



PALATINE Township Report

"People Serving People"



FALL 2010

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Holiday Outreach In Our Community - Reach Out To Others In Need

Thanksgiving Baskets

Give the gift of thanks and gratitude by donating to the Thanksgiving basket program and help a family in need. Palatine Township will be purchasing a turkey for each family in the program, but there are other ways to donate. Fill a basket with all the non-perishable items needed to prepare a traditional holiday meal and deliver it to the Township Center by November 17. If you do not have time to shop, but would like to help Palatine Township residents in need you may consider purchasing a grocery store gift card which will be used throughout the year to assist others on an emergency basis. Visit our web site at www.palatinetownship.com for a complete list of items and to register as a donor so we know how many families we can provide baskets.



Adopt-A-Family

Please keep in mind the increasing number of local children and families struggling with tight financial situations as they prepare for the holiday season. Through our Adopt-A-Family Program, families who are identified by local social workers receive gifts and visit with Santa. Brighten their holiday season by "adopting" them. Gifts will be collected and distributed to the families on December 10 and 11.

Calling All Angels-Angel Tree Program

Stop in the Palatine Township lobby on Monday, November 8, and select an "angel" from one of our "Angel Trees." These trees are decorated with special "angel" ornaments that include the name, age, and "wish" of a child who attends a local subsidized day care center, an at-risk teen, or an economically disadvantaged senior citizen from our community. Wrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Palatine Township Office no later than December 6, during regular business hours.

If you need more information about participating or volunteering, please visit our website at www.palatinetownship.com or contact Christine Favia, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or cfavia@palatinetownship.com.



Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday
8:30 a.m. - noon
Phone:
847-358-6700
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847-358-2888

www.palatinetownship.com



Calendar of Events

October

- 1 Thanksgiving Basket Program - Donor Registration Begins
Return Baskets November 15 – 17
- 1 Adopt-A-Family Program - Donor Registration Begins

November

- 8 Angel Trees Arrive in Lobby - Gifts Due by December 6

December

- 10-11 Adopt-A-Family Gift Collection & Distribution

Apple Tree Campaign

Qualified children and teens from our community received new backpacks and school supplies. “Back-to-school haircuts” were given to 160 children by licensed stylists who contributed their time and talents to kindergarten through 8th grade students in the program. This significant program of helping over 1,300 children would not be possible without the effort and support from our school district social workers and our caring, dedicated donors and volunteers. Thank you for preparing these students with the educational means needed to start the school year off right!



Palatine Penny Postcard Parade

Palatine Public Library
Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.

In the first decade of the 20th century postcard collecting was a popular hobby. The postcard collection at the Palatine Historical Society includes some very early, very unusual, very interesting, and very “Palatine” postcards. Don't miss this program by Alice Rosenberg.

Christmas Open House

The Clayson House Museum
224 E. Palatine Rd.
Sunday, December 5, 2010
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of a Christmas Ball at the Museum. Refreshments served. The exhibit will run thru January 3, 2011.



Apple Tree Program Donations

Over \$1,000
5/16/10 - 8/15/10



Needy Family Fund

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Needy Family Fund assist your neighbors with emergency payments for rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other essential items that cannot be funded through the General Assistance operating budget. This special fund also assists with the funding of numerous Township community outreach programs, such as the Apple Tree Campaign, Adopt-A-Family Program, and our Food Pantry. Please help by completing the form below, and attach your donation with a check payable to “Palatine Township Needy Family Fund,” and mail it to us at 721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067.

Palatine Township Needy Family Fund Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Amount of Tax-Deductible Contribution: \$ _____

Please make your check payable and mail to:
Palatine Township Needy Family Fund
721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067
Contact us at 847-358-6161 for further information.

Palatine Township Food Pantry News

Neighbors helping neighbors

There are many ways to help those in need in our community. Here are two!

One of the missions of the United Methodist Church of Palatine was focused on stocking the Palatine Township Food Pantry with much needed items. During the week that the church held their Vacation Bible School church attendees collected:



Monday – 115 cans of fruit

Tuesday - 86 boxes of cereal

Wednesday - 144 boxes of mac'n cheese

Thursday – 92 jars of peanut butter & jelly

Friday - 70 boxes of crackers



In 2008, Countryside Unitarian Church of Palatine decided to begin a vegetable garden on their Smith Street Church property. The goal at that time was to educate adult and children members on the benefits of organic gardening (vegetables in the garden are grown without the use of pesticides or herbicides).

