



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR Joseph D. Baltz

Through the Township's partnership with Thriveworks® residents are able to access Thriveworks' award-winning therapy and psychiatry services for a variety of concerns including depression and anxiety, stress and life transitions, trauma and PTSD, grief and loss, relationship issues, family conflict and more. Services can be delivered in-person or online so residents can receive the care they need suited to their preferences and busy schedules. Troy Township will cover the costs for under or uninsured residents until funding is exhausted.

To find out more about mental health services with Thriveworks through Troy Township, call 815-744-1968 for more information or visit <https://thriveworks.com/partners/troy-township/>



JOIN TROY TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY ALERT NETWORK

Troy Township has partnered with Will County to be part of their Community Alert Network.

Enrolling in the Community Alert Network ensures that you stay informed with emergency alerts when immediate notification is critical. Additionally, there is an option to receive non-emergency updates from Troy Township about programming, events, road projects, unincorporated services, and more.

Receive **non-emergency** information sent to your home phone, work phone, texted to your cell phone, or emailed to you between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm. You can select how you receive the information based on the contact information you provide during the sign-up process. You can select one or all categories of information:

Announcements - May inform you of scheduled water and sewer repairs. Messages may also inform you of scheduled street closures, resurfacing projects, and parking bans.

Specific to Troy Township: may also include

information about services for the unincorporated area including branch and brush pick up, leaf vacuuming services, snow removal, mosquito abatement, and unincorporated road projects.

Notices - May consist of community information regarding upcoming festivals, changes in garbage pick-up, and community press releases.

Specific to Troy Township: may include program and event information such as the bi-annual shredding event, plant swap, general township information and services, senior programs/events, and community press releases.

Public Safety Non-Emergency Information - May include messages from local officials with information about crime prevention information, public safety events, neighborhood crime alert information, and fire hydrant testing. Scan the QR code for more information or to sign up today!





NEWS FROM ASSESSOR **Kim Anderson, CIAO**

Welcome fall of 2025. I hope everyone had a great summer and will have a wonderful fall and winter. Things are always changing in the assessment field, and I do my best to keep you informed by writing these articles twice a year. I do hope they are helpful to you.

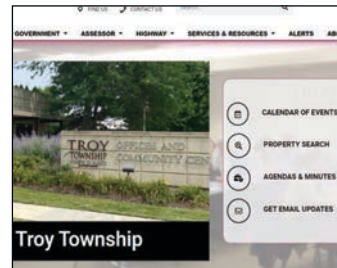
If your property experiences a disaster—such as a fire, flood, tornado, or other significant event—it is critical that you notify our office immediately. Timely communication is essential due to strict deadlines for adjusting your property's assessed value. We understand this would be a very difficult time, and we sincerely hope you never have to face such a situation. However, in the event of a disaster, we must receive the necessary documentation without delay. Documentation includes a copy of your insurance claim, including the repair estimate for any type of damage, and a copy of the fire report (in the case of a fire). Without this information, we will be unable to make the necessary changes to your property value. Please contact us as soon as possible should such an unfortunate event occur.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS

As noted in previous communications, any additions or removals from your property that impact its value must be properly documented. Without a permit, we cannot apply a home improvement exemption or adjust your assessed value accordingly, as we have no record of the change.

Key Points to Remember: Permits are required for both additions and removals that affect property value. If you add qualifying improvements with a valid permit, you may be eligible for a 4-year home improvement exemption—provided the improvement is assessable. Only certain items qualify for this exemption. Common qualifying examples include new additions that increase square footage, added bathrooms, inground pools or pool houses, screened-in porches, decks, or patios, detached garages, and garage conversions to living space. Routine upgrades like new windows or a roof replacement do not qualify for the exemption as they are considered maintenance and not new additions.

If you're considering a property change and are unsure whether it qualifies, please contact our office for clarification. Note: If we discover unpermitted additions during our assessment process, the value will be added to your property assessment and no exemption will be applied.



