

# MAINELY NEWS



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Summer 2023

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1850



## Karen's Column

### Decennial Committee

What is it? On June 10, 2022, the Illinois General Assembly enacted PA 102-1088 creating the "Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act" This Act requires certain units of local government, including townships and township highway departments, to (1) form a committee to study local efficiencies and (2) create and file with the county board a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability. We held our first committee meeting on May 23rd and began a draft of our report. One question the report attempts to answer is "What new services could the township provide to residents?" We would like your input on what township services you would like to see offered or changed in the future. Stop by my office or call me at (847)297-2510 ext. 224 with your ideas and suggestions.

### Spring Cleaning

Once again, Maine Township held a trio of FREE spring events to help you clean your house of unwanted paper, electronics, and items too large to fit in your trash bins. These events included our Spring Shredding Event on March 25th, our Electronics Recycling Event on May 13th and "Dumpster Days" on June 9 and 10.

In addition, we always have boxes in our Town Hall lobby where you can deposit unused prescriptions, unneeded

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## Community Garage Sale Set for Sept. 9

Maine Township's 17th Annual Community Garage Sale is scheduled rain or shine for Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Space reservations for Maine Township residents will be accepted beginning August 1 at 9 am and on August 8 at 9 am for all others.

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, visit [mainetown.com/garagesale](http://mainetown.com/garagesale) or contact Emily Toomey at 847-297-2510 or [etoomey@mainetown.com](mailto:etoomey@mainetown.com).

## Town Hall Given Landmark Status



Landmark plaque unveiling ceremony (l to r): Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais, Trustee Kimberly Jones, Clerk Peter Gialamas, Senator Laura Murphy, State Representative Michelle Mussman, Trustee Kelly Horvath, Trustee Asif Malik, Trustee Jim Maher, and Supervisor Karen Dimond.

eyeglasses, plastic bags, and small electronics such as cell phones. We want to help you dispose of items responsibly and in an environmentally safe way.

### See You this Summer

Now that the weather is warm again, we hope to see you outside at various events. Earlier this summer, your Maine Township officials made plans to march in the Park Ridge Memorial Day parade and the Niles and Des Plaines Fourth of July parades. Did you attend and catch any candy or beach balls from us? Later this year, we will host National Night Out at Dee Park on August 1, our Community Garage Sale on September 9, and an International Festival on September 30. Look for more details in our future e-newsletters and plan to attend.

### Food Pantry Donations

We receive many donations to our food pantry around the holidays, but those donations decrease during the summer months. We have planted a garden again this year at our Town Hall, but the vegetables will not be ripe for months. Yet hunger does not go away in mid-summer. So please continue to keep our pantry in mind for your dollar and food donations. If you can drop off food during our business hours, consider donating meat and other fresh foods, which our food pantry patrons particularly appreciate.

I will keep my column short this month so as to leave room to thank the many individuals and organizations who made food pantry donations this past year. See list below. Thanks! ●

## Food Pantry Donors

Thanks to the many individuals and organizations who made food pantry donations this past year.