In the 2010 summer growing

season garden plots were designed specifically for growing vegetables for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Twice weekly our “gardening folk” bring organically grown vegetables to the Palatine Food Pantry for distribution. The above picture shows gardeners on a typical Sunday, after church, collecting vegetables for the Food Pantry. Why not plan on having your religious or community group plan a special garden for the needy next season?

We welcome all types of contributions, garden, self-stable foods and household items at the Food Pantry. Please drop off items during regular Food Pantry hours, Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or at the Township office during regular business hours.

The 25th Annual Hunger Walk at Soldier Field on June 26 was a great way to spend time along Chicago's beautiful lakefront and help raise money to fight hunger locally. We had 15 walkers representing the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Since this was our first year walking, we were happily surprised to see how many people were working together to fight hunger in the Chicagoland area. There was free parking at Soldier Field. We also found out that the Greater Chicago Food Depository gives away many free items to all walkers, including tee shirts, wrist bands, coupons, and free breakfast items. They even sponsored a concert at the conclusion of the walk! Mark your calendars for June next year as a fund raising event in which you can participate.



Assistance for Winter Heating Bills

Once again Palatine Township is pleased to announce two programs that may assist low-income households with heating bills. The two programs of special interest are:

Illinois Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - LIHEAP provides qualified residents with a credit toward gas and electric bills. Last year approximately 600 households were approved for this program.

Nicor Gas Sharing Program - The Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides grants to qualifying residential customers. This program is administered by the Salvation Army and is funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas customers and employees.

To see if you qualify for these programs, please call the General Assistance Office at 847-358-6110.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Our hot and rainy summer is giving way to autumn excitement with employment opportunities.

Our Director of Employment, Val Profit, is at the Township every week and is available to callers for one-on-one appointments. Val requests that you bring your resume to your scheduled appointment to review open positions in your area of interest. When applicable she will send your resume to companies with openings that fit your experience and interest.

In addition to meeting with job seekers one-on-one, Val also facilitates a Senior Job Club every EVEN month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL. The Senior Job Club is a support group for people 50 and over which provides a networking opportunity. When available, Val will invite company representatives to speak to the job club about open positions and qualifications. At the end of the session Val distributes a copy of the job bank to everyone, which is a list of 100 open positions in the northwest suburban area. Job seekers can always come into the Township to take a look at the job bank. The next Senior Job Club is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, at 1:00 p.m. and Val has invited the State of Illinois to attend. If you are 50 or over, please join us.

To schedule an appointment with Valerie Profit, please call 847- 358-6700.

Township Government - Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Terry Kelly, Assessor

On June 18 a fire completely destroyed the WINGS Resale Shop at the corner of Northwest Highway and Rohlwing Road in Palatine Township. Lost in the fire were all the donated goods and merchandise from our community.

Since 1985 WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) has provided housing and supportive services for Palatine Township families who are homeless due to domestic violence or economic need. Through their programs WINGS helps victims escape the cycle of violence and poverty. The Resale Shop located in Palatine had the highest net sales of the three WINGS Resale Shops. It is estimated that WINGS will lose an estimated \$35,000 of revenue per month due to the fire.

The Township Board, recognizing the tremendous work that WINGS performs and the number of Township residents served, voted to disburse \$5,000 directly to WINGS from the Township's Community Initiative Fund. Throughout the years the Township's Community Initiative Fund has helped with such projects as the purchase of the Library's Bookmobile as well as several initiatives at the Senior Center. "Helping WINGS is what Township Government is all about," Assessor Kelly said, "neighbors helping neighbors."

Since the devastating fire, supporters of WINGS have generously donated not only money but a temporary building and storage site. The community can help WINGS rise again by visiting their web-site at www.wingsprogram.com and by making a donation to the Fire Relief Fund.

Fall For Township Transportation

As the weather gets cooler and the leaves change to their beautiful fall colors. . . it is time to come to the Township Office to register for Senior Transportation Services. This service is for seniors ages 60 and over and permanently disabled residents, 19 years of age and older.

