



PALATINE Township Report

"People Serving People"

Summer 2011



Palatine Township • 721 South Quentin Road, Suite 101 • Palatine, IL 60067

HEALTH FAIR Friday, JULY 29

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine

You are invited to a Health Fair hosted by Palatine Township.

Please see the list of **FREE** services provided and for which no appointments are needed:

Amplified Telephones for the Hearing Impaired

Have a "live" test on each of four amplified phones available FREE to qualified residents with a certified hearing loss and working land line telephone service. There are no age or income restrictions to qualify for this program. Available 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings

Have your blood pressure and/or blood sugar checked courtesy of Dominick's.

Foot Care

Do you have questions for a Podiatrist? A doctor with the IL Podiatric Medical Association will be on hand to check feet, answer questions, and provide educational literature.

Hearing Loss Screening

We will offer hearing loss screenings to all interested parties 18 years of age or older in partnership with the Palatine Lions Club. Take a few minutes to stop by to protect your hearing through this early alert system test.

Macular Degeneration and Retinal Neuropathy Screening

In collaboration with the Palatine Lions Club and Illinois Retina Associates, S.C., pictures will be taken of the eyes of participants 18 years of age and

older (10-17 with written parental consent) to check for retinal diseases, including macular degeneration.

Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of new blindness in adults in America today. Early detection greatly enhances the visual prognosis and outcome for patients with all retinal diseases. A visit with us for just a few minutes could save you a lifetime of darkness!

Medicare Questions and Enrollment

Medicare experts from the Palatine Township Senior Citizen Center will be on hand to provide information about Medicare, answer questions and assist with Medicare enrollment. They will also provide information about entitlement programs for health insurance and prescription drug coverage and the new Medicare Preventative Services.

Organ and Tissue Donation Registration

"Life Goes On". A representative from Donate Life Illinois will be attending to provide information about the State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program, answer questions and help with registration.

Spinal and Scoliosis Screening

A doctor with the ICPA will be here to check your spine for adults and children. Keeping your spine in alignment is important for your overall health.

BlueAPPLE Health is providing preventive screening tests once again at our Health Fair to help you prevent heart attack and stroke:

Stroke Screening \$89

Carotid Artery Ultrasound
Abdominal Aortic Ultrasound
Peripheral Artery Disease Screen
Osteoporosis Screening

Save \$29 by registering for both packages for only \$149

Add a complete lipid profile to either package for only \$25

(Cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Triglycerides,
Cholesterol/HDL Ratio and LDL/HDL Ratio)

All tests are reviewed by BlueAPPLE Health Board
Certified Cardiologists and Radiologists.

Heart Disease Detection \$89

Echocardiogram, EKG
Blood Pressure
Body Mass Index
Osteoporosis
Cardiac Risk Assessment

Register on-line at www.blueapplehealth.com/palatine2011 or call 888-999-3189 to schedule your appointment today!

Heart disease and stroke are the #1 and #3 leading causes of death in the U.S. 70% of strokes are preventable.

Help detect your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Hours: **Monday - Friday**
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:30 a.m. - noon

Phone
847-358-6700

FAX
847-358-2888

7th Annual Spring Party - Smiles from Children and Families

Thanks to our generous community, 190 under-resourced children received beautiful baskets overflowing with toys and treats. The children and their parents were extremely grateful to receive the baskets created especially for them and donated by individuals, businesses, civic groups and churches. Many of the children in the program attended the 7th Annual Spring Party, where they played games, created craft projects, dyed eggs, enjoyed treats and had their picture taken with "The Bunny." Special thanks to over 50 children and adults who volunteered their time by baking treats, boiling eggs for the egg-dye station, running games and craft stations, serving refreshments, and distributing the baskets. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the Spring Basket Program and Party such a special event!

Here are a few of the many thank you notes of appreciation received by the recipient families:

"To the special person or people who brought such joy to my daughter Diana on this Easter holiday. It was the perfect basket. She played with all the toys and ate all the candy. Nothing made her happier than such a gift! Thank you and may God Bless you. Love, A happy Mother and Daughter.

"Thank you for your kindness. It helps so much to know that others care.

To whom it may concern. Thank you so much for the generous donation of Easter baskets. You have no idea how much they are appreciated. It's nice to know that there are still people out there who care about the happiness of others!

God Bless You! Kyle & Kaylee.



In every community there is work to be done. In every heart there is the power to do it.

