

On April 6, 2021, the Consolidated Election took place where you, the township voters, elected the new township board. The board was elected with terms for the Supervisor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk, and Trustees beginning May 17, 2021, and the terms for the Assessor and Collector beginning January 1, 2022. Please take some time to learn about your elected township board members as we are here to serve you, the residents of Troy Township. Visit our website at www.troytownship.com or see page 7 of this newsletter for information on your Township's elected officials.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for having been elected to my 10th term as Troy Township Supervisor. It is my honor to serve in this position and having served as the Township Supervisor since 1984, I have witnessed my share of natural disasters hit our Township. When disasters like the Plainfield tornado in 1990 and the July 1996 flooding hit our area, I can tell you that the Township was there to support our residents. Living through Covid is no different. We know that many households have been hit hard and are still financially trying to recover from the impact of the shutdown, lost wages, illness and more. We are here to help. The Township has two financial programs to assist residents: General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. Both programs come with income and asset qualifications but can be a source of help for some qualified residents. We are also a Salvation Army Service Extension Office and administer Nicor Sharing assistance. Our Community Services Director, Angela Scaggs, can talk with you about all these programs and can be a referral source to other social service agencies in our area. Angela can be reached at 815-744-1963.

During my time serving as Township Supervisor, I have also witnessed my share of growth and progress throughout the community. From the building of the Township Office and Senior Center in 1985 to the building renovation/expansion in 2006 adding the Community Center; from the creation of casinos on the river to the housing boom of the early to mid-2000's; the landscape that makes up Troy Township is ever evolving.

This trend will continue as some major road infrastructure projects are starting or are currently under development that will forever change how traffic moves through the area. Please see the road project graphic on page 5 for more details.

The Township is always looking for ways to improve and new programs or events that we can bring to the community. If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at Jbaltz@troytownship.com or call 815-744-1968.

TROY TOWNSHIP'S NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

In the Summer of 2021, our Township took on the task of creating a new and improved website design that is more responsive and mobile friendly. A few of the modifications expected this fall will include: new site "search" feature, ADA, user-friendly transparency portal, calendar of events, Facebook newsfeed, and more.

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NEWS FROM ASSESSOR Kim Anderson, CIAO

Due to the pandemic all exemptions that required a renewal application have been carried over for another year. *I urge everyone to check their property tax bills that were received in May and also those that will be sent out next year to make sure you are receiving all the exemptions you are entitled to.* Please note if you move into a new home, exemptions do not follow you – you MUST reapply. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the assessor's office at 815-744-5806.

If you have not applied for any exemptions that you are entitled to, you must do so prior to November 2021 in order to receive the reduction on your property tax bill. The following exemptions are available and must be applied for: Senior Homestead Exemption, Senior Assessment Freeze, Disabled Persons Exemption, Disabled Veteran Exemption, and Returning Veteran Exemption. To learn more about the requirements for each exemption, please visit our website at www.troytownship.com under the assessor tab. You may also call us at 815-744-5806. For more information and the application for these exemptions please visit www.willcountysoa.com under the forms tab.

2021 valuation of the Township's properties was completed in June and reassessment notices were mailed the first week of August. If you did NOT receive a reassessment notice, your property was not reassessed for 2021. Troy Township's overall value increased just shy of 3%. As am I sure everyone knows, the residential real estate market has been and still is going crazy. Higher values are attributed to the lack of inventory and low-interest rates. It will be interesting to see if there will be any change in the coming year. Commercial property sales were pretty much stagnant due to the uncertainty the pandemic may still cause.

If you plan to visit our office anytime in the near future, please note that a mask is required for entry into the building. Social distancing will be enforced and please do not come in if you are not feeling well. Most issues do not require a visit to our office and can be taken care of over the phone or via email. Please feel free to call us at 815-744-5806 or email us at assessor@troytownship.com before coming in.

As always, please review your property information either online at our website at www.troytownship.com under the assessor tab – property search or you may contact us. It is very important that we have the correct information listed on your property record card to insure we have the correct value. Please note that the search function is very sensitive to address searches. Please only enter a street name then hit enter or the "search data" button. A list of addresses will show up, you can then choose the house number you are looking for. **Please note: our website is under constant updating, if you cannot find what you are looking for, please call or email us.**

My staff and I have been and will continue to be available to assist you with any and all of your needs. I must commend my staff on a great job during a very difficult time. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding over the last year. Please stay well.