We have three vehicles:

Two 15 passenger mini-buses, one 9 passenger van, and all three vehicles are lift equipped.

Service runs Monday thru Friday, with our first pick up of the day at 8:00 a.m. and our last pick up of the day at 3:30 pm. The cost is only \$2.00 each way. Reservations must be made a minimum of 3 business days in advance and our vehicles will take you anywhere in the Township: barber/beauty shops, grocery stores, library, Senior Center, restaurants, doctors, and dentists.

We also have Transportation available for medical appointments only. This service covers the five surrounding townships, the VA Hospital and Loyola Hospital in Maywood, and to Stroger Cook County Hospital. This service runs Monday through Friday, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is only \$5.00 each way when crossing over one township border and \$10.00 each way if crossing over two or more township borders.

Registration for this service is also at the Township Office. For more information, please call the Transportation Department at 847-358-6907.



Hats off to those who donate to Palatine Township

Needy Family Fund Donations

Over \$1,000.00
5/16/10 -8/15/10
Palatine Women's Club \$1,750
Women's Club of Inverness \$2,000

Food Pantry Donations

Over \$1,000.00
5/16/10 -8/15/10
GE Capital Solutions \$1,000

Palatine Rural Fire Department Phone Number Change



The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District has recently changed the ten-digit telephone number used to contact the District's fire emergency dispatch center. This number is the one used by private fire alarm companies, medical alert alarm monitoring stations, other dispatch agencies and people needing to contact our dispatch center from

outside the District's 9-1-1 service area. If you have a fire alarm or combination fire/burglar alarm in your home or business, please check with the monitoring agency to make sure they have the new number, 847-590-3468, in their records as the number to call to report a fire/medical alarm. The new number should immediately replace the old number 847-358-2121. Residents are reminded that there has been no change to the 9-1-1 service and all emergencies should continue to be reported by calling 9-1-1.

Highway Commissioner's Corner

— John D. Powers, Highway Commissioner



2010 Paving Project Complete

This year the Asphalt Paving Project was awarded to Arrow Road Construction from Mt. Prospect. In the early summer Lake Park Estates, Hill and Echo Road and Field Place were repaved along with replacement of deteriorated concrete curbs. Work also included patching existing surface due to culvert replacement, placing leveling binder and surface course. Due to timely scheduling, PTRD was able to secure bids and complete the road reconstruction before union and labor disputes sidelined other construction projects.

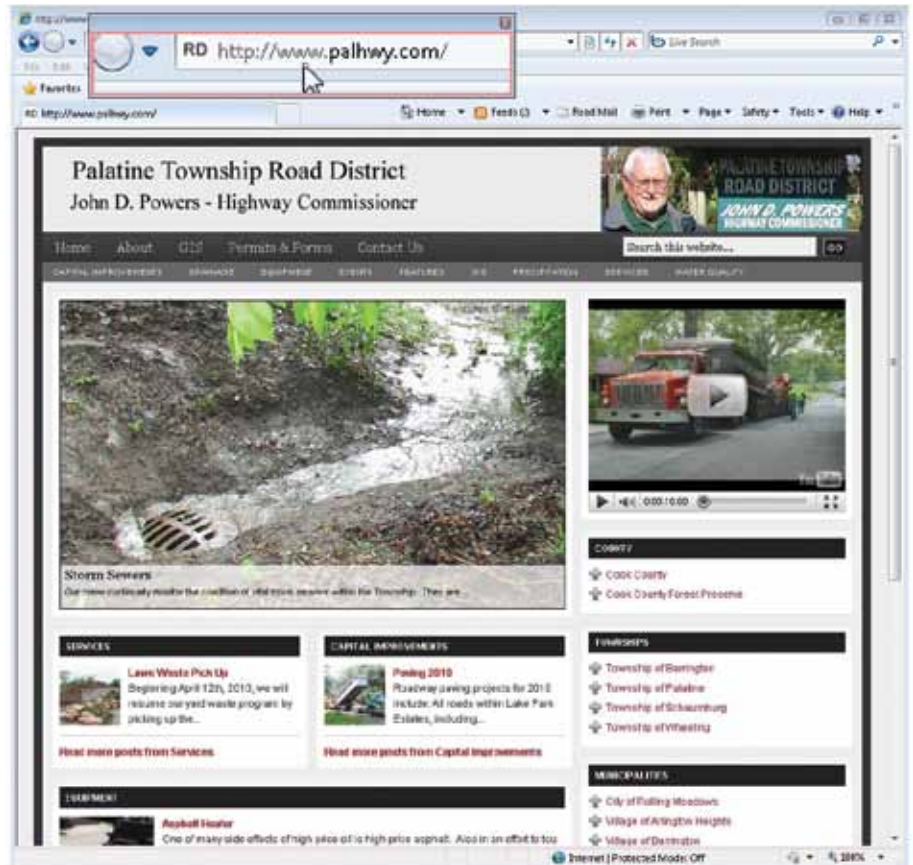
Road District Crew Shouldering New Pavement Areas

