



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

Townships are considered the “government closest to the people.” You can call us or visit our office and our staff is here to help you. Helping people is what townships do. From senior programs to social services, Troy Township offers programs and services to meet the needs of our residents. As your Township Supervisor, I am proud to know that Troy Township is here to support you. Below is a list of Social Service Programs available to residents. For more information on our other services like durable medical equipment loans, temporary handicapped placards, Pace dial-a-ride bus services, and more visit www.troystownship.com under the Services & Resources tab.

TROY TOWNSHIP OFFERS SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Everyone needs help sometimes and the Troy Township General Assistance Office is here for you. We have helped many residents throughout the years, and we look forward to a future of assisting those in need.

General Assistance

General Assistance (GA) is a public assistance program mandated by state law for qualified individuals with financial needs. GA can provide monthly payments to help individuals meet basic needs including but not limited to rent and utilities. Individuals can apply at the Township's General Assistance Office. An applicant must be a resident of Troy Township and must meet all financial and non-financial eligibility requirements. The General Assistance Office has 30 days from receipt of a completed application in order to make a determination.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance (EA) is available to qualified individuals and families facing emergencies that are work related or life threatening (i.e. eviction, utility disconnection, and transportation). Those interested can apply at the Township's General Assistance Office. Applicants must be residents of Troy Township and meet financial and non-financial eligibility requirements. The General Assistance Office has 30 days from receipt of a completed application in order to make a determination.

Salvation Army Service Extension Program

Troy Township serves as a Service Extension Unit administering funds for the Salvation Army. Salvation Army funds are earmarked for emergencies and available once in

any 12-month period for qualified residents who live in Channahon, Minooka, or Shorewood. Individuals or families facing a life-threatening circumstance may be helped using Salvation Army welfare guidelines.

Nicor Sharing

One-time annual grants are given, with no requirement to be paid back, to qualified residential customers who meet the required income guidelines. The Nicor Gas Sharing Program is administered by the Salvation Army and funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas' customers and employees. The Troy Township General Assistance Office serves as a Service Extension site for the Salvation Army and can serve residents who live in Channahon, Minooka, or Shorewood. If you're approved for a Sharing Grant, the Salvation Army will make payments to Nicor Gas on your behalf.

Contact Us

For questions about any of the above referenced programs, please contact the Troy Township General Assistance Office at 815-744-1968. Appointments are required. Call in advance to schedule your visit.



Troy Township has a “take what you need, leave what you can” micro pantry at the entrance to our building. The micro pantry is supported by donations from local residents. When donations are low the pantry gets filled thanks to our local not-for-profit group Shorewood Hugs. The pantry is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please come by and “take what you need, leave what you can.” When donating, please donate non-perishable food items.

NEWS FROM ASSESSOR **Kim Anderson, CIAO**

Quadrennial Assessment Year Completed in 2023

Sometimes referred to as a general assessment year, the quadrennial assessment occurs every four years. Quadrennial assessment years are times for the county to take an inventory of all taxable property and investigate them.

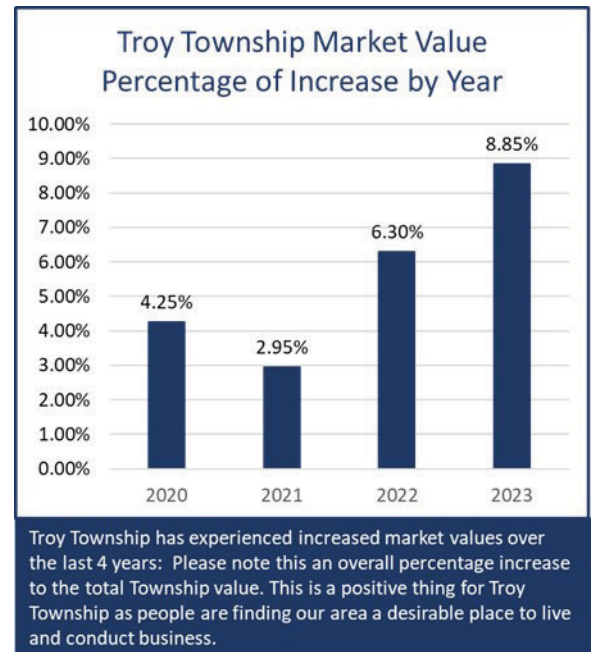
During quadrennial assessment years, local township assessors must reassess every parcel in their township regardless of age, location, size, or value of improvements. To do this, my staff and I conducted sales studies in our township and reviewed them for possible changes in value. All properties in Troy Township were considered for a possible change dependent on market value sales as well as uniformity with comparable properties. Troy Township currently has 20,359 parcels located within our borders, so this was no easy job. But it was completed in a timely manner, and I must congratulate my staff on a job well done.

