

THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CONNECTION



Your Elected Township Officials

SPRING/SUMMER 2024
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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE 2024

With the unusually warmer winter, comes the sights and sounds of an early arrival of Spring throughout the township and surrounding areas. I'd like to thank our employees in the Road District for working many hours to keep our roads safe to travel all year long. There may not have been as much snow to plow, but there were plenty of times that required the team to head out and salt or take care of other maintenance including filling potholes, removing fallen trees, etc. The crew stepped up once again!

Our office staff are constantly working to help our residents on many fronts, whether it's helping with seniors filing for Medicare, or Liheap, to working with other organizations for the use of our hall for meetings and other functions. We also provide handicap placards and loan medical equipment when needed. We're here to help you, even if it's just helping someone figure out their cellphone. Did you know that we also have several notaries on staff for when you have those important documents to sign, and that there is no charge for this service.

Our Senior Transportation service has also been busy with providing over 3,000 rides for seniors, 60 and older, including those with disabilities in 2023. We provide rides to doctor appointments, picking up prescriptions, grocery shopping as well as beauty shop appointments and also offer several special events throughout the year. Please call our Transportation office at (847) 526-8688 for more information.

We also continue to work with the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County. If you are a veteran, or you know of a veteran that needs assistance please let us know and we'll help. In addition, we are proud to continue to partner with the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry to help when food is needed.

Finally, please go to our website www.waucondatownship.com for many other items of interest. Our website is ADA compliant as well, just click on the blue and white circle on the bottom right corner of the home page and pick your settings.

Please let us know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions as the Board, staff and I welcome your input.

Have a great and safe Spring and Summer in 2024!
Lincoln F. Knight
Wauconda Township Supervisor



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 27, 2024

National Takeback
Drug Event
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

JULY 13, 2024

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

OCTOBER 9, 2024

Senior Fair with
State Senator
Dan McConchie

OCTOBER 12, 2024

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

OCT 21-NOV 4, 2024

Early Voting

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Pumpkin Smash

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Election

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

Goodbye Winter! Hello Spring!

With the warm weather being here, there are more opportunities to enjoy all that our bus service has to offer.

Our program is specifically designed to help area active adults aged 60 and older with their transportation needs. Getting to doctors, beauty appointments and grocery shopping has never been so easy!



 Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital*

 Northwestern
Medicine*

 Advocate Condell Medical Center*

Not only do we drive locally but also as far as Libertyville, Vernon Hills, Crystal Lake and McHenry. We also go to Good Shepherd Hospital, Northwestern Hospital and Condell Hospital. In addition to all this, every Wednesday we go to various retail stores for shopping and lunch.

Our service is FREE for seniors 60 years and older that live in Wauconda Township. Our hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30 and sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, need a ride or for more information about what we have to offer, please call Wauconda Township Senior Transportation at (847) 526-8688. If we are not immediately available to answer your call, please leave a message.

Lisa Iverson, *Transportation Director*

**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**

**April 27th from 10am - 2pm
Wauconda Township - 505 W. Bonner Road
Wauconda, IL 60084**

**Turn in unneeded Medication
for safe disposal.**

***we will NOT be accepting syringes**

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

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



ACTIVE ADULT 60+ EVENTS

April 22 , June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23 1:30 – 3pm

White Elephant Bingo in the Wauconda Township Hall 505 W. Bonner Road Wauconda. 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! No RSVP required.

April 16, 1pm The World of Bees! Beekeeping has become the number 1 new hobby in Illinois. Beekeeper Jen Holmes, will tell us about bees, how they make honey, and their importance to our environment. This event is located at Wauconda Township and co-sponsored with Wauconda Park District and Lake County Senior Services Catholic Charities. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to Catholic Charities for their support of this event. RSVP by April 8.

April 23 & 24, 9am -1pm AARP Smart Driver Class is an award winning defensive driving course that could save you money on your auto insurance. Instructor Betty Lawler will conduct these 2 half-day classes in the township hall. Cost is \$20 for AARP members or \$25 for non members. Please RSVP by April 19 to Lisa Knight 847-526-1800.

May 16, 10 - 11am Wicked Mothers of Fairy Tales presentation by Kari Pohar of Lake County Senior Services Catholic Charities. Discover the who, what, where, and why of these nasty nurturers in fable stories. This is a collaboration between Wauconda Park District and Wauconda Township and will be held at Wauconda Park District 600 N. Main Street Wauconda. There will be a suggested donation of \$1 to Catholic Charities. RSVP by May 10.

