

THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CONNECTION



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19, 2023

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

JULY 15, 2023

Recycling Extravaganza
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 18, 2023

Secretary of State
Super Senior Event
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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.

SPRING 2023

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Your Elected Township Officials

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

As we exit the winter months and enter the refreshing Spring season I'd like to thank our Road District for their hard work keeping our roads clear for the safety of all of us. Although we didn't have as much snow as usual, we still had many "events" where it was either freezing rain, sleet and or ice storms to send our team out to work. They have done a great job once again.

In the Supervisor's office our staff have been diligently working with our residents on many tasks. Whether it's organizing our hall for meetings and events, or helping fill out paperwork regarding things such as LIHEAP, Medicare, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Handicap placards or just helping seniors with their phones, we are always finding ways to help those in need.

Have you seen the recently expanded Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry? What a great benefit to the community and easier than ever to shop. The food pantry is also computerized now with easier access for qualifying residents. We are very excited to continue to work together with the Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry.

With our Senior Transportation, we can help you get to your doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and even join in on special events. Please call our office for more information on transportation at (847) 526-8688.

For our veterans, we have been working with the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County. If you are a veteran, or the family of a veteran, please let us know how we can assist. Please feel free to visit our new easier-to-use website for additional information on services that we offer here in the township at www.waucondatownship.com.

As always, the Board and I are here to serve you, please feel free to reach out to us. Be safe and well while we enjoy moving into the Spring season.

Sincerely,

Lincoln F. Knight

Wauconda Township Supervisor



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@www.waucondatownship.com

**Pick up your
FREE STICKER!**

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Welcome Spring and Seniors!

Wauconda Township Transportation is not only here to get you safely to your doctor appointments but also to get you to hair appointments and local grocery stores. Our service is specifically designed to help area active adults 60 and over with their transportation needs. This service is at no charge!

Every Wednesday we venture out to the big box stores then out for lunch. Here are a few of the places we visit monthly:

- Woodman's
- Meijer's
- Walmart
- Target
- Trader Joe's
- Honeybella
- J&D's
- Deacon's Restaurant
- Island Café
- Village Squire and many more!

If you would like a monthly calendar of our events sent to you, please give us a call.

Not only do we drive locally, we also go as far as Libertyville, Vernon Hills, Crystal Lake, Barrington and McHenry. We can also drive you to Good Shepherd

Hospital, Condell Hospital and Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital.

If you have any questions, or want to sign up for your transportation needs, please give us a call at (847) 526-8688. If we are not immediately available to answer your call, please leave a message. Our hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Come join in on the fun!

Lisa Iverson, *Transportation Director*



CARD PLAYERS - Free to play, every Thursday



ACTIVE ADULT EVENTS

Monthly Bingo games in the township hall
April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th 1:30-3pm.

White Elephant Bingo Bring new or gently used unwrapped items to be shared on the prize table. Invite friends for an afternoon of a variety of Bingo games. FREE!

May 17th The Citadel Theater production of 'AIRNESS'.
Airness is an exuberant reminder that everything we need to rock is already inside of us. A comedy about competition, completion, and finding the airness inside yourself. Cost of \$30 with departure time of 10:30am from the township parking lot and lunch will be on our own. Seats are limited.

May 31st, 1:30 - 2:30pm, Hand and Foot Sugar Scrub Creations You will be going home with your own decorated jar of body exfoliant, scented or unscented, that you will make yourself, under the guidance of Catholic Charities Senior Care Coordinator, Kari Pohar. A donation of \$5 is suggested to defray the costs to Catholic Charities programming.

June 8th, 10-11am Brain Games Invite friends to participate in a morning of fun and mildly challenging brain teasers designed to improve your memory with confidence. Led by Kari Pohar of Catholic Charities. A donation of \$5 is suggested to defray the costs to Catholic Charities programming.

July 13th to August 31st, 10-11am Matter of Balance classes are part of an evidence-based program designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels for participants. This 8 week course is a progressively in-depth program that examines why we fall and how to overcome the fear that follows a fall. You will be instructed in light exercises geared to increase confidence and flexibility. It is limited to twelve attendees and will be held every Thursday in the township hall.