Please Note: You can visit our website at www.troytownship.com and click on the **Assessor's tab** to view your property information. If you notice any errors, please contact our office immediately.

NOTICE REGARDING PROPERTY VISITS FOR CONSTRUCTION CHANGES

When there is new construction or modifications made to your property, our field staff will visit the site to perform necessary assessments. If you are not home at the time of the visit, notice will be left at your residence with instructions to contact our office. Please note that we require your permission to measure any new structures or changes identified on your property. If you qualify for an exemption related to these changes, it is essential that we complete the field check promptly.

We kindly ask that you contact us as soon as possible after receiving the notice. All relevant details regarding the visit will be included in the notice left at your door. For your awareness and safety, our field staff will be driving a silver SUV marked with "Troy Township" on the doors. Staff members will also carry personal identification and my business card during their visit. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding assessments, exemptions, or general inquiries related to the Assessor's Office, please feel free to contact us. You can reach us by email at assessor@troytownship.com or by phone at **815-744-5806, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: NO CHANGES TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS THIS SESSION

During this last legislative session, we closely monitored several Illinois bills concerning townships and potential changes to property tax exemptions. While many proposals were introduced, particularly those involving exemption adjustments, none of the bills were passed. As a result, there are no changes to the current exemptions

for the upcoming tax year. The Senior Freeze income limit remains at \$65,000 in total household income. There are no changes to the Persons with Disabilities Exemption, or to any other exemptions at this time. If any legislative updates occur in the next session, we will promptly update our website and include details in our spring newsletter.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS REAL ESTATE TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM – WILL COUNTY

The Will County Treasurer's Office offers assistance through the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Program, a loan program through the State of Illinois that allows qualifying seniors to defer all or part of their property tax and special assessment payments on their primary residence. This program can help ease the financial burden of property taxes—contact the office for more information or to apply during the filing period. To qualify the senior citizens must meet eligibility requirements. The filing period is from January 1st through March 1st. For complete information please contact Will County Treasurer's Office at 815-740-4675 or visit their website at: <https://willcounty.gov/County-Offices/Finance-and-Revenue/Treasurer-Office/Senior-Citizen-Tax-Deferral-Program>

PROPERTY REASSESSMENTS FOR 2025 (PAYABLE IN 2026)

Property reassessments for 2025 (affecting taxes payable in 2026) were completed in June 2025. If you received an assessment notice in August, a change was made by our office. If you did not receive a notice, your property value was not changed by us. However, your property may have received an equalization factor applied by Will County, which does not trigger a mailed notice. All assessment changes and applied increase factors were published in the Joliet Herald News in August. You can check your 2025 property value (affecting taxes payable in 2026) on the Will County Supervisor of Assessments website at www.willcountysoa.com or by contacting our office at assessor@troytownship.com or calling 815-744-5806. Note: New tax rates will not be available until mid-April 2026. Without these rates, we cannot estimate your 2026 property taxes.

CHECK YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR EXEMPTIONS



We strongly encourage all taxpayers to review their property tax bills carefully. Exemptions are listed on the right-hand side of the bill. If you believe an exemption is missing, please contact our office immediately so we can help resolve the issue. Visit the Assessor tab on our website for detailed information about available exemptions. Need help applying for an exemption? If you're applying for any of the following exemptions: Senior Citizens Exemption; Senior Freeze; Persons with Disabilities; Disabled Veterans; Returning Veterans then our office is available to assist you with paperwork Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

A MESSAGE FROM CLERK **Larry Ryan**

SINGLE WASTE HAULER INITIATIVE

An item in the Spring, 2024 edition of the Troy Township Communicator had a brief description of the Single Waste Hauler Initiative and a survey soliciting community response on existing garbage removal services offered to residents in the unincorporated areas of Troy Township. Results showed more than 4 companies serving residents, significant turnover (i.e., change of vendors) within 5 years or less, an "average" rating of customers' satisfaction with their service, and overall interest in moving forward with the concept of a single waste hauler for unincorporated residents.

