



The Wauconda Township Connection

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Dedicated Township Historical Site in Wauconda

The Andrew C. Cook House located at 711 N. Main Street, Wauconda, was dedicated by the Illinois State Historical Society as a historical site in 1992.

In 1839 Andrew C. Cook (1801-1884) came to Illinois from Vermont, buying 380 acres of newly surveyed land from the U.S. government. In 1850 the original log cabin was replaced with a brick house. The bricks were fired in a kiln on the property, and the building was built in three stages.

Andrew and his wife Mary (whose brother-in-law Justus Bangs was the founder of the town of Wauconda) raised their nine surviving children in the house, which remained in the Cook family for more than 100 years. Although the Cook House has been extensively remodeled in the intervening years, the original structure is still standing.

In 1977 the Andrew C. Cook House was sold to the school district. A lease entitling the Wauconda Township Board to operate the Andrew C. Cook House as a historical museum was also agreed upon.

Wauconda Township and the Wauconda Township Historical Society have joined into a partnership to maintain the Andrew C. Cook House and the



operations of the museum.

The Wauconda Township Historical Society has been working through a comprehensive inventory of the collection of over 2,000 artifacts, many of which have been donated by residents and families of Wauconda Township. Visit, Wauconda Township Historical Society Facebook page to see some of these artifacts. The Wauconda Township Board committed to refreshing the inside of the house by painting, upgrading lighting fixtures and tending to minor carpentry work.

The Wauconda Township Board and the Wauconda Township Historical Society look forward to opening the house to the public near the end of June. Look for more information as the time draws closer.

If you would like to be part of the Historical Society visit our web page www.wauconda-history.org and leave your contact information.



Andrew & Mary Cook with their children in front of their home, 1855.

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*From the Desk of Pat Oaks,
Wauconda Township Assessor*

**Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze
Homestead Exemption**

2014 Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Applications will be mailed out by the Chief County Assessment Office by the end of March and will be due back to their office by July 1st, 2014.

**Qualifications for the Senior Citizens
Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption:**

- 65 years of age or older during the tax year
- Own the property as your principal residence for the last two January 1st (2013 and 2014)
- 2013 total household income was \$55,000 or less.

If you need help filling out this application, please visit our office. Bring in copies of your 2013 Federal Income Tax Form and/or Social Security Statement (SSA-1099). If the property is owned in trust, you may also need to provide proof of beneficiary.

2014 Property Tax Bills

Will be mailed out the end of May. The first payment will be due early in June. As you review

Board Meetings are held at the Township Hall the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.



Doris Weidner was the former Township Assessor. Doris passed away March 12, 2014. She was the Township Assessor from July 1988 until she retired in 2006.

your tax bill take a few minutes to see if you are receiving all exemptions you may be entitled to. Exemptions property owners may qualify for:

- General Homestead Exemption
- Home Improvement Exemption
- Senior Homestead Exemption
- Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption
- Senior Citizens Tax Deferral
- Disabled Veterans Standard Exemption
- Disabled Veterans Exemption
- Returning Veterans Exemptions
- Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption

If there are no exemptions listed on your tax bill, give us a call and we can check it out for you.

Property owners may want to visit these two Lake County Websites for a wealth of information about Assessments and Property information.

<http://maps.lakecountyil.gov/maponline>

This tool increases transparency and provides users with easy access to maps, tax and property information, and other interactive features.

assessor.lakecountyil.gov/Resources/Pages/FAQ.aspx This tool provides users with the opportunity to view Frequently Asked Questions about Assessments and the Subject of Property Taxes.

Did you know?

Township Government provides vital services to you and your neighbors. This may include senior citizens programs, youth programs, assistance to the disabled, parks and recreational facilities, health services and cemetery maintenance. In this regard, township government serves its neighbors from the cradle to the grave.

Township Government maintains over 71,000 miles of roads in Illinois - a full 53 percent of all thoroughfares in the state.

From the toi.org website, 2014

From the Township Supervisor...

