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## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR **Joseph D. Baltz**

I am excited to say that in May of 2021 we were able to bring our Troy Township Seniors and our other weekly community center programming back with the required precautions. The programs have been running smoothly and our groups are so happy to be back. On November 3, 2021 we were able to bring back the Meals on Wheels program for our Wednesday/Friday Senior group. All proper precautions and guidelines are followed, and we are hopeful that the popularity of the programs continues to grow.

In 2022 we look forward to bringing back more activities like the educational seminars and presentations. Please see pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter for more details.

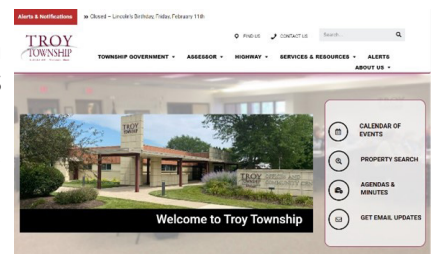
The Troy Township Board proudly inducted three veterans into the Donald D. Walden Veterans Honor Roll in 2021. A total of 51 Troy Township veterans have been inducted since its inception on August 17, 2017. It is always an honor and a privilege to induct our veterans into the Honor Roll. We look forward to honoring more veterans and adding more names to the perpetual plaque. We'd like to invite the veterans who reside in Troy Township to apply to be inducted into the Honor Roll. Inductees are invited to attend a Troy Township Board meeting where they will be honored with a certificate of appreciation and thanked personally for their service. Inductees will also have their names and service dates memorialized on an engraved name plate on the Veterans Honor Roll perpetual plaque. If you would like more information on being inducted, please visit [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com) or call 815-744-1963.

Unfortunately, Troy Township will no longer be a drop off site for Operation Care Package. As of March 2022, Operation Care Package has sadly decided to close their doors after 19 years. This decision stems from not having enough names of overseas military men and women to send care packages too. The Township will be exploring other opportunities to partner with another military service / veteran focused organization to pair with the mission of the Donald D. Walden's Veterans Honor Roll program.

Many of you have heard about the Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River project. The project is being spearheaded by the capable leadership of Highway Commissioner Tom Ward, assisted by Administrator Jennifer Dylik, and will forever change the landscape of how residents travel through the southern part of the Township over the DuPage River. The current proposed plan calls for the bridge to be relocated and realigned. Mr. Ward and Ms. Dylik, project engineers Willett Hofmann & Associates, and the Will County Department of Transportation should all be complimented for their hard work on this project. More details can be found at <https://www.troytownship.com/shepley-road-bridge-project>.

I'm proud to say that the new Troy Township website is up and running. All information regarding the above and any other news, updates and information can be found on our website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com). You may also follow us on Facebook.

Lastly, please take minute to get to know your Troy Township elected officials. You can find a bio and contact information for each of us on our website at <https://www.troytownship.com/officals/>





NEWS FROM ASSESSOR **Kim Anderson, CIAO**

Happy 2022. I hope you all had the best possible holiday season. My office has continued to work through the pandemic. We are here 8 am to 4 pm everyday to serve you. You may also give us call or shoot us an email if there is anything we can assist you with. I must give a shout out to my staff for working through their personal struggles and being here every day. Troy Township is very blessed with our dedicated staff.

Currently we are working on our general maintenance of property information and will soon begin conducting sales studies to see how our Township is performing during the heightened market conditions. If your property does get reassessed by my office, you will receive a revised assessment notice in the mail sometime the first part of August. If you do not receive a revised assessment notice you may check to see if your property was revalued using a state/county factor on the Will County Supervisor of Assessments website: [www.willcountysoa.com](http://www.willcountysoa.com). Proceed to the property search where you can enter your parcel identification number or address to view your 2022 assessment. Reassessments done by my office will also be published in the Herald News sometime in early August. You may also contact us for this information.