September 13th, 10am – 2pm Fun in the Sun Senior Picnic Enjoy a boat ride, bingo, vendor tables, entertainment and a BBQ lunch on the shores of beautiful Bangs Lake. This annual event is a partnership between Wauconda Township, Wauconda Care and Rehab Center, Wauconda Library, and Wauconda Park District. Located at the park district at 600 N. Main Street, Wauconda. Cost TBD with registration being taken at Wauconda Township and Wauconda Park District.

September 21st, 10am CUB (Citizen's Utility Board) Presentation Learn what you can do to lower your utility costs. Discover what the future of gas and electric billing is going to look like and how we can fight it.

September 25th, 1:30 – 3pm White Elephant Bingo Bring new or gently used unwrapped items to be shared on the prize table. Invite friends for an afternoon of a variety of Bingo games. FREE.

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.

ZUMBA - Every Monday, \$5 per class, no commitment/flexible.





SENIOR ADVOCATE

Wauconda Township supports filing applications for the Benefit Access Program.

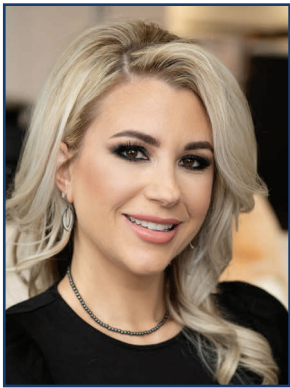
This program provides a discount on the annual renewal of the license plate sticker for one car two years in a row and a Ride Free transit pass with the RTA. To qualify, one must be at least 65 years old or under 65 and on Disability, live in the state of Illinois, and meet the criteria of no more than \$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.

We have SHIP counseling available. The Senior Health Insurance Program assists individuals who are aging into or who are already enrolled in the Medicare system. SHIP counselors provide individual, unbiased counseling to Medicare eligible beneficiaries to help them understand health care costs and coverage and to make the most appropriate choice for their health care needs.

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

With many new people moving to Wauconda Township and current residents making changes, you may be wondering what residents should do and where you can find more information. I thought it would be helpful to share some important information. As always residents can visit www.lakecountyil.gov to use as a great source to access information and services. You will be able to find vital records such as birth, marriage license, death, election information and property taxes. If you do not have access to the internet or a computer, you can call 847-377-2400.

Where and When I Can Vote or Register to Vote?

The local places where you can register to vote is Wauconda Township Hall, Wauconda Library, Wauconda Village Hall and the Lake County Clerk's office located at 18 N. County St., Room 101,

Waukegan. You can also register using the Illinois Voter Application on the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

(You will need a valid Illinois drivers license or state ID)

If you are voting for the first time, you must vote in person and not vote by mail, unless the person first provides sufficient proof of identity, and the County Clerk verifies the person's proof of identity. People who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity to the County Clerk shall be notified by the County Clerk that the registration has not been fully completed. That person will remain ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented. If you choose to register to vote by mailing in an application, your mail-in form must be postmarked prior to the close of the registration period.

The Consolidated Election will take place on April 4, 2023. For additional information, please visit LakeCountyClerk.info for all election information.

My email is drose@waucondatowship.com if you have any questions or if you would like 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 6:00pm.

Happy Spring!

Danielle Rose, *Wauconda Township Clerk*



LakeCountyClerk.info for all election information

APRIL 4TH

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded
medication for safe disposal.

April 22nd from 10am - 2pm

Wauconda Township - 505 W. Bonner Road

Wauconda, IL 60084

***we will NOT be accepting syringes**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.



CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Substance Use Prevention Coalition
chooseyourpath118.org

NEW, GENTLY USED AND WORN

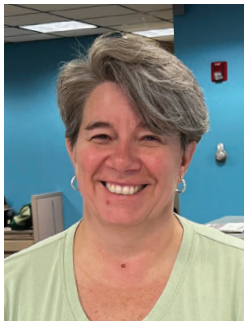
It is estimated that nearly 85% of all clothing and textiles end up in landfills in the U.S. today. Over 32 billion pounds of clothing is thrown out every year. The EPA estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing each year, and much of this is being thrown away within 12 months of being made. Textile and clothing waste is the fastest growing category of waste in the U.S. waste stream and a significant problem in our country and around the globe. It is estimated that anywhere from 5 to 10% of all waste that is sent to municipal landfills is comprised of textiles. These items are often very dense and consume significant landfill space. We know that the current situation calls for us to look for a solution with ethical, responsible alternatives.