Our Road District crew installs and maintains the edge of the roadway either with asphalt grindings in critical areas or with black dirt along with grass seed. The experienced staff is able to install the shoulders of the roadway with minimal impact to traffic and residents.



Road District Programs and Service Online

We are proud to announce our new website www.palhwty.com with updated Road District information for you. At the home page you will notice two menus for additional viewing. The top menu bar lists headings of ABOUT and CONTACT US and also features a GIS viewer and downloadable PERMITS & FORMS. The second menu contains other information in categories of CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DRAINAGE and PRECIPITATION. Some of the graphics on the website show featured discussions which we will add to seasonally. Finally, we included a welcoming video to the Road District highlighting programs and services. Why not make it your new home page?



Clerk's Corner

– Lisa Moran, Town Clerk

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION for the NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

October 5 **Last day to register to vote in the November 2 General Election**

You can register at the Township Center during regular business hours. You will need two forms of I.D., one showing your current address. You need to be a U. S. citizen and be 18 years of age or older by November 2, 2010.

October 6-26 **Grace Period Registration and Voting**

The grace period is the only way to register or change your address or name after the regular registration period ends. It is also the only way to vote if you are not registered or if your voter registration is not up to date. The only sites available for this are the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington in Chicago or the Rolling Meadows Courthouse at 2121 Euclid Avenue.

October 12-18 **Early Voting**

Palatine Village Hall and Rolling Meadows Courthouse are early voting sites in our area.

November 1 **Last Day:**

*Mailed-in absentee ballots can be post-marked and accepted

*In-person absentee voting at Clerk's Office downtown and at Rolling Meadows Courthouse.

Offices up for election on the November 2 ballot:

Federal	U.S. Senator U.S. Representative
State	Governor and Lieutenant Governor Attorney General Secretary of State Comptroller and Treasurer
County	County Board President County Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Assessor Board of Review Commissioner Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner District Board Commissioner
Judicial	Appellate and Circuit Court Vacancies

The Clerk's Office is also asking those who are interested in becoming an election judge to contact the County Clerk's election judge representative Renee Kennedy at 312-603-0966.



SPOTLIGHT ON Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council

The Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (PTSCC) operates the Palatine Township Senior Center and the Caring Hearts Adult Day Care. PTSCC's mission is to provide programs and services which support the independence and well-being of older adults and promote their participation in the community.

The Senior Center offers adults aged 50 and better and their families a wide variety of programs and services, depending on their interests and needs. Palatine Township dollars primarily support our Social Services Department. Our staff work with older adults and their families to identify services and the support needed for seniors to continue living as independently as possible in the community. Services are provided

at the location nearest the client; the client's home, or over the phone, as appropriate. Bilingual, bicultural caseworkers are available to assist Spanish and Russian speaking older adults. In 2009, 2,719 hours of assistance were provided to 1,102 individuals residing in Palatine Township. PTSCC also runs an Adult Day Care for those with mild to moderate memory loss.

Other services offered at the Senior Center include educational classes, a wide variety of computer classes, hot noon meals, home delivered meals for clients who are chronically or temporarily ill, health and wellness classes and screenings, a variety of recreational activities including day and extended trips, a golf league, various card games, dance classes, fitness activities and more.

Many of our services are provided with the assistance of volunteers. Last year, over 300 volunteers donated 19,500 hours valued at \$407,000. For more information on PTSCC, to volunteer, or to donate, visit our website at www.ptsc.org or call 847-991-1112.



