THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CONNECTION







OCTOBER 11, 2023

Senior Fair with State Senator Dan McConchie 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OCTOBER 14, 2023

Shredding Event 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Rules of the Road Review with Secretary of State 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Your Elected Township Officials

FALL 2023

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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We have been busy at the township office working with our residents in various ways, some of which includes Medicare, loaning medical equipment, and providing transportation for our seniors to get to doctor appointments, grocery shopping and other events.

Our Assessor's office has been helping residents to understand their assessment notices and assisting with appeals. The Highway Department has accomplished much while working on new roads, shoulders, and culverts throughout the township. They will also be preparing for winter, which will be here soon.

The township board is constantly looking into ways to improve services and work with other agencies to improve services and save money. Please know that we welcome your input, so feel free to contact us with any comments or suggestions.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter!

Sincerely,

Lincoln F. Knight
Wauconda Township

Supervisor

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR TOWNSHIP!

Stay up to date with our events and events around your area by signing up for our E-News @ www.waucondatownship.com



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SENIOR TRANSPORTATION



Let's get out and have some fun!

With winter right around the corner why not let the Wauconda Township Senior Transportation do the driving! Our bus service is for seniors, age 60 and over. The service provides transportation to doctors, hair salons, local grocery stores, banks and can also assist with local prescription pick up. We also go on weekly shopping trips to various retail stores and lunch. If you would like a monthly calendar of our events sent to you, please give us a call.

We hope this service will help seniors hold on to their independence. Come out and have some fun! We ask that your driveway and sidewalk is free of snow and there are no low hanging branches for the safety of you and the drivers. Please call the office and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

This free service is for seniors that live in Wauconda Township. Our hours are Monday – Friday 8:00-4:30 and is on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions or for more information about what we have to offer call Wauconda Township Senior Transportation at (847)526-8688. If we are not immediately available, please leave a message.

Lisa Iverson, Transportation Director



ACTIVE ADULT EVENTS

Fearful Fairy Tales October 13 10am

Kari Pohar, Program Coordinator from Catholic Charities, will bring us more of the seemingly innocent stories from our childhood revealing the wicked truth! Fun and light refreshments will be served. This presentation will be held in the township hall. Donations are requested but not required to Lake County Senior Services. Please RSVP for planning purposes.

Ride Lake Geneva October 18 10am departure by bus from the township parking lot. We will follow the Wisconsin Scenic Drive around Geneva Lake to see the colors. Lunch stop on the way home at the Olive Garden in McHenry. Ride is FREE. RSVP required.

White Elephant Bingo October 23 1:30-3pm Join friends for various games of Bingo and bring a new or gently used unwrapped item to share for the prize table. This event will be held at 200 S. Barrington Road in the Federated Church of Wauconda Community Room FREE.

Pumpkin Painting October 31 10am We will provide the pumpkins, paint and paraphernalia to decorate. Frightfully delightful treats will also be served in the Wauconda Township Hall. Cost \$5.00 RSVP required *Note - new location than previously published*

Documents You Don't Think You Need-Until You

Do November 2 10am Estate planning is necessary for all of us, regardless of income and assets. Learn what basic legal documents you will need to qualify for various government programs. Elder Law Attorney Melissa Kallio of Dutton Casey and Mesoloras will be presenting this informative program.

Tai Chi 4 week Monday classes 1:30 -2:30pm November 20, 27, December 4, and 11. This presentation will be held in the township hall. Donation of \$10 is requested but not required to Lake County Senior Services.

AARP Smart Driver Course November 28 and 29

9am-lpm each day. This award-winning defensive driving course could save you money on auto insurance. Instructor Betty Lawler will conduct these 2 half day classes. Cost \$20 for AARP members \$25 for nonmembers.

Rollin' In the New Year Party

December 27 12-2pm. Join friends at the Wauconda Township hall for a luncheon and the music of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin sung by the incomparable "LUDY and his LADY". Cost of \$10 to be paid at time of RSVP – seating limited.

