



# MAINELY NEWS



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Supervisor

Winter 2025

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1850



## Karen's Column

As I write this winter column, the days are short and the weather is cold. This is not the time of year when we can easily spend time outside soaking up the sun or enjoying nature and sports. As a result, feeling a bit depressed or anxious may be normal for us, but if these types of feelings are interfering with your regular activities or your enjoyment of life, you may benefit from receiving therapy from one of the trained professional therapists at Maine Township.

Our MaineStay Youth & Family Services department employs full-time professional counselors who can treat children and adults from ages 3 to 93. They offer affordable strength-based counseling, which focuses on the strengths you have in order to overcome difficulties you may be experiencing. Therapy sessions are available during daytime and evening hours and can be held in person or virtually. Individual, family therapy, and play therapy for younger kids are available.

In order to ensure that our young residents can easily access treatment, we provide therapy sessions to students at Maine West High School and at three District 63 elementary schools. In addition, we offer many different programs at the Maine Township Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. MaineStay specializes in fostering critical life coping skills among children through free or low-cost group

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## Maine Township Food Pantry



### Volunteers Needed!

We welcome new Food Pantry Director, Michael Pitzaferrero (above), seen unloading a weekly food delivery from the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Maine Township Food pantry volunteer opportunities are available to help end hunger in your community. With your help, you can provide the nourishment your neighbors need to improve their quality of life.

Volunteer opportunities can include sorting, packing, and distributing food. Email [mpitzaferrero@mainetown.com](mailto:mpitzaferrero@mainetown.com) or call 224-257-4839 to learn more.



Mariano's grocery store donated several hundred bags filled with essential food items



Commander James McGrath (center) from the Village of Niles - Municipality Post 3579 took up a collection of food to be donated to our food pantry. Pictured here with Township board members.

activities. Here is a list of some of their upcoming after-school programs:

**Family Fun Nights** for families with children ages 5 and up is March 6

**Imagination and Ink: A Creative Writing Journey** for grades 6-8 starts March 11

**Kids Spring Fest** for ages 6-12 is March 28

**YAM Squad: Frustration Tolerance Group** for grades 3-5 starts April 1

**Anxiety Coping Skills Group** for grades 3-5 starts April 1

**Shifting Sands: Sandtray Group** for boys in grades 6-8 starts April 1

**Family Connections: A Play-Based Parenting Program** for parents and their children between ages 2-10 starts April 1

**Workshop Improv Theatre** for ages 8-13 starts April 2

Finally, this summer, MaineStay will be offering two separate camps for ages 8 to 13, which will feature field trips to Chicagoland attractions. Each 2-week camp is only \$50.00. Look for registration to open about March 1st. ●



## TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Asif Malik

Volunteers are the heart of our food pantry, playing a vital role in ensuring that we can meet the needs of our community. With the growing demand for food assistance, the need for dedicated individuals to help

organize, pack, and distribute food has never been greater. Please consider volunteering in our pantry where you can help sort, pack and distribute food to those in need. Our OEM (Office of Emergency Management) also offers volunteer opportunities to help with Township events as well as receive emergency management training.

Please consider attending our monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings which occur the first Wednesday of every month at Town Hall. This program empowers residents to become active in community efforts through participation and works with law enforcement to reduce crime. The goal is to make neighborhoods safer by increasing awareness and reducing opportunities for crime.

Visit our website at [mainetown.com](http://mainetown.com) to explore all programs and events we offer year-round. Come check out our Assessor's Department where you can review your property tax bills and get questions answered about exemptions or make an appointment with our Clerk to renew your passport. You can contact MaineStay for counseling services and youth programs or join MaineStreamers which is a social group for seniors. We also have Recovery Connection which offers meetings and sober events for those in recovery. Our General Assistance program serves those in need who are financially distressed and if you are concerned about compliance in your neighborhood, please reach out our Code Enforcement Officer.

## Food Pantry Donors

Thank you to those who donated to our food pantry during the past year. You help ensure that no one goes hungry in Maine Township.

Ms. Dina Cload-Lindemann

Ms. Majorie Schulz

Mark & Joyce Zimmy

The Corrigan Residence

Yakub & Company, Inc.