A MESSAGE FROM CLERK Larry Ryan

It is an honor to have been elected as the Township Clerk in April. I look forward to building upon the legacy of my three predecessors Kristin Cross, Jim McFarland, and George Muentnich. Serving as a Township Trustee from 2009-2021 I had the privilege of working with all three, and they each brought a unique approach to the position. The newly elected Township Board and current staff have a wealth of knowledge and diverse qualities to draw upon, so I am looking forward to working with this dedicated group.

My family and I are lifelong Will County residents, with over 38 years living in Troy Township. Currently, my wife Jill and I, along with two sons and a daughter make our home in unincorporated Troy Township. I graduated from Troy Schools, Joliet Catholic HS, JJC, and Bradley University with a B.A. in Accounting.

The Clerk is the keeper of the township's records, clerk of all town meetings (whether special or annual), serves as the ex officio clerk for the highway commissioner, and must attest to payouts issued by the Supervisor from the township treasury. The primary record keeping involves such items as recording the minutes of official meetings to be approved by the Board, and proper notice of these meetings to the public. The Clerk is responsible for the integrity and preservation of the township records which are all available to you for inspection via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Troy Township constantly strives for ease of access and transparency with regards to the records our residents may find important. Our website, www.troytownship.com, includes a Transparency Portal that contains items such as: agendas, audits, bid notices, budgets, levies, legal notices, meeting minutes, etc.

Our current website was designed and launched in 2004 and needed technology and feature updates. In the Summer of 2021, our Township took on the task of creating a new and improved website design that is more responsive and mobile friendly. A few of the modifications expected this fall will include: new site "search" feature, ADA, user-friendly transparency portal, calendar of events, Facebook newsfeed, and more.

In March of every even numbered year, residents would be expecting a primary election in advance of the November General Election. Public Act 102-0015 became effective on June 17, 2021, and moves the 2022 Primary Election from March 15, 2022, to June 28, 2022. Please watch for the Spring 2022 Troy Township Communicator for more information on the June 28, 2022, Primary Election including information on early voting, vote by mail, and election day voting.

Please feel free to reach out to me at Lryan@ troytownship.com with any questions, comments, or suggestions that you may have.

SHREDDING EVENT AND MEDICATION DISPOSAL OCTOBER 2ND



Join us on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** when Troy Township will host its next shredding and medication disposal event. This event will take place at 25448 Seil Road in

Shorewood. Troy Township residents can bring their personal papers and documents to the township parking lot on the west side of the township offices and community center to be shredded onsite by Iron Mountain. Each resident must show proof of township residency and are allowed no more than 4 grocery bags per vehicle of paper to be shredded.

The event will end early due to inclement weather, if the shredding truck fills up or may be cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Troy Township is proud to once again partner with the Shorewood Police Department and Bio One to be offering medication and needle disposal along with the shredding event. Township residents can bring their unneeded medication and/or needles so that it can be disposed of properly. Make sure to bring only residentially generated medication items. No



medications or needles from businesses or doctor's offices will be accepted. Use a permanent marker to black out your name or personal information on the label or you may empty all your pills into a Ziploc bag and bring that.

NEEDLES APPROPRIATELY CONTAINED WITHIN AN APPROVED SHARPS CONTAINER WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT!



A list of accepted medications and more information about the event can be found on our website at www.troytownship.com under the News, Notes & Events section.

A MESSAGE FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Thomas R. Ward

I would like to begin by thanking the residents for electing me to serve as your Highway Commissioner for another four years. It is truly my honor to serve in this role and I look forward to working on your behalf throughout this next term.

During the next four years or so there will be a lot of infrastructure improvements in the Troy Township area. We are currently in Phase 1 Engineering for the replacement and relocation of our Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River. IDOT is also actively completing engineering work for the replacement of the River Road Bridge over I-80 and the Shepley Road Bridge over I-80. While all three projects are 1 to 5 years away from the start of construction, all three projects will bring much needed infrastructure improvements to our area. Once these projects are complete the Troy Township Highway Department will look at the possibility of asphalt resurfacing in these areas.

Crews have been very busy this summer performing regular maintenance and are continuing with ditch work and culvert replacement.

For our residents in the unincorporated areas, please make sure to read the guidelines for our Leaf Vacuuming program and our Branch Pick-Up program. If the rules of the program are not followed, we will not be able to pick-up the leaves or branches that you leave out. Please visit our website at www.troytownship.com under the Highway Commissioner tab for more details on both programs.

As winter is fast approaching, I remind all residents to be careful when traveling on wet, snowy, and icy roads; especially in the open areas where the salt is not always effective.