9th District Council - The American Legion	Dorothy Hendee Trust	Julie Cook	Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce	Ronin Papa
A. Kamerman	Dream Town Realty	K. Schenk	Morton Grove Womans Club	Roosevelt Girl Scouts Troop
A. Lauterbach	Ellen Valles & Gary Wyshel	Karen Biviano	Mr. & Mrs. Novak	Sarah McCarty
Adreani Foundation	Emily Vlasich	Kathleen Zorano	Mr. & Mrs. Dassinger	Scott & Deborah Giannini
Advocate Older Adults	Esther Fisiz	Kathleen Thornley	Ms. Rebecca Kay	Senator Ram Villivalam
Alex Golden	Forest Arthur Greenhill	Kathryn Murray	Nelson Automotive	Shaji Abraham – Believers Academy
Ali Bawamia & Saeeda Patel	Friends of Kimberly Jones	Katie Corrigan	Niles Memorial V.F.W Post 3579	Sharon Cook
Alice Hunt	Gayle Maloney	Kenneth Schoy	Niles Township	Sheldon & Beverly Copeland
Amy Stanec	Gemini Middle School	Kenneth & Janelle Marcuccilli	Noah Collins	Sheryl Watkins
Ana Biviano	George Alexander	Kimberly Hendee	Norman & Kathleen Pater	Shirley Patras
Andrew & Mary Lou Baffes	George & Family	Kristen A. Svatos	Equality Asset Management, LP	Soconno Dominguez
Annette Boschian	Geraldine Tarbutton	Kristin Orlando	Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce	St Luke's Christian Community Church
Anthony & Kathleen McMahon	Geri Dalke	Larry & Candace Martin	Park Ridge City Hall	St Luke's Lutheran Church
Anthony & Nancy Lala	Glenview United Methodist Church	Laurel Galiger	Park Ridge Community Church	St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
Ariadne Golden	Good Shepherd Community Church	Laurie Knodel	Park Ridge Garden Club	St. Luke's Church
B & J E Hartz	Great Discounters	Lilligen	Park Ridge Presbyterian Church	St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bertling Residence	Gregory Daniel	Linda LaPorte	Park Ridge Wilderness Princesses	Stephen & Igne Serpe
Brandee Crisp	Gregory Daniel	Lizabeth Herrera	Park Ridge Wilderness Scouts	Sterling Retail Services, Inc
Bruce & Diane Erickson	Gwen Corrigan	Loftus & Loftus LTD	Pat McGuire	Steve Lollino
C. Patel	Hemp CBD Wellness	Louise Friedenson	Patricia Bendarnz	The Ceramics Club of Oakton Community College
C.S. Bundy	Henry & Sue Caldwell	Madiha Abdelrahim	Patricia Long	The Family of John Miller
Candace Martin	Henry Hebron & Georgia Nechi	Margaret Hall	Patricia & Wayne Lofthouse	The Harris Family
Carol Rickert	Howard Kay	Marilyn Lausen	Paul Swanson	The South Church
Carol Cubberly	Illinois Assn Swedenborg Church	Marjorie Schulz	Paula Stendel	Theodore & Leslie Quist
Carpenter Elementary	Irene Horst	Mark Gotthelf	R & G Benedetto	Thomas & Laurie Mallin
Catherine Pauline Kelly	Jadwiga Kowalewski	Mark & Joyce Zimny	Randall & Sharon Gruhn	Tim Crowley
Charles Myers	James & Mary Schaefer	Mark & Kathy Streit	Redeemer Church	Timothy & Anne Scallon
Charles & Margaret Hartogh	Janet Milstead	Mary Ann Mallahan	Resurrection Medical Center – Family Medicine Residency Program	Todd & Kathleen Raeder
Chris Parafinczak	Janet Miller and Family	Mary Beth Golden – City of Park Ridge	Ricki Mitnick	Tyler Weddington
Christian Iherdi	Jasubhai Patel	Mary Ellen Murphy	Rita Powell	Victor Marzullo
Christine Griffith	Jean Webb	Mary Slegler & John Murphy III	Rob Biederman	Vine St. BBQ Community Outreach NFP
CJ Hutchinson	Jeffrey & Elizabeth Resmer	Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church	Robert & Gail Brandt	Waldemar & Therese Maier
Countryside Saloon	Jeffrey & Holly Schneider	Marylou Czarnik & Jennifer Mascarella	Robert & Jean Keleher	Washington Elementary
Crop Walk	Jeffrey & Rebecca Bork	Max Bolech	Rochelle Galluzzi	William & Ellen Montgomery
Curtis & Sue Carlson	Jewel – Benny Velazquez	Mervyn & Kathleen McLaren	Roman Mario	Yakub & Company, Inc.
Daniel & Sharon Polan	Jennifer Sebille	Michael & Barb Bliefernich	Ron & Cynthia Kurowski	
Darlene Deryke	Jewel – Benny Velazquez	Michelle Matula	Ronald & Susan James	
David Millman	Joan Sebastian	Million Dollar Round Table		
Des Plaines Community Foundation	John & Dawn Cormack			
Dina Cload Lindemann	John McNabola – Center of Concern			
Don Hoeg	Judge Law LLC			





## TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Trustee, James Maher

Hello Maine Township residents.

The spring and summer is a great time to support our township events and outdoor activities. The April 24, 2023 *Eid al fitr* ("breaking of the fast") celebration in support of our Muslim residents; our very popular recycle event on May 13, 2023; and our Recovery Connection's fentanyl abuse campaign at the Park Ridge Health Fair on June 10, 2023 are all excellent examples of the community events and the community services which Maine Township Departments continue to excel in bringing into the open for everyone to enjoy. I am looking forward to National Night Out against Crime on August 1, 2023, and to the Maine Township Community Garage sale event on September 9, 2023 as great future events. Thank you to all the township employees whose hard work makes these events possible.

## Recovery Connection

In 2021 more than 107,000 Americans died from drug overdose, with the unfortunate toll on families and communities the federal government has deemed the opioid crises to be a "public health emergency" The Maine Township Recovery Connection and the State of Illinois have collaborated to make Narcan nasal spray available free of charge at Maine Township Hall, and at weekly Recovery Connection meetings at Oasis Water park in Niles.