Your Township was prepared for this very harsh winter season, one we'll all remember. We experienced extra costs in salt, overtime pay, and repairing equipment throughout the season. I'm sure we'll welcome spring with open arms. This winter reminds me of winter seasons from the 70s.



Glenn Swanson, Wauconda Township Supervisor

Any concerns, thoughts or ideas? Please contact me, members of our dedicated staff and Elected Officials. You can stop in, call or e-mail us at,

www.waucondatownship.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Glenn Swanson, Township Supervisor



Special Award Received by Wauconda Township Supervisor in Springfield

At the Annual Township Officials of Illinois Educational Conference in Springfield held in November of 2013, Supervisor Glenn Swanson was honored to receive the "Supervisor of the Year Award" presented by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Services Committee. This award is based on outstanding leadership, commitment and direct contact with the seniors of Wauconda Township. Swanson said upon accepting the award, "I'm extremely honored to receive the award not only on behalf of my job as Supervisor, but this award would not possible without the dedication of all Township staff and Elected Officials."

New Senior Bus

A new 2013 Ford 16 passenger bus has been added to the Township Senior Transportation Service. This bus is handicapped equipped and was purchased by the Township through the use of the State of Illinois bid. it will replace a 2001 Ford bus with over 105,000 miles on the odometer. Township residents and all Island Lake residents age sixty and older are welcome to free transportation. This service is provided Monday through Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm.



Please call for more information and to register at 847-526-8688.

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. It offers a one-time credit on your gas and electric bills during the winter season. Approved applicants receive a payment directly to the utility company. Income guidelines to qualify are as follows:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,436
2	\$1,939
3	\$2,441
4	\$2,944
5	\$3,446
6	\$3,949

Please contact Melissa Garcia or Lupe Magallanes at 847-526-2653 to schedule an appointment.

Emergency/General Assistance

We can assist with rental or mortgage payment(s) if qualifications are met. Some restrictions apply. Applications are available at the Township Supervisor's Office.

Senior Services



Lisa Knight
Senior Advocate

Senior Trips

May 7th

Senior Housing Options
10-11:30 am. At the Wauconda Township Hall.

A panel of experts will give you information about the choices

available in senior care and housing including possible funding options and resources. Light refreshments will be served. FREE

May 21st "Cabaret"

10am Performed at the Citadel Theater. Departure from the Township parking lot. Lunch on your own at Denny's in Vernon Hills. Cost of \$25.50 for play and transportation.

June 18th Fort Sheridan Bus Tour

9:30am Visit this National Historic Landmark and learn about both the human and natural history of the fort while viewing the beautiful surroundings. Transportation fee \$5.

July 30th Sanfilippo Estate

8:30am Three hour tour of the Sanfilippo collections of antique music machines, Tiffany glass, arcade games, locomotives, the world's largest theatre pipe organ and the jewel of the building-the fully restored operational Eden Palais Carousel. Transportation and tour fee \$33.

August 6th Senior Safety Seminar

10am Located at the Township Hall, a presentation by a Wauconda Fire Department representative highlighting home and travel safety. FREE

NEW! Books and Bites Senior Café

12pm: April 30th

Gather a friend or two and hit the library for lunch. We'll provide the lunch and entertainment all free for your enjoyment. This program is being offered in partnership with Wauconda Area Library, Wauconda Park District and Wauconda Township. Participation in this event and all senior events is limited to residents of Wauconda Township.

Games and Card Player's Club

Join with friends old and new every Thursday 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the Wauconda Township Hall to play a variety of board and card games. For more information please call Lisa Knight at 847-526-1800.

NOTE: registration is required for all programs. Call Lisa Knight 1-847-526-1800.

Secretary of State Mobile Event

May 16 at Township Hall

10 am - 2 pm

- Renewal/correction of drivers license
 - New/renewal/correction of state I.D.
 - License plate stickers
 - Motor voter registration with D.L./I.D.renewal
 - Organ donor registration with D.I./I.D. renewal
- Seniors age 65 and up there is no charge for state I.D. Seniors age 75 and up need to visit DMV to renew drivers license.