White Elephant Bingo Returns!

January 22 1:30 – 3pm Chase away the winter blues having fun with friends. Bring a new or gently used, unwrapped gift for the prize table. FREE

Owls of Lake County January 23 1-2pm There are 8 different types of owls found in Lake County. Discover "whoo" these incredible creatures are and how they have adapted to survive in the wild. Donations are requested but not required to Lake County Senior Services.

Valentine's Day Party February 12 1:30-3pm

Join friends for some sweet treats and music by Randy Walker in the township hall. FREE

White Elephant Bingo February 26, March 25, and April 22 1:30-3pm Bring a new or gently used, unwrapped gift for the prize table. FREE

Pollination: Plant Survival Tactics April 16 1-2pm

Explore the intricate interdependencies of nature and how it arranges for a variety of insects to assist with it's survival. Donations are requested but not required to Lake County Senior Services.

Unless otherwise stated, all events will be held at the Wauconda Township Hall 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda, IL. Please RSVP two weeks prior to the event or it might be cancelled due to low attendance numbers.

RSVP to Lisa Knight 847-526-1800

For transportation needs call Lisa Iverson 847-526-8688.



Wauconda Township supports filing applications for the Benefit Access Program. This provides a discount on the annual renewal of the license plate sticker for one vehicle, two years in a row and a Ride Free transit pass with the RTA. To qualify, one must be at least 65 years old or under 65 and receiving SSDI , live in the state of Illinois, and meet the criteria of no more than \$33,562 gross income in the previous year when filing for a one person household or \$44,533 for filing for a two person household.

Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15 through December 7 every year. This is the time to look at your current Part D drug coverage or Medicare Advantage Plan and determine whether there might be less expensive coverage available to you. The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) assists individuals who are aging into or who are already enrolled in the Medicare system with individual, unbiased counseling. Appointments will be accepted starting October 1, 2023.

The township maintains a medical equipment lending closet. Wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, shower chairs, transfer benches, commodes, toilet risers, canes, and bed rails are taken as donations and lent at no charge to people recovering from surgeries or injuries. These items may be borrowed for the duration of recovery or until clients receive a Medicare covered replacement.

Please call Lisa Knight at 847-526-1800 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Lisa Knight, Senior Advocate



INFORMATION FROM THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CLERK

As your dedicated Township Clerk, I am delighted to bring you the latest news and updates in our Fall newsletter. Our township plays a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for all its residents. We are committed to providing essential services that ensure the safety, well-being, and prosperity of our community. From maintaining our roads and infrastructure to overseeing local elections and zoning regulations, our township is here to serve you. We work tirelessly to create a welcoming environment where every resident can thrive.

Our involvement goes beyond administrative duties. We are your neighbors, and we encourage you to reach out to us with any concerns, ideas, or

questions you may have. The township is a resource for you, and we are here to help and support you in any way we can. Whether it's seeking information about local events, accessing resources for small businesses, or addressing community issues, your township is your go-to place.

Thank you for being an integral part of our township. We look forward to continuing to serve you and strengthen our community bonds. Please remember, your township is here to support you in every season of life.

My email is drose@waucondatownship.com if you have any questions or if you want to sign up to receive monthly emails on agendas and the approved minutes. Hope to see you at the meetings, the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Happy Fall!

Danielle Rose, Wauconda Township Clerk

ARE YOU IN NEED OF DIAPERS,

or do you know of someone in need of diapers?

Wauconda Township is in Partnership with
Keeping Families Covered Diaper Bank.
We can provide diapers for children up to 4 years old and for adults. Keeping Families
Covered can also provide other essentials like baby wipes, infant formula, maternity wear, and children's clothing/shoes (birth to youth size 12).
Feminine products are also available.

Please call the Township for any additional questions.



2023 HOLIDAY



This Holiday Season, donors will have the option of providing gift cards or wrapped items for local families in need. Some of the acceptable gift cards:

- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Iewel
- Woodman's

The Sign-up period will be November 1st through December 1st. Some restrictions will apply.