Narcan nasal spray is a medicine that can be used in emergencies to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, but it can be expensive and challenging to access. By making this medication freely available in public spaces, we are lowering barriers to crucial harm reduction tools in Maine Township. Beginning in June, people with opioid addictions or their family members can request Narcan via appointment, no questions asked.

In addition to providing this life saving product, the Recovery Connection program continues to advise individuals and their families before, during, and after treatment for substance use disorders.

For questions about Recovery Connection, or to obtain Narcan, contact Marty Cook at **847-297-2510 ext. 233** or email: [mcook@mainetown.com](mailto:mcook@mainetown.com)

## Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award



Dr. Teri Collins, pictured here with Supervisor Karen Dimond and representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Department, was presented with the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award this year for her tireless commitment to community service.

## Prescription Drug Take Back, Recycling and Shredding Program



Maine Township and the Cook County Sheriff's Office held a prescription drug take back, recycling and shredding program in May.

This event was free of charge and many residents came out to participate.





## CLERK'S CORNER

Clerk, Peter Gialamas

Hi All,

I am proud to announce that you can now renew your Illinois vehicle license plate sticker right here at our Clerk's Department. This service started at the beginning of June and in addition to the cost of the sticker, there is a \$7 convenience fee. We will be taking cash or credit/debit cards, but no personal checks. You can come in Monday through Friday from 9 to 4 pm with no appointment required. For more information, please call 847-297-2510 and ask for the Clerk's Department.

**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)**

## Taste of Des Plaines



(l to r) Administrator Dayna Berman, Finance Assistant Izabela Debowczyk and OEM Director Eddie Olewinski pass out township information and materials at the Taste of Des Plaines.

## Memorial Day Parades

(l to r) Supervisor Karen Dimond, Trustee Jim Maher, Trustee Kelly Horvath, Assessor Susan Moylan Krey, Trustee Asif Malik & Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais participating in the Des Plaines Memorial Day Celebration.



Trustee Asif Malik (second from right) and Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais (far right) along with the Highway Department staff and crew coming out to participate in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade.





## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner

Greetings from the Highway Department! We hope everyone is having a fun packed summer with family

and friends throughout our community. We are and will continue to be very busy taking advantage of the small weather window to get as many projects as we can completed. The following is a sneak preview of what is in the works for this summer in unincorporated Maine Township:

### 2023 Highway Department Annual Projects:

Below are the streets included in this year's projects. (Our hope is to get all of them, but there may be a deviation as time and resources allow).

Sections of Lyons Street, Delphia Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Home Circle, Howard Court, Donald Terrace & Donald Court (William Avenue to Donald Street Cul-de-sac), Flora Avenue (Victor to William), Harrison Street (Washington to Flora), Nellie Court, Julie Drive (Victor to Dead End) and Helen. If you live on any of the above noted streets, please plan for alternative parking for your vehicles, as there will be restricted street parking and driving on the street from 6AM – 6PM (watch for signs being posted).



It was an honor to participate in the Park Ridge Memorial Day parade, along with the Des Plaines Memorial Day ceremony, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It was a very humbling reflective day overall.



Maine Township Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos recently conducted a review of a critical flood relief project moving forward in Maine Township. This project is part of a broader intergovernmental agreement signed by the Maine Township Highway Department, Maine Township and MWRD, with the aim of enhancing creek flow and alleviating flood risks in the unincorporated areas of Maine Township. Flood relief will continue to be our top priority moving forward into this construction season.

### Decennial Committee Information Survey:

The Highway Department is recruiting volunteers residing in Unincorporated Maine Township willing to participate and give their input in a short six (6) question survey regarding infrastructure project priorities. Please go to our website at [mainetown.com](http://mainetown.com) and print out our Decennial Committee Information Survey, complete survey, scan, and email to [highway@mainetown.com](mailto:highway@mainetown.com)

The information provided will be invaluable in the determination of community priorities for future budgeting and planning purposes. Thank you to all of you for your help in making our community better every day!

If we are currently on the other line or temporarily away from the phone, please leave 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](mailto:highway@mainetown.com) or if you prefer you may call and 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

### Are You or Someone You Know a Veteran with a Disability Rating of 30% or More?

My office and I love and support our Veterans at Maine Township. I want to make sure that all eligible Veterans are receiving these deductions on their property tax bills. In Cook County, Veterans with a service-connected disability of 30% or greater, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, may be eligible to apply for an exemption. Veterans that are 70% or more disabled may be totally exempt from property taxes on their homes.

In May, all renewal Veterans with Disabilities Exemption applications were mailed by the Cook County Assessor to any Veteran that had the exemption on the 2021 property tax bill.