The Copeland Residence

Ms. Geraldine Tarbutton

Glenview United Methodist Church

Ms. Sarah McCarty

Morton Grove WMNS Club

Lake Shore Retired Teachers Assoc.

Ms. Paula Stendel

Good Shepherd Community Church

Mr. & Mrs. Kobylski

The Goodsell Family

Ms. Marilyn Thomas

The Warren Avenue Neighbors

Mr. Robert Fincannon

Ms. Athena Columbus

The Lucas Family

Park Ridge Jewel Osco

Mr. David Diaz

Park Ridge Garden Club

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Ms. Emily Vlasich

The Adreani Foundation

C.S. Budny

Ms. Mary Ellen Murphy

Ms. Kristin Orlando

Mr. Jeffrey Resmer

Frederick & Denise Rhine

Mr. & Mrs. Cook

Mr & Mrs. Pinkerton

Mr. & Mrs. Hartogh

Mr. Daniel Corvo

American Rev 21st Star Chapter

Park Ridge Citizen Patrol

The South Church

Chamber of Morton Grove

Ms. Kathleen Mc Laren

Ms. Anita Rifkin

Mr. Gregory Daniel

Mr. Eliot Flint

Mrs. Rebecca Kay

The Berg Residence

The Cohen Residence

The Novack Residence

Mark Twain Elementary School

The Nuzzo Family

The Wagner Residence

The PCMI Corporation

Sheriff Tom Dart

Bradford Exchange

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The Alexander Residence

The Dalke Residence

The Steinberg Residence

The Stasica Residence

St. John Greek Church

The Govedarica Residence

Park Ridge Hunger Crop Walk

Ms. Czarnik

The Vine Street BBQ

Mr. Michael Cannizzo

St. Paul of the Cross Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church



## Food Pantry Donors *(cont.)*

Mr. Rickert	Ms. Diane Erickson	Hospital	Park Ridge Library
Mr. & Mrs. Jaffe	Mr. & Mrs. Rooney	Affy Tapple	The Sitkiewicz Residence
Mrs. Kowatz	Ms. Kathryn Johnson	William & Kathy Kabat	The Golden Residence
Park Ridge Wilderness Scouts	Mr. & Mrs. Killean	Eugene & Marilyn Schuler	Mary Seat of Wisdom
Park Ridge Community Church	Gillespie on the Go Inc.	Ms. Renate Stark	Lutheran General Pharmacy
Iroquois Community School	Ms. Helene Augustyniak	Ms. Janice Williams	Mariano's Park Ridge
The Schaefer Residence	Mr. Randall Gruhn	Carpenter Elementary School	Pickwick Theater
Ms. Shirley Patras	Jablon Family Foundation	Everbrook Academy of Park Ridge	Maine South DECA Club
The Baffe Residence	Oakton Community College	Emerson Middle School	Remax Properties
Ms. Marilyn Lausen	Mr. Ricki Mitnick	Cook County Commissioner, Maggie Trevor	Vitality Wellness
The Marcuccilli Residence	The Kroger Foundation	Lutheran General Hospital	The Armstrong Family
Ms. Helen Ideno	Mr. Hemali Shah	Ms. Keim	Maine Township Highway Dept.
The Cassin Family	Park Ridge Presbyterian Church	Ms. Julie Cook	Madeleine Cerrone
Mr. & Mrs. James	Niles Memorial V.F.W Post 3579	Mr. Palumbo	Saint Luke's Church
Ms. Kathleen Thornley	Lutheran General Children's		

## MaineStay Youth & Family Services - Upcoming Programs

MaineStay is an award-winning department that has been serving the mental health needs of our community for 50 years by providing affordable strength-based counseling along with youth and community programs focused on prevention and education.

**Family Fun Nights** – March 6 | 6-7:30 pm | families with children ages 5 and up | free

This drop-in event is designed to help families connect by choosing from activities that suit their interests—from playing games, engaging in arts and crafts, or enjoying a family-friendly movie.

**\*NEW\* Imagination and Ink: A Creative Writing Journey** – March 11 | 4-5 pm | 6 weeks | grades 6-8 | free

This program is designed to spark your child's imagination and hone their creative writing skills. During the program, we explore different genres and styles, from fiction and poetry to creative non-fiction.