Please contact Melissa Garcia

at 847-526-2631 for additional information.



WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

(Or until truck is at capacity).

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP
505 W. BONNER ROAD
WAUCONDA, IL 60084

847-526-2631

LIMIT OF 4 BOXES/BAGS PER VEHICLE.

REMINDER: YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES & HAVE ITEMS READILY AVAILABLE FOR SHREDDING.

EVENT SPONSORED BY:



AWINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



FALL!

As the weather starts to turn colder this time of year, the Assessor's office would like to remind you of items to be aware of regarding exemptions you may be eligible for. Did you or your spouse turn that golden age of 65 this year? If so, then you can qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption. This is in addition to the General Homestead Exemption. You may also qualify for the Low Income Senior Assessment Freeze if your total household income is \$65,000 or less. Our office would also like to remind you if you have not completed it already, renewals of the Senior Freeze, Disabled Person & Disabled Veteran Exemptions must be completed as soon as possible. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding your renewals or need assistance filing the exemptions. Our staff would be happy to answer any questions you may have with any exemptions or tax assessments.

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season Kristin Carlson, Wauconda Township Assessor

FALL/WINTER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

The 2023 Pavement resurfacing projects of Forest Garden Road and Spencer Highlands are complete and we are getting the engineering done for 2024 improvements. The last brush pickup for unincorporated residents only is scheduled for October 9th, 2023.

A few winter reminders:

- Remove obstacles from Right of Way.
- If snow is imminent on trash day, be sure to place totes off the roadway.
- Make sure your mailbox is in good repair and can withstand the heavy snow load.
 Mailboxes will only be replaced if our plows hit them with a treated post and standard box only.



Our department is committed to ensuring a safe driving environment on our roadways, please do not hesitate to call us if you see something that needs our attention. As always, it is our pleasure to serve you, let us know if there is anything the Road District can do to better serve you.

Have a wonderful and safe Fall/Winter,

Wauconda Township Highway Commissioner, Scott Weisbruch and Staff.



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LIHEAP- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program helps Lake County residents pay their gas and electric bills, providing federal guidelines are met. This program is designed for seniors, disabled and low-income families.

Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 to schedule an appointment.

The 2024 program will be open and available as follows:

October 2nd - Seniors, Disabled & households with children under 6 years old.

November 1st - Disconnected or imminent disconnect households.

December 1st - General Public.

All who qualify must meet the Income Guidelines below:

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Family Size	30 Day Gross Income
1	\$2,430
2	\$3,287
3	\$4,143
4	\$5,000
5	\$5,857
6	\$6,713



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Township Clerk: Danielle Rose847-526-2631

Township Case Worker: Melissa Garcia847-526-2631

Senior Advocate: Lisa Knight847-526-1800

Township Business

Manager: Lupe Magallanes847-526-2631

Township Trustees: Kevin McKernan

Mary Beth Santi Jim Whitehead Ed Lochmayer ECRWSS
Postal Customer

Support Services



GENERAL/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

We can assist with rental or mortgage payment(s) if qualifications are met. Some restrictions apply. Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 for more information. **Applications are available at the Township Supervisor's Office.**



SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE

Salvation Army - Assistance is available for emergency situations only. Some restrictions apply. The Township only services the Villages of Wauconda and Volo. For your designated area, please contact the Salvation Army Headquarters directly. **Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 to schedule an appointment.**



FOOD STAMP (LINK), MEDICAL

Food Stamp (LINK) & Medical applications are available at the Township Supervisor's Office. **You can also apply on-line at www.abe.illinois.gov.**



LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Applications for Lake County Housing Authority are also online at www.lakecountyha.org.



WAUCONDA/ISLAND LAKE FOOD PANTRY

505 West Bonner Road. Wauconda, IL 60084 Phone 847.526.8684, wilfp.org

Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 11:45 am; Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm