



TOWNSHIP

News for all Residents

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GARY MARSCHKE
Supervisor

DuPage Township Senior Center **BEST OF THE BEST**

At the Township Officials of Illinois Conference in November of 2023, The DuPage Township Senior Center, better known as the "Levy Center", was awarded **"Township Senior Center of the Year"**.

Located at 251 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, Illinois, the Levy Center, since opening up in 1991, has been the social and educational center for seniors in DuPage Township. The center currently has over 2600 registered seniors. In a typical week, the number of seniors participating in events varies from a low of 500 to over 1000 depending on the scheduled events.

The Levy Senior Center serves the needs of the seniors of DuPage Township along with outlying communities. It was built through the joint efforts of Joseph Levy Jr. and DuPage Township to provide a beautiful and comfortable building which the seniors use as a meeting place. The center provides exceptional recreation; state approved programming, vital camaraderie, hot lunches through the "Meals on Wheels" program, activity clubs, local and extended trips. The Levy Center is available as a banquet facility during the seniors "off hours" to supplement the operational cost of the facility.

Registration for seniors (55 years and older) is free. The registration allows us to send an email monthly newsletter and activity updates. For those who don't have Emails, we send mailers.

Although the award is appreciated, the satisfaction of our seniors is more important. If you want to know how the Levy Center is doing, ask our seniors!

A huge part of the Levy Center success is due to the extreme dedication and hard work of the Levy staff under the leadership of Linda Youngs, Levy Center Director.

To the right is a picture of the staff.

For more information about joining the Levy Center or activities, call (630)759-3411 or go to www.dupagetownship.com Look under Levy Center.

Gary Marschke
DuPage Township Supervisor

Back Row L to R:

Bob Martin-Maintenance, Roberto Lizardo-Maintenance, Ty Hartfield- Maintenance, Kelli Lizardo-Banquet Manager

From bottom row L to R:

Maryann Piekarski Customer Service Rep.,
Gloria Andrews- Customer Service Rep.
and Linda Youngs, Levy Center Director





SENIOR NEWS

St. Patrick's Day Senior Party

DuPage Township Levy Center hosted a St. Patrick's Day party. There was a DJ playing groovy beats for the seniors to sing and dance. The attendees enjoyed corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, and of course dessert from a local restaurant to celebrate the little bit of Irish in everyone.



We hope to continue this tradition and entertain the senior community in our township. If you were unable to attend this year, mark your calendars for this fun event and join us next year.



DuPage Township Women's Red Hats Club

In the heart of our community, a group of compassionate women from the Women's Red Hats Club gathers monthly at the DuPage Township Food Pantry. Their mission? To lend a helping hand to those in need. They arrive early in the morning with a shared purpose to volunteer their time for our community while their laughter and camaraderie fill the room.



DUPAGE TOWNSHIP IN REVIEW

Senior Safety Presentation at the Levy Center

Safety is a concern for everyone, and Senior Safety was the special focus of a program held at the Levy Senior Center in DuPage Township. Supervisor Gary Marschke welcomed over 100 seniors to a complete lunch and introduced the afternoon's program. The presentation was led by Crime Prevention Officer Brandon Gentry of the Bolingbrook Police Department. He was joined by 98th District State Representative and Deputy Majority Leader Natalie Manley, 85th District State Representative Dagmara Avelar, and 49th District Senator Meg Loughran Cappel.

The presentation touched on aspects of safety especially relating to seniors, Among the highlights:

- In the home: use interior and exterior lighting, store sharp kitchen objects safely, check for loose handrails.**
- Install and check smoke alarms for fire protection; have furnaces checked annually.**
- Personal safety: stay alert and carry a phone; travel with a friend or relative whenever possible.**
- Transportation safety: use your car horn if you need attention; park in well-lit areas at night.**
- Technology safety: use trusted online devices; don't click unknown links; don't be afraid to ask for help.**
- Health and wellness: stay active, eat a balanced diet, get adequate sleep, get regular checkups, and socialize.**

Representatives Manley and Avelar and Senator Cappel described the programs available to seniors from the state. They and their staff provided literature and contact information to those in attendance.

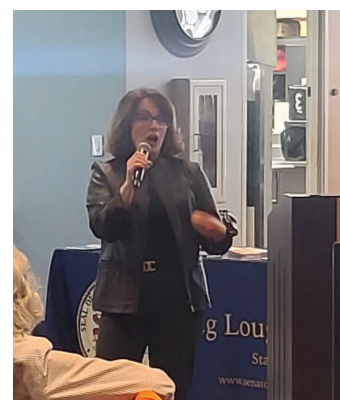
·For more information, contact the Levy Center at 630-759-3411. Remember, safety is everyone's business!



State Rep. Natalie Manley,



Rep. Dagmara "Dee" Avelar



State Senator Meg Cappel



Officer Gentry answering questions



Senior Safety Presentation

FRIENDS OF THE LEVY CENTER



BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Levy Center

251 Canterbury Lane

Bolingbrook, IL

Doors Open: 5:00 PM – Gametime: 6:30 PM

\$30.00 per book

NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED

Food and Beverage available for purchase

Must be 18 to attend and participate

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

NO REGISTRATION

MUST BE 18 TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE

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



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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Monday, May 27, 2024

Boardman Cemetery, 9 am

(Paxon Dr., Bolingbrook)

“Doc” Mc Cartan Veterans Cemetery, 10 am

Village of Romeoville

(334 Montrose Dr., Romeoville)

Hill Crest Cemetery, 10 am

(East Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook)

Bolingbrook Village Town Center, 11 am

(375 W. Briarcliff Rd., Bolingbrook)

CLERK'S CORNER

Since 1850, the electors (voters) of DuPage Township have gotten together on the second Tuesday of April for an Annual Town Meeting. This year, we will be meeting on the third Tuesday of April.

This year the last day of Ramadan is April 9th so to allow all our Muslim friends to celebrate the holiday, our Board of Trustees voted to make this change. By state statute we are allowed to make this change under 60 ILSC 1/30-5(b) "Whenever the date designated in subsection (a) conflicts with the celebration of Passover or Ramadan, the township board may postpone the annual township meeting to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover or Ramadan." Our 2024 Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Levy Center.

At the Annual Town Meeting, all the officials, except the Town Clerk, have no formal role and are electors just like everyone else attending the meeting. Come and be part of this meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on April 16th.

Happy Ramadan - Happy Easter - Happy Spring!

Barbara Ann Parker

DuPage Township Clerk



ANNUAL MEETING

Location: 241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL.60440

Doors Open: 6:00 PM

Meeting Starts: 7:00 PM

For More Information Call Township at 630-759-1317

16 APRIL, 2024

07:00 PM

UPDATES ON



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Join our
upcoming
annual township
meeting!

Food Pantry Facts and Figures

The DuPage Township Food Pantry has filled, and continues to fill, the needs of those facing food insecurity. Voluntary food dispensaries and micro-pantries that rely on individual contributions offer one-piece items, filling specific individual needs. The DuPage Township Food Pantry fills a larger niche, offering a full range of grocery and personal goods to those persons and families facing deeper needs.

For a sense of the pantry's scope, here are some figures:

- More than four million pounds of food were received and processed from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, commercial donations, and purchases.
- 39,608 visits to the pantry were made in 2023.
- 11,957 were visits from households.
- 400 complete Thanksgiving meals were distributed to families in 2023.
- 425 additional Thanksgiving meals were delivered to seniors at McKenzie Falls, Greenleaf, and Romeoville Gardens.
- Thousands of hours of volunteer time receiving, sorting, stocking, preparing, and packing the goods for distribution.

Volunteers are a critical part of the pantry's success and are always welcome. To volunteer or to find out more, contact DuPage Township at 630-759-1317. You'll be glad you did.



DuPage Township Passes Cease-Fire Resolution

The DuPage Township Board passed a resolution calling for a permanent and immediate cease-fire in Gaza, Israel, and Palestine at its Board meeting on February 20. The vote was unanimously approved.

The resolution states that the Board mourns the loss of civilian lives since and before October 7, 2023. It condemns war crimes committed on all sides and the hostility that has led to this point.

US President Joseph Biden is called on in the resolution to urge the warring parties to end the military campaign in the Gaza region.

DuPage Township Trustee Reem Townsend said, "This resolution speaks on behalf of families in DuPage Township who are affected by this war." Township Supervisor Gary Marschke added, "Residents with loved ones in Palestine and Gaza need to know their voices are heard."

Copies of the resolution have been sent to Illinois elected officials. To view the resolution, visit our website at www.dupagetownship.com.

**CEASE
FIRE
NOW.**



YOUTH NEWS

Celebrating Excellence: Girl Scout Gold Award



Girl Scout Troop 70499 beamed with pride on March 9 as Marie Nelson and Brianna Januska received the Gold Award, the Girl Scouts' highest honor. A milestone in their journey of leadership and service, the Gold Award recognizes exemplary commitment to positive change in their community.



Marie's service project is the Mobile Pantry positioned outside The First Presbyterian Church of DuPage, 180 North Weber Road. (see photo). The Mobile Pantry is among the local resources working to offer support for those facing tough times. In cooperation with the DuPage Township Food Pantry, Maria's project and other efforts across the township ensure that our neighbors in need have a reliable source of sustenance and assistance.

Brianna's service project, "Inspiring Today, Inspiring Tomorrow," addresses the need for personal self-esteem. Her published story, "After The Nova," deals with the importance of recognizing one's value and inspiration to the larger world. The book is available at the Fountaindale Public Library. (See photo)



DuPage Township Clerk Barbara Parker and Trustee Terri Ransom were honored to celebrate the profound impact these young women are making in our community. They are a testament to the values of courage, confidence, and character that define the Girl Scout Promise, inspiring generations of young women to dream big and aspire to greatness.



A Shining Partnership with the R Program

DuPage Township has many community partners who provide services to our residents. A shining example of a community partnership is the one between DuPage Township and the Lewis University Restorative program. This free and voluntary program promotes a reduction in out-of-school suspensions. The "R" program is led by Professors Tammy Thurman and Huma Zia of Lewis's Justice, Law, and Public Safety Studies Department.