Palatine Township Elected Officials once again will be marching in the Palatine Parade on July 2 (10:00 a.m.) and the Hoffman Estates Parade on July 4 (9:00 a.m.). At the Palatine Parade they will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for our Needy Family Fund 501(c) 3.

WANTED Licensed Hair Care Professionals

We would like to again offer back-to-school haircuts to those children in the Apple Tree Program, kindergarten through 8th grades. Thanks to the many licensed hair care professionals who devoted their time and talents last year, 160 children received complimentary back-to-school haircuts. If you are a licensed hair care professional who is interested in volunteering for a few hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the week of August 8, please contact Christine Favia at 847-358-6161 or cfavia@palatineotwnship.com.



SUMMERTIME FUN STREET FEST 2011

Stop by the Palatine Township booth located in the Towne Square during Palatine's annual Street Fest celebration, August 26-28. Meet elected officials, pick up local maps, literature and give-aways. We'd like to visit with you, stop buy and see us!



Calendar of Events

July

- 2 Palatine Independence Day Parade (10:00 a.m.)
- 4 Hoffman Estates Independence Day Parade (9:00 a.m.)
- 4 Rolling Meadows Independence Day Parade (11:30 a.m.)
- 4 Inverness Independence Day Parade (1 p.m.)
- 11 Apple Tree Campaign Begins (collection of new backpacks & school supplies)
- 29 Palatine Township Health Fair

August

- 8-12 Apple Tree Distribution
- 26-28 Palatine Street Fest

October

- 1 Thanksgiving & Adopt A Family Programs Begin

November

- 7 Angel Trees Arrive
- 18 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution



Northeast Palatine Summer Camp..

For many years Palatine Township has participated in a unique partnership with the Palatine Police Department, Palatine Park District, Community Consolidated School District 15, and Palatine Opportunity Center to provide a summer day camp to under-resourced, at-risk youth. The Northeast Palatine Summer Camp provides a positive, life enhancing educational, social, and recreational experience and will operate this year from July 18 through August 5.

Funding comes primarily from private donations and grants; therefore, community support is vital to ensure its success. If you can, please consider making a donation of \$60 to help with the registration of one child. Please make your check payable to Palatine Township-Sponsor A Child, and send it to 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067. If you would like additional information about donating to the camp or have any questions, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or cfavia@palatinetownship.com.

Apple Tree Campaign - Donations of Children's New Backpacks & School Supplies Needed...

The Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign, now in its 23rd year, collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in our community. The program is designed to provide students, who are referred to us by local social workers, with school supplies needed to return to school prepared and ready to learn. Last year we were able to assist 1,300 students.



Although the Township organizes and runs this annual program, we need the help and support from our caring community to be successful. Your donations of new backpacks, supplies, as well as monetary donations or time are greatly appreciated to make this program a success. Collection of supplies will take place July 11 through August 5 and the distribution to the children will take place August 8 through 12 at the Township Center. Volunteers are needed to set up and maintain collection sites, sort supplies, and to assist the children on distribution days.

For a complete list of school supplies needed or to volunteer, please visit www.palatinetownship.com or contact Christine Favia, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or cfavia@palatinetownship.com.

Apple Tree Collection Sites in Palatine

- 🍏 Palatine Township, 721 S. Quentin Rd.
- 🍏 Brandt Financial Concepts, Inc. 134 West Slade St.
- 🍏 Community Consolidated School District 15, 580 North First Bank Dr.
- 🍏 Harris Bank (Palatine & Rolling Meadows Branches)
- 🍏 Palatine Park District, 250 East Wood St.
- 🍏 Palatine Public Library, 700 North Ct.
- 🍏 Prince of Peace, 1190 North Hicks Rd.
- 🍏 Village of Palatine, 200 East Wood St.
- 🍏 Walgreens (Hicks & Dundee Rd., Northwest Hwy. & Palatine Rd., Euclid & Quentin Rd.)

PALATINE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECEIVES A PIECE OF THE WTC TOWERS

On September 11, 2011 Americans will observe the 10 year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Approximately 3,000 people lost their lives when four planes were hijacked and became weapons that destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City, damaged the Pentagon and created heroes on a flight that crashed in Pennsylvania.



Among the dead were 343 firefighters who were called to service that day, but ended up dying because of the collapse of the WTC. The vision of the towers collapsing will remain in our hearts and minds forever. The firefighters that died on September 11 will always be honored for their dedication to helping others. It is in this spirit that the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District embarked on its journey to capture a piece of history, a piece of the WTC towers.