Revised Assessment Notice

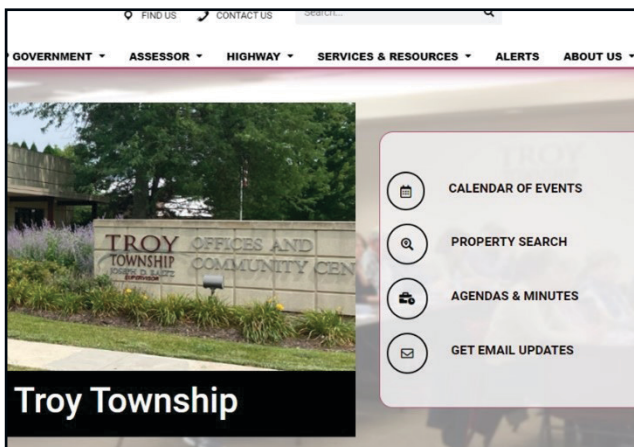
Because of the quadrennial assessment year, every parcel within a township's jurisdiction will receive a notice in the mail from their respective county. Please note that there are no exemptions included in the market value on your reassessment notice. Check the back of the notice for a complete explanation and more information.

Will My Property Taxes Increase Because My Assessment Increased?

If your value was increased, it does NOT necessarily mean your property taxes will. Property taxes are the result of the demand of funds for our taxing bodies to fulfill their budget requirements. A property tax bill is figured by the assessed value, minus any exemptions, times the tax rate that is determined by the taxing bodies.



Your Property Record Card and Conducting a Property Search



As always, I encourage everyone to review their property card that is on file with my office. Information on your property can be found online at www.troytownship.com by clicking on the "Property Search" feature on the home page as shown in the image to the left. If an error is found, it can be corrected. If the error would result in a change in your property value, we can go back one year to correct it.

NEWS FROM ASSESSOR **Kim Anderson, CIAO** (Continued)



Always check your property tax bill to ensure you are receiving all the exemptions you are entitled to. Missing exemptions that you were eligible for the prior year can be added and a revised property tax bill will be generated. Exemption corrections have to be within one year. Certain criteria must be met to qualify for available exemptions. For a complete list of exemptions and their criteria, please visit our website under the assessor tab and click on exemptions, or please feel free to give us a call.

Exemption Amount Increases

Some exemption amounts were increased by the State of Illinois. These new amounts take effect this year and will be on your 2024 tax bill.

- General Homestead Exemption was \$6,000, increased to \$8,000.
- Senior Homestead Exemption was \$5,000, increased to \$8,000.
- Senior Freeze Income Amount - there has been no change to the Senior Freeze income amount for this year.

Township Field Staff

Be aware that from time to time you may see Township field staff personnel out and about throughout our area. Visits are required when you add something to your property like an in-ground swimming pool, detached garage, an addition to your home, etc. These improvements must be added to your property record card. Certain types of improvements may result in an increase in value. If our Field Staff visited your property and you are not there, they will leave a door hanger with information as to why they were there. This door hanger may request that you call the office to set up an appointment. If so, we would appreciate your promptness in contacting our office.

To help you identify our staff, they will be:

- Driving a silver Ford Explorer with the Troy Township logo identified on the doors.
- Wearing Troy Township shirts.
- Wearing an identification tag on a Troy Township lanyard.
- Able to provide you with my business card.

Call or Visit with any Questions

Townships residents are always welcome to visit my office. We are happy to assist you with any questions regarding the value of your home or business, questions regarding exemptions, and assistance in completing exemption paperwork. I am very fortunate to have kind and knowledgeable staff members that always welcome our residents into our office.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION

In 2022 the State of Illinois passed the Local Government Efficiencies Act. This act requires the Township and the Road District to each create a Decennial Committee. Each Committee is required to study the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State. The committee shall also collect data, research, and analyze as necessary to prepare a report which will summarize its work and findings and shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency.

The Township and Road District's Decennial Committees will be meeting over the next several months. For information on the meeting dates and times, please visit <https://www.troytownship.com/meeting-agendas-minutes/> or email information@troytownship.com.