The R program focuses on intervention for 'at-promised' students in the Valley View School District to be an alternative to being suspended due to behavioral infractions. The program meets at the DuPage Township Office from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. The six-week class session is structured so that suspended students can learn about the legal principles and aspects of the law that impact the youth. The activities and lessons educate students on self-respect and self-esteem and hold them accountable for their actions towards themselves, their victims, and their communities. The instructors also assist the students in tapping into critical thinking and problem-solving skills through the lens of the legal system.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

3 PM TO 7 PM

241 CANTERBURY LANE
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YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

'Tools for School' is hosted by DuPage Township. This annual event aims to connect families, who qualify for the school lunch program with essential supplies and information from vendors before the start of the school years.

If you would like more information or to sign up for the event, use the link or QR code below:



Use Link below or Qr code to sign up
<https://forms.office.com/r/yUGukphe2U>

Tools for School registration 2024



LAST DAY TO REGISTER:
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024
SCHOOL SUPPLIES ,FOOD STALLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 630-759-1317

Keep your kids active and engaged with DuPage Township's Youth Committee's summer camp programs! From sports and games to creative arts and crafts, there's something for everyone. Register now and give your children a summer to remember!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!
FROM JUNE 10 TO AUGUST 2, 2024
TO REGISTER; USE QR CODE ON THE RIGHT.



DUPAGE TOWNSHIP SUMMER BRIDGE



A Youth Committee Program



DuPage Township offers two types of assistance, **General and Emergency Assistance**. **General Assistance** is a locally administered welfare program for those with little to no income or assets and provides a monthly benefit to help with basic needs such as housing, utilities and other basic necessities. **Emergency Assistance** is for those who are facing a “life-threatening” circumstance such as having a 5-day notice, eviction notice or a utility shut-off notice. The township can also help with car repairs **IF** you are employed or seeking employment. **Emergency Assistance CANNOT** be used for 1st month’s rent and/or security deposit. **General and Emergency Assistance is only available to DuPage Township residents.**

The **General Assistance Office at DuPage Township** also works with other organizations and agencies to help residents in need. The township also administers the various assistance programs through the Salvation Army to help with utilities and housing.

Contact the General Assistance Office if you need help, want more information or to apply.

DuPage Township ofrece dos tipos de asistencia, la asistencia general y asistencia de emergencia. La asistencia general es un programa de bienestar administrado localmente por aquellas personas sin ingresos ni activos y el programa proporciona un beneficio mensual para ayudar con necesidades básicas como alojamiento, utilidades y otras necesidades básicas. La asistencia de emergencia es por aquellas personas que están experimentando un “peligo de vida” como teniendo una notificación de 5 días, notificación de desalojo o notificación de desconexión de utilidades. Además, DuPage Township puede ayudar en arreglar su carro SI uno está trabajando o buscando trabajo. NO PUEDE pedir por asistencia de emergencia si necesita ayuda con la renta del primer mes o deposito de seguridad. Nuestros servicios solamente son disponibles a los residentes de DuPage Township.

La oficina de asistencia general de DuPage Township colabora con otras organizaciones y agencias para ayudar a los residentes necesitados. DuPage Township también administra programas del Ejército de Salvación.

Contacte con la oficina de asistencia general si necesita ayuda o quiere más información.

Scan the QR codes for more information about township services:



General and Emergency Assistance



Food Pantry



Other Services at the Township

Contact/ Contacto: Vicente Fernandez-
General Assistance Administrator



630-759-1317



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A NEW SPRING

Spring is here and winter is in the rear-view mirror. Winter was mild this year and Spring can't decide what it wants to be: wet for a while, then sunny and warmer, then suddenly cold. This is nothing new – Mark Twain once said, *"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."*

Anyone who has lived in the Midwest knows that weather is always changing, sometimes in surprising ways. But that's a good thing – rain feeds the soil and temperature cycles make plants stronger.

We can see it happening across DuPage Township . Take a walk along the DuPage River Trail and see what nature has done as it changes its seasonal moods. Spring is when the earth wakes up.

DuPage Township joins the awakening season with a host of programs for the young and for those who want to feel young. The Summer Bridge program for youth comes back this year, and the Levy Center Senior programs are more numerous than ever.

DuPage Township dates back to 1849, making 2024 its 175th year. That's a long time, but the people thrive with the seasons. *"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything,"* wrote Shakespeare, and we see it happen every year.

Tom Braxton
Trustee

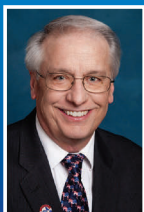
UPCOMING TOWNSHIP 2024 MEETING DATES

APRIL 23rd

MAY 21st

JUNE 18th

Our Elected Officials



THOMAS BRAXTON
Trustee



TERRI RANSOM
Trustee



DEBI SAVAGE
Trustee



REEM TOWNSEND
Trustee



KENNETH HARRIS
Assessor



MONTY JACKSON
Collector



BARBARA PARKER
Clerk