Battalion Chief Jeff Dill has worked with the Port Authority, which has made a minimum number of pieces of steel from the WTC available to fire departments to display as a remembrance to those New York City firefighters who sacrificed their lives 10 years ago. The piece of steel arrived at the Palatine Fire Station in February of this year and will be dedicated at

the Fire District's Open House on September 10, 2011. The piece of steel will then be placed in the District's 9/11 Memorial Display Cabinet located in the station. Public Education Officer FF Amy Jo Walter stated, "We want the public to come visit and see the artifacts we have in our 9/11 Memorial Display." The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District will continue its tradition of always remembering those who died to protect others.

For further information, please contact FF Amy Jo Walter at 847-991-8700 or by email at awalter@prfpd.org.

SUMMER 2011 EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

- Val Profit, Director of Employment

We are happy to welcome the hot summer days and bring you some employment news from the first half of this year. As of April Val Profit, Director of Employment, has seen a total of 39 job seekers of which 15 have been placed.

We have invited Northrup Grumman to our August 23, 2011 Job Club. The job club is held at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL. If you are a serious job seeker, please join us and mark your calendar now.

The Palatine Township employment unit is here to assist anyone age 25+ in their job search. Since Val is here every week, you can always call our office at 847-358-6700 to make an appointment for a personal consultation. With a scheduled appointment and your resume, Val will review your skills and experience and make appropriate referrals. In addition to seeing job seekers one-on-one she also facilitates a senior job club every EVEN month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Please note that on the first Monday of every month Val is available to meet with you at the Palatine Opportunity Center located on Rand Road. Give us a call, make an appointment and Val can help you find a suitable job. -3-

Child Safety & Abduction Prevention

On Tuesday, May 17, Palatine Township partnered with the Palatine Police Department to sponsor a "Child Safety and Abduction Prevention Program" for our community. Crime Prevention Officer Holtz discussed valuable safety information and tips in order for children to live safely in today's society. Over 50 attended the program and received complimentary "Think First & Stay Safe" Parent Guides written by Ken Wooden, founder of the Child Lures Prevention Program, as well as identification kits and handouts provided by the Palatine Police Department.

Palatine Historical Society History Crawl

September 9 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Visit 9 locations in downtown Palatine and learn the history of each building during our downtown History Crawl.

Join us in downtown Palatine. The History Crawl begins at Bothwell and Slade and ends at Lamplighter Inn.

For more information, call 847-991-6460 or visit www.palatinehistoricalsociety.com

Palatine Township Community Social Services Funding

As part of the annual budget process, Palatine Township includes funding for a number of social services agencies that serve the needs of residents. Determining which agencies and programs should receive funding support is a task of the Township's Human Needs Committee, chaired by Trustee Art Goes. Committee membership includes Township officials and residents Gary Dindia, Russ Haan, Fred Kees, Lisa Neal, Nancy Nelson, Jean Schwab, and Mike Thompson. Trustee Goes commends the members because "These people do a great job handling a very difficult task with professionalism and compassion. We thank them for their contributions."

The Human Needs Committee ("HNC") meets a number of times during the year beginning its activity in the spring to review the process, timetable, and, most importantly, to consider what information requesting agencies will be asked to submit for committee review. In December requesting agencies submit written applications with financial and other information. These submittals are reviewed at a series of public meetings of the HNC with representatives of the agencies present. These sessions are, of course, open to the public and provide an opportunity to learn about a variety of services provided to Palatine Township residents.

Based on funding requests and HNC meeting results, funding recommendations are developed and forwarded to the Township Board for inclusion in the Town Fund budget. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year the committee recommended \$605,500 in funding requests to the Township Board for the funding of agencies' services to Palatine Township residents.

Some of the services provided to residents by these agencies include:

Youth and family counseling through the Bridge Youth and Family Services; Senior citizen support and outreach services, through the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council, the Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council, and Escorted Transportation Services NW;

Support and training of individuals with developmental, physical, or mental disabilities through the Countryside Association, Clearbrook Center, Glenkirk, Little City and Resources for Community Living;

Counseling and other support programs for residents in need through the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault; PHD; Shelter, Inc.; the Salvation Army; Catholic Charities; PADS and the Palatine Opportunity Center; and Medical services for low income residents thorough NWCH Dental Care, Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, and Access to Care;

Day care services housed in the Township's office building and provided by the Children's Home and Aid Community Child Care Center of Palatine Township;

Further information about the services provided by Palatine Township assisted agencies can be obtained by contacting the Township Office. The annual funding cycle starts again in the fall, and the application may be found on the township website: www.palatinetownship.com/funding-request-forms/

All this for less than \$150 a year ?!

—Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

The total yearly property taxes paid by an owner of a \$300,000 home to the Township is \$146.28. This is the total for **the whole year**. All the programs and services provided to our community that are mentioned in this newsletter are paid for from these funds. I am sure you would agree that Township Government is quite a bargain.

Palatine Township Government actually collects three separate taxes from you, the homeowner. These taxes are the Palatine Township Town Fund, General Assistance and the Road and Bridge Fund. Interestingly, the Palatine Township Road District distributes about one half of the funds collected to local municipalities located within the Township. The three funds appear as separate line items on your tax bill.

The Town Fund helps maintain many of the outstanding and award-winning programs at the Township, including the Apple Tree and Adopt-A-Family programs. The Township can keep the Town Fund costs to a minimum thanks to the hundreds of community volunteers and donations. Other programs and services, such as the maintenance of the five historic pioneer cemeteries in the Township, are also managed through this fund.

The **yearly** cost for Palatine Township on your tax bill, for a homeowner with a house valued at \$300,000 and receiving a standard homeowner's deduction, is only \$146.28. As you read more about the many worthwhile programs and services in this newsletter provided by the Township, I'm sure you'll agree that Palatine Township Government watches your tax dollars closely and is a good steward of these funds.

Your Assessor's Office Hard at Work Saving You Tax Dollars

—Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

One area all residents should monitor on their tax bills is exemptions. You should make sure you are getting every exemption you are entitled to. There are several exemptions available that many residents may not be aware of. One of these exemptions is the **Returning Veteran Exemption**. For a returning veteran there is a one-time exemption of a \$5,000 reduction to the assessed value of their home. Depending on values the savings can be significant. If you know a veteran who has returned home, please mention this property tax exemption and ask them to contact our office.

Another exemption you might qualify for is the **Long-Time Occupant Exemption**. This exemption sets limits, based on household income, to the increase in the assessed value of the property. To qualify for this you must have lived in your home for 10 years and have a yearly household income of less than \$100,000. This exemption will be reflected by an increase in the standard homeowner's exemption on the 2nd installment property tax bill. Last year the Assessor's Office process over 1,400 Long-Time Occupant exemptions.

One exemption that many are aware of is the **Senior Freeze Exemption**. If you qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption the assessed value of your property is frozen. Over the long term this can save significant tax dollars. To qualify you must be 65 years of age and have a total household income of less than \$55,000. Since this exemption is based on income you must file for the Senior Freeze Exemption each and every year.

The Assessor's Office has helped over 12,900 residents with tax appeals, assessment questions and exemption applications. If you have any questions on your property taxes, please call the Assessor's Office at 847-358-6700.

Blue Star Banner Program to Honor Military Families

–Lisa Moran, Clerk

Palatine Township is asking all military families in the Township to come forward and receive their deserved recognition and honor.

Our Township is launching a Blue Star Banner Program in order to honor military families in our community by presenting them with a Blue Star Service Banner to display in their window. This displayed Banner gives neighboring residents the opportunity to show their support for family members of those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The authorized recipient(s) would be invited to attend a Township Board Meeting where they would be presented with the Blue Star Service Banner along with a special Township Resolution in their honor. The recipient's respective Mayor/Village President will also be invited to attend this special Township Presentation.

Authorized family members (recipients) include the wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother or father, parent through adoption, foster parents who stand or stood loco parentis, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters and half brothers or sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Please visit our webpage at www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/ for more information on this program or contact Clerk Lisa Moran's office at 847-358-6700 with questions.



Cook County Vehicle Stickers for Unincorporated Residents

–Lisa Moran, Clerk

Your Vehicle Stickers must be displayed on your automobile by July 1. Visit the Township Center to purchase your sticker as soon as possible. If you purchase your sticker after July 1, you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the sticker or \$25, whichever is greater. In addition, you may be subject to additional penalties if your sticker is not displayed by July 1.