May 20, 10:30am Bingo and tour of Encompass Health Rehab Institute. Departure will be from the Wauconda Township parking lot, at 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda, IL. See this remarkable rehab facility located only minutes away in rural Mundelein/Libertyville. FREE. RSVP by May 15.

May 31, 10am – Noon Fraud and How To Prevent It We will depart the township parking lot at 9:30am to attend a presentation given by Personal Banker Robbie Galla at the Wauconda Community Bank, 495 Liberty Street Wauconda. We will learn about a wide range of scams and fraudulent businesses and what the bank does to identify potential fraud on customer accounts. This FREE event is a collaboration between the Wauconda Township and the Wauconda Community Bank. RSVP by May 20.

June 5, 1:30–3pm Ice Cream and Music with the Jersey Brothers Join friends and make some new ones while we bop to the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Tops and their contemporaries. Music fans and history buffs will enjoy entertaining facts from the early years of Rock n Roll as well as anecdotes from the colorful

career of Frankie and the band. Seasoned performers, the two brothers, Norman and Randy, blend the nostalgic sounds of the 60's and 70's with energy and laughter. Located at the Wauconda Township Hall. Cost \$5 RSVP by May 24.

June 11, 10-11am All You Ever Wanted to Know About Cicadas -But Were Too Creeped Out to Ask The Lake County Forest Preserve District will give a presentation on these fascinating creatures and how they impact Lake County. This is a collaboration between Catholic Charities of Lake County Senior Services and Wauconda Township and will be held in the township hall. There is a \$1 suggested donation to Catholic Charities. RSVP by April 24.

July 10, 7pm Social Security – Your Questions Answered **Casey Torrey from Edward Jones Investments** will present a financial literacy class on the ins and outs of Social Security. This FREE evening event has been prepared for people who would like to better understand their options for retirement and will be held at the Wauconda Township Hall.

July 18, 10-11am Flower Arranging with Jenny Holmes of Holmes Honey and Fresh Cut flowers This is a collaborative effort with Wauconda Township, Wauconda Park District and Lake County Senior Services Catholic Charities and will be held in the Wauconda Township Hall. A donation of \$5 is requested for Catholic Charities and will be collected at the door. RSVP by July 11.

August 7, 10-11 Woodpeckers of Lake County Discover the facts about this family of birds who have very distinctive features and behaviors. This program is brought to us by Lake County Senior Services Catholic Charities with an asking donation of \$1 payable at the door of the Wauconda Township Hall.

September 11, 10am – 2pm Fun In The Sun Annual Senior Picnic With an entrance fee of \$10 you can gather with friends for a day of fun playing bingo, taking a boat ride, stopping at vendor tables and eating a picnic lunch listening to live music. This event is held at the Wauconda Park District 600 N. Main Street Wauconda. *Registration at Wauconda Township begins July 15.

September 26, 10-11:30am Apple Fest Celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day with music, crafts and delicious treats in the township hall. Cost of \$5 RSVP by September 20.

As always, every Thursday 12:30 – 3:30pm Wauconda Cards and Game Players Club This weekly, friendly and free gathering is open to anyone who is interested in fun. Just stop in when you can, bring your own drink and share snacks. Canasta and Pinochle featured with lots of laughs each week. Located in the Township Hall at 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda, IL.



Unless otherwise stated,
all events will be held
at the Wauconda Township Hall,
505 W. Bonner Rd., 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.



Lisa Knight,
Senior Advocate

SENIOR BENEFITS PROGRAMS

Wauconda Township assists people, 65 and older, and people with disabilities to apply for the Benefits Access Program. This application provides a significant discount on the license plate sticker (one vehicle per household) and first time applicants for the RTA free ride pass. Income limits are as follows: Total 2023 Gross Income must be less than –

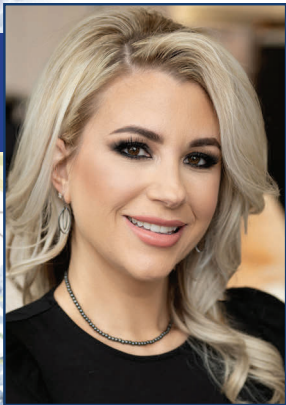
- \$33,562 for a 1 person household
- \$44,533 for a 2 person household
- \$55,500 for a 3 person household

Call Lisa Knight at 847-526-1800 to apply.



