

# Senior News

**November 6, The History of Fort Sheridan** will be presented by a Lake County Forest Preserve educator at the Township Hall, 2 – 3 p.m. You will learn about the human and natural history of the fort in recognition of the upcoming Veteran's Day. FREE.



Lisa Knight, Wauconda Township Senior Advocate

**November 20, The Dancing Horses Holiday Show.** Take a trip to Delavan, Wisconsin to see incredible performances by National Show Horses, Arabians, and Percherons. Lunch is on our own in Lake Geneva. The cost for the 1:00 p.m. show and transportation is \$39.50. We leave from the township parking lot at 10:15 a.m.

**December 4 & 11, Memoir Writing.** Have you ever wanted to write about some of your life experiences? These two sessions will explore what memoir writing is and ways to improve. Session 1 will include working on your memoir. Session 2 will be sharing a short piece of your work. Cost, \$4. These writing workshops will be held at 600 N. Main St. at the Wauconda Park District from 10 - 11:30 a.m. This is a joint effort by the Wauconda Park District, Wauconda Township, Lake County Senior Services, and Catholic Charities.

**December 27, Senior New Year's Eve Party.** Ring in the new year with old and new friends! Wauconda Park District will be the location of our 16th annual New Year's party from 12 - 2 p.m. Grab a friend, dress to the nines, and prepare to have a spectacular time. Luncheon and entertainment with dancing encouraged. \$6 pre-registration by December 21 at either Wauconda Park District or Wauconda Township office or \$10 at the door.

**January 9, 2020, SHIP/SHAP presentation (Senior Health Insurance and Senior Health Assistance program)** Learn what you need to know about Medicare enrollment and explore cost saving benefits that you may be eligible for at this free event located in the Wauconda Township Hall from 7 – 9 p.m.

**January 27, 2020, White Elephant Bingo.** Bring a new or gently used item for the prize table and have fun with friends. Located at the Wauconda Township Hall, 1:30 – 3 p.m. FREE.

**February 10, 2020, Valentine Sock Hop.** Relive your yesteryears and join us for Sing Along style entertainment and light, sweet refreshments in the Township Hall 1:30 – 3 p.m. \$4. This is a joint effort by Wauconda Park District, Wauconda Township, Lake County Senior Services, and Catholic Charities.

**February 11, 2020, Financial IQ.** Learn the importance of planning for a sound financial future and strategies that help you get there. This program will be located at the Wauconda Park District. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. FREE.

**The Lake County Diaper Bank** currently needs size 5 and 6 children's diapers and adult large diapers. Donations of money are also welcome. Drop off your diaper donations at the Wauconda Township Hall. Your donations have a positive impact in the lives of those in need. Visit: [diaperbank.lc.com](http://diaperbank.lc.com) for more info.



**February 24, 2020, White Elephant Bingo.** Bring a new or gently used item to the Wauconda Township Hall for the prize table and have fun with friends, 1:30 – 3 p.m. FREE.

**March 19, 2020, Have You Heard the Buzz??** A Lake County Master Gardener will educate us on what pollinators actually are. We will discuss the importance of bats, birds, butterflies, moths, beetles, bees, and wasps all of which are responsible for fertilizing plants and flowers. Located at the Township Hall, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Cost, \$4.



**March 23, 2020, White Elephant Bingo.** Bring a new or gently used item to the Township Hall for the prize table and have fun with friends, 1:30 – 3 p.m. FREE.

**March 30, 2020, CUB presentation. The Citizen's Utility Board** will

explain how to spot unnecessary charges on your electric, natural gas, and phone bills. You will learn how to advocate for yourself as a consumer and what to watch for when shopping the energy market. Bring current copies of your gas, electric, cable, and phone bills for a free analysis from the experts. This FREE event will be at the Township Hall, 6 – 8 p.m.

**April 24, 2020, Seniors Got Talent!** Bring friends and family to support you as you showcase your talent at the park district. Everyone has a gift – what is yours? 10 – 12 p.m. Call Sara at the Wauconda Park District 847-526-3610 or Lisa Knight at Wauconda Township 847-526-1800 to register by April 20.

To RSVP call Lisa Knight at 847-526-1800. For transportation needs call Senior Transportation at 847-526-8688.

## Greetings from the Wauconda Township Historical Society!

Our mission is the preservation of the history and genealogy of Wauconda Township. Working together in partnership, the Wauconda Township maintains and leases the historic Andrew C. Cook House, and the Historical Society offers programs and events funded exclusively by dues and donations. The house is open from May through December. The WTSH invite the community to visit the Cook House, attend



monthly meetings, the third Monday, of every month at 6:30 p.m. and consider being a member!

The WTSH had a good year, opening the season with a Maypole Dance in May. In June the Summer Tea was sold out; receiving such good reviews another tea was scheduled for October. The Andrew C. Cook House was open every Sunday in July and August for tours and hope to do so in future years. The Historical Society partnered with the Wauconda Area Library for Open Houses before their lawn concerts. In August the WTSH held the 5th Annual Ice Cream and Pie Social, with a record crowd of over 200 attendees. The Wauconda Township gave Cook House a new coat of paint – it looks great; take a look. A local Eagle Scout candidate and his Troop 90 associates built a raised kitchen garden, helping recreate what the Cooks might have had in the 1850s.