**Kids Spring Fest** – March 28 | 1-4 pm | ages 6-12 | free

This event will feature fun, spring-themed activities where kids can try something different and make new friends during their spring break.

**YAM Squad: Frustration Tolerance Group** – April 1 | 4:15-5 pm | 10 weeks | grades 3-5 | \$40

This group teaches practical skills on how to deal with anger and frustration in a healthy manner.

**Anxiety Coping Skills Group** – April 1 | 4:15-5 pm | 10 weeks | grades 3-5 | \$40

This group helps participants learn effective ways to deal with stress and anxiety and emphasizes putting these skills into practice in real life situations.



**Shifting Sands: Sandtray Group** – April 1 | 5:30-6:15 pm | 10 weeks | boys in grades 6-8 | \$20

This group aims to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment for youth facing challenges at home or school.

**Family Connections: A Play-Based Parenting Program** – April 1 | 7-8 pm | 10 weeks | \$25

This play-based parenting program is an instructional group designed to enhance and strengthen the emotional bond between parents and their children between ages 2-10.

**Workshop Improv Theatre** – April 2 | 6-7 pm | 8 weeks | ages 8-13 | free

This program focuses on confidence building and expressiveness, as participants step outside their comfort zone and learn skills such as listening, public speaking, problem solving, and teamwork.

**Parenting Class** – April 3 | 6-7:30 pm | 6 weeks | \$40

This class uses an informative blend of video and discussion to help parents learn fun and practical ways to parent with more energy and less stress.

For a full list of MaineStay programs and online registration, visit [mainetown.com/mainestay](http://mainetown.com/mainestay) or scan the QR code.





## CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Peter Gialamas

Hi All,

I want to remind everyone to be sure and get out and vote in the upcoming April 1st, 2025 Consolidated General Election. This election will cover your local municipal positions such as mayor, alderman and city clerk as well as elected positions within the local townships. If you are not registered to vote, it has never been easier to sign up. You can come into the Clerk's office here at Maine Township and we can register you in person. Also, you can find all of the information you need on how to register to vote at the Cook County Clerk's Website which is <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections>. Here are the dates pulled from that website that you need to keep in mind:

### Early Voting

For the February 25, 2025 Consolidated Primary Election, traditional Early Voting will take place February 10 – February 24.

For the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election, traditional Early Voting will take place March 17 – March 31.

### Vote By Mail

Mail Ballot applications for the February 25, 2025 Consolidated Primary Election are now being accepted.

Mail Ballot applications for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election are now being accepted as of January 1, 2025.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID or social security number on file may request a mail ballot using an online or paper application.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted.

### Election Day Voting

Registered suburban Cook County voters can vote in their home precinct on Election Day or at one of the Election Day Vote Centers.

Visually impaired or print disabled voters may request an accessible mail ballot by calling 312.603.0976 or by emailing [christine.tucker@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:christine.tucker@cookcountyil.gov).

**Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM**  
**For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 222,**  
**email [pgialamas@mainetown.com](mailto:pgialamas@mainetown.com)**  
**or visit [www.mainetown.com](http://www.mainetown.com)**

## Agency Partner Spotlight: Avenues to Independence

Founded in 1953 in Park Ridge, Avenues to Independence has been serving individuals with disabilities in Maine Township and the Chicago area for more than 70 years, and is one of 29 non-profit organizations receiving funding from Maine Township. Established with a mission to provide essential services and support, Avenues creates opportunities for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities to thrive in their communities.

The organization offers a broad spectrum of services designed to help individuals develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed. These include residential programs, flexible day programs, life skills development, vocational training, and job placement opportunities. Avenues recognizes that each person is unique and works closely with individuals to create personalized plans that foster growth, independence, and well-being.

One of the pillars of Avenues to Independence is its residential services. These programs provide safe, supportive housing options where individuals with disabilities can live independently or semi-independently, while still receiving necessary support. The residential programs promote a sense of community and encourage independence, empowering residents to lead the lives they choose.



Avenues is also dedicated to helping individuals gain the skills they need to succeed in the workplace. Through job training programs and supported employment opportunities, the organization enables individuals to secure meaningful employment in the community. These programs focus on developing practical skills, boosting self-esteem, and providing ongoing support to ensure success in the workplace.

