more information, please call the Township at (630) 759-1317. Wishing you all a fabulous holiday season!

Barbara Ann Parker
DuPage Township Clerk



THE DUPAGE TOWNSHIP ELF PROGRAM

Join us in our efforts

Our Township Elf Program is back. Bring comfort and joy to our neighbors facing challenging times this holiday season. As a DuPage Township Elf, you can collect new and unwrapped toys, hats, gloves, and other essential items to donate to children in our township, especially for ages 13-17. You can bring all things to the township and library buildings and leave them in the collection bins at:



DUPAGE TOWNSHIP
241 Canterbury Lane
Bolingbrook, IL

LEVY CENTER
251 Canterbury
Bolingbrook, IL

FOUNTAINDALE LIBRARY
300 W Briarcliff Rd.
Bolingbrook, IL

COLLECTION DATES

FROM: Monday, October 2, 2023

TO: Friday, December 8, 2023



For More Information Call:

630-759-1317



Toys For Teens



FOOD PANTRY *Thanksgiving* MEAL

Saturday, November 18, 2023

From 9:00am - 01:00pm

DuPage Township Food Pantry

719 Parkwood Avenue, Romeoville, 60446



The 'Thanksgiving Meal' Event at the Township Food Pantry is on Saturday, November 18th, from 9 am to 1 pm. The tickets are available starting October 10th, at the pantry during regular pantry hours on Tuesdays, 9 am - 2 pm, Thursdays, 9 am to 2 pm, and Saturdays, from 9 am to 11 am.

For More Information Call:

815-886-7986

Reminder:

You must get your ticket from the DuPage Township Food Pantry in advance for the giveaway.



Is inflation making money tight for groceries?



DUPAGE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY



Support your food pantry and donate now!
Use the QR code below



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS AND LOCATION:
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 9AM-2PM
SATURDAYS: 9AM-11AM
719 PARKWOOD AVE.
ROMEORVILLE, IL 60446**

Call with questions 815.886.7986

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 and Wheatland 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.

DUPAGE TOWNSHIP *Proudly Flies Its New Flag!*

While attending last year's Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) conference, those of us from DuPage Township enjoyed watching the presentation of township flags. When we returned home, we realized that DuPage Township did not have its own flag. Our Youth Committee decided to hold a flag contest in the township to design a flag for us.

The winner was selected from many entries. **Varun Vasireddy**, a high school student, was our winner. He gave these reasons for the elements in his design: the **blue jay** signifies communication; the **oak** signifies strength, justice, and honesty; the **DuPage River** symbolizes the flow of life and the changes we adapt to; the **sun** is for energy, warmth, and happiness. The colors: **green** signifies growth, **blue** signifies wisdom, and **orange** signifies happiness.

The new flag was presented at the DuPage Township August 22nd board meeting. Pictured in the photo with the flag are (left to right): Supervisor Gary Marschke, Clerk Barbara Parker, Trustee Debi Savage, Trustee (and Youth Committee Member) Reem Townsend, Trustee and Youth Committee Liaison Terri Ransom, and Trustee Tom Braxton.

We are looking forward to proudly displaying our new flag at this year's TOI conference!





FREE ADMISSION YOUTH HOLIDAY EVENT



PICTURES
WITH SANTA

Saturday,
December 16, 2023
From 11 am to 2pm

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QR CODE
BELOW



CRAFTS, FOOD,
SCAVENGER
HUNTS AND SO
MUCH MORE!



THE LEVY CENTER
251 CANTERBURY LANE
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FOR MORE INFO CALL: 630-759-1317



FOUNTAINDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

WINTER COATS FOR THOSE IN NEED

DuPage Township is preparing for the chilly weather ahead. To make sure our community stays warm we will be giving out winter coats to help residents in need this coming season.

To register, stop by the township office, 241 Canterbury Ln. in Bolingbrook. Coats are for residents of the township. Deadline to register is November 8th, 2023

DuPage Township esta preparando para el frío que se avecina. Para asegurarnos de que nuestra comunidad se mantenga abrigada, vamos a dar un abrigo de invierno para ayudar a los residentes necesitados la próxima temporada.

Para registrar, pase por la oficina, 241 Canterbury Ln en Bolingbrook. Abrigos son para residentes del township.

El último día para registrar es el 8 de noviembre 2023

Please note: this is not a solicitation for donations
Por favor, nota que no estamos solicitando donaciones

★ LIHEAP Program Changes for 2023-2024! ★

- LIHEAP will start October 2nd and run through August 15th, 2024.
- Priority application periods will return with seniors over 65, those with a disability and those with a child 5 and under in the household applying in October.
- Those with a disconnection notice or have been disconnected can apply in November.
- All income eligible households can apply starting in December.

HOW DOES LIHEAP WORK?

So what is LIHEAP? (Pronounced as "lie-heap")

LIHEAP stands for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and it is a federally funded program that started in 1980 to help low income families with their heating utilities during the winter months when heating costs are higher. LIHEAP is administered by local Community Action Agencies, in Will County. The action agency is the Will County Center for Community Concerns.

How does LIHEAP work?

Depending on your income and household size, a family is given a benefit amount that is then put on your utility account. If you pay both Nicor and ComEd, you will have two benefit amounts, the larger benefit going to your primary heating utility, Nicor for heating gas or ComEd for electrical heat. The benefit will cover the balance on the utility and the remainder will be a credit on your account. The credit will then allow a household to go a number of months without a utility payment. However, if the balance is more than the benefit amount, then the benefit will all be applied and lower the balance.