If you do get reassessed and do not agree with the value that has been placed on your property, you may appeal it. There is a whole section on this process on our website under the assessor tab. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

As stated consistently in my article, please check your property information on our website. Most residential information is available to you online. If you cannot find your individual information, as our website is consistently being updated, please contact us. You can locate your information under the property search section on our website. If an error has been made with your information, we can fix it for you immediately.

Also, please check your property tax bill when it

arrives from Will County. There are several exemptions that you may have and verifying them on your bill is extremely important. If you are missing an exemption, please contact my office or Will County SOA as soon as possible.

For the last two years our state legislators have carried over all exemptions that needed to be renewed. It is unknown at this time that this will occur again for all exemptions. We have been notified by Will County that Senior Freeze forms will be mailed out only IF you have PREVIOUSLY had the freeze. If you have not had the freeze previously and do qualify, please file the application. If you DO receive a renewal notice for any exemption you may have, please fill it out and return to Will County SOA. If you need assistance, we are here to help you. If you are a senior and turned 65 within the year, you may fill out an application form anytime during the year you turned 65.

Exemptions that are available: General Homestead, Senior General Homestead, Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze, Disabled Person, Disabled Veteran, Returning Veteran and Home Improvement. Requirements for each exemption does vary but consistently you must be the owner of record and reside in the home you are applying for the exemption and be responsible for the payment of property taxes. If you own a home that you rent out and the person who is living there is responsible for the payment of property taxes, you may fill out an application to receive a general homestead exemption and must provide a lease with the proper wording to my office. Please contact us for more information regarding this exemption. All requirements are listed on our website under the assessor tab – exemptions.

You may contact us via email: [assessor@troytownship.com](mailto:assessor@troytownship.com), phone: 815-744-5806 or fax 815-744-5803. Please visit our website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com) and our Facebook page for any and all updates.

Please have good 2022 – be well.

**Exemption Event at Troy Township—Tuesday, May 10th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Event is for both renewal applicants and first-time applicants. This is a walk-in event, no appointments accepted.**  
If you receive a renewal application in the mail – PLEASE bring it with you as applications will be limited.

**For all exemptions, you MUST be the principal owner of your property and be responsible for the payment of property taxes. Documents to bring with you:**

<u>Senior Exemption</u>	<u>Senior Freeze</u>	<u>Disabled Person</u>	<u>Disabled Veteran</u>
Driver's license or state ID showing your current address.	2021 Tax Return	Disabled ID, proof of social security benefits statement, or physician statement showing a 2 or 2A disability.	DD214 reflecting an honorable discharge and VA service disability letter of 30% or more.

More specific information on requirements can be found on the Will County Supervisor of Assessments website at: [www.willcountysoa.com](http://www.willcountysoa.com).



# VOTE

## A MESSAGE FROM CLERK **Larry Ryan**

I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe and well.

You may vote in the upcoming June 28th General Primary Election via any of the below methods that best suits your schedule and needs.

### **Early Voting:**

Troy Township will once again serve as an early voting site for Township residents. Registered voters can early vote at the Troy Township Community Center Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. starting Monday, June 13, 2022, and ending on Friday, June 24, 2022. For more early voting options or questions, please visit [www.willcountyclerk.gov](http://www.willcountyclerk.gov) or call 815-740-4615.



### **Vote by Mail:**

For more information on voting by mail please visit [www.willcountyclerk.gov](http://www.willcountyclerk.gov) or call 815-740-4615.

### **Election Day Voting:**

Election Day is Tuesday, June 28, 2022. For more information on Election Day including hours of voting, precinct locations, etc. please visit [www.willcountyclerk.gov](http://www.willcountyclerk.gov) or call 815-740-4615.

## Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

I'd like to remind residents to attend the Township's Annual Town Meeting held on the second Tuesday in April. The Annual Town Meeting brings township residents together and includes a presentation of year-end financial reports from Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz along with a summary of the prior year's activities. Please join us on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 Seil Rd., Shorewood.

## SHREDDING EVENT AND MEDICATION DISPOSAL MAY 7TH



Join us on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. when Troy Township will host its next shredding and medication disposal event. This event will take place at 25448 Seil Road in Shorewood. Troy Township residents can bring their personal papers and documents to the township parking lot on the west side of the township offices and community center to be shredded onsite by Iron Mountain. Each resident must show proof of township residency and are allowed no more than two letter size file or copy paper boxes shredded.

Troy Township is proud to once again partner with the Shorewood Police Department and Bio One to be offering medication and needle disposal along with the shredding event. Township residents can bring their unneeded medication and/or needles so that it can be disposed of properly. Make sure to bring only residentially generated medication items. No medications or needles from businesses or doctor's offices will be accepted. Use a permanent marker to black out your name or personal information on the label or you may empty all your pills into a Ziplock bag and bring that.



### **NEEDLES APPROPRIATELY CONTAINED WITHIN AN APPROVED SHARPS CONTAINER WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT!**

A list of accepted medications and more information about the event can be found on our website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com) under the Calendar of Events

***The event will end early due to inclement weather, if the shredding truck fills up or may be cancelled due to COVID Restrictions***



## A MESSAGE FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER **Thomas R. Ward**

I hope this article finds you and your family doing well. The Highway Department spent the summer of 2021 prioritizing and completing many resurfacings road projects as well as servicing our right of ways to keep our roads clear and safe. Our leaf pick-up program started in the fall of 2021 and extended into November with the unusually warm weather. Our supplemental service programs such as the branch pick-up program, annual spring clean-up program, and the leaf pick-up program are all very costly, but the leaf pick-up service is the costliest of them all.

Our road crew works tirelessly to keep our Township in the best shape our budget will allow. I kindly ask all residents to please respect the rules and conditions that we have set in place for these services, as they are there for your benefit. Our services work most

efficiently when we work together as a community.

We have large projects coming up in the 2022 – 2024 construction seasons. We have Troy Township's Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River slated for realignment and replacement with construction estimated for 2023-2024. IDOT will also be replacing the Shepley Road Bridge over I-80 which is estimated for the 2022 construction season and the River Road Bridge over I-80 which is estimated for the following year. We expect to get firmer schedules for these projects in the near future which will then be posted on our website.

I am very proud to serve as the Troy Township's Highway Commissioner. As always, feel free to contact me or my office with any problems that may arise. Office: 815-828-5275 Cell: 815-405-3378

## **SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TROY TOWNSHIP**

### **NOTICE! IMPORTANT CHANGES to the Branch Pick-Up Program for Unincorporated Residents!**

Our Branch Pick-Up Program began in the early 1980's and has long been a favorite service for our residents in the unincorporated areas. Unfortunately, due to some abuse of the program in recent years, before the 2021 season we found it necessary to restructure the program and revert to some of the original program rules. The program rules were introduced last year and we will continue to enforce these rules in order to continue to provide this service in an efficient and affordable manner.

As spring yard work begins, please take the time to review the program criteria. If the requirements outlined below are not followed you will receive a **RESTACK NOTICE** and your branches will be picked up on the next collection day, if stacked appropriately. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but these requirements are imperative to the program running smoothly, efficiently, and in a cost-effective manner. Your cooperation helps to ensure the continuation of this program.

**SERVICE AREA:** Residential homes in the unincorporated areas of Troy Township.

**COLLECTION DAYS:** Branch pick-up is the first and third Monday of every month beginning with first Monday in April, April 4, 2022, and ending the third Monday in October, October 21, 2022. If Monday is a holiday, collection will be on Tuesday of that week.

#### **ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP FOR:**

- Grass clippings, leaves, root balls, stones, mulch, or any other yard waste.
- Tree removal and landscaping removal from private property will not be picked up. Branch pick-up is intended for branches removed during routine trimming or due to storm damage. Entire trees

or landscape removal that has been taken down/ removed by a resident or private contractor will **NOT** be picked up. This includes any debris from the removal of shrubs, branches, stumps, root balls, and logs.

