



Karen's Column

Decennial Committee

In my last column, I described the Decennial Committees, which the Illinois General Assembly has required certain units of local government, including townships, to create. Our Decennial Committee must draft a report and should attempt to answer the question, "What new services could the township provide to residents?" After my last column I did receive a couple of calls suggesting that we offer hazardous waste disposal, create better public transportation, and adopt a more efficient way to collect garbage in the township. We are exploring these suggestions, but we hope to hear from more residents.

However, I thought it would be helpful to review some of the services that we currently provide, in case you are not aware that these benefits are available to you right now.

Assessor

- Property tax appeals
- Property tax exemptions
- Property tax bills

Clerk

- Handicapped parking placards, RTA and Ventra cards
- Hunting and fishing licenses, license plate stickers
- Passports, notary, refuse stickers
- Voter registration

Code Enforcement in unincorporated area

- Abandoned vehicles
- Yard maintenance
- Garbage collection issues

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Another Successful Community Garage Sale!

Our annual garage sale event, which was organized by MaineStay Youth & Family Services Department, brought in approximately 1,000 people. We would like to thank our sponsors: Journal & Topics Newspapers, Chicago Behavioral Hospital, Parkway Bank, State Senator Laura Murphy, International Bank of Chicago, State Representative Michelle Mussman, and Garvey's Office Products.



Cook County Commissioner Maggie Trevor (l) visits our offices at the Township, pictured here with Supervisor Karen Dimond (r).

Maine Township Food Pantry



Mercer County Farm Bureau in partnership with Senator Laura Murphy donated fresh fruit and vegetables to local area food pantries. Maintenance Director Mike Samaan and Code Enforcement Officer Nader Ghazaleh (both pictured in back) help with the pickup for the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Food Pantry

- Open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- "Weekend go-bags" for children
- Volunteer Opportunities

General Assistance

- General Assistance for low income residents
- Utility assistance programs
- Medicare SHIP advice
- Summer camp scholarships

MaineStay Youth and Family Services

- Affordable counseling and therapy
- Community Education Seminars
- Summer camps, tutoring, Peer Jury
- Coping skills groups

Recovery Connection

- Friday night meetings
- Group outings
- Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Services

- Day trips and extended travel
- Bingo and fitness classes
- Lunch programs and concerts
- MaineStreamers newsletter

Maine Township also provides periodic educational events such as Cook County Sheriff classes on self-defense and avoiding scams, Cook County Clerk classes on finding pending cases, Cook County Assessor classes on appealing your property taxes, and Niles-Maine Library classes on internet safety.

We also host annual events that provide other services our residents need such as paper shredding, electronics recycling and "Dumpster Days," when residents can dispose of large items. In addition, we always have boxes in our Town Hall lobby where you can deposit unused prescriptions, unneeded eyeglasses, plastic bags, and small electronics such as cell phones. Our Community Garage Sale also allows you to sell items you do not need (while buying new treasures). All of these services help you dispose of unneeded items responsibly and in an environmentally safe way.

But we realize there may be other unmet needs that we might address, or other ways in which we might be more efficient, so we urge you to contact us about them. You can express your opinion by writing to me, emailing me at kdimond@mainetown.com or calling me at 847-297-2510 ext. 224 with your ideas. Thank you. ●



Prescription Drug Take Back, Recycling & Shredding Event



Sponsored by Maine Township and The Cook County Sheriff's Office



Saturday, October 28, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MAINE TOWNSHIP parking lot
1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge



Prescription Drug Take Back

The Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program provides a free service for collecting unwanted medicine from Cook County residents by authorization of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Electronics Recycling

The Sheriff's Recycling Program disposes of unwanted electronics to protect the environment and to keep communities safe.

Paper Recycling

All unwanted paperwork
Please remove all paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands

More information at 847-297-2510 ext. 251 or mainetown.com.

Mobile Vet Clinic for Rabies Vaccines & Microchipping

October 14, 2023 • 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 Jenny at 847-297-2510 ext. 251.



General Assistance

Our General Assistance department helps senior and disabled income eligible residents receive a discount on their license plate sticker. If you're a senior needing help navigating Medicare, don't hesitate to meet with our SHIP certified Senior and Disability Advocate. Our LIHEAP energy assistance program for gas and electric bill assistance for low income residents will officially begin as of October 2, 2023. There will be two priority periods where only select households will be eligible to apply before the program is offered to all eligible Cook County residents.