★ Cambios del Programa de LIHEAP por 2023-2024! ★

- LIHEAP empieza el 2 de octubre y termina el 15 de agosto de 2024.
- Prioridad de solicitar para personas mayores de 65 años, o los que son discapacitada o hay un niño menor de 5 años en el domicilio empieza en octubre
- Los que tienen una notificación de desconexión o ya están desconectado pueden solicitar en noviembre.
- Todos los que son elegibles pueden solicitar en diciembre.

¿COMO FUNCIONA LIHEAP?

Que es LIHEAP? (Pronunciado como "lie-heap")

LIHEAP se significa en inglés "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" en español, "Programa de Asistencia de Energía del Hogar de Bajos Ingresos." Es un programa federal que fue iniciado en 1980 para ayudar familias con sus utilidades durante el tiempo del invierno. LIHEAP esta administrado por agencias de accion de la comunidad. En el condado de Will, esta agencia es el Will County Center for Community Concerns.

Como funciona LIHEAP?

Dependiente de sus ingresos y tamaño del domicilio, una familia recibe una cantidad de beneficio que esta agregado en su cuenta de la utilidad. Si usted paga Nicor y ComEd, va a recibir dos beneficios, una grande para la utilidad primaria de calentamiento. El beneficio cubre la balancia en la cuenta de la factura y el resto es un credito en la cuenta. El credito permite que un domicilio va un numero de meses con un pago de utilidad. Sin embargo, si la balancia de la factura es mas del beneficio, el beneficio ayuda a bajar la balancia en la cuenta.



Summer Bridge 2023

This year was the first time after the pandemic that the Township hosted an in-person summer camp for the township children. We had fantastic directors and counselors hosting the entire camp. They had the Bolingbrook Police and Fire Department educational visit. Also, kids enjoyed activities such as making potions, paper mache, and tie-dye shirts. They also visited Pelican Harbor and Hidden Oaks Nature Center. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!





DuPage Township Tools for School Event Prepares Students for the School Year

August 2nd was a big day for students in DuPage Township. **Nearly 800** backpacks and sets of paper, pencils, and other school supplies were distributed to children in **DuPage Township's Tools for School** program. Joining DuPage Township were Fountaindale Public Library, the Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project, the Will County Center for Community Concerns, Catholic Charities, Heart Haven Outreach, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and more. It was a great event, as the community worked together to give students the tools they need to succeed.

Thanks to the DuPage Township Youth Committee and the many volunteers who made this year's Tools for Schools a success!



DuPage Township's Tools for School





Do you have question about SNAP (Food Stamps)?



Want to see if you qualify?

Northern Illinois Food Bank
will have a representative during
DuPage Township Food Pantry hours
Tuesday or Thursday
9 am to 2 pm

719 Parkwood Ave. Romeoville, IL 60446.

Do You qualify?
Monthly Maximum Household
Income

- 1 Person -----> \$1,869
- 2 Person -----> \$2,518
- 3 Person -----> \$3,167
- 4 Person -----> \$3,816
- 5 Person -----> \$4,465

Income allowance is higher for
households with seniors 60+,
blind, or disabled persons!

To make an appointment or for questions call:

Krista Stevenson

SNAP Outreach Coordinator

630-443-6910 x 242

email: kstevenson@northernilfoodbank.org



SENIORS, DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ON MEDICARE?

FOR INFO CALL
630-759-3411



Every Tuesday morning at the Levy Center, Clif Beavers from Blue Cross Blue Shield joins us to answer all your Medicare questions. Why should you consider a Medicare Advantage Plan? Do you understand your options? What are Part A and Part B benefits? Are your prescriptions covered? He is here to help you with Medicare needs.



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Seasons of Renewal

Welcome to autumn – that time of year trees put themselves to sleep, lawnmowers are put away, and leaf rakes are put to use. It’s cooler in autumn. The air takes on a different quality. Though the trees, plants, and forest animals go into hibernation, it’s also a time of renewal, of letting go. In F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel “The Great Gatsby,” autumn is seen as the time to start something new: “Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.” Even the trees let go of their leaves, knowing that they’re useless when winter comes.

We think of spring as the time of renewal. Plants and animals come back, and the frost recedes from the grass. But the letting-go of autumn has to happen before spring, so autumn really is part of the process of renewal.

We operate the same way. Autumn fades into winter and into the calendar’s new year when we resolve to let go of old habits and set out on new paths. Just like the trees, our renewals are a process of letting go and starting fresh.

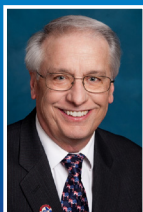
DuPage Township is a place where we can let go of old habits and chart a path toward new ones. The Senior programs at the Joseph and Sara Levy Center are rich with ways to let go of solitary habits and broaden life in new ways. The expanding youth program at the township offers a range of activities for children and cooperative events shared with local groups. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful, from helping at the DuPage Township Food Pantry to serving on event organizing committees.

As always, DuPage Township is available to you as a means to renew. Meet new friends, help your neighbors, learn something new, and have some laughs.

Fitzgerald wrote that when it’s crisp in the fall, life starts all over again. The leaves become crisp, too, and when they do, the poet Emily Bronte could hear them: *“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”*

Tom Braxton
Trustee

Our Elected Officials



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Trustee



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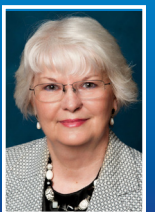
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Trustee



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