- Landscape timbers and wood fencing will not be picked up.
- **POISON IVY – ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP** for poison ivy. **DO NOT** mix poison ivy in with your branches.

#### **BRANCH PICKUP REQUIREMENTS:**

- Keep branches as long as possible but they must be **no larger than six (6) inches in diameter**.
- Branches should be stacked in a neat manner with the "cut end" towards the roadside edge on the ground. **Crews WILL NOT go on private property to pick-up or move debris.**
- All branches should be facing in the same direction.
- Branches can be stacked in 3-foot-high by 3-foot-wide piles. Crews will accept up to 4 piles per household per collection day. Excessive trimming/pruning will not be picked up.
- Thorny branches must be tied and stacked **SEPARATELY** from other branches. Please put these branches to the side of all other.
- Branches must be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. We will not double back for residents that do not have branches out by 7:00 a.m.
- Do NOT put the branches into bags or any containers. They must be on the ground.
- Branches must be clear of all debris (i.e., no grass clippings, leaves, root balls, stones, mulch).

**NO CALL IN REQUIRED!!!**



## Annual Spring Clean Up: April 18, 2022- April 22, 2022

Troy Township Highway crews will be picking up household items such as furniture, appliances, carpet (tied in rolls), etc. **for residents in unincorporated Troy Township.** Place items out in front of your residence near the road. Remember that Friday, April 22, 2022 will be the last day for pick-ups. Please do not mix your everyday garbage, twigs, grass, etc. in with the items being picked up during Spring Clean Up week. We will not pick-up paints or liquids of any kind as they will break and spill out of our equipment. We will NOT pick up any electronics such as TVs, computers, etc. Again, we have no way to handle garbage or papers so PLEASE....NO GARBAGE OR PAPERS!

Visit [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com) or contact Will County Land Use Recycling at 815-727-8834 to find out where to recycle electronics and other recyclable items.



## Blood Drive



Troy Township in partnership with State Rep. Larry Walsh, Jr to host a blood drive on Thursday, April 21st from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

To make an appointment visit:  
[www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org) or call Versiti at 1-800-786-4483.

## Matter Of Balance

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

### Matter of Balance is offered in partnership between AgeGuide and Troy Township.

Classes will be held at: Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road  
(Location maybe subject to change.)

8 Week Session Class Dates on Tuesday's: July 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th  
Class Times: 9:30am – 11:30am Each class is 2 hours long.

This course is FREE to all Troy Township residents.  
Must be able to attend all classes.

Attendance is limited to the first 15 to register.

For more information and/or to register by Wed., July 6th  
please call Angela at 815-744-1963 or [ascaggs@troytownship.com](mailto:ascaggs@troytownship.com).



**EVENT MAYBE CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**



## Mobile Driver Services Unit & I-Cash Coming to Troy Township on Tuesday, April 12th

Troy Township has partnered with State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. to bring the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Unit and I-Cash to the Troy Township Community Center on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The Community Center is located at 25448 Seil Road, in Shorewood, Illinois. Illinois residents will be able to renew their driver's licenses, obtain duplicate or corrected licenses and obtain Illinois identification cards between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**REAL ID's, BEHIND THE WHEEL DRIVING TEST, AND WRITTEN TEST can ONLY be done at a Secretary of State facility and NOT at the mobile driver services unit event.**

A Rules of the Road Review Course is tentatively scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The review course combines an explanation of safe driving techniques, Illinois driving laws and a practice written exam. If you want to participate in the Rules of the Road Review Course, please call 815-744-1963 to pre-register.

To find out which documents are considered acceptable forms of identification, and also the license renewal fees, please call 217-782-7044 or visit the Illinois Secretary of States website at:

[https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/drivers\\_license/home.html](https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/drivers_license/home.html)

**What is I-Cash:** Unclaimed property consists of accounts and other financial instruments, usually intangible, being held at corporations, financial institutions, financial intermediaries, courts, and life insurance companies, that have gone dormant for a specified period of time based on property type.