For the tax year 2023, new legislation allows Veterans who are rated 100% disabled and classified as "permanently and totally disabled" to be automatically renewed.

### Persons with Disabilities Exemption will Auto-Renew

Due to new state legislation, residents that received the Persons with Disabilities Exemption on last year's property tax bill (2021) will be automatically renewed. New applicants need to complete an application.

### 2022 Second Installment Property Tax Bill Expected to be Late

Due to the delay in the 2022 assessment process, I am expecting the Second Installment Property Tax bills to be mailed in late fall or early winter. I will post any updated information on the Maine Township website.

**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)**

## Adult Programs

### Computer Security

**Wednesday, August 9,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Niles-Maine District Library in partnership with Maine Township will be presenting a free Computer Security Program. Learn the various measures you can take to keep your computers, smartphones, and tablets secure with antivirus software, web browsing, email, password best practices and much more.

*To Register please call  
(847) 297-2510 ext. 221  
No Charge*



### Understanding Medicare

**Wednesday, April 12th,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

*Presented by the State of Illinois  
Department on Aging, Senior Health  
Insurance Program (SHIP)*

Come hear the latest information about Medicare benefits.

SHIP can answer questions about:

- Medicare (eligibility, coverage options, etc.)
- Medicare - Medicaid Dual Eligibility
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap/MedSup)
- Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO, PFFS)
- Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

*To register please call Monika  
(847) 297-2510 ext. 252  
No Charge*



### Digital Navigation Service

**Thursday, September 21,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Niles-Maine District Library, in partnership with Maine Township, will be offering a new Digital Navigation Service. Come to this informative session to learn about how to get help if you need assistance with:

- Low-cost Internet access at home
- Getting a connected device
- Accomplishing a specific technology goal
- Building digital skills

*To register please call  
(847) 297-2510 ext. 221  
No Charge*





# MaineStreamers, Enhancing Lives After 55+

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



## Fall Shoreline Scenic Lake Delavan Tour, WI

Enjoy beautiful Delavan Lake aboard the 76-foot Lake Lawn Queen, lunch on the boat while viewing unique architecture of several Frank Lloyd Wright homes.



## Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66 & Old Joliet Prison Historic Tour

Visit the new Rock & Roll Museum that celebrates the musical contributions of Illinois to the world and take a guided tour of Old Joliet Prison and learn its history.

## Members Enjoying Day Trips and Events



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



Members enjoying a High Tea at the Park Ridge Country Club.



MaineStreamers enjoying a Mexican Fiesta.



Trustee Kimberly Jones swings at a piñata.

## Joining MaineStreamers

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

# MaineStay Youth & Family Services

## Anxiety Coping Skills Group – September 5 | 5-6 pm | 8 weeks | grades 3-8 | \$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.

## Art in the Town – September 18 | 4-4:50 pm (ages 6-8) | 5-6 pm (ages 9-12) | 12-weeks | free

This program helps participants enhance their artistic abilities while increasing confidence and social skills.

## Workshop Improv Theatre – September 20 | 5-6 pm | 8 weeks | ages 8-14 | free

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

## Youth Anger Management Group (YAM Squad) – September 27 | 5-6 pm | 10 weeks | grades 6-9 | \$40

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

## Tutoring – October 4 | 4-7 pm (1-hour sessions) | 10 weeks | grades 2-5 | \$50

This program provides personalized assistance designed to improve academic success. Using a small-group format, our experienced

Emily Toomey, Erin Callahan, and Arielle Kalvelage of Maine Township's MaineStay Youth & Family Services hold up the community collaboration mural completed by attendees at Speak Des Plaines' Community Pride Celebration held at Maine West High School on June 3. The mural is captioned "Happy Pride Month."



tutors work with students to improve academic skills and self-confidence.

## Pride Program – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 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.

For more information on these and other MaineStay programs visit [mainetown.com/mainestay](http://mainetown.com/mainestay), email [mainestay@mainetown.com](mailto: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 July 25, Aug. 22, and Sept. 26 at 7 PM.  
Check [www.maintown.com](http://www.maintown.com) for information about Board Meetings held via video conferencing.

Offices closed on July 4th for Independence Day, Sept. 4 for Labor Day, and October 9 for Columbus 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)**

## MAINE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS



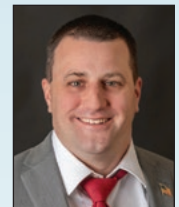
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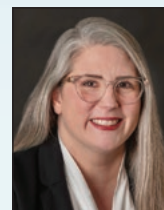
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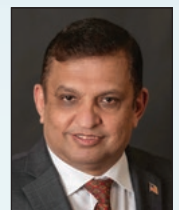
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