With those statistics in mind, a need to look for new solutions, and a goal to increase reuse and recycle, SWALCO established and offers a community-wide program where clothing and textiles can be collected for reuse and recycling. This program not only diverts items from landfills, assists our local community, but it also supports our greater environment and planet beyond. The program will accept new, gently used, or unwanted/worn, women's, men's and children's clothing and textiles. All fabrics will be accepted. Even clothes or textiles with stains or holes, along with those notorious single socks, will be accepted. The great news is nearly 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed, reused or recycled.

Wauconda Township is a drop off location for textiles and shoes! We hope you'll join us to make positive changes for our local community and our planet, and support these efforts.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



WARMER WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY!

Lake County Property Tax bills for Tax Year 2022 payable in 2023 should be mailed the 1st week of May. The bill is payable in two equal installments. The first installment is normally due the 1st week of June and the second installment is due the 1st week of September. Please note, Lake County residents receive a single tax bill for both installments. It is also a good time to review your exemptions & verify you are receiving all the exemptions you are eligible for. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

For those with the Disabled Person, Disabled Veteran & Senior Freeze exemptions, please remember that these exemptions need to be renewed every year and if you have not done so, please take a moment to complete the application online or come to our office with the needed paperwork and we can assist with the application process.

As a property owner, it is essential to be aware of the upcoming quadrennial (QUAD), also known as a general re-assessment year. The QUAD year is the first year in a four-year cycle and will provide the base value for the three subsequent years. The Assessor's office will utilize property characteristic data and analyze sales from the three years prior to the lien date of January 1, 2023 in order to determine the fair cash value for each property in the township.

Think of the QUAD year as a reset – all values are new and not based on any previous year's valuation. If you successfully appealed before the Lake County Board of Review, those reductions will not carry forward into the QUAD year. The QUAD is also a reapportionment – value will shift throughout the township, throughout different property types and uses. The assessed value apportions the property tax burden and shifts in valuation will also shift the tax burden. We anticipate the 2023 Assessment notice to be mailed during the month of July.

If you have any questions about assessments, exemptions or your tax bill, please contact our office and we will be happy to assist you.

Have a Happy Spring & a Safe Summer!
Kristin Carlson, *Wauconda Township Assessor*



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter is finally coming to an end. Soon we will be converting our fleet from winter operations to summer road project operations.

For your information:

- Right of way mowing will start closer to Memorial Day.
- Free mulch will be available at the Wauconda Road District building until October while supplies last.
- If you are planning to repave your driveway this year, please call us well in advance in case your culvert needs to be replaced. To schedule a free culvert inspection call 847-526-8085.
- Brush pickup will only be done on the second Monday of each month May – October. Brush should be placed in the right of way no later than 7am on the day of pickup as our equipment will only make one pass through all neighborhoods. Brush should be placed with cut ends facing the street. No metal, garbage, weeds, leaves or yard waste will be picked up. Storm damage will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Please note, no yard waste will be picked up.



Scott Weisbruch, *Highway Commissioner*



Please call the road district office if you see any roadway hazards or if you have any questions or concerns. It's always a pleasure to serve Wauconda Township and working together we can keep our roadways safe and clean.

**For information, please call
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OFFICE
(847)526-8085**

**or you can email us at
highwaydepartment@waucondatownship.com**

Food Pantry Partnership



WAUCONDA/ISLAND LAKE FOOD PANTRY

505 West Bonner Road. Wauconda, IL 60084

Phone 847.526.8684, wilfp.org

FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

The Wauconda Township
505 West Bonner Road
Wauconda, IL 60084
P: 847-526-2631
F 847-526-0294

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Township Contact Information

Township Supervisor: Lincoln F. Knight847-526-2631
Township Assessor: Kristin Carlson..... 847-526-2881
Highway Commissioner: Scott Weisbruch 847-526-8085
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
Transportation Director: Lisa Iverson..... 847-526-8688
Township Trustees: Kevin McKernan
Mary Beth Santi
Jim Whitehead
Ed Lochmayer

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Postal Customer**

Support Services



SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE

Salvation Army - Assistance is available for emergency situations only. Some restrictions apply. (Wauconda/Volo Areas only). For your designated area, please contact the Salvation Army Headquarters directly at 847-366-1880.

Applications are available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.



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.



2023-2024 BACKPACK DRIVE

We will once again be collecting school supplies for our Back-to School Backpack Program. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 for additional information or to sign up for a backpack filled with the basic school supplies.



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.**