



MAINELY NEWS

Serving Our Community Since 1850

KIMBERLY JONES, Supervisor

Summer 2025



Catching Up with Kim

As the sweltering dog days of summer come to a close and families are procuring their lists of supplies for back to school, Maine Township is also preparing.

Our MaineStay Youth and Family Services department is preparing for our annual Community Garage Sale, scheduled for September 13th. For many, our annual garage sale is the highlight of the season. Every year the amount of vendors continues to grow and people enjoy either buying or selling their treasures! The most important thing about the garage sale is that all proceeds go to supporting our Maine Township youth summer camp which allows children that may not be able to participate in summer camp to join in the fun.

Our food pantry is preparing for an anticipated growing need as recent governmental cuts are expected to apply increased pressure on families, creating more food insecurity to our residents. Rest assured, our food pantry team will be here to make sure your families have enough food to carry you through this difficult time.

I've showcased just two of the many valuable services offered at Maine Township. Please peruse the articles from our Department Directors and other elected officials to explore our many other services. •

Community Garage Sale Set for Sept. 13

Maine Township's 19th Annual Community Garage Sale is scheduled rain or shine for **Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Space reservations are now being accepted.

Shoppers can browse among approximately 80 exhibitors and donuts and lunch items will be available to purchase. All proceeds from the event benefit the Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp. This camp program,



coordinated by the Township's MaineStay division since 2004, provides at-risk youth who qualify based on family income the opportunity to participate in safe, fun, and educational experiences to which they may not otherwise have access.

Don't miss this popular event filled with bargains and fun for the whole family! For more information, to reserve a space online, or to become an event sponsor, visit mainetown.com/garagesale or contact Emily Toomey at **847-297-2510** or etoomey@mainetown.com.



Park Ridge Garden Club Honored



Judy Schimmel, Janice Williams and Nadine Burke of the Park Ridge Garden Club were honored with a Proclamation by the Maine Township Board for their exceptional community spirit to fight food insecurity and to provide a sustainable source of fresh produce for the Food Pantry. They generously donated their time and skill to plant fresh produce and care for the garden.

I to r: Supervisor Kimberly Jones, Judy Schimmel and Janice Williams, Maintenance Director Michael Samaan.





TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Elizabeth Lynch

With children across our community preparing to return to school (or go to school for the first time!), it is a great chance to highlight some of the ways our MaineStay staff's expertise, partnerships, and

innovation are helping kids succeed in the classroom.

The high price of private tutoring puts it out of reach for many families. MaineStay's 10-week program makes tutoring accessible at just \$50 for residents. The program provides personalized assistance to students in grade 1-8, who meet with a teacher in small groups to boost their reading, writing, math, and science skills.

And their work goes beyond homework and tests. The teachers I know emphasize the importance of "social-emotional" skills to academic success. The ability to regulate your emotions, focus, and work with others are essential to learning. That's why our Back-to-School Boost is so important. This intensive, multi-week program for children entering grades K-2 uses Group Play Therapy to help kids master these crucial skills before returning to the classroom.

I'm also so impressed with the way our staff has integrated these pivotal skills into fun activities that naturally motivate kids. Anyone who has seen pre-teens play games knows that the competition and excitement can bring out both the best and worst behavior. Game Masters for boys in grades 6-8 uses the natural emotions that games stir up to teach teamwork, problem-solving, and patience.

MaineStay is also there for students who need more intensive help. The Township partners with D63 to offer counseling at the school building to students who would otherwise have no access to therapy. The one-on-one sessions with Township staff can be life-changing for young people that have experienced an early trauma and are facing serious mental health issues.

I'm so proud of these and the many other ways that our MaineStay staff are ensuring every child has the support they need to learn, grow, and thrive this school year.

Mobile Vet Clinic for Rabies Vaccines & Microchipping



Sat., October 4, 2025 •

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

Free for the first 100 pets.

Sponsored by Cook County Animal Control. For more information, please call **847-297-2510**.



What is an Enforcement Officer?

Code enforcement is a critical function of municipal government, as it ensures that property owners are maintaining their properties and that the local housing is safe and habitable for residents. Many of our region's municipalities are facing greater demands on their code enforcement staff in a time of limited resources and diminished municipal budgets. Code enforcement officers are often asked to embody so many roles within the context of their duties. In any given day, they may function as problem solvers, communicators, mediators, researchers, and educators within their role as a code enforcement officer. In the community, code enforcement officers also perform a variety of functions related to their role as public servants.

Officers support and enhance property values through effective enforcement of property standards, while working to keep aging buildings, homes, and properties from deteriorating and becoming "eyesores" to the community. Every community face struggles with vacant buildings, trash, tall grass and weeds, graffiti, and inoperable vehicles.