As always. I am proud to serve as your Highway Commissioner. Please call me at 815-405-3378 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TROY TOWNSHIP

LEAF VACUUMING

Starting the middle of October through November (specific dates are weather dependent), Troy Township Highway Department will have the leaf vacuuming service for residents in the <u>unincorporated</u> areas of the Township. Please <u>do not bag the leaves</u>. Residents must rake leaves to the edge of the street so the vacuum machine can reach them easily. **Do not place leaves in ditches as the vacuum cannot reach leaves in ditch areas. <u>Grass cuttings will not be picked up as we have no way of disposing them.</u> Please be advised that the leaf vacuuming service may be put on hold with the occurrence of a snow or ice event.**

TREE BRANCH PICK-UP FOR UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS

The final three pick-up dates for the Tree Branch Pick-Up Program in the **unincorporated** areas of the Township will be Monday, October 4th, Monday, October 18th, and Monday, November 1st. This service will resume at the beginning of May 2022 on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, please visit www.troytownship.com.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Winter weather is just around the corner. Township trucks and road crews will be out plowing and salting the unincorporated road areas. We ask that residents keep their vehicles off the streets when there has been a snowfall so the plows can safely and efficiently plow the streets and cul-de-sacs. Please use extra caution when driving near these vehicles as our trucks, plows, and road crews are on the streets working for your safety.





Mobile Driver Services Unit & I-Cash Coming to Troy Township on Tuesday, October 5th

Troy Township has partnered with State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. to bring the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Unit and I-Cash to the Troy Township Community Center on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The Community Center is located at 25448 Seil Road, in Shorewood, Illinois. Illinois residents will be able to renew their driver's licenses (NO behind the wheel driving test offered), obtain duplicate or corrected licenses and obtain Illinois identification cards between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. REAL ID's can ONLY be issued at a Secretary of State facility and NOT at the mobile driver services unit event.

A Rules of the Road Review Course is tentatively scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The review course combines an explanation of safe driving techniques, Illinois driving laws and a practice written exam. If you want to participate in the Rules of the Road Review Course, please call 815-744-1963 to pre-register.

To find out which documents are considered acceptable forms of identification, and also the license renewal fees,

please call 217-782-7044 or visit the Illinois Secretary of States website at: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/drivers_license/home.html

What is I-Cash: Unclaimed property consists of accounts and other financial instruments, usually intangible, being held at corporations, financial institutions, financial intermediaries, courts, and life insurance companies, that have gone dormant for a specified period of time based on property type.

Common types of unclaimed property include: checking and savings accounts, uncashed wage and payroll checks, uncashed stock dividends and stock certificates, insurance payments, utility deposits, customer deposits, accounts payable, credit balances, refund checks, money orders, traveler's checks, mineral proceeds, court deposits, uncashed death benefit checks and life insurance proceeds. Unclaimed property does not include real estate or vehicles.

A representative from I-Cash will be assisting those interested in finding out if they have any unclaimed property.

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)- College Financial Aid Process on Thursday, October 7th

As the time for college visits are about to start and the thought of "how are we going to pay for college and what type of aid is available" looms in the back of our minds, Troy Township has partnered with State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. to bring you a presentation from ISAC. The Financial Aid Process presentation will outline the general financial aid process and will provide insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used

to help apply for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics.

The presentation will be held at the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 Seil Rd in Shorewood on Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required by calling Angela at 815-744-1963 or email ascaggs@troytownship.com.

*EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Road Projects

<u>1-55,US 52, 1-80</u>

Today you can already see improvements taking place for the Seil Road Interchange at I55. These improvements are part of a larger project called the I-55 at IL 59 Access Project that addresses US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road, I-55 from I-80 to US 52, Olympic Boulevard from I-55 East Frontage Road to Houbolt Road, and Seil Road from Raven Road to IL 59. More information can be found on the project website at www.i55atil59accessproject.org.

Shepley Road Bridge over DuPage River

Highway Commissioner, Thomas R. Ward, is currently in Phase 1 Engineering studying the replacement of and realignment of the Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River. Construction is estimated to begin in two to three years. More information will be published on our website at www. troytownship.com when available.

Shepley Road Bridge over I-80 and River Road Bridge over I-80

IDOT has targeted both the Shepley Road Bridge over I-80 and the River Road Bridge over I-80 for replacement. Those projects are expected to begin construction in one to two years. The Township will share more information as it becomes available to us.

Houbolt Road Bridge

With the creation of The CenterPoint Intermodal Center and the abundance of warehouses in our region, truck traffic has become a major area of concern. Currently under construction is the Houbolt Road Extension. With completion estimated in 2023 this project will forever change how truck traffic travels throughout our region and specifically to and from The CenterPoint Intermodal Center. More information can be found on the project website at www.houboltroadextension.com.