Common types of unclaimed property include: checking and savings accounts, uncashed wage and payroll checks, uncashed stock dividends and stock certificates, insurance payments, utility deposits, customer deposits, accounts payable, credit balances, refund checks, money orders, traveler's checks, mineral proceeds, court deposits, uncashed death benefit checks and life insurance proceeds. Unclaimed property does not include real estate or vehicles. A representative from I-Cash will be assisting those interested in finding out if they have any unclaimed property.

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## AARP Driver Safety Program Course



Troy Township will host an AARP "Smart Driver" Driver Safety Program. Under Illinois law, those above age 55 - whether AARP members or not - qualify for a worthwhile multi-year auto insurance discount\* by completing this course. \*Please check with your insurance company for the exact discount and the correct procedure to obtain it.

This is a two-day course and participants must attend both classes to be awarded the certificate upon completion. Class dates are Monday, July 11th and Monday July 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Troy Township Community Center, located at 25448 Seil Road in Shorewood (location subject to change). The cost of the course is \$20.00 for AARP members (please bring membership card) and \$25.00 for Non members.

Registration is required by contacting Angela at 815-744-1963 or email [ascaggs@troytownship.com](mailto:ascaggs@troytownship.com) by Friday, July 8th.



## TROY TOWNSHIP'S INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS/PRESENTATIONS



All seminars and presentations are informational and free to help inform Troy Township residents about important topics. They are held at the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 Seil Rd. in Shorewood. Registration is required for each seminar by calling Angela at 815-744-1963 or emailing [ascaggs@troytownship.com](mailto:ascaggs@troytownship.com).

If there is a topic you'd like Troy Township to consider having, please contact Angela.

The below presentations are in partnership with State Rep. Larry Walsh, Jr. serving Illinois – 86th District.

All presentations are by Attorney General Kwame Raoul's Community Outreach Team.

### Home Repair Scams

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. - Register by: Friday, April 15th

Often, your home is your most valuable financial asset. One out of five complaints received at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General involves disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors.

#### Learn how to:

- Ask the right questions about proposals for work on your home
- Make informed choices when hiring contractors
- Protect yourself from common home repair scams
- Turn to the Attorney General's Office if you need help

### Identity Theft Scams and Tips

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. - Register by: Friday, May 13th

Everyday actions can leave anyone open to identity theft. This presentation will give you tips to help prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you.

#### Learn how to:

- Recognize common scams and their many variations
- Set up fraud alerts, security freezes, and opt-outs
- Report scams and manage the situation

### Consumer Rights and Common Scams

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. - Register by: Friday, July 8th

Consumers can fall prey to many types of fraud or unfair business transactions. The Illinois Attorney General's Office protects consumers' rights and can assist when things go wrong.

#### Learn how to:

- Be on the lookout for the latest scams
- Protect yourself from deceptive practices
- Understand consumer rights and actions against fraud

### Advocacy and Fraud Protection for Seniors

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. - Register by: Friday, August 5th

Scam artists often take age as a vulnerability.

As a result, seniors are a frequent target of a wide range of consumer fraud scams. This presentation for seniors is to prevent consumer fraud and identity theft scams.

#### Learn how to:

- Understand how to recognize potential fraud attempts
- Learn how to be ready to stop the scam
- Understand how to recognize potential fraud attempts
- Reach out to the Attorney General's Senior Help Line

**PRESENTATIONS MAYBE CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**25448 Seil Road**  
**Shorewood, IL 60404-7620**  
**IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION**



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## INFORMATION:

Troy Twp. Website ..... [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com)  
Supervisor & Community Center .. (815) 744-1968  
Township Office Fax ..... (815) 744-1910  
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Highway Commissioner Cell ..... (815) 405-3378  
General Assistance Program ..... (815) 744-1963

## TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Jennifer Dylik

## Town Board Meetings:

Third Monday of every month\* at 7:00 p.m.  
in Community Center

## Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*\*when conflicting with a holiday, the meeting  
will be on the 4th Monday of the month.*