Code enforcement is often a difficult job. It is a highly visible

position and they, typically, interact with a variety of different people and agencies. Code enforcement officers regularly interact with various county and state agencies, such as health departments, child and family services, and highway departments. They tend to work closely with various city departments, such as fire, police, building, planning and zoning.

If you are concerned that township codes are not being obeyed, you may report your concern to the Code Enforcement office. Please make your complaint by calling Code Enforcement Officer Nader Ghazaleh at **847-297-2510** or emailing nghazaleh@mainetown.com.



MaineStay Youth & Family Services - Upcoming Programs

MaineStay offers affordable, strength-based counseling for children, adolescents, adults, and families both in person and via telehealth. We have experience working with many common concerns facing families today.

MaineStay provides a variety of free or affordable programs for youth of all ages that are designed to help maximize each child's full potential in life. Some of our fall programs include:

- **Circle of Friends: Play Therapy Group** - September 2
- ***NEW* Nurtured Beginnings: FirstPlay Therapy Group for Caregivers and Infants** - September 3
- **Family Fun Nights** - September 4, October 2, November 6
- **Cooking Class** - September 11
- **Family Connections: A Play-Based Parenting Program** - September 12
- **Shifting Sands: Family Sandtray Therapy Group** - September 16
- **Shifting Sands: Sandtray Therapy Group** - September 16
- **Youth Mentoring** - September 16, September 30, October 14, October 28, November 11, November 25
- ***NEW* Healing Steps: EMDR Therapy Group** - September 18
- ***NEW* Parenting Workshop: Monthly Drop-In Series** - September 19, October 21, November 17



- **Art in the Town** - September 22
- **Tutoring** - October 1
- ***NEW* Breaking the Cycle: A Virtual Expressive Arts Group for Parents** - October 3
- **Trunk or Treat** - October 30
- ***NEW* Hidden Treasures: Intensive Sandtray Therapy Group** - November 3
- ***NEW* Healing Steps: EMDR Therapy Group** - November 6
- **Kids Fall Fest** - November 24



For a full list of MaineStay programs, dates, and online registration, visit mainetown.com/mainestay or scan the QR code.



Maine Township is Honoring All Our Veterans

Maine Township is proud to honor the Veterans who have served our country.

If you are a Veteran and reside in Maine Township, we invite you to a special event in your honor.

Date: Friday, November 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

To be recognized at the event, please register by calling **847-297-2510 ext. 252** no later than Sept. 2nd.

Registered attendees will receive additional event details by mail.

Thank you for your service - we look forward to celebrating you.

General Assistance

General Assistance welcomes our new Senior and Disability Advocate Grant Vreuls. Grant will be SHIP certified and is currently in training for other programs in the GA department.

To schedule an appointment, call 847-297-2510 ext. 236



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey

Don't Worry If You Missed Filing a 2025 Appeal with the Cook County Assessor

If you did not file a 2025 appeal with the Cook County Assessor, you will have a second opportunity to appeal through the **Cook County Board of Review**.

At this time, the Board of Review has not yet announced its opening date for Maine Township appeals. Please continue to check the **Maine Township Assessor's Office website** or visit the

Cook County Board of Review website for updates and their official calendar.

When the appeal period opens, **we will follow the same procedures as we did for the Assessor's appeal process:**

There is **no need to come into the office**. You can call us, and we will collect all necessary information over the phone. Our staff will conduct the analysis and file the appeal on your behalf.

We are here to make the process as easy and stress-free as possible.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM
For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 255,
email smkrey@mainetown.com or visit www.mainetown.com

Do I Need A Lawyer? (Town Hall)

Presenter: Laura Morask, Attorney at Law

Four Weekly Educational Classes: Wed., October 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

This educational Seminar will teach you how to recognize and handle the various situations where you may need a lawyer.

Class Session 1 - Review the three categories of scenarios/challenges encountered.

- Being stopped by police, someone trying to involuntarily take your driving away, getting charged with any type of offense.
- Estate planning, trusts vs wills, real estate closings, landlord/tenant issues & disputes
- Insurance filings, Medicare coaching, disability issues, applying for SSI, SSID, victimized by hackers/scammers...

Class Session 2 - How to find yourself the right lawyer and what to expect during the process.

Class Session 3 - The pros & cons of choosing a legal website such as "Rocket Docket", their limitations and which websites are reputable.

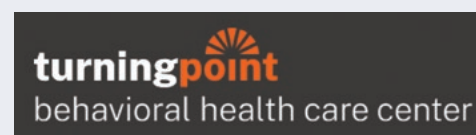
Class Session 4 - "HELP! I'm being sued or sent to collections! What Do I do now? This session will teach you what to do if you are on the receiving end of some type of legal action.

