



Mainely News

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How our Township supports residents in need

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A photograph of several American flags, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. The flags are slightly out of focus, creating a soft, patriotic background.

Honoring our Veterans

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Catching up with Kim

Supervisor Kimberly Jones

I'd like to thank Oakton College for opening doors to education that may not otherwise exist.



Supervisor Kimberly Jones was honored with the Oakton College Distinguished Alumni Award. She was joined by Township staff and elected officials at the ceremony.

Local colleges like Oakton are so valuable to our communities, in part because they expand educational possibilities for so many people.

I was recently honored with Oakton's Distinguished Alumni Award, and I see this award as an opportunity to remind Township residents of the incredible classes and variety of pathways to higher education, career development or personal growth that Oakton provides.

Oakton offers something for people of all ages, and we are so fortunate to have them in our community. Thank you Oakton College!



Clerk's Corner

Clerk Peter Gialamas

Thank you to everyone who made National Night Out another success.

It's inspiring to see people come together for an evening of fun, food and community, with families enjoying activities, meeting local first responders and connecting with neighbors. A highlight every year for me is the poster contest, where children create posters in line with the theme of National Night Out. This year, the theme was *together we shine brighter than crime*.

My office can help with passport applications.

If you're planning international travel, the Clerk's Office is available to assist with passport applications by appointment. Staff provide guidance throughout the application process, verify required documents to help ensure everything is complete and accurate, and can assist with expedited passport requests for those who need their passport more quickly. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Simply call the Clerk's Office at 847-297-2510 to schedule an appointment.



Winners of the Maine Township National Night Out poster contest gather with Township officials at Dee Park.



Highway Department Update

Commissioner Ed Beauvais



The Highway Department continues updating sewer and drainage infrastructure wherever possible while the weather remains nice. As a friendly reminder, please always try to exercise caution and patience in your commutes, especially while in school and work zones.

One of the responsibilities that I take most seriously as Highway Commissioner is roadway safety. We have been conducting several traffic studies in the unincorporated portion of Maine Township to see if there is a need for additional safety or traffic calming measures to be put into place.

The Highway Department also believes in strong community engagement, supporting local partnerships, and giving back to this incredible place we call home as often as possible.

A few recent highlights of our community involvement this summer included:

- Volunteering at the Taste of Park Ridge.
- Several giveaway events.
- Park Ridge Market after Dark.
- Co-sponsoring the Des Plaines Fall Fest.
- Educational seminars and job fairs.
- Cultural days at Dee Park.
- Community gatherings like National Night Out.
- Recycling collaborations.

We are supporting Pumpkin Palooza in Park Ridge from 4 to 10:30 p.m. on October 3, and Harvest Hoot in Des Plaines on October 17 from 12 to 4 p.m. Please join us.

Several area winterfests will also be coming right around the corner!

Believe it or not, we are already starting to look ahead to winter and preparing for any challenging road conditions that can come with it. We remain ready to respond to snow, ice, or any other adverse conditions that may arrive.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in us while we do what we can to help support all of you!





Assessor's News

Assessor Susan Moylan-Krey

2025 Second Installment Property Tax Bill was due on October 1, 2026

I have been informed by residents that they have experienced delays or problems with the delivery of their 2025 Second Installment Property Tax Bill.

If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, you can view and print your bill online at www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

It is important to make sure your property tax bill is paid by the October 1 deadline. If you have questions about your bill, we can help.

Certificates of Error can be processed at Maine Township

If you believe you were eligible for a property tax exemption, but did not receive it, my office may be able to assist you with a Certificate of Error.

Eligible homeowners may apply for missed exemptions for up to three consecutive prior tax years (2022–2024), provided they meet the requirements for the exemption during those years.

Exemptions may include:

- Homeowner Exemption
- Senior Citizen Exemption
- Low-Income Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption
- Persons with Disabilities Exemption
- Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

If you believe you may have missed an exemption, please contact us for help.

The Assessor's Office can be reached at 224-257-4830. The Assessor's Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Trustee's Corner

Trustee Elizabeth Lynch

MaineStay Youth & Family Services provides vital support to our community.

As Trustee, I witness firsthand the vital support MaineStay Youth & Family Services provides our community. Here are just a few ways they can help:

- **Affordable Counseling:** MaineStay offers compassionate, strength-based therapy for all ages, available in person or virtually on a sliding fee scale.
- **Youth Programs:** Enjoy upcoming free events like Trunk or Treat on October 29, Family Fun Nights on November 5, and Kids Fall Fest on November 23.

Visit mainetown.com/mainestay to see more programs and services and how to register. Please also check out the MaineStay section on page 6 to learn more.

Recovery Connection

Recovery Connection creates a supportive community for those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. On Friday evenings, Recovery Connection hosts a speaker followed by dinner and fellowship among Recovery Connection participants. This is a great first step to get more involved.

Maine Township recognized International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. It's an opportunity to remind residents that Narcan is available, free of charge, at Maine Township Town Hall.

If you or someone you know can use help or is interested in becoming involved, please call 847-297-2510 x233 to learn more.

Maine Township supports residents in need

General Assistance and Township Services

This is a selection of commonly used services. Please visit mainetown.com for a full list.



Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP can help low-income families with a one-time credit toward their winter utility bills. Applications become available in Fall.



Benefit Access Program

This program helps seniors and people with disabilities obtain free transit rides and can also help residents receive a discount on their license plate sticker. Please call us to schedule your appointment and obtain a list of documents to verify eligibility.