Next Steps & Goals

An Ad Hoc Committee will further evaluate the survey responses, look at existing waste hauler programs in neighboring townships, and relay its findings to the Township Board and the unincorporated residents of the Township. The Committee will meet to:

1. Facilitate legal opinions that would lead to a formal Resolution to be discussed and approved by the Township Board.

2. Define and specify the scope of services to be offered by a single waste hauler. This would include the length of a contract (e.g., 3-5 years), service options, opt-out provisions, contractor qualifications and capabilities, and general acceptance of terms and conditions.
3. Convey and educate the Board and residents about its findings through March 17, 2026, a potential date for a ballot referendum on a Single Waste Hauler program.

A single waste hauler for unincorporated areas of the Township could impact 1,300+ households. The ultimate goal is to seek balanced and competitive pricing, enhanced service packages, consistent service, reduced waste hauler truck traffic and greater longevity for our township roads. Additional possibilities might include pickup of large household items, biweekly recycling, quarterly electronic recycling, or autumn leaf collection every 3 weeks.

Be sure to check our website: www.troytownship.com for future Single Waste Hauler Committee Meetings.



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

I would like to begin by sincerely thanking the residents for electing me to serve as your Highway Commissioner for another four years. It is truly an honor to continue in this role, and I am deeply grateful for your trust and support. I look forward to serving you with dedication and to continuing the work of maintaining and improving our township's infrastructure throughout this next term.

I hope this message finds everyone well. As I've mentioned in the past, I'd like to remind residents that there is a significant amount of road construction taking place throughout the Township and surrounding areas. Crews have been very active this summer, performing regular maintenance, continuing ditch work, and replacing culverts. We appreciate your patience and understanding as these important infrastructure improvements are carried out. Please drive with caution in construction zones and watch for signage and workers.

As fall approaches, we'd like to remind unincorporated residents about our leaf vacuuming and branch pickup programs. These services are extra offerings provided by Troy Township and go

beyond our statutory responsibilities. To keep these programs running efficiently, we kindly ask that all residents follow the established rules. For complete guidelines on these programs, as well as information on other services like recycling, please visit our website at www.troytownship.com and click on the Highway tab. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep Troy Township clean and safe!

As winter approaches, we are preparing our equipment for the upcoming season. We'd like to remind all residents to please slow down and use caution when approaching snow removal and ice control equipment on the roadways. Keep in mind that blowing and drifting snow, along with extremely low temperatures, can reduce the effectiveness of snow and deicing products—especially in open areas. These conditions may result in slippery roads even after treatment. Your safety is our top priority. Please travel with extra caution this winter season.

As always, it is my honor to serve as your Highway Commissioner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 815-405-3378.

LEAF VACUUMING

Leaf season is right around the corner! 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 keep branches, rocks and garbage out of the leaf piles. If a rock, branch or similar item gets sucked into the leaf vacuum equipment it can cause significant damage that is costly and timely to repair. If such damage occurs it could easily cause the leaf vacuum program to be suspended for the season while repairs take place. 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 6th, Tuesday, October 14th, Monday, October 20th, Monday, October 27th. This service will resume at the beginning of May 2026 on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, please visit www.troytownship.com. Please be advised that the branch pick-up service may be put on hold with the occurrence of a snow or ice event.

Dumping Yard Waste is Not Harmless

Even though grass clippings, leaves, and branches are natural, they degrade water quality and impact wildlife if dumped into or along rivers and streams.



before you drain your pool... let the water sit!



When it's time to drain your pool, stop adding chemicals to your pool to allow the chlorine and bromine to break down and the pH to neutralize. Let the water sit for a few days or a week.

how to drain your pool

Slowly release the water into your yard and let it soak into the ground. If that's not an option, drain the water down a storm sewer drain.

Remember that storm drains discharge directly to rivers! That's why it's important for the water to be chemical free and pH neutral before draining your pool.

Dispose of unwanted pool chemicals properly. Contact your local government agency to find a proper disposal location.