Seniors take note If you have turned age 65 by July 1, 2011 you can receive a No Fee Sticker which will remain effective for as long as you own your car. The discount is limited to 2 cars. Senior truck, motorcycle, or trailer owners are required to pay full price for those stickers. Proof of age is required.

No Fee Stickers are free and replace the following:

- SR** Vehicles registered to a person 65 years or age or older;
- PH** Physically handicapped individuals;
- DV** Disabled Veterans;
- Z** School, church, and non-profit vehicles; and
- M** Municipally owned vehicles.

Detailed Election Results from the April Local Election are available on my Clerk's Page of the Township website. Our next election will be the Presidential Primary Election on March 20, 2012.

Board Publishes Township Policies

– Art Goes, Trustee

During the last year the Township Board has approved over 40 policies establishing a documented set of standard practices for the Township. The policies are compiled in the Township Policy Manual which is available to Township Staff, the public and Board members for reference in the front office of the Township. The Policy Manual is also available online at www.PalatineTownship.com under the "Clerk's Office/Minutes" heading.

As chair of the Policy Committee I have had the honor to work with three fellow board members who worked diligently over the last year to complete this project. Many thanks to Bill Huley, Sue Johnson, and Sharon Langlotz-Johnson for their persistence in many months of meeting, drafting and re-drafting our policies.

Policies cover Township Board Operations, Personnel Policies, Purchasing, Fiscal and Business Management, Administration, and even the Township Mission Statement. All can now be found in one place for easy reference and review establishing a common understanding by staff, elected officials, and the public.

Each policy was presented to the Board at a monthly meeting in draft form for "first reading". Then, the Policy Committee reviewed and prepared each policy for Board approval no sooner than the next monthly meeting. This step-by-step approach assured that all input could be judiciously gathered and considered during the drafting process.

The policy manual was conceived and is considered a "living document" that may be changed by the Board as new input is received, circumstances or laws change, or someone figures out a better way to do things. Again, members of the public who wish to stay informed can review the manual at www.palatinetownship.com/policy-manual/. If you have any thoughts, please let us know.

Bus Transportation Available

Warm summer days provide an opportunity to take a ride on one of our Township mini-busses or van. We have two 15-passenger mini-buses and one 9-passenger van. All three vehicles are equipped with lifts and run Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our bus transportation service covers all of Palatine Township and on Tuesdays we travel to Arlington Heights for medical appointments.

Our service is for Township seniors age 60 and up and for permanently disabled residents age 18 years and up. The cost for this service is only \$2.00 each way and your reservation must be called in a minimum of three days prior to the date you will be riding.

We will transport you to any location in the Township such as the Senior Center, grocery stores, Target, Walmart, beauty/barber shops, library, just to name a few.

Our T.R.I.P. Program (Township Riders Initiative Program) is for medical appointments only. We travel into seven surrounding townships and we go to Hines VA, North Chicago VA, Stroger's Cook County Hospital, Loyola Medical Center, Rush Presbyterian Hospital, and the U of I Medical Center.

You must be registered to use our service and you can do that at the Township office located at 721 S Quentin Rd. We are on the northeast corner of Quentin Rd. and Illinois Ave. Our phone number is 847-358-6907. Our friendly staff is here to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

Watch for our bus in the Palatine Jaycees Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 2, 2011.

New Service Truck

Once again this year we used the extraordinary talents of our crew to



assemble a utility box and rails for use on our service truck. Our crew painted and fastened the utility box to the vehicle as well as fabricated the utility rails which mount directly in the box. This service vehicle will allow the crew to carry useful tools and equipment with them into the field.

Culvert Replacement

Our 2008 mini excavator allows us to remove and replace roadway culverts without closing the road. We plan to replace all of the corrugated metal culverts under the roadways that will be repaved this fall. They are over 40 years old and will be replaced with concrete or plastic culverts. The new culverts will last longer due to their ability to repel the effects of winter road salts. The culvert replacements will be done in house by our talented crew which will save 30% of the replacement costs.



Intergovernmental Agreements for Salt



With the pains of shoveling still lingering, Palatine Township Road District is already looking forward to the next winter season. We secured salt bids in late April for the upcoming 2011-12 winter season and at a reduced unit price. We were able to do this by joining forces with the Village of Inverness. By combining our requests, we were both able to secure bids for the 2011-2012 winter season at a savings to the taxpayers. Please view the BIDDING DOCUMENTS page for more information on our website.

