

We're Here to Help

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 residents and low-income families.



October 1st - Seniors & disabled only, 60 & over.
November 1st - Households with children under 5 years old or facing disconnection only.
December 1st - General public, all eligible low-income households.

Applications are available at Township office BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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



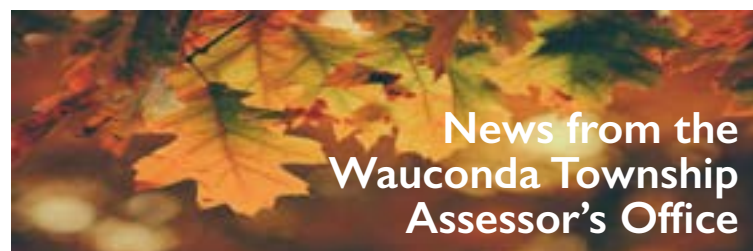
Salvation Army - Assistance is available for emergency situations, Wauconda and Volo area residents only. Some restrictions apply. For your designated area, please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631.

Applications are available, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Food Stamp (LINK) - Medical & Housing applications are also available at the Township Supervisor's office.

Emergency/General Assistance - We can assist with rental or mortgage payment(s) if qualifications are met, some restrictions apply. A newer GA program is available to better handle, organize & provide assistance to our eligible residents. Applications are available at the Township Supervisor's office or online at www.waucondatowship.com.

2019 Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program- Interested in donating to a family in need this Holiday Season? Please contact Melissa Garcia at 847-526-2631 or via e-mail at mgarcia@waucondatowship.com for more information on this program.



News from the Wauconda Township Assessor's Office

As the year draws to a close, we at the Assessor's Office would like to touch on the subject of trusts in relation to any exemptions you may have.

Property owners who put their property in a trust may be missing out on the exemptions listed below. Over the years, you may have a reason to include your property in a trust, doing this may affect the exemptions on your property. It's important to remember once the trust is complete, you must supply a copy of the relevant pages to the Chief County Assessment Office. The purpose of the county receiving the trust information is to establish that you, the property owner, are the beneficiary of the trust while you're living. Essentially, they need to confirm you still have ownership of the home through the trust. This information is usually near the beginning of the trust, but they're all different. Typically, you'll find wording that states: "During my lifetime..." or something similar, followed by wording to the effect of who is liable for any expenses related to the items included in the trust. You will also need to include the signature and notary pages.

We realize that this subject can be very confusing, and we encourage you to call or stop into our office with any questions you may have.



There are several exemptions available to provide tax relief to homeowners.

The **General Homestead Exemption** is the most common. This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of the property by \$6,000. The only qualification is that the Property must be the principal residence of the owner. Property owners who are 65 or older may also qualify for the **Senior Homestead Exemption** and the **Senior Citizen's Assessment Freeze**.



Pat Oaks, Wauconda Township Assessor

Please remember to utilize our two transportation services if the need arises.

Senior transportation, M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 847-526-8688.
Ride Lake County West, to schedule a ride Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. call PACE 1-800-201-6446. This service is for all persons, general public/handicapped/disabled. Call PACE or visit their website for more information.

New Township Trustee, Mary Beth Santi of Island Lake appointed to the Board

In July of this year Trustee Robin Lindberg resigned from the Board of Trustees after a job move to central Illinois. She had served just over two years after being elected in May of 2017. She was thanked for her service on the Board. At this time the Township sought a replacement to fill her seat. Many interviews were conducted with many qualified candidates. On September 3, 2019 Mary Beth Santi was appointed unanimously by the Board. Mary Beth has an extensive past in education and public service. She will be a great addition to the Township Board of Trustees.

Township E-News "News U Can Use" now has over 1400 users. Register today and keep up to date on local issues and events! Over 1400 people registered and we want more! Register your e-mail address by stopping in, calling us, or on the Township website www.waucondatowship.com. I produce the e-news every two weeks myself. You will receive current informative, up-to-date information that may affect and help you in your everyday lives. We understand that all residents do not have access to a computer therefore, we will continue with this paper newsletter. Your e-mail address is confidential and is not shared with any others or web-sites.

Have a happy and healthy fall and winter season. Please



contact me at any time with your concerns, need of help, thoughts or ideas. I look forward to our continued service to all Township residents, thanks to you!

Sincerely, Glenn Swanson, Wauconda Township Supervisor

RECYCLING EVENT 2019 WRAP-UP

On June 1, 2019 the Township hosted its 7th Annual Recycling Event. This well attended event had 614 cars pull through the township parking lot to drop off accepted unwanted recycling items. Listed are the amounts of items that we accepted for safe disposal:

- Electronics: 16,251 lbs. + 357 TVs
- Car Batteries: 87
- Bicycles: 34
- Shoes: 754 pairs
- Hearing Aids: 1
- Propane Tanks: 37
- Microwaves: 37
- Humidifiers: 11
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs: 875
- Prescription Drugs: 153.4 lbs.
- Eye Glasses: 147 pairs
- Used American Flags: 74
- Sharps Needles: 3 boxes
- Fire Extinguishers: 62
- Misc. Wiring: 441 lbs.
- Document Shredding: 9,105 lbs.