Please call 847-297-2510 ext. 244 to register

Agency Partner Spotlight: Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center in Skokie, IL is a dedicated nonprofit serving communities in the Chicago metropolitan area since 1969. Known for providing "solid support, when and where you need it most," its mission emphasizes accessibility, expertise, and compassionate mental health care for all—regardless of financial situation or insurance status.

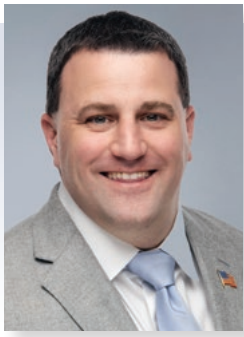
One of Turning Point's flagship initiatives is its Living Room, a free, walk-in crisis support center for adults aged 18 and over. Located in Skokie, it operates 24/7, including holidays. The welcoming space is staffed by mental health professionals and recovery support specialists, and offers an alternative to hospital emergency rooms for mental health crisis intervention and support. These same mental health professionals and recovery support specialists also run Turning Point's Mobile Crisis Response Teams. These teams go out into the community to provide around-the-clock in-person help, ensuring timely intervention wherever and whenever it's needed.



Each year, Turning Point provides services to around 1,400 individuals, with roughly 90% of clients coming from low income backgrounds. Their comprehensive offerings include crisis intervention, outpatient therapy, case management, group programs, residential support, and community education workshops.

In short, Turning Point stands as a beacon of hope and resilience in Skokie, offering lifechanging resources to children, adults, and families facing mental health challenges. Its holistic, client-centered model continues to break down barriers and build a stronger, healthier community.

For more information, or to learn how to support Turning Point, please visit their website at **www.tpoint.org**.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner

Greetings to all. The spring and summer months always keep the entire highway department team extremely busy.

My staff and I were honored to participate in an assortment of community events for the past few months. It is a long-standing tradition to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Park Ridge. We were also on hand to represent Maine Township at the Des Plaines American Legion Post #36 Ceremony where we had the privilege to raise a flag and present a memorial wreath, honoring the sacrifices made by our courageous veterans who have lost their lives in service to our nation.

We also participated in 4th of July Celebrations in both the Niles and Des Plaines parades. Our staff members proudly marched alongside our truck carrying our banner, passing out candy, as well as giveaways and dog treats to an enthusiastic crowd. Thank you for the cheers of support.

In addition to the parades, the highway department participated in the annual Taste of Park Ridge, a fun event that many Maine Township residents attend every year.

This is the time of construction season when we prioritize the maintenance of sidewalks, curbs & gutters, as well as streets and right-of-way under our jurisdiction in the unincorporated area of Maine Township. This year we are focusing on a proposed Sidewalk Extension and Bike Lane in the area of Church Street and Western Avenue in Des Plaines, which will include but not be limited to



Niles Fourth of July Parade.



Catching up with Summer Santa Claus at Taste of Park Ridge.



Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais greets Former Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano at the Des Plaines 4th of July Parade.



Park Ridge Mayor Marty Maloney (l) and Commissioner Beauvais at Taste of Park Ridge.



Trustee Asif Malik (r) and Commissioner Beauvais at Des Plaines wreath laying ceremony.

removing concrete curb and gutters, affected pavement, as well as street, storm sewer and manhole removal and replacement, maintenance repair and restoration of right-of-way area soil, sod and gravel, topsoil and seed, and relocation and installation of signs. There will also be substantial restoration to Gregory Lane which will be occurring.

Signs will be posted on the right-of-way and at entrances to the streets posting the start date and restricted parking times from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Your cooperation with moving your vehicles off the street enables us to proceed with the process of repaving streets as quickly as possible.

My administrative staff has been busy processing state grant applications estimated at just over \$1,000,000 in additional funds for the maintenance and upkeep of unincorporated Maine Township. A special acknowledgement goes out to Cook County – particularly the Invest in Cook County grant staff and Illinois State Senator Laura Murphy and her staff for assisting us in this process and affording us the opportunity to utilize available grant money.

I am also grateful to my entire staff who have worked together as a solid team in assisting with our projects and their diligence in submitting grant applications which are currently pending final approval.

The Annual Tree Branch Pick-up Program continues for the remaining months on August 18th and September 15th, which will be the last pick-up date for the season. Please be mindful to follow the criteria posted on our website as to the size and length of branches which we can successfully chip with our equipment. Unauthorized yard waste **will not** be picked up, leaving the full responsibility of its disposal to the appropriate homeowner.

Upcoming Events – check Maine Township Website and our Facebook page for upcoming recycling and community events, as we always welcome your participation.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable remainder of summer. Once again please be mindful and use caution in school and construction zones. Safe roads should remain our top priority!