The first priority group, beginning October 2, 2023 are households with a senior who is 60 or older, person(s) with a disability and families with children under the age of six years.

The second priority group, beginning November 1, households disconnected from one or both utilities or in danger of being disconnected from one or both utilities can apply for energy assistance benefits. Beginning December 1, all other households may apply for the energy assistance program.

If you have any questions about any of the programs, call the General Assistance Department at 847-297-2510 ext. 236.



TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, Kimberly Jones

The signs of Fall are finally here! The trees are ablaze with color, the air is cool and crisp and the ubiquitous

autumn flavors of apple cider and pumpkin spice have returned.

At Maine Township our commitment to the community doesn't wind down as the year does. We provide many services and events to our residents. For example, October 27, we are sponsoring a Trunk or Treat party in our parking lot for all your little ghosts and goblins. October 28, there is a paper shredding and electronics recycling event. These are popular, so get here early. November 3, the Secretary of State mobile unit will be visiting us to assist residents with their driver's license and ID needs.

We hope to see you soon at one of our events or to provide you a service.

Maine Township wishes you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season!

Recovery Connection

With August being National Overdose Awareness Month and September Recovery month, the Maine Township Recovery Connection has been busy educating the community on the ill effects of drugs and alcohol, while also supporting those who are staying sober.

Our summer long "One Pill Can Kill Fentanyl is Fatal" sign campaign will culminate with a community presentation titled What Parents Need To Know about opioids. This summer we partnered with community leaders and local businesses to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic.

In addition to educating the community on addiction, providing the lifesaving medication Narcan and our Friday night recovery meeting, Recovery Connection continues to advise individuals and their families before, during, and after treatment for substance use disorders. For questions contact Marty Cook at **847-297-2510 ext 233**.



International Festival

Many cultures and ethnicities were represented and everyone who attended enjoyed music, a variety of performances and cultural dishes from many countries. Maine Township would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting our International Fest which took place September 30th.

Illinois State Senator Laura Murphy
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Evans Marshall & Pease
Flood Brothers Disposal Recycling Services
Brunch Café
Parkway Bank
Park Ridge Paint & Glass
National Group Health Alliance
Ancel Glink



Greater Food Depository



Food Pantry Director Nick Kanehl (l) and Food Pantry Assistant Steve Amari (r) attend training as they prepare for our partnership with Greater Food Depository.



Identity Theft Presentation

October 17, 2023 • 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

This free class covers protection of your private records, email, Social Security number, credit cards, and more. To register for this class please call Jenny at **847-297-2510 ext. 251**.





CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Peter Gialamas

I am pleased to announce that our department can now renew your license plates right here at Maine Township.

To purchase your sticker, you will need:

- Illinois Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Driver's license number and license plate number
- If using the Benefit Access Program, the Benefit Access discount control number will be needed to receive your registration fee discount when purchasing license plates or a renewal sticker

Convenience fee for each renewal is \$7 (charged by Maine Township to cover processing.)

Renewals will be available during the following hours at the Clerk's Office:

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

No appointment required.

For more information, call 847-297-2510 ext. 222, 223 or 225.

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

4th of July Parades

Maine Township Elected Officials showed community support and marched in the local parades for the 4th of July holiday.



Pictured here are Trustee Kelly Horvath, Supervisor Karen Dimond, Trustees Kim Jones, Asif Malik and James Maher and Office of Emergency Management Director Eddie Olewinski.



Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais, Trustees Asif Malik and James Maher and Maine Township Highway Department staff.

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Blood Donation



BLOOD DRIVE

October 12, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1700 W. Ballard Rd
Park Ridge, IL. 60068

To Register:

call Jenny @ 847-297-2510
ext. 251

ONE PINT OF BLOOD
SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES

A PINT FOR A PINT OF
CULVERS FROZEN CUSTARD!

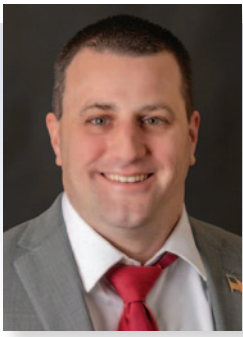
Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 27, 2023 • 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Maine Township parking lot
1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge



For more info: 847-297-2510 ext. 251.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner

What a busy summer we have had. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you this year at community events and throughout our neighborhoods. It has been challenging but also extremely rewarding to help solve some of the issues that we have faced together and have arisen within our jurisdiction.