Senior Picnic held last summer at the Wauconda Park District.

FREE Prescription Drug Card

Stop by Wauconda Township offices to pick up your FREE Coast2Coast Discount Prescription card today. Most pharmacies in the Township also have the cards available. The Coast2Coast card is not intended to replace insurance.

Lending Closet

The Township provides a lending closet of various medical equipment for your use. We are also seeking donations of wheelchairs, which you may donate by bringing them to 505 W. Bonner Road, Wauconda.



Recycling Extravaganza

ACCEPTING:

- Electronics
- Cell Phones
- Bicycles
- Batteries,
 - Car
 - Alkaline
 - Rechargeable
 - Sealed lead acid
 - Wet cell style
- Propane Tanks / 20- 40 lbs.
- Prescription Drugs
- Oil & Anti-freeze (not mixed)
- Shoes (no ice skates or roller blades)
- Eye Glasses
- Hearing Aids
- Used American Flags
- Light Bulbs
- Sharps (medical needles)
- CDs, DVDs, & Cassettes
- Styrofoam (clean & dry)

Document Shredding!



2nd Annual
Saturday, June 7, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

505 W. Bonner Road
Wauconda, IL 60084

847-526-2631

Free Green Event

Brought to you by
Wauconda Township

NOT ACCEPTING

- Furniture
- Gas
- Paint
- Large Appliances



Clerk's Corner, Christine Rowe

To Vote or not to Vote,

that is the question. Responsibility or privilege, that is the question.

Hassle or committed, that is the question. Informed or unconcerned, that is the question.

What was YOUR answer?

Just remember,

Our votes effect the future of our children and grandchildren. They don't have a voice, you do.

Our votes effect the community, schools, and environment we live in.

Our votes tell the elected what's important to us.

Our votes have power in numbers, yours should be one of them!

If you didn't vote in the primary election, please consider voting in the next election. Honor our history and those who gave us this privilege .



Have a safe summer!

Local Agencies supported by Township Grant Funds

Each year in August the Township board awards grant monies to non-for-profit organizations that help and assist township residents by offering services not provided by the township. Following is the current list of grant recipients that may provide support or services for you or someone you know at reduced pricing.

Lake County Extension Foundation, providing educational services regarding nutrition, health & 4-H, 847-223-8627

Countryside Association, support services for persons with disabilities, 847-438-8855

Zacharias Sex Abuse Center, 847-244-1187

Journey Care, hospice care, 847-381-5599

St. Vincent DePaul, utilities, 847-526-2400

NICASA Teen Court, behavioral, substance abuse, prevention counseling & treatment, 847-546-6450

Health Research, 847-360-8800

Family Services, 847-432-4981

NISRA, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association, assists persons with disabilities, 815-459-0737

PADS, homeless Shelter, 847-689-4357

NICASA, teen court which is an alternative to the traditional system for juveniles, 847-546-6450

Drug Disposal

It can be challenging to properly dispose of old, outdated or unused prescription drugs. The Wauconda Police has made it easy by providing this drop box in the lobby of the Wauconda Police Department. No sharps please.



Residential Items Accepted by

SWALCO

For **Electronic Recycling** the first Saturday of every month,

9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Township Highway Garage

Desk top pc's, monitors, keyboards, misc. cords & cables, modems, laptop pc's, main frames, hard drives, cd-rom drives, palm organizers, hand held games, usb battery backups, printers, TV's, VCR/DVD players, video games, joysticks, game controllers, cameras, speakers, radios, stereo systems, portable radios, CD players, radio controlled toys, electric toy slot cars, electric toy trains, typewriters, word processors, copy/fax/adding/postage machines, scanners, calculators, paper shredders, telephones, cordless phones, answering machines, cell phones, pagers, CB's/two way radios, blenders, coffee makers, microwaves, fans, humidifiers/vaporizers, vacuums, toasters, power tools, sewing machines, waffle irons, scales, irons, hair dryers, curling irons, electric razors & electric toothbrushes.