SHIP help (**Senior Health Insurance Program**) is available –Wauconda Township offers help to navigate Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid options. **Reminder: Medicare Open Enrollment begins October 15 and continues until December 7 each year.** This is the opportunity to change your Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage plan. Medicare advises that you do not have to change your plan but it is always wise to look at changes that may affect your coverage.

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.



INFORMATION FROM THE WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP CLERK

Greetings from Wauconda Township! As the vibrant hues of spring begin to paint our landscapes, we at Wauconda Township are reminded of the beauty and vitality that surrounds us. With the changing seasons comes an opportunity to reflect on the essential services and support that our township provides to each and every resident. At the heart of our community, the township serves as a pillar of support, offering a wide array of services designed to enhance the quality of life for all. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to our township, we take pride in ensuring that your needs are met and your concerns addressed.

Here's a glimpse into what your township does for you:

- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** From road repairs to snow removal, we work diligently to maintain our township's infrastructure, ensuring safe and smooth travel for all residents.
- **Community Events and Recreation:** We believe in fostering a sense of community through engaging events and recreational opportunities for residents.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Preserving our natural resources is a shared responsibility. Through initiatives like recycling programs and conservation efforts, we strive to protect the environment for future generations.
- **Administrative Support:** As your township clerk, I am here to assist you with a variety of administrative needs, from voter registration to public records requests. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require assistance.

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 6:00pm.

Wishing you a joyful and rejuvenating spring season!

Warm regards,

Danielle Rose, *Wauconda Township Clerk*



Recycling Extravaganza

12th Annual

Saturday July 13, 2024

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

505 W. Bonner Road

Wauconda, IL 60084

#847-526-2631

ACCEPTING:

Electronics-TV's all sizes
Cell Phones
Bicycles
Batteries-Car/Alkaline
Rechargeable/Sealed lead acid
Wet cell style
Propane Tanks-20-40 lbs.
Fire Extinguishers
Prescription Drugs
Eye Glasses
Hearing Aids
Used American Flags
Sharps (medical needles)
Shoes (no ice skates or roller blades)
Washers/Dryers/Freezers
Refrigerators/Dishwashers
Microwaves
Water Heaters
Air Conditioners (NO FREON)
Clothing & Textiles (ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED & SEALED)

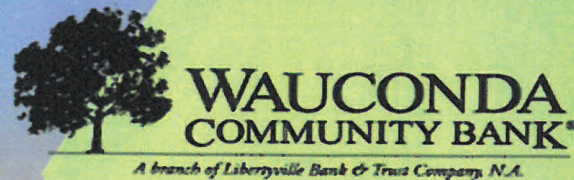
NEW ITEMS NOW ACCEPTING:

Stuffed Animals

Free Green Event brought to you by:
WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP & SWALCO



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A WINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK

NOT ACCEPTING:

FURNITURE PAINT GAS

NO LONGER ACCEPTING: LIGHT BULBS-INCLUDING FLUORESCENT



TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN LOCATED AT THE TOWNSHIP

Packaging Specifications

Ensure all items are clean, dry and free of odors. We will accept items that are stained or torn. Remove all hangers. **Ensure all items are in sealed plastic bags.**

Due to processing limitations, Chicago Textile Recycling CANNOT accept items of ANY KIND that are WET/ DIRTY/ NASTY/ SMELLY or SEVERLY DAMAGED.

Clothing and Household Textiles

List of Acceptable Items:

Clothing Items

Blouses	Coats	Dresses
Pants	Shirts	Socks
Swimsuits	Suits	Tuxedos
Sweaters	Undergarments	Ties
Socks	Jeans	Hats
Jackets	Scarves	

Household Textiles

Bedspreads	Sheets	Blankets
Drapes	Sofa Covers	Quilts
Towels	Washcloths	Curtains

List of Unacceptable Items:

Household Textiles

Pillows	Sleeping Bags	Mattresses
Rugs	Carpet	Cushions
Foam Furniture	Foam Mats	Vinyl Shower Curtains

Soft Toys

List of Acceptable Items:

Stuffed Animals	Plush Toys
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List of Unacceptable Items:

Hard Plastics Toys	Wooden Toys
Dolls	

Paired Shoes

List of Acceptable Items:

Paired Shoes

List of Unacceptable Items:

High Heels over 2"	Slippers
Ice/Roller Skates	Winter/Rubber Boots
Single Shoes	Extremely Damaged/Broken Shoes

Purses/Belts

List of Acceptable Items:

Purses	Handbags
Backpacks	Totebags
Belts	

List of Unacceptable Items:

Large Luggage

Always Unacceptable Items

Wet Items	Smelly Items	Dishes
Kitchen Supplies	Tools	Lamps
Furniture	Appliances	Blinds
Wood	Paper	Wrapping Paper
Office Supplies	Games	Puzzles
Hard Toys	Books	Car seats
Electronics	Strollers	Figurines
Glass Items	Metal Items	Plastic Items



Chicago Textile Recycling is a division of Wipeco, Inc.