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

I hope everyone is doing well. As I have in the past, I'd like to remind residents that there is a lot of road construction occurring throughout the Township and local region. Please keep this in mind, and please remind young drivers to be cautious and to go slow in construction zones. School is also now in session so be careful in school zones and watch for school buses. Know that local road construction will likely cause delays so please leave yourself enough time to get to your destination.

Our crews are finishing up their summer projects and we are now preparing for leaf season. The leaf vacuum program is very labor intensive and takes the dedicated involvement of each and every crew member to accomplish. Leaf vacuuming services will typically run through the end of November but may be suspended

due to snow and/or ice events. Please keep in mind, if the snow and/or ice event is significant enough, the leaf vac service could potentially end for the season.

Please read the guidelines below for leaf vacuuming and tree branch pick-up services. These services are extra services we provide which are beyond the scope of our statutory duties. To keep these programs in service and running smoothly we need you to abide by the rules we have established. For detailed information on the rules for these two programs and our other services like recycling, please visit www.troytownship.com and view each service under the Highway tab.

Thank you, and please know that I am proud to represent the residents of Troy Township as your Highway Commissioner.

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

The final pick-up dates for the Tree Branch Pick-Up program in the **unincorporated** areas of the Township will be Monday, October 2nd, Tuesday, October 10th, Monday, October 16th, Monday, October 23rd and

Monday, October 30th. This service will resume at the beginning of May 2024 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.

ONLY RAIN GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

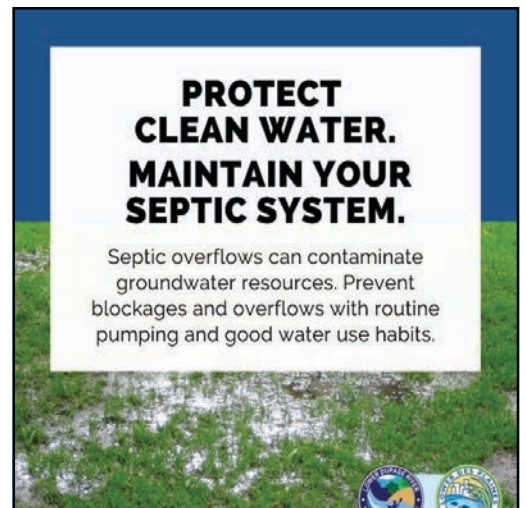
Whatever enters storm drains flows directly to local rivers and streams. The only thing that belongs down the storm drain is rainwater.

Dispose of chemicals correctly and never dump into storm drains.



PROTECT CLEAN WATER. MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM.

Septic overflows can contaminate groundwater resources. Prevent blockages and overflows with routine pumping and good water use habits.





A MESSAGE FROM CLERK **Larry Ryan**

2024 Presidential Primary Election – Early Voting at Troy Township

Troy Township will once again serve as an early voting site for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election for Township residents. Township residents can early vote at the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 W. Seil Rd, Shorewood. Hours for early voting are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. starting Monday, March 4, 2024, and ending on Friday, March 15, 2024. For more early voting options or questions, please visit <https://www.willcountyclerk.gov> or call 815-740-4615.

Vote by Mail: For more information on voting by mail please visit <https://www.willcountyclerk.gov> or call 815-740-4615.

Election Day Voting: Election Day for the Primary will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024. For more information on Election Day including hours of voting, precinct locations, etc. please visit <https://www.willcountyclerk.gov> or call 815-740-4615.

ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE DMV & ICASH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE

Alexi Giannoulas
Secretary of State



Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV at Troy Township

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 • Location: Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Rd., Shorewood

Mobile Drivers Services Unit

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **Driver's License** (Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)
- **State Identification Card** (First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)
- **Real ID** verify required forms of identification at <https://realid.ilsos.gov/>
- **Vehicle Registration Stickers** (Registration expiring within the current year)
- **Organ & Tissue Donor/Voter Registration** (Only with License or ID Application)

Rules of the Road Review Course

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Rules of the Road Review Course is designed to give drivers — **especially seniors** — the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. The questions and information in the Rules of the Road Review Course are provided only to help you measure your knowledge of driving skills and Illinois traffic laws. You must register for this class by calling 815-744-1968.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES, CALL 815-744-1968.



The State Treasurer is holding 2.5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification. Visit the ICash booth at Troy Township between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on October 3rd.