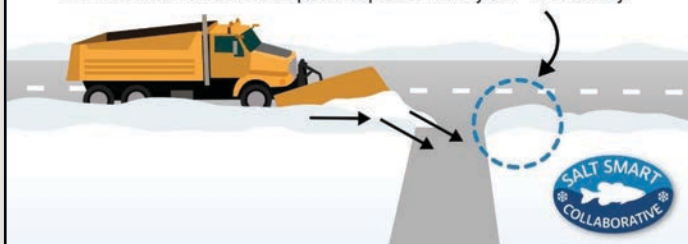
SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TROY TOWNSHIP

Snow plows will push snow into driveways when clearing roads.

This is unavoidable. Snow plows can't clear roads efficiently after a storm any other way.

Shoveling snow back into the street is against ordinance and will create dangerous conditions at the end of your driveway.

TIP: Pile snow to the right of the driveway to reduce the amount of snow that plows push into your driveway.



WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

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.



ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE Mobile DMV



Driver's License & State ID Cards – Standard & REAL ID
(First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)

Vehicle Registration / License Plate Stickers

For a full list of acceptable documents visit ILSOS.gov
* Written and road tests are not available at Mobile DMV events.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

10 A.M - 2 P.M.

LOCATION:

**TROY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
25448 SEIL RD, SHOREWOOD, IL**



**Appointments are Required for all
Mobile DMV Services**

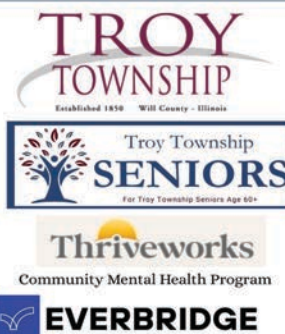
Call 815-744-1968 for appointment!



IL Secretary of State
Alexi Giannoulis

Acceptable Forms of Payment Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover Credit and Debit
Cards (All credit or debit payments incur a transaction fee)
Personal Check/Money Order (Exact amount and current date required)

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR UPCOMING EVENT



**Tuesday,
October 7, 2025
10am - 2pm**

**25448 SEIL RD
SHOREWOOD, IL**



Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor
Saving and enhancing lives starts with you.
Understand how donation works and register as a
donor. When you do, you've taken a powerful action
to change lives. Talk to your family and friends about
your decision.
Gift of Hope Headquarters
425 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, IL 60143
Ph: 630/758-2600 Fax: 630/758-2601

25448 SEIL ROAD, SHOREWOOD, IL PH: 815-744-1968



Michael W. Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER



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MICHAEL W. FRERICHS



**1 in 4 who check our database
discover unclaimed property**

The State Treasurer is holding more than 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.

**Will County Clerk
Voter Services**



REGISTERING TO VOTE: UNITED STATES CITIZENS
WHO ARE 18 YEARS OLD, OR CITIZENS WHO ARE 17
YEARS OLD AND WILL TURN 18 ON OR BEFORE THE
DATE OF THE NEXT GENERAL OR CONSOLIDATED
ELECTION, ARE QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE.
VOTERS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THEIR
PRECINCTS 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY.
WILL COUNTY CLERK, 302 N. CHICAGO ST, JOLIET,
IL PH: 815-740-4615

TROYTOWNSHIP.COM

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR **Joseph D. Baltz** (Continued)



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

Lunch is provided by Meals on Wheels via CNSSA for a suggested donation of \$8.00 for Wednesday meal & \$5.00 for Friday meal. Reservations for a meal are required at least one week in advance by calling 815-744-1968.



The Troy Township Seniors is a great opportunity for our senior community to enjoy socialization, have a nutritious meal, play games (Poker, Euchre, Bridge, Pinochle, Hand n Foot, Dominoes, Checkers, a few games of Bingo on Wednesday and more), but mostly to have some fun. All participants will also enjoy a monthly birthday celebration including treats, various theme parties, and the occasional outing. For more information call 815-744-1968.

With fall colors soon upon us, I'm reminded of the many events and happenings we enjoyed here at Troy Township throughout the spring and summer.