Calendar of Events for Palatine Township Funded Agencies

Access to Care is a non-profit primary health care program for low-income, uninsured residents of suburban Cook County. The program provides doctor visits for \$5, lab and x-rays for \$5 and prescription medication for \$10, \$20 and \$30. Since 1988, the program has been the delivery service of primary health care for nearly 100,000 low-income individuals.

Access to Care Annual Gala Celebration

Saturday, November 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to Midnight

Ticket Price: \$250 per person

Union League Club of Chicago

Contact: Kate Barnickel at 708-531-0680

The Bridge Youth and Family Services offers youth leadership development, individual and family counseling, substance abuse counseling, psychiatric assessment, community education, support groups, mentoring, parenting skills training, community outreach and immediate crisis services for homeless and runaway youth in Palatine Township.

Bridge the Gap Walk

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Community Consolidated School District 15 Educational Service Center

580 N. First Bank Drive, Palatine (behind Baker's Square)

Contact: Emily Chan at 847-359-7490 or visit

www.bridgeryouth.org

Countryside Association for People with Disabilities is a community organization that provides work opportunities and training to reduce unemployment, assistance to families in need through respite services, support to help individuals and families maintain their independence, and health activities to combat isolation.

Recipe for Success

A culinary tasting event featuring area restaurants

Monday, October 25, 2010, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows

Contact: 847-540-3705

Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is a non-profit, community-based (Joint Commission Accredited) agency, providing comprehensive end-of-life care to adult and pediatric patients for 27 years. Its Center for Loss and Hope provides bereavement support to more than 5,000 clients each year.

Dancing to the Decades, Hospice Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

D'Andrea Banquets, Crystal Lake

Contact: Michelle Sacchitello at 224-770-2415 or

MSacchitello@HospiceAnswers.org

Journeys from PADS to HOPE provides emergency and supportive services to homeless and "at risk" individuals and families in the northwest suburbs of Cook County.

6th Annual Bid for HOPE Live and Silent Auction

Friday, October 22, 2010, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Center, Hoffman Estates

Contact: Event Coordinator at 847-963-9163, Ext. 16, or visit

www.padstohope.org for forms.

Little City engages and supports individuals, families and communities to ensure that children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities can realize their unique potential to live safely, learn continuously, explore creatively and work productively throughout their lifetimes.

Little City Annual Dinner Gala

Saturday, November 6, 2010; Reception – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner – 7:30 p.m.

Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

Contact: Phyllis Shipbaugh at 847-221-7892 or visit

www.littlecity.org/events

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Supervisor's Message

PALATINE TOWNSHIP

The Serving Spirit Is Alive In Palatine Township



Thank you to everyone that made donations to the Palatine Township Needy Family fund and Food Pantry at the annual Palatine and Rolling Meadows Independence Day parades. Your contributions of food immediately went to support your fellow Township residents that access the food pantry. The money that was contributed at both parades equaled a very generous amount in excess of \$800. These funds will be used to purchase the items most needed for our recipients.

I also want to provide you with my, and the Township Board's, sincere thank you for all that you have contributed to assist the underserved youth in Palatine Township through your participation in the recently completed Apple Tree Program. This program served in excess of 1,300 students and allowed them to have the needed school supplies to begin this year's education process. What a wonderful and caring community we have that does so much for our youth.

Our Holiday programs are just around the corner. Please see the detailed information about the Thanksgiving Basket, Adopt-A-Family and Angel Tree programs on page 1 of this Newsletter. Please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Christine Favia, if you or your company can help others in our Township that may need your assistance during the upcoming holidays. We appreciate your continued interest and involvement in these vital outreach programs.

One final note....

This year the Fremd vs. Palatine football game will take place on Friday, October 8 at Palatine High School. This event will be the beginning of YHOP's fourth year and represents a continued effort by the youth of these two schools to help others in our Township that need the assistance of the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Will you please help them in their efforts by making a purchase at their Bake Sale or by making a cash donation? You can learn more about what YHOP is doing by visiting their website at www.YHOP.org. Be sure to watch for the new messages on our parkway sign informing you of other projects in which YHOP will be involved.

I want to wish each and every one of our Palatine Township residents a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you again for your continued support of the Township's efforts to help others in our Township that are currently in need of our services.

Linda L. Fleming, Supervisor