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WELCOME SPRING!

Starting this year, the Chief County Assessment Office for Lake County has installed a deadline of July 31st to file exemptions you would have qualified for in the previous year! What does this mean, you ask? This is in reference to any exemptions you may be qualified for that should be reflected on the Lake County Property Tax bills for Tax Year 2023 payable in 2024 that will soon be mailed the 1st week of May. For example, did you or your spouse turn 65 years old in 2023 and you didn't apply for the Senior Homestead exemption? Or did you forget to apply for the renewal of the Disabled Person, Disabled Veteran, or the Low-Income Senior Freeze exemptions in 2023? This is a **HARD DEADLINE** and failure to file by July 31st, 2024, will result in a loss of tax savings of those exemptions for that year. Please contact our office as soon as possible if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

Please keep in mind for those with the Disabled Person, Disabled Veteran & Low-Income Senior Freeze exemptions that these exemptions need to be renewed every year. If you have not done so for Tax Year 2024, please take a moment to complete the application online or come to our office with the necessary paperwork and we can assist with the application process.

At the conclusion of 2023, our Township saw a 33% **decline** in the number of sales as compared to 2022. Despite that, the Township saw an **increase** in sale prices. The median sales price in 2022 was \$272,500 and the median sales price in 2023 was \$285,100 which is a **4.6% increase year over year**. This followed a 9% increase from 2021 to 2022. How does this affect you; you might wonder? The rapid increase in sales prices from year to year will likely affect the value of your home. As sale prices increase, it is necessary for values to increase along with it. This is reflected with positive equalization factors. If values from the previous year deviate too far from the market trends, it is possible that a larger than average equalization factor will need to be applied to bring values nearer to what is reflected in the market. We expect this to be the case for the next several years.

We anticipate the 2024 Assessment notices to be in the mail by the end of July/early August.

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

Have a Great Spring & a Safe Summer!

Kristin Carlson,

Wauconda Township Assessor

FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

The construction season is upon us. If you are a resident of Unincorporated Wauconda Township and you are planning to repave your driveway this year, please call us to schedule a FREE culvert inspection well in advance in case it needs to be replaced. FREE mulch will be available at the Road District building now through October while supplies last.

Unincorporated Wauconda Township Residents Only BRUSH PICK UP WILL START MAY 13, 2024

To increase the efficiency of our department, brush pickup will only be done on the second Monday of each month, May – October.

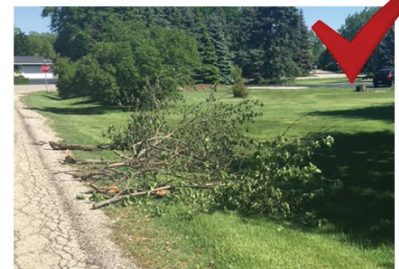
- Brush should be placed in the right of way no later than 7 am on the day of pickup as our equipment will only make one pass through all neighborhoods.
- All cut ends need to be facing the same direction towards the street.
- Please do not allow brush to extend into the street.
- No metal, garbage, weeds, leaves or yard waste will be picked up.
- Brush may not be brought to Township for disposal.
- Storm damage will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

It is always a pleasure to serve Wauconda Township and working together we can keep our roadways safe and clean.

Have a great Spring/Summer!

Scott Weisbruch,

Highway Commissioner



The Wauconda Township

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Wauconda, IL 60084
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Township Contact Information

Township Supervisor:	Lincoln F. Knight 847-526-2631
Township Assessor:	Kristin Carlson 847-526-2881
Highway Commissioner:	Scott Weisbruch 847-526-8085
Township Clerk:	Danielle Rose 847-526-2631
Township Case Worker:	Melissa Garcia 847-526-2631
Senior Advocate:	Lisa Knight 847-526-1800
Township Business Manager:	Lupe Magallanes 847-526-2631
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



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 and on our website.**



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



2024/2025 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 for additional information or to sign up for a backpack filled with the basic school supplies. **Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 to schedule an appointment.**



ARE YOU IN NEED OF DIAPERS, or 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. Period products such as pads & tampons are also available. Please call the Township for any additional questions.