



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

We are two and a half years into the Covid-19 Pandemic and it's finally starting to feel like life is returning to normal.

I am happy to report that programs and events at the Township are just about all back to pre-pandemic operations. In fact, our Troy Township Seniors are back in full swing gathering every Wednesday and Friday, doing monthly lunch outings, celebrating birthdays, and much more. For additional information on our senior program please see page 6 of the newsletter.

Throughout the year, the Township has partnered with longtime township supporter Illinois State Representative, Larry Walsh, Jr. of the 86th District. With Representative Walsh's connections at the Illinois Attorney General's Office, we were able to co-host with Representative Walsh on multiple educational seminars that included speakers from the IAG's office and covered topics such as Home Repair Scams, Identify Theft Scams, Consumer Rights, and Fraud Protection for Seniors. By partnering with Representative Walsh, we also have been able to expand our service events for residents including hosting the Secretary of State's Mobile Driver's Services Unit and a community blood drive. Thank you, Representative Walsh for always putting the good of our Township residents first.

I am always interested in hearing from our Township residents. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out with any questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached at jbaltz@troytownship.com or at 815-744-1968.



Veterans Day November 11th

As Veterans Day approaches, Troy Township wishes to thank all service members who have selflessly served our country.

We invite all Troy Township Veterans to apply to be inducted into the Donald D. Walden Veterans Honor Roll of Troy Township so we can honor you and thank you for your service.

Learn more at
www.troytownship.com/veterans-honor-roll/



NEWS FROM ASSESSOR **Kim Anderson, CIAO**

Earlier this year our State Legislature passed SB 1975 which is now Public Act 102-895 in an effort to lower property tax bills. What the public act did was raise the amount of two exemptions. The general homestead exemption previously removed \$6,000 from the assessed value of residential properties and will now remove \$8,000. The general senior homestead exemption previously removed \$5,000 from the assessed value and will now remove \$8,000. This will not be seen until your 2024 property tax bill. All available exemptions along with their descriptions can be found on our website at www.troytownship.com under the assessor tab – exemptions. Please take the time to review your property tax bill to ensure that you are receiving all exemptions you are entitled to. If you notice something missing, please contact Will County Supervisor of Assessments immediately at 815-740-4648. As always, if you need any assistance in completing applications for any exemption, please feel free to contact us or stop in. Our office is open 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

As I am sure everyone is aware the market value of residential properties has been significantly increasing nationwide over the last couple of years and we are no exception. Troy Township residential properties saw an increase in value just shy of six and half percent for 2022. The increase factors were published for all Will County townships in the Joliet Herald News along with any reassessments on August 10th and 11th.

Throughout the year you may see our field staff out and about in your neighborhood. They can be identified by our township vehicle, a silver Ford Explorer with our logo on the side. The field staff will have lanyards around their necks with their picture on them and wear clothing with our Troy Townships logo. There are many reasons they are out field checking. If you add and/or remove an improvement, if anyone questions something that doesn't look right with regards to the property, or we have been contacted by the property owner. *Please keep in mind if you remove something from your property like an in-ground swimming pool, deck, or patio, etc. you should contact us so we may remove it from your properties assessment if you did not obtain a permit.*

As always, please review your property information either online on our website at www.troytownship.com under the assessor tab – property search - or you may contact us. It is very important that we have the correct information listed on your property record card to insure we have the correct value. Please note that the search function is very sensitive to address searches. Please only enter a street name then hit enter or the “search data” button. A list of addresses will show up, you can then choose the house number you are looking for. ***Please note: our website is under constant updating, if you cannot find what you are looking for, please call or email us.***



A MESSAGE FROM CLERK **Larry Ryan**

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Voting in the General Election is on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Below is information on different ways to vote.

You may choose to vote by mail, early voting, or Election Day voting, whichever best suits your schedule and needs.

Vote by Mail: For more information on voting by mail please visit www.thewillcountyclerk.com or call 815-740-4615.

Early Voting: Troy Township will once again serve as an early voting site for Troy 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, October 24, 2022 and ending on Friday, November 4, 2022. For more early voting options, please visit www.thewillcountyclerk.com or call 815-740-4615.

Election Day Voting: Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. For more information on Election Day including hours of voting, precinct locations, etc. please visit www.thewillcountyclerk.com or call 815-740-4615.

Please feel free to contact to me at Lryan@troytownship.com with any questions, comments, suggestions, or ways I can improve the office of the Clerk here at Troy Township.

SHREDDING EVENT AND MEDICATION DISPOSAL OCTOBER 1ST



Join us on Saturday, October 1, 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 4 grocery bags of paper per vehicle to be shredded.