I have implemented an annual community survey in which we will use every year to help dictate the priorities and direction of Highway Department projects and resources. This year we received an overwhelming response from the community and after compiling survey results, unincorporated residents have once again placed drainage and flood control at the top of their priority list.

I am happy to announce that we have just completed a major drainage project in the area northwest of Greenwood and Ballard Rd. along with many area road improvements. We hope that these improvements provide relief to area residents, and we look forward to utilizing additional State funded relief opportunities as we plan for next year's projects. I look forward to continuing to see you all out and about at fall and winter community events and hearing your input on how we can improve as a local entity.

Since Fall has now arrived and winter is not far behind, we ask residents to please take the following precautions: When contracting with snow removal providers, please make them aware that snow removed from your driveway or sidewalk, is to be placed on your property, not Maine Township Highway Department right-of-way or in the street (see Maine Township Ordinance to avoid paying violation fee). If your mailbox is in the right-of-way, make sure to request that a path be made to allow the post office to deliver your mail. If you are elderly and have difficulty moving, plan ahead with family members, friends, neighbors or with local community contacts who can assist you in delivering your mail or other needs during times of inclement weather. Ice provides many safety challenges for us all, so you may wish to keep a bag of salt or snow melter handy to keep your stoop and pathway to your parked vehicle clear when temperatures fall below 32 degrees. Wearing weather-friendly shoes/boots helps but always be careful when walking out in the elements.

Maine Township Highway Department trucks are large/heavy and driving on ice and snow can be challenging. Please be wary of the drivers' blind spots and do



Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais, Trustee Asif Malik and residents enjoy festivities at National Night Out Event



Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais oversees 2023 Annual Drainage Project



Current Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais alongside Former Highway Commissioner Bob Provenzano serving residents at the "Taste of Park Ridge."

not try and pass one of our trucks when it is plowing or spreading salt. For everyone's safety, while it may be tempting to try and stop the snowplow truck in the street to speak with the driver, instead, please call the highway department office with any questions or concerns.

You may also report any abandoned cars parked on your street to Maine Township Code Enforcement Officer (847) 297-2510 x259. If a stop sign is down, please call the office during working hours Monday through Friday or if after hours on holiday or weekends, report to the Cook County Sheriff's Office (847) 635-1188.

If you observe a large pooling of water or iced over spot on sidewalk or right-of-way, it may be possible that there is a water main break. If located in unincorporated Maine Township, please notify the water company Aqua 24-hour Phone# (877) 987-2782.

If you park your vehicle on the street, you may wish to carry a small shovel to clean the area surrounding your vehicle after snow is plowed on the street to allow for easier access to your parked vehicle. Do not park your vehicle in restricted parking areas, as your vehicle may be towed, and you will be responsible for towing fees. Also, please pay close attention to snow route signs for over two inches of snowfall. If your vehicle is towed, you may call Gene's Village Towing at (847) 537-9693.

If you are unable to get ahold of us in the office, please leave a VM with your name, address, and phone number. Your call will normally be returned within 24 hours Monday-Thursday, messages left on Friday will be returned on Monday. For quickest response email us at highway@mainetown.com or if you prefer call to request an appointment. To report an emergency, please call 911.

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



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Assessor,
Susan Moylan Krey

2022 Second Installment Property Tax Bills Mailing in November

2022 Second Installment Property Tax bills, payable in 2023, will be late this year. The bills will be mailed in November. The new triennial reassessment value will be used to calculate this bill. Once it has been released by the Cook County Treasurer, taxpayers can view, pay, and print out a copy of their property tax bills. The Second Installment will be due in December.

Second Installment property tax bills include property tax exemptions calculated by the Cook County Assessor and local tax rates calculated by the Cook County Clerk. It is important to review these bills to ensure your exemptions are correctly posted. For the tax year 2022, taxpayers eligible for the Low-Income Senior Freeze application must reapply, as it will not auto-renew. If you do not see your exemptions, please contact my office for assistance at 224-257-4830.

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

National Night Out



Maine Township officials Clerk Peter Gialamas, Supervisor Karen Dimond, Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais, and Trustee James Maher are pictured here with poster contest winners at Maine Township's 2023 National Night Out.