Diaper Bank

I would like to thank FBLA, BAMA, local churches, Brownie Troop 1452, Bliss Wine and Middleton's for the "Christmas in Wauconda" glass purchases and Simons Management Company/Woodfield for holding a fundraiser at their 1st Diaper Derby event. These fundraisers brought the diaper



Maria Weisbruch of Bliss Wine presenting the donation to the Diaper Bank

bank many diapers and very generous monetary donations!

If you would like to host a fundraiser or are in need of diapers please contact Stephanie at 847-544-9568.

Salvation Army

Assistance is available for emergency situations only, some restrictions apply. Applications are available **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at 847-526-2653.

SNAP/LINK CARD (Food Stamps)

Applications are available at the Township Supervisor's Office. Income guidelines to qualify are as follows:

Number of people in your household	Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Maximum Gross Monthly Income Age 60 & over or Disabled
1	1,245	1,915
2	1,681	2,585
3	2,116	3,255
4	2,552	3,925
5	2,987	4,595
6	3,423	5,265
7	3,858	5,935
8	4,294	6,605
9	4,730	7,275
10	5,166	7,945

News from YOUR Wauconda Township Highway Department



Your Township Highway Team was prepared and ready to clear and salt all township roads

The brutally cold weather, snow and the icy conditions this winter has left it's footprint with "potholes" on some of our Township roads. The roads will be crack filled and rejuvenated with a road sealant to extend the life of the road.

Spring-Summer Projects Planned:

- Replace culvert on Mack Drive
- Replace culvert on Main Street (by Brown Road)
- Resurface Ivanhoe Road and Wilton Road

The Highway Department applied for a Community Development Block Grant in fall of 2013, for Wellsmere Heights Subdivision. We are still waiting for the approval of the grant and won't know the outcome until May/June of 2014. We will continue to provide FREE mulch and we might have soil that could be used as topsoil for all Wauconda Township residents.

THANK YOU to all the residents who have participated in our electronic recycling. Please keep bringing in ALL your electronics for recycling the 1st Saturday of each month!

I am proud to be serving Wauconda Township for another year. Have a fun and safe Spring/Summer.

Joe Munson
Highway Commissioner



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Township Contact Information:

<i>Township Supervisor:</i>	Glenn Swanson
<i>Township Assessor:</i>	Pat Oaks
<i>Highway Commissioner:</i>	Joe Munson
<i>Township Clerk:</i>	Christine Rowe
<i>Township Trustees:</i>	Kevin McKernan
	Sheryl Ringel
	Mary Schorr
	Gary A. Thompson
<i>Township Administrator:</i>	Stephanie Maioriello
<i>Township Case Worker:</i>	Melissa Garcia
<i>Senior Advocate:</i>	Lisa Knight
<i>Transportation Director:</i>	Lisa Iverson
<i>Receptionist:</i>	Lupe Magallanes

Phone Numbers

Supervisor's Office:	847-526-2631
Assessor's Office:	847-526-2881
Highway Department:	847-526-8085
Case Worker:	847-526-2653
Senior Advocate:	847-526-1800
Senior Transportation:	847-526-8688

**Due to Popularity, Hours Expanded for
Northwest Transportation Service as of
January 1st, 2014**

The curb to curb PACE bus service will be accessible to all Township residents Monday through Friday from 5:30 am - 6:45 pm. The service operates within six Townships, Antioch, Avon, Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Wauconda. There are also special destination points located outside the six participating townships. Please call the Township office to register, for more information regarding rates plus ridership guides. All the information is available on the Township website. This service is funded by six townships, Lake County and Federal Grants.

Line Dancing with Norm

Every Friday morning at the Township Hall from 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m. Cost: \$5 per person. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing for this non-stress, slow paced work-out. It's fun!