We collected the most lbs. of documents to be shredded ever! Thank you to Wauconda Community Bank for co-sponsoring the document shredding. We enjoy partnering with them to make this event successful. I would also like to thank other agencies that came out to help with this event such as: Lions Club, American Legion, Wauconda Police Department, Working Bikes, the Villages of Island Lake and Wauconda, Grant Township and CERT. We could not have hosted this event without your help!

8th Annual Recycling Event will be June 6, 2020.

Look for details in our Spring/Summer newsletter.



Township Contact Information:	
Township Supervisor:	Glenn Swanson
Township Assessor:	Pat Oaks
Highway Commissioner:	Scott Weisbruch
Township Clerk:	Christine Rowe
Township Trustees:	Kevin McKernan Sheryl Ringel Mary Beth Santi Steve Stiller
Township Administrator:	Stephanie Maioriello
Township Case Worker:	Melissa Garcia
Senior Advocate:	Lisa Knight
Transportation Director:	Lisa Iverson
Receptionist:	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

Safe, Responsible Disposal of Old, Outdated and Unused Prescription Drugs and Needles

Needles, also called "sharps," are used on a regular basis by many for their home health care and even for some pets. Proper disposal of sharps is vital. Clearly mark a thick plastic jug, as shown here, such as an old laundry or bleach bottle. Replace the cover of the used needles before dropping them into the jug. Sharps Disposal Containers can also be purchased along with your injectible medicines. Clearly marked containers of used sharps can be dropped off at the annual Wauconda Township Recycling Event. The Wauconda Police Department has a drug disposal box and a sharps disposal drop box in the lobby providing year round safe, responsible disposal.

Fall~Winter 2019/20

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It has been another great summer. Spring was one of the wettest in history. Let's hope for an easy winter that is not so cold with a small amount of snow. As always your Township is fully prepared to handle any type of winter weather and season.

Please take a few moments to read this informative newsletter prepared by your Elected Officials and staff at the Township offices.

Township Joins 2-1-1 in Lake County. It's a 24/7 Help Line!

United Way of Lake County helps support Lifeline's 2-1-1 help hotline, a FREE, confidential service that helps people in Lake County find the health and human service programs they need, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service officially launched on 9-24-19.



Here is how you can use 2-1-1 for help:
-Dial 2-1-1 toll-free from nearly any phone in Lake County to speak confidentially with an information and referral specialist who can help you find answers to a wide range of questions and connect you with your area resources.
- If dialing 2-1-1 does not work, dial 440-639-4420.
- If dialing from a cell phone, depending on where you are geographically located when you make the call, you may reach another county's 2-1-1 service. If this is the case, be sure to ask if you are speaking with the Lake County 2-1-1. If not, you can ask to be transferred to Lake County's 2-1-1. Or you can simply call Lake County's 2-1-1 office by dialing them direct at 440-639-4420.
- Further information at www.uwlc.org/2-1-1

The Township is your local government partner and we partner with others. Through our once a year grant awards program we honor the non-for-profit agencies listed below. These agencies assist Township residents in their time of need. Many offer reduced prices or are free to our residents. You may always contact any of them directly. Partnerships not only increase our services but are very cost effective.

- Erie Family Health (Health Reach) - provides medical, oral and behavioral health services, 312-666-3494.
- Family Services - counseling services, 847-432-4981.
- PADS - homeless shelter, permanent supportive housing services, 847-689-4357.
- St. Vincent DePaul - utility bills and shelter, 847-526-2400.
- NICASA & NICASA Teen Court - behavioral and social health counseling, addictions, 847-546-6450.
- NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) Programs for people with disabilities, 815-459-0737.
- Zacharias Sex Abuse Center - provides sexual assault counseling, advocacy, & prevention education, 847-244-1187.
- Journey Care Foundation, 224-770-2420.
- Little City Foundation - Autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities 847-221-7814.
- A Safe Place - victims of domestic violence & their children 847-731-7165.
- Lake County Extension Foundation, Inc. supports agriculture & environmental programs 847-223-8627.

For further information please call the Supervisor's office at 847-526-2631.

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Local seniors enjoy a trip sponsored by the Wauconda Township



Residential Customer ECRWSS

Line Dancing has returned to the township! Starting November 1, come kick up your heels every Friday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Wauconda Township Hall. Drop-in or \$5 per class. Increase your strength, flexibility and mobility while dancing to great music.



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