Troy Township Seniors Coordinate Drives to Help the Local Community


School Supplies


In August, our Troy Township Seniors coordinated a school supply to help give kids in our community a great start to the school year. All supplies collected were donated to the Salvation Army and distributed through the Joliet Corps. Thanks to donations from the Township Seniors, local businesses, staff, and the public, our Troy Township Seniors made a significant donation to the kids in our community.



Coat Drive – Give the Gift of Warmth

The Troy Township Seniors are partnering with the Shorewood Kiwanis Club to collect coats and other cold weather items like gently used coats, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, and new socks. If you'd like to donate, items can be dropped off at the Troy Township Community Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting November 13, 2023, through January 31, 2024. Specific questions about donations can be emailed to shorewoodkiwanis@gmail.com.



DRIVER SAFETY  Real Possibilities

Refresh your driving skills with the AARP SMART DRIVER™ COURSE!

Monday, November 27th and
Tuesday, November 28th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
You must attend both days.

Troy Township
Community Center
25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood

Cost:
\$20.00 for AARP members
\$25.00 for non-members

Claim your safe driver discount! When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance.* Plus safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.

*Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for details.

Limited to the first 40 participants. RSVP REQUIRED Call 815-744-1968 or email Cstaselle@troymunicipal.com

TROY TOWNSHIP
Established 1819 Will County - Illinois

ABOUT THE TROY TOWNSHIP SENIORS

The Troy Township Seniors is a great opportunity for our senior community to enjoy socialization, have a nutritious meal, play games, but mostly to have some fun. All participants will also enjoy a monthly birthday celebration including cupcakes, various theme parties, and the occasional outing. The group also enjoys a monthly lunch outing (at their own expense) with their "Troy Township Seniors" friends. For more information call 815-744-1968.

Join the Troy Township Seniors for fun, friendship, food, games, events, outings, and more!

Where? Troy Township Community Center, 25448 W. Seil Road, Shorewood

When? Every Wednesday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed holidays)

Lunch is provided by Meals on Wheels via CNNSSA for a suggested donation of \$4.00. Reservations for a meal are required at least one week in advance by calling 815-744-1968.

TROY TOWNSHIP'S INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS/EVENTS

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE


Medicare Updates and Open Enrollment Seminar

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

SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Medicare open enrollment dates: October 15th to December 7th.
- Medicare eligibility, coverage options, etc.
- Medicare - Medicaid dual eligibility.
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap/MedSup).
- Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO) and the 2024 Medicare Part D plans.
- The importance of checking your current plan and comparing it with other plans for the new year.
- How to create your Medicare personalized account where you can see important messages.

DATE AND TIME

 Tuesday,
October 10, 2023
2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

 Troy Township
Community Center
25448 W. Seil Rd.,
Shorewood, IL

PRESENTED BY

Sandy Leith, SHIP Director,
Illinois Department on Aging



Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
is a FREE counseling service for Medicare
beneficiaries and their caregivers.

DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING & MEDICATION DISPOSAL EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 7 | 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
TROY TOWNSHIP | 25448 W. SEIL RD.
SHOREWOOD

This **FREE** event is open to all Troy Township residents. Proof of residency required. **Vehicle are limited to 4 grocery bags of documents to shred.** This is a **drive-thru event**. You must **stay in your vehicle**. Papers and medications must be residentially generated; not an event for not-for-profits, businesses, or doctor's offices. Onsite personnel will remove documents and medications from your vehicle for secure onsite shredding and recycling. **Do not mix your medications with your papers.** **QUESTIONS? Call 815-744-1968.**

Medications - Items Accepted

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Medicated Ointments
- Liquids Containing Medications
- Prescription Inhalers

Medications - Items NOT Accepted

- Bio-Hazardous Materials
- Radioactive Materials
- Anything Containing Mercury
- Medical Devices
- Other Household Wastes
- **Needles are NOT ACCEPTED!**



This event is sponsored by
Troy Township in partnership
with the Village of Shorewood
Police Department.



Event will end promptly at 11 a.m., may end early if the shredding truck fills up,
and could end early or be cancelled due to hazardous weather.



**RSVP BY
OCTOBER 6TH TO:**

**Cindy at 815-744-1968 or
cstasell@troytownship.com**



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



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INFORMATION:

Troy Twp. Website www.troytownship.com
Supervisor & Community Center .. (815) 744-1968
Township Office Fax (815) 744-1910
Assessor (815) 744-5806
Assessor Fax (815) 744-5803
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.*