Events to look forward to in 2019: Sat. Nov. 30, 1-3 p.m. "Step Into History" holiday photos at Wauconda Area Library. Sun. Dec. 8, 1- 4 p.m. "Selfies with Santa & Mrs. Claus" at the Cook House.

For more information on the Wauconda Township Historical Society programs and events, please visit our newly revamped website at [www.wauconda-history.org](http://www.wauconda-history.org). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for up-to-date news!

## Open Enrollment

begins October 15, 2019 ends December 7, 2019.

The Medicare Open Enrollment is an annual period of time when current Medicare users can choose to re-evaluate part of their Medicare coverage and compare it against all the others on the market. New security measures require you to create a MyMedicare.gov account before you can receive personalized information. Call Lisa Knight 847-526-1800 for an appointment.



## GTK, (Good To Know) Info From Your Wauconda Township Clerk

I have been serving as Clerk of Wauconda Township since 2006, and I am still asked what is the difference from the Village and the Township. People confuse the two, so I thought I would provide some basic information.

Township governments have been serving both the rural and urban residents since the Township Act of 1874! Township government is a grassroots government, the closest to the people. By statute, there are three services to be provided by townships:

1. General Assistance Program for the indigent,
2. Maintenance of township roads and bridges,
3. Property Assessment.

Many townships also offer a variety of social services to improve the quality of life for their township residents, including senior citizen and youth programs, transportation, and cemetery maintenance.

A unique feature of township government is the annual town meeting that all townships hold every April. Townships are the only instance in local government where citizens have a direct say in how their government is run. No other form of government places 38 specific voting powers in the hands of the people annually.

Wauconda Township covers 24.2 square miles, with 6 villages, including sections of Wauconda, Island Lake, Lakemoor, Volo, Lake Barrington, Port and Barrington.



Interested in receiving monthly notices of our meeting agendas and approved minutes emailed to you? Send me your info at: [crowe@waucondatownship.com](mailto:crowe@waucondatownship.com). Hope to see you at our meetings, the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Chris Rowe, Wauconda Township Clerk

## Wauconda Township Senior Transportation Service

With the beautiful fall trees upon us we know what's next to come. Snow, yes snow. That being said why not leave the driving to our experienced drivers? We are a not-for profit organization specifically designed to help active senior citizens aged 60 and over with their transportation needs. Our door-to-door service will get you to the grocery store, doctor and beauty appointments. We also have weekly trips to various retail stores and restaurants. We cover a 10 mile radius and travel from Libertyville, Vernon Hills to Crystal Lake and McHenry. We also go to Good Shepherd Hospital, Centegra Hospital and Condell Hospital. With the snowy months soon to return, please remember to keep driveways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice so our buses can help transport you safely.

Our service is for seniors living in Wauconda Township and also Nunda Township within the Village of Island Lake. Hours of service M - F, 8:00 - 4:30. Customers are served on a first come first called basis. This service is free but donations are greatly appreciated to keep it running smoothly.



If you have questions or need more information or to request a monthly calendar of events call Wauconda Township Transportation 847-526-8688 or 526-8689. If we're not available, please leave a message.

## Wauconda Township Highway Department

The Wauconda Township Highway Department takes great pride in a prompt response to resident requests. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns you may have. Our direct line is 847-526-8085 or you can email: [highwaydepartment@waucondatownship.com](mailto:highwaydepartment@waucondatownship.com)

This fall the Wauconda Township Highway Department is getting as many of our drainage improvements started and completed as weather allows. Our list includes:

- Phase One drainage improvements in Lake Valentine Estates, Storm Sewer Improvements in Greenview Estates, Timberlake, Geraldine and Forest Garden.

### Fall reminder:

- With fall upon us we want to remind residents that there is no burning in ditches as it causes erosion and melts the plastic storm sewers.

### Winter reminders:

- Remove your basketball hoops from the right of way prior to winter.
- When snow occurs on trash days, please put your trash cans in your driveway, not in the roadway. The Township Highway Department will not be responsible for damaged trash cans.
- Please refrain from parking on roadways and cul-de-sacs until plowing is complete and follow all snowfall parking bans.
- Now is the time to make sure your mailbox can withstand heavy snows. Although we take every precaution to prevent mailbox damage, please note that the Township Highway Department will only replace snowplow damaged mailboxes with a standard mailbox and pressure treated post. No reimbursements will be given for custom mailboxes.

### NEW BRUSH PICKUP POLICY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR UNINCORPORATED WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

To increase the efficiency of our department, brush pickup will only be done on the second Monday of each month in May – November. Brush should be placed in the right of way no later than 7 a.m. 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, by appointment only. Thank you for your assistance.

Enjoy a great fall season!

Scott Weisbruch  
Wauconda Township  
Highway Commissioner



## You Shop, Amazon Gives

Shop via the AmazonSmile portal. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchases to: **Lake County Partnership Diaper Bank** a 501(c)(3) a public charitable organization. It's super easy to sign up. Go to: [AmazonSmile.com](http://AmazonSmile.com) Type in: **Lake County Partnership Diaper Bank**, select it as your charity and you're done! Every time you shop on Amazon 0.5% of all your purchases will be automatically donated to the **Lake County Partnership Diaper Bank**.



## The Lending Closet

is a great way to help others and recycle at the same time. The Lending Closet is a free service offered by the Township which lends new and gently used medical equipment to people in need for NO CHARGE! The Township is **always** looking for donations of new and gently used medical equipment. Your donations make this program a success. Call or drop off that unused wheel chair today!

Helping others is easy!