Hours: Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 3:30 PM

***Appointment Required* Call 847-297-5225**

to schedule or leave voice mail and include your name, address, and phone number. For quickest response email us at highway@mainetown.com. In case of EMERGENCY call 911 or if you have parked your car in a restricted area and it has been towed call Gene's Village Towing 847-537-9693.



CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Peter Gialamas

Hi All,

I am asked quite frequently "As a township clerk, what exactly do you do?"

Here is a list of the township clerk's responsibilities by statute:

In Illinois, a township clerk's duties revolve around record-keeping, election administration, and acting as a liaison between the township and other governmental entities. They are the official record keeper for the township, manage township meetings, and serve as the local election authority.

Specific Duties:

- **Record Keeping:** The clerk maintains all township records, including meeting minutes, legal documents, and financial records.
- **Meeting Management:** They record minutes of all township board meetings, prepare agendas, and ensure proper procedures are followed.
- **Election Authority:** The clerk serves as the local election authority, accepting petitions for township elections and

referendums, and certifying candidates and referenda to the county clerk, according to the Township Officials of Illinois.

- **Oath Administration:** They administer oaths of office to township officials.
- **Public Notification:** The clerk is responsible for publishing and posting legal notices, including those for the Highway Commissioner.
- **Ex-Officio Clerk of the Road District:** They maintain records for the Road District and oversee bid openings.
- **Financial Responsibilities:** In some townships, the clerk may also handle financial tasks like preparing warrants for township checks and maintaining the general ledger.
- **Tie-Breaking Vote:** In the event of a tie vote on the Township Board to fill a vacancy, the clerk can cast a tie-breaking vote.

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM

**For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 222,
email pgialamas@mainetown.com
or visit www.mainetown.com**

Recovery Connection



Recovery Connection has continued to expand its services and events for community members in recovery. Last month, Recovery Connection members took a trip to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts to see a production of *Bill W. and Dr. Bob* – a play about the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. Recovery Connection also brought members

and their families together for a night out at the ball field with the Chicago Dogs. If you or a loved one are struggling with substance use, help is here! Join us at our Friday night meeting – every Friday at 7:30 PM located at 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles or contact us at jnaughton@mainetown.com.

The Niles Lions Club sponsors FREE Hearing & Retinal Screenings

Friday, September 12th • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Town Hall Parking Lot, 1700 W. Ballard Rd., Park Ridge



ADULT HEARING LOSS – A common chronic disability. The earlier the detection, the better the chances for successful treatment.



VISION LOSS – Early detection of disorders such as macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy is critical to preserve vision, persons 55+ are encouraged to get free eye screenings.

For information: Contact Lion Ingried at 847-226-5519

MaineStreamers, Enhancing Lives After 55+

Hop on our coach bus as we head out onto one of our exciting upcoming day trips or events.

Galena Country Fair

Enjoy the day at the Galena Country Fair. An event featuring over 100 hand-selected artisans showcasing unique, high-quality handmade items.



Game Show Battle Rooms

Star in your very own live game show. Unleash the competitive spirit in you in a fun filled atmosphere.



China Lights

Brighten up your autumn evening at this incredible lights festival that has become a Milwaukee area tradition.



Members Enjoying Day Trips and Events



90+ Celebrants ages 100 to 104 with Township Officials



right: A day in Oak Park, Frank Lloyd Wright and Neighborhood Tour.



90+ Birthday Celebration, celebrating Maine Township residents who are 90+ years of age or older.



right: Enjoying the historic Pullman neighborhood Tour.

Joining MaineStreamers

For more information on this FREE membership, contact the MaineStreamers department at **847-297-2510** or visit mainetown.com/mainestreamers.

Identity Theft Scams and Prevention Tips (Town Hall)

Presenter: Agnieszka Lizak

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd • 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Everyday actions can leave anyone open to identity theft. The Illinois Attorney General's Office will present tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you. Learn to:

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



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Please call 847-297-2510 ext. 252 to register

Maine Events



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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Upcoming Meetings & Building Closures

Board Meetings on Aug. 26, Sept. 30, and Oct. 28 at 7 PM

Offices closed on Sept. 1 for Labor Day, Oct. 13 for Columbus Day, and Nov. 11 for Veterans Day

Neighborhood Watch - first Wednesday of every month at Town Hall, 7 PM

For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintown.com

How to Contact Our Departments

Main Phone 847-297-2510

Departments/Extension Numbers

Assessor's Office ext. 255

Clerk's Office ext. 222

Code Enforcement Officer . . ext. 259

General Assistance. ext. 236

MaineStreamers ext. 260

MaineStay Youth & Family Services ext. 261

Recovery Connection ext. 233

Office of Emergency Management ext. 232

Highway Department. . 847-297-5225

You may also e-mail any department by accessing the Township website: www.maintown.com

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