We had a great turnout at our May Shredding & Medication Disposal event and are looking forward to the next one on October 4th. The Plant Swap that was co-sponsored with the Village of Shorewood and Joliet Library was also a success and enjoyed by many residents throughout the Township. It continues to grow each year, and we're excited to see what next year brings!

In addition, we've hosted a variety of helpful and engaging events, including programs by AARP, the Medicare Senior Health Insurance Program through the Illinois Department on Aging, a Versiti Blood Drive with IL State Rep. Larry Walsh, Jr., the Will County Assessor's Office Tax Exemption Event, as well as presentations from our own Troy Township programs, Will County Clerk Voter Services, the Veterans Assistance Commission, and Chicago Honor Flight. We will continue to host more events and programs!

Our Senior Program continues to thrive, welcoming new and current members who enjoy fellowship, lunch, games, bingo, and other fun activities. Last winter, our seniors attended "Elvis" at the Jacob Henry Mansion, and this spring we gathered at Minooka High School to enjoy their spring play—both events were a hit!

This July, we were honored to partner with the Shorewood Kiwanis Club for their annual toy drive, supporting children bravely fighting cancer. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make a difference in the lives of these incredible kids. Your support means the world!

Be sure to sign up for Everbridge, follow us on Facebook, and bookmark our website www.troytownship.com to stay updated on events scheduled after the newsletter is released.

DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING & MEDICATION DISPOSAL EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH | 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
TROY TOWNSHIP | 25448 W. SEIL RD.
SHOREWOOD, IL

This **FREE** event is open to all Troy Township residents. Proof of residency required. **Vehicles 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
- Medicated Ointments
- Prescription Inhalers

****Shorewood PD does not remove labels from medicine bottles**

****Needles/Sharps are NOT ACCEPTED!**

If you have Waste Management, you can contact them for possible disposal.

Medications & Items NOT Accepted

- Bio-Hazardous Materials
- Chemo/Radioactive Materials
- Anything Containing Mercury
- Medical Devices
- Other Household Wastes
- No empty medicine bottles
- No Vitamins, Lotions, Lip Balms, Cough Drops, OTC Ointments,
- No EPI pens

TROY TOWNSHIP
Established 1850 Will County - Illinois

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.

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

Monday, October 20th and

Tuesday, October 21st

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

You must attend both days.



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



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.



Cost: \$20.00 for AARP members
 \$25.00 for non-members
 payable by cash or check only

BOOK NOW



815-744-1968

Limited to the first 40 participants.

RSVP REQUIRED Call or email:

Obravato@troystownship.com or

Cstasell@troystownship.com



TROY TOWNSHIP
Established 1850 Will County - Illinois

Understanding Medicare

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.



TROY TOWNSHIP
Established 1850 Will County - Illinois

LOCATION:

Troy Township Community Center
25448 W. Seil Rd. Shorewood, IL 60404

****RSVP BY FRIDAY**
OCTOBER 24, 2025



Call 815-744-1968 or email:
cstasell@troystownship.com or
obravato@troystownship.com

Medicare Information and Seminar Highlights

- Medicare eligibility, coverage options, etc.
- Medicare - Medicaid dual eligibility.
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap/MedSup).
- Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO) and the 2025 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.



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



DATE:
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 2025



TIME:
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.



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



COATS | SCARVES
 GLOVES | SOCKS

Troy Township is
partnering with the
Shorewood Kiwanis
Club

WINTER COAT Drive

This season, let's make a difference by participating in our Winter Coat Drive event. Donate your gently used or new coats, gloves, scarves and new socks and help someone stay warm during the cold winter months.

All sizes are welcome



NOVEMBER 17th, 2025 THROUGH
JANUARY 30th, 2026



DROP OFF LOCATION:
TROY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
25448 SEIL RD, SHOREWOOD, IL



For More Information
call Troy Township at 815-744-1968

TROY TOWNSHIP
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**25448 Seil Road
Shorewood, IL 60404-7620**



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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 Dyluk

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.*