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

Troy Township is proud to once again partner with the Shorewood Police Department to be offer medication disposal only at the shredding event. Township residents can bring their unneeded medication so that it can be disposed of properly. **Make sure to bring only residentially generated medication items. No medications 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.

A list of accepted medications and more information about the event can be found on our website at www.troytownship.com.



SHARPS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AT THE SHRED EVENT

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

OLD BAGS, NEW PURPOSE. Bags are distributed to local food pantries to assist with food distribution to families in need.

Please drop off the plastic bags Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (except holidays) in the box in the Community Center foyer.

Troy Township Community Center: 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood



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

I would like to begin by acknowledging our Township Highway Department crew members. They have been staying very busy and working very hard to keep up with the work within the township this summer. If a job has been scheduled in front of your property, please be patient as we will be there as soon as we can.

As I mentioned in the Spring 2022 newsletter, there has been a significant number of infrastructure improvement projects in the Troy Township area happening this year and in the very near future. We are currently in Phase 1 engineering for the replacement and relocation of the Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River. The cost of which is significant. For that reason, our available budget funds for larger resurfacing projects in the next year or so will be tight.

Rest assured all road conditions will be monitored by our office and repairs made when needed.

That being said, I'd like to thank State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. for his efforts to help us secure grants for future capital improvement projects. State Representative Walsh, Jr. is always readily available for any questions or concerns I have about township affairs.

With winter coming up please be careful driving on wet, snowy, and icy roads. The salt is not effective in open areas of blowing and drifting snow and not effective once temperatures drop below 25 degrees.

I am proud to serve as your Highway Commissioner. As always, please call me at 815-405-3378 with any questions or concerns.

SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TROY TOWNSHIP



LEAF VACUUMING

Starting the middle of October through November (specific dates are weather dependent), Troy Township Highway Department will have the leaf vacuuming service for residents in the **unincorporated** areas of the Township.

Please **do not bag the leaves**. Residents must rake leaves to the edge of the street so the vacuum machine can reach them easily. **Do not place leaves in ditches as the vacuum cannot reach leaves in ditch areas. Grass cuttings will not be picked up as we have no way of disposing them.** Please be advised that the leaf vacuuming service may be put on hold with the occurrence of a snow or ice event.

TREE BRANCH PICK-UP FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS



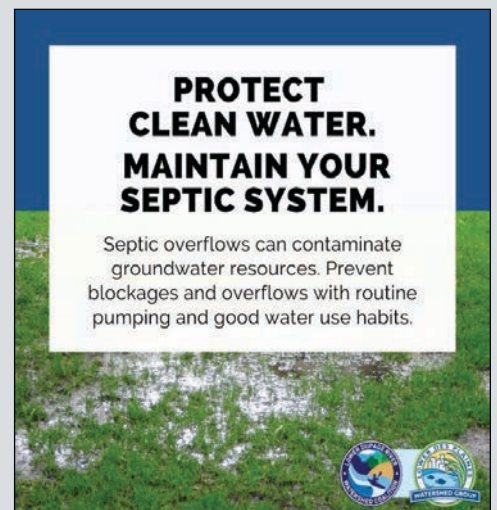
The final three pick-up dates for the Tree Branch Pick-Up Program in the **unincorporated** areas of the Township will be Monday, October 3rd, Monday, October 17th, Monday, October 24th, Monday, October 31st and Monday, November 7th. This service will resume at the beginning of May 2023 on the first and third Monday of each month.

For more information, please visit www.troytownship.com.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER



Winter weather is just around the corner. Township trucks and road crews will be out plowing and salting the unincorporated road areas. We ask that residents keep their vehicles off the streets when there has been a snowfall so the plows can safely and efficiently plow the streets and cul-de-sacs. Please use extra caution when driving near these vehicles as our trucks, plows, and road crews are on the streets working for your safety.



TENTATIVE A.A.R.P. & Senior Services of Will Co. Income Tax Prep Assistance

A.A.R.P. Income Tax-Aide from Senior Services of Will County hopes to be moving forward with in-person tax preparation for the 2023 tax season. However, at this time we are unsure if Troy Township will be able to host this service as it is dependent upon how many volunteer tax preparers can be recruited or COVID-19 restrictions. Troy Township will post any updates we receive on our website and Facebook page. You may also call the office at 815-744-1968 after January 8, 2023, for more information. Interested in volunteering to be one of the tax preparers for this great program, please contact Shirley Marrs the District Manager at Senior Services of Will County at 815-476-2970 for more information. **The more volunteers they have, the more locations will be able to offer this great program.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



Mobile Driver Services Unit & I-Cash Coming to Troy Twp. on Tuesday, October 4th



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, October 4, 2022. The Community Center is located at 25448 Seil Road, in Shorewood, Illinois. Illinois residents will be able to renew their driver's licenses (***NO behind the wheel driving or written test will be offered***), obtain duplicate or corrected licenses and obtain Illinois identification cards between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ***REAL ID's can ONLY be issued 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: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/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.