Food Pantry

You can come to the Pantry during normal Pantry hours and fill out a simple form and receive food once every two weeks.

Pantry hours:

Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Health insurance support including Medicare enrollment

Maine Township provides free assistance for residents who have problems or questions about their health insurance. A trained Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) representative can answer questions on benefits and coverage, particularly Medicare, Medicare Supplements, and Long Term Care Insurance.



Public aid advocacy for Medicaid and Food Stamps

Township staff are available to help residents complete forms from Public Aid for benefits including SNAP (food stamps) and Medicaid.



Senior and disability advocate

Seniors and people with disabilities facing financial, medical or personal challenges can meet with our advocate to learn how to access government assistance programs.

All services, except the Food Pantry, require appointments and may require proof of eligibility. It is typically best to call Maine Township at 847-297-2510 to learn more about what assistance you may be eligible for, the required documentation to qualify, and to schedule an appointment.

It's always a good time to host a food drive.

If you are part of an organization that would like to hold a food drive to benefit our pantry, please contact Food Pantry Director Michael Pitzaferro at 847-297-2510 or by email at mpitzaferro@mainetown.com and learn how your organization can help reduce food insecurity in our community. The holiday season is always a popular time for food drives, but please know we can use support at any time of year! You can also reach out to Michael to volunteer.

MaineStay Youth & Family Services

For over 50 years, MaineStay has faithfully served the Maine Township community with the mission of building healthier families by providing affordable, strength-based counseling, prevention initiatives, and comprehensive youth and educational programs that support growth, resilience, and well-being.



Supervisor Kimberly Jones participates in Trunk or Treat. This annual event returns to the Maine Township parking lot on October 29 from 4-6 p.m. The event is free and open to all ages.

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



Select Upcoming Programs Include:

- **Trunk or Treat** – October 29 | 4-6 p.m. | all ages | free
- **Family Fun Nights** – November 5 | 6-7:30 p.m. | families with children ages 5 and up | free
- **Kids Fall Fest** – November 23 | 1-3 p.m. | ages 6-12 | free

Affordable Counseling Services

MaineStay offers high-quality, compassionate counseling services for the whole family both in person and via telehealth. Our clinicians use a respectful, strength-based counseling approach designed to assist you in meeting your goals as quickly as possible. We work with children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Services are available at a reduced cost using a sliding fee scale. Our Intern Therapists have immediate openings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In-School Counseling Services

To help increase access to mental health services for youth, MaineStay also offers counseling services during the school day at four different school locations. We have partnered with District 63 and District 207 to provide in-school counseling services at Apollo, Melzer and Washington Elementary Schools, and Maine West High School. These services are provided free of cost to families and arranged from referrals received directly from each school.



Vision and Hearing Testing and Vaccine Clinic

Thursday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Maine Township, 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge.

This convenient event offers free adult hearing and vision testing. The Flu, COVID-19, Shingles, RSV, Pneumonia, Hepatitis B, and Tdap vaccines are scheduled to be available. Please remember to bring your health insurance card if you plan to receive any vaccines. Pre-registration is not required.

If you have questions about the health benefits and impacts of vaccines, or if you are unsure which vaccines and screenings might be right for you, please consult your primary care physician prior to the event.

Maine Township is partnering with the Niles Lions Club and Jewel-Osco to host this event.

MaineStreamers

Enhancing lives for residents 55 years of age and older

It was another summer to remember for MaineStreamers members. Thanks to our friends at Superdawg for putting together a fun presentation on the history of their iconic local restaurant, and for providing the Superdawgs and fries for attendees!

And of course, summer wouldn't be complete without baseball. The MaineStreamers were able to catch a "Crosstown Classic" match between the White Sox and Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Select Upcoming Programs

Understanding Medicare

Wednesday, October 21 from 6 to 7 p.m.
Maine Township Town Hall – 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge.

Presented by the State of Illinois Department on Aging and Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). You can hear the latest information about Medicare benefits. SHIP can answer questions about eligibility, coverage, Medicaid dual eligibility, supplement insurance, and more. The event is free but registration is required by calling 847-297-2510 ext. 252.



Veterans Breakfast

Thursday, November 5 from 8:30 to 11 a.m.
Registered attendees will receive additional details.

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.

This year's breakfast will include the presentation of the Colors by American Legion Post 36, the National Anthem sung by Wayne Messmer, and an Honor Flight Chicago representative sharing information about their Honor Flights.

Each Veteran attending will bring a copy of a photograph of themselves in uniform, along with their name, branch and dates of service to add to a new Veterans Holiday Tree that will be displayed at Town Hall.

To be recognized at the event, please register by calling 847-297-2510 ext. 252 no later than October 23. Thank you for your service and we look forward to celebrating you.

One Of A Kind Show, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago

Thursday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registered attendees will receive additional details.

Enjoy the "One of a Kind Show," Chicago's favorite holiday shopping destination, now in its 25th year. It is just in time for the busiest shopping season of the year. More than 600 independent artisans will set up at the annual Holiday Show held at The Mart.



Visit maintown.com to see all programs, registration details, fees and membership information.

Maine Township

1700 Ballard Road
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Upcoming board meetings

Meetings held at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Dates and times subject to change. Visit mainetown.com and our Facebook page for updates.

October 27 | *November 24* | *December 22*

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Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch brings residents together from around the Township with local government and law enforcement to help build community awareness, boost safety, and resolve issues. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Everyone is welcome.



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Maine Township Elected Officials



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Clerk



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Assessor



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Highway
Commissioner



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Trustee



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