Avenues helps people with disabilities build the skills and self-confidence they need to become active, engaged members of their communities. Through its work, Avenues to Independence is transforming lives and creating a future where everyone, regardless of ability, can thrive.

For more information or to donate, please visit their website at [avenuestoindependence.org](http://avenuestoindependence.org) or call 847-292-0870.





# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner

Since it has been some time since our last edition of the *Mainly News*, Happy New Year Maine Township! As we find ourselves fast approaching the end of winter, it is a great time to reflect on all the good that the Highway Department and I were involved in the past few months throughout our community.

I have been blessed to be able to take part in so many charitable events and happenings since November. Our season began with two separate Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway events where we gave away well over 300 donated turkeys to families who needed a meal. Secondly, with your help in December, we were able to collect boxes and boxes full of new gifts during our Toys for Tots toy drive to give away to children who were less fortunate during the holidays. Finally, I was also able to assist Park Ridge Alderman John Moran at the Pickwick Theatre where he sponsored a movie in exchange for items to be donated to our Maine Township food pantry. We were truly humbled by the turnout and generosity of residents in attendance. We were able to load and fill up an entire truck full of goods.

We got to honor our veterans at the Des Plaines American Legion Veterans Day ceremony at Prairie Lakes, sponsored the veterans back to work boot camp program and job fair, take part in the Winterfest in Park Ridge and finally attended the holiday tree lightings in both Niles and Des Plaines. It surely has been terribly busy, but our hope is to carry that momentum of giving throughout the rest of the upcoming year.

Over the winter we have begun to finalize the last pieces of our 2025 project framework. In between routine day to day operations, and



Park Ridge Alderman John Moran & Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais loading food pantry donations into Highway Dept. truck at Pickwick Theater.

maintenance/plowing; our hope is to move forward with large scale preventative storm sewer work in Unincorporated Glenview. As we approach the spring, our focus will shift to beginning installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, and a bike lane along Church Ave. and Western Ave in Unincorporated Des Plaines. This work will also improve parts of incorporated areas in Park Ridge and Niles through an intergovernmental agreement. We will then hopefully move forward on multiple flood relief projects near Greenwood Circle and near Maine North. This work should complement storm water retention with the future MWRD improvements planned for along Central Road.

I look forward to seeing you all out in the Community. Thanks as always for allowing me the awesome responsibility to lead the organization that I love so much. My life has been truly enhanced by serving as Highway Commissioner and having the opportunity to interact with the entire community.



12th annual Village of Niles Chamber leadership luncheon.



above & right: Des Plaines Veterans back to work job fair.



left: Maine Township Elected Officials with Marine Corp Toys for Tots collection at the Highway Dept.

**Hours: Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**\*Appointment Required\* Call 847-297-5225**

**Tree branch pick up begins in April and is the 3rd Monday of each month through September. To report an emergency dial 911. If you leave voicemail please include your name, address & phone number or quickest response is via email at [highway@mainetown.com](mailto:highway@mainetown.com). If your vehicle was parked in restricted area and towed call Gene's Village Towing 847-537-9693.**



## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,  
Susan Moylan Krey

### Maine Township Assessor's Office Prepares for 2025 Triennial Reassessment

Residents of Maine Township should prepare for the upcoming 2025 Triennial Reassessment, a routine evaluation conducted every three years by the Cook County Assessor's Office.

The reassessment process aims to update the estimated market value of properties across the township. While the official date for filing appeals has not yet been announced, residents can expect to receive a Reassessment Notice sometime in 2025.

The Reassessment Notice will include critical information, such as the updated estimated market value of the property, key property characteristics, and the deadline for filing an appeal. Property owners will have a 30-day window from the date of the notice to submit an appeal if they believe the assessment is inaccurate.

Filing an appeal is an essential step for homeowners who wish to

ensure their property taxes are based on fair market value. It is recommended that residents review the details in their notice carefully.

### Assistance Available for Appeals

Once notices are released, the Maine Township Assessor's Office will offer assistance to residents in filing appeals. Details on how to access this support will be shared closer to the release date.

My office is committed to ensuring every property owner has the tools and support needed to file an appeal if they choose.

Residents are encouraged to monitor updates from the Maine Township Assessor's Office for the latest information on the reassessment process and the appeal filing procedure. Watch the Maine Township and/or the Cook County Assessor's website for more information.

**Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM**  
**For more information, call 847-297-2510, ext. 255,**  
**email [smkrey@mainetown.com](mailto:smkrey@mainetown.com) or visit [www.mainetown.com](http://www.mainetown.com)**

## Recovery Connection



Recovery Connection Staff, Marty Cook (center) and Jim Naughton (far right) were invited to speak with parents, students, and staff at Maine East High School about the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and vaping. We were happy to join with the City of Park Ridge Police Department and the Niles Engage Program to share facts about substance abuse and provide a full range of resources available to individuals in recovery and their families. If you or a loved one needs assistance with addiction, please do not hesitate to reach out to Recovery Connection at Maine Township - 847-297-2510 ext. 233. There is a solution.

## Maine Happenings



**Town Hall closed** for Presidents Day



**MaineStay's Social Wellness Night** which supports youth in socializing with peers and promotes positive mental health



**Kids Mainestay's Spring Fest** featuring fun, spring-themed activities where kids can try something different and make new friends during their spring break



**Election Day** - Consolidated general election. Consider registering to vote in our Clerk's office.



**Annual Town Meeting** - Hear about Township accomplishments and financial status



**MaineStreamers 90th Birthday Celebration** - celebrate your birthday with us. Call 847-297-2510 ext. 252 to register.



**New Term of Office** for Supervisor, Clerk, Trustees, and Highway Commissioner

**Neighborhood Watch:** 7:00 pm, first Wednesday of each month held at Town Hall

**Recovery Connection Speaker Meeting:** 7:30 pm, Every Friday: held at Oasis Water Park, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles



# MaineStreamers, Enhancing Lives After 55+

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

## Sanfilippo Place De La Musique - Spring Swing Concert

Enjoy an elegant lunch in the Eden Palais Carousel Pavilion at the Sanfilippo Estate followed by an organ concert in the Sanfilippo Residence and Theater.



## Tulip Time - Holland Michigan

Spend the day in Holland, Michigan and celebrate the Dutch heritage with countless acres of tulips and exploring the best of Holland.



## Midnight at the Masquerade

Unmask the killer at the MaineStreamers' Masquerade Ball, a Murder Mystery Dinner at a local venue.



## Members Enjoying Day Trips and Events



Holiday Floral Design Workshop



Nitti's Supper Club - Who Killed Eddie O'Hare: A true crime history musical dinner



Harold Washington Library tour



right: Palmer House tour

## Joining MaineStreamers

For more information on this FREE membership, contact the MaineStreamers department at 847-297-2510 or visit [maintown.com/mainestreamers](http://maintown.com/mainestreamers).

## MaineStreamers' Holiday Luncheon



Maine Township Elected Officials celebrating the MaineStreamers' Holiday Luncheon at Chateau Ritz.



## 90+ Birthday Celebration

Residents in Maine Township who are 90 years and older in 2025 are invited to our 90+ Birthday Celebration. It will be held on **Thursday, May 15th** at Chateau Ritz.

If you would like to celebrate your 90+ Birthday with us, please call **847-297-2510 ext. 252** to register. A separate invitation will be mailed out to all registered!

**Registration Deadline May 1st**



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Mon - Fri : 9 AM - 5 PM



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## Upcoming Meetings & Building Closures

**Board Meetings** on February 25, March 25, and April 29 at 7 PM.

**Annual Town Meeting** on April 8

Offices closed on February 17 for Presidents Day.

**For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit [www.maintown.com](http://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](http://www.maintown.com)

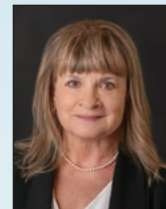
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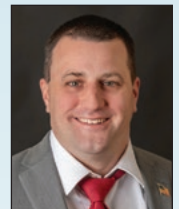
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Supervisor



**Peter Gialamas**  
Clerk



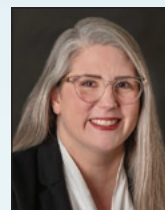
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Assessor



**Ed Beauvais**  
Highway Commissioner



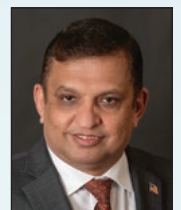
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**James Maher**  
Trustee



**Asif Malik**  
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