EVENTS MAYBE CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



For Troy Township
Seniors Age 60+

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TAI CHI IN A CHAIR CLASSES



Free classes sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
in partnership with Troy Township

Therapeutic Tai Chi in a Chair

When: Tuesday mornings from 11/20/22-12/22/22

Time: 10:00-11:00AM

Where: Troy Township, 25448 Seil Rd., Shorewood

Please contact Angela at 815-744-1963 or ascaggs@troytownship.com
by Friday, November 11th to reserve your spot!

If you are age 60 or older, join us for this **FREE**, gentle exercise class
designed for all fitness levels! You are guaranteed to feel energized
without even breaking a sweat!

TROY TOWNSHIP SENIOR GROUP & BRIDGE GROUP

Join the
Troy Township Seniors
for fun, friendship,
card games, dominoes,
bingo and more!
Every Wednesday & Friday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Join the
Troy Township Bridge Group
for fun and friendship!
Every Friday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Lunch is provided by Meals on Wheels for a suggested \$4.00 donation.
For more information, please contact Angela at 815-744-1963 or ascaggs@troytownship.com.

Have a Short-term Need for a Wheelchair, Walker, Cane, Crutches or Knee Scooter?

Troy Township's Durable Medical Closet offers
short-term loans, up to 90 days, of wheelchairs,
walkers, canes, crutches, and knee scooters.
Free for any Troy Township resident!

Call 815-744-1963 for more information.



Temporary Handicapped Parking Placards Available at the Township Offices

Troy Township can issue temporary
handicap parking placards valid for a 3
month period to qualified individuals.
Individuals in need of a temporary
handicapped parking placard must
complete an application that is
signed by their doctor. Applications
are available at the Troy Township
offices or at www.troytownship.com.
Upon receipt of a properly completed
application, the 3 month temporary
handicapped parking placard will
be issued immediately. For more
information please call 815-744-1963
or visit www.troytownship.com.





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. Please call Angela at 815-744-1963 or email ascaggst@troytownship.com.

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

Citizen Utility Board (CUB)

Thursday, October 06, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. — Register by: Monday, October 3rd

Presented by: The Citizen Utility Board

Want to know how to navigate your utility bills and cable bills? Join the Citizen Utility Board for this presentation and bring any questions you have about your gas, electric, cable and/or cell phone bills.

Topics:

- Why the energy prices are rising
- Tips on saving money and energy
- How to decode your utility bill

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Medicare/Medicaid Information

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. — Register by: Friday, October 7th

Presented by: Sandy Leith, SHIP Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Ever wonder what all those Medicare parts are and what are they all used for? Whether you're new to or currently have Medicare this is a great place to gain knowledge of Medicare and the importance of choosing the right plan.

In this presentation you will learn about:

- Medicare open enrollment October 15th – December 6th
- The importance of checking your current plan and to compare it with other plans for the new year.
- How to create your Medicare personalized account where you can see important messages.
- Discuss the 2023 Part D plans and the Medicare TV ads and what they are promising as benefits.

Estate Planning

Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. — Register by: Monday, November 7th

Presented by: Heather Voorn, Attorney & Partner with Voorn, Jaworski & Preston, PLLC

This presentation will be a basic overview of the following:

- Account Registration
- Tax Information
- Beneficiary Designation
- Life Insurance
- Wills & Trusts
- Time of Death

Four Pillars of New Retirement

Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. — Register by: Monday, February 6th

Presented by: Adam Underhill, AAMS, Financial Advisor

Adam will share insights from Edward Jones/Age Wave Research about how retirement is changing. You will also gain knowledge about the 4 essential pillars that can impact quality of life in retirement:

- Health
- Purpose
- Family
- Finance

Calm, Cool & Invested

Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. — Register by: Monday, March 6th

Presented by: Christian Haymond, MFS

This presentation will include:

- Preparing for Retirement
- Investment Strategy
- Market Volatility



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



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INFORMATION:

Troy Twp. Website www.troytownship.com
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Highway Department (815) 828-5275
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.*