Website Updates

There are new additions to our website found at www.palhwty.com. We have included all sorts of information of value to the community. In adding BIDDING DOCUMENTS to the top bar, this heading links to the SALT BID and RESULTS for the 2011-2012 Winter Season. The second menu bar contains information in several categories: CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SERVICES, PRECIPITATION and WATER QUALITY. Under these headings you will find information regarding paving projects, yard waste dates and guidelines, blizzard and rainfall totals and information for land and homeowner involvement regarding protection of our streams and rivers.



Spotlight on ...



Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois

Delivering Care to our Communities for 30 Years. Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is a progressive, well respected agency that offers a variety of hospice programs in support of its central mission of providing personalized, top-quality adult and pediatric hospice care in the patient's home or the places they call home.

Annually more than 1,450 patients receive comprehensive end-of-life care from a staff that is expert in care coordination, pain and symptom management, and emotional and spiritual support. Nurses, physicians, certified nursing assistants, social workers, integrative therapists and chaplains, plus office and administrative staff and a group of nearly 350 trained volunteers provide a multidisciplinary team approach.

Reaching out to seven counties throughout northern Illinois, HPNI cared for more than 500 residents of Palatine Township in 2010.

Services provided by the agency include:

Hospice Care – Regular visits in the home or wherever the patient calls home for pain control, comfort and support at the end of life.

Inpatient Care – Home-like facilities in Barrington and Woodstock provide round-the-clock care for patients with unmanageable pain or symptoms. Once symptoms are manageable, the patient returns to

wherever they call home.

Palliative Care – Pain and symptom management, care coordination for patients with serious illnesses at any stage of their illness. Care is provided by a board certified palliative medicine physician and advance practice nurse at the patient's home as well as at the Palliative Care clinic located on site at the Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care in Barrington.

Care for Children – Hospice and palliative care is provided to children through age 21 with chronic or serious illnesses. Specialized grief support programs, including our signature summer day camp, assist children who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Complementary Therapies – Art, massage, music, and pet therapies are provided to patients as part of the care plan to help with pain control, stress reduction, memory recall and self-esteem.

Grief Support – Individual and group support are offered to those hospice families and members of the community coping with the loss of loved ones.

For nearly 30 years, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois has always prided itself on going the extra mile. An independent, community-based organization, it is accredited by the Joint Commission and certified by Medicare. As a nonprofit organization, HPNI is primarily funded by the generous donations and grants of individuals, corporations, and foundations.

For information about patient care, visit www.HospiceAnswers.org or call 847-381-5599.



Calendar of Events for Palatine Township Funded Agencies

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

Peter D. Cunneen Memorial Golf Classic

Monday, August 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Inverness Golf Club
Contact: 847-359-7490

Clearbrook is a non-profit organization that creates opportunities through programs, services, and support for approximately 3,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities at 40-plus locations across 80 communities in the Chicagoland area.

Midtown Golf Outing

Monday, July 18, 2011, lunch buffet precedes 1:00 p.m. shotgun start
Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Kildeer
Cost: \$250 per golfer
Contact: Robyn Kove at 847-991-4646,
robyn.kove@midtownclubs.com

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.

Art in the Countryside

This is a free event open to the public. The event showcases art created by Countryside Center participants.
Friday, August 5, 2011, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Countryside Assoc. for People with Disabilities,
21154 W. Shirley Rd, Palatine
Contact: 847-540-3828

Glenkirk provides quality, lifetime support and services that empower individuals with developmental disabilities to participate fully in all areas of community life. Glenkirk has programs and services including early intervention, respite care, vocational services, residential services, information and referral, and home-based services.

Glenkirk's 14th Annual Benefit Brunch

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ravinia Green Country Club, Riverwoods
Contact: Roberta Rekus at 847-504-2735

Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois, a non-profit, community-based agency, has been providing comprehensive end-of-life care to adult and pediatric patients for 28 years, and is Joint Commission Accredited. Its Center for Loss and Hope provides bereavement support to more than 5,000 clients each year.

Barrington Duck Race and Pool Party

Saturday, August 13, 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Langendorf Park, Barrington
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.

7th Annual Bid for HOPE

Friday, October 28, 2011, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
The Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre
2401 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates
Contact: 847-963-9163 or events@padstohope.org

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 Book Fair

August 19 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., August 20 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.,
August 21 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Harper College Gymnasium
Contact: Rick Johnson at 847-221-7831

PHD is a counseling center for pregnancy help and education.