Secretary of State Mobile Event

Friday, November 3, 2023 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Maine Township • 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

Services Provided at the Mobile Event:

- Renewal/Correction of Driver's License
- New/Renewal/Correction of State ID
- License Plate Renewal Stickers
- Motor Voter Registration With Renewal of DL/ID
- Organ Donor Registration With Renewal of DL/ID
- Seniors Age 65 And Up (No Charge for State ID)

Proper identification will be needed for the listed services.

All payments must be made by check, debit card, or money order only. **No cash accepted.**

Please note: Seniors ages 75 and over, must visit a permanent Secretary of State driver's services facility to renew drivers licenses.

Due to enhanced security requirements, Real ID compliant driver's licenses and ID cards must be processed at a driver's services facility. They are not available at mobile events.



For more information: 847-297-2510 ext. 251.

MaineStreamers, Enhancing Lives After 55+



Merry, Merry Chicago!

Enjoy one of Chicago's favorite musical holiday shows at the Symphony Orchestra, Chicago.



MaineStreamer Holiday Luncheon

There is no better way to ring in the holidays than with the MaineStreamers' holiday luncheon and Rosie and the Rivets for their retro themed Christmas Show.

Members Enjoying Day Trips and Events



Summer evening at Locavore Farm, a true farm-to-table experience.



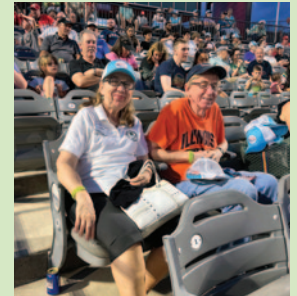
Fabyan Villa Museum and Japanese Garden



Members enjoying a narrated Fireboat tour on Lake Michigan, Chicago



A day in Saugatuck, Michigan exploring the sandy dunes on a Dune Ride.



Supervisor Karen Dimond and MaineStreamers at the Chicago Dogs baseball game.

Joining MaineStreamers

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

MaineStay Youth & Family Services

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

Tutoring – October 4 | 4-7 pm (1-hour sessions) | 10 weeks | grades 1-5 | \$50

Using a small-group format, our experienced tutors and certified teachers work with students to improve academic skills and self-confidence.

Inside Out Explorers: Emotion Regulation Group – October 16 | 6-6:45 pm | 8 weeks | grades K-3 | free

This new group will provide a safe and supportive environment for children to explore their emotions, improve emotional intelligence, and learn healthy coping skills.

Self-Esteem Building Group – October 16 | 4-4:45 pm | 8 weeks | grades 2-4 | free

This new group will help students learn more about themselves, discover their strengths, and increase their self-efficacy through art, games, and empowering stories.

Cooking Class – October 26 | 4:30-6 pm | 5 weeks | ages 8-17 | \$12/week

This class, taught by an experienced chef, will teach different cooking

techniques, knife safety, and culinary concepts, designed to encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

Parenting Class – November 2 | 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.

Pride Program – 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 6-7 pm | ages 13-17 | free

This program provides a safe environment for young people who identify as LGBTQ+, who are questioning their affectional orientation or gender identity, or who are allies.

Mentoring – every other Tuesday | 6-7:30 pm | ages 8-12 | free

Our award-winning Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program meets in a structured group setting and helps children enhance their social skills, confidence, and academic success.



Our Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp participants enjoyed a variety of fun activities this summer, from playing in a pond of slime to geocaching.

For more information on these and other MaineStay programs visit mainetown.com/mainestay, email mainestay@mainetown.com, or call 847-297-2510.

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Town Hall Hours

Mon - Fri : 9 AM - 5 PM



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Upcoming Meetings & Building Closures

Board Meetings on Oct. 24, Nov. 28, and Dec. 28 at 7 PM.
Check www.maintown.com for information about Board Meetings held via video conferencing.

Offices closed on Nov. 10 for Veterans Day, Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving, and Dec. 25 for Christmas.

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

MAINE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS



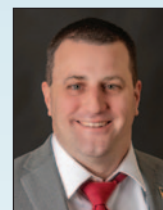
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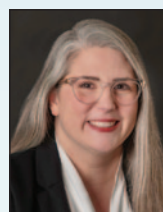
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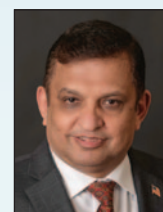
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Trustee



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