PHD Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, July 13, 2011,
11:00 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start
Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington
Contact: 847-359-4967, Ext. 19

Desperately seeking Gasoline Gift Cards

Last month our food pantry gave food to approximately 400 families. Our enrollment of families has reached 700. We are eternally grateful for your generous response of food donations.

We are now appealing to your generosity in a different way. Imagine yourself trying to get yourself to a job interview and your gas gauge is on empty. How frustrating is that? And on top of that, the only PACE Bus that serviced the Palatine area from north to south has been eliminated. The need for gasoline gift cards is critical to so many people, especially those who are looking for employment or require their vehicle for an emergency situation. A gift card can make a HUGE difference in their lives. If you would like to make an unrestricted donation to the 501(c)3 Needy Family Fund in the form of a Gasoline Gift Card, mail or visit the Township Center, 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Needy Family Fund Donations

Over \$1,000 – January 10, 2011 – May 13, 2011	
Riverside Publishing, Div of Houghton Mifflin, Matching Gift Program	\$2,450
Anonymous	\$4,000

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.

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Supervisor’s Message

Greetings to you from Palatine Township. I want to let you know that we have been hard at work assisting our fellow residents. We have many volunteers within the Township who help us administer to those in need. Congratulations to this year’s winners of the Palatine Township TOPS (Township of Palatine Service) Award that were recognized at our Annual Town Meeting. They were Palatine Lions Club for Outstanding Volunteer Service Organization, Carl Risberg and Bob Starr for Outstanding Individuals and Brian Winkelmann for Outstanding Community Service.

It has recently been suggested that local taxing bodies be dissolved or consolidated. Do you believe that your local needs would be served better by channeling more of your tax dollars to Cook County or the State of Illinois? Do you believe they are more efficient than your local Township? I do not need to tell you that we are currently living in very trying times and have seen the requests for services escalate in all areas. It is difficult to stretch our budgets to meet this increased demand, but the Township is a good steward of your real estate tax dollars. (See Assessor Kelly’s article on page 4 for further details.) The many services your Township provides include, in part, transportation for senior citizens and the disabled, assistance with real estate tax questions, outreach programs including holiday programs & back-to-school assistance, employment counseling, food pantry assistance, a mobile dental clinic, emergency financial assistance to those experiencing hardships because of illness or job loss, as well as providing funding to 25 local agencies. Who would provide these critical services if Townships were eliminated?

The following letter was received from a person that we assisted. My hope is that after reading her letter that you too will feel good about what the Township means and is able to do for your neighbors. It makes us proud to receive such feedback and to know we are making a positive difference in other’s lives.


Linda L. Fleming, Supervisor

An Unlikely Road to Success...

My professional and personal “journey” has had many delightful moments of discovery, but I’ve also had some devastating moments of tragedy that ‘sucker punched me right between the eyes.’ My professional career started off in Actuarial Sciences and Marketing. Over a relatively short period of time my education, experience, training and common sense roller-coasted me along the ‘fast track to success.’ That roller-coaster ride stopped with a disastrous crash; I got off, regrouped, and started really living life. I’m now a federal disability advocate, counselor, mediator, and liaison with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice. I learned this second career the hard way, in the trenches.

We’re all struggling to make ends meet in these difficult times. During my lifetime our workforce has been through a couple of market crashes, a few recessions, and several ‘unprecedented levels of record-breaking unemployment’. I was ‘slightly challenged’ with the physical and occupational results of a brain injury; memory loss, and a lack of medical insurance. Just to make matters slightly worse, I was newly diagnosed with a catastrophic illness that became THE most defining incident in my life. The rules of survival had changed but they were not working in my favor and I realized that I needed some kind of temporary help or assistance. In my family we were taught to work hard for our money. Mom always said “there are people out there who need the help more than you, but don’t sit up there like an idiot and suffer unnecessarily”. Guess what? My helping hands came from Palatine Township. I stepped into their office knowing that I was betwixt jobs, without medical or prescription coverage, had rent and other utilities to pay and had very few funds because I was in debt for about \$100,000 in expenses not covered by my health insurance. Without their assistance I would have been in dire straits. Besides their help, I often remember a quote from an article written by Erma Bombeck. She said that “laughter rises out of tragedy, and when you need it the most, it rewards you for your courage.” Palatine Township’s help and this quote have defined my progress in life and work.

Thank you for your help Mrs. Bombeck and Palatine Township.

– Sonja B.