Rt. 52 and County Line Road

The intersection of Rt. 52 and County Line Road on the Township's western border has long been a location of concern. We were pleased to learn that IDOT has started preliminary engineering to study improvements for safety at this intersection. While the project is still in its infancy and years away from physical construction, we are pleased to know that some progress is being made toward improvement. More information can be found on the project website at www.us52countylinerd.com.



TENTATIVE

A.A.R.P. & Senior Services of Will County Income Tax Preparation Assistance



A.A.R.P. Income Tax-Aide from Senior Services of Will County hopes to be moving forward with in-person tax preparation for the 2022 tax season. However, at this time we are unsure if Troy Township will be able to host this service as it is dependent upon

how many volunteer tax preparers can be recruited or COVID-19 restrictions. Troy Township will post any

updates we receive on our website and Facebook page. You may also call the office at 815-744-1968 or 815-744-1963 after January 4, 2022, for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Interested in volunteering to be one of the tax preparers for this great program, please contact Shirley Marrs the District Manager at Senior Services of Will County at 815-476-2970 for more information. The more volunteers they have, the more locations will be able to offer this great program.

Illinois Department on Aging - Benefits Access Program Programs Provided By: Senior Services of Will County

2021 Income Levels for RTA Bus Pass & License Plate Sticker Tax Discount

\$33,562 - 1 person household \$44,533 - 2 person household \$55,500 - 3 Person Household

To qualify, applicants must be 65 or older by December 31 of the current year or 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before January 1 of the present year and meet an income requirement.

• Applications submitted on or after April 16, 2021 must use 2020 income to file.

The Benefit Access Program application provides the Senior Ride Free Transit Card and the Auto License Plate Sticker discount. More information on these programs and others, maybe found on Senior Services of Will County's website at www.willcountyseniors.org.

What is REQUIRED to bring to the appointment:

- 1. ID's for everyone in the household- State ID or Driver's License
- 2. Social Security Card
- 3. 2020 Social Security 1099
- 4. 2020 Federal Income Tax Return (1040) if filed.
- 5. 2020 Pension/Annuities 1099 and all other 1099's
- 6. 2020 Alimony/TANF
- 7. 2020 Interest, Dividends, Wages and all other 1099's
- 8. Proof of Disability (if disabled)

Appointments Required
Please Call Senior Services of Will County
(815) 723-9713

*EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED UNEXPECTEDLY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Troy Township Senior Group & Bridge Group



Every Friday

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Have a Short-term Need for a Wheelchair, Walker, Cane, Crutches or Knee Scooter?

Troy Township's Durable Medical Closet offers short-term loans, up to 90 days, of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and knee scooters. Free for any Troy Township resident!

Call 815-744-1963 for more information.



Temporary Handicapped Parking Placards Available at the Township Offices

Troy Township can issue temporary handicap parking placards valid for a 3 month period to qualified individuals. Individuals in need of a temporary handicapped parking placard must complete an application



that is signed by their doctor. Applications are available at the Troy Township offices or at www.troytownship.com. Upon receipt of a properly completed application, the 3 month temporary handicapped parking placard will be issued immediately. For more information please call 815-744-1963 or visit www.troytownship.com.

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of Troy Township and has served the township in various capacities since 1977, presently serving as Township Supervisor since 1984. Over 35 year career in local banking; served on the Troy Fire Department and many other local not-for-profit boards and organizations including the Township Officials of Illinois. Joe is married and has three children.



CLERK LARRY RYAN is a lifelong resident of Will County with over 30 years in Troy Township. Honored to have been elected and serve as a Township Trustee from 2009 to 2021, Ryan was then elected Township Clerk in 2021. He is a member of the Township Officials of Illinois, St. Jude Parish in Joliet and Laborers' Local 288 and enjoys volunteering at St. Joe's PONY Baseball and St. Jude school. Larry

holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from Bradley University and owns an underground construction business. Larry and his wife reside in unincorporated Troy Township and have two sons and a daughter.



ASSESSOR KIMBERLY ANDERSON is a lifelong Troy Township resident. She has been employed with the Assessor's Office since 2007. Kimberly obtained her CIAO designation in 2010 and is continuing her education with the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Illinois Property Assessment Institute. She is currently in her third term as Troy Township's Assessor. Kimberly is

currently the President of the Will County Assessor's Association. She also serves as a member of the Shorewood Citizen's Advisory Committee. Kimberly is a prior 18 year business owner and former Shorewood ESDA Coordinator. She is married and has one son.



HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER THOMAS R. WARD is a long time resident of Troy Township growing up on the Ward Farm in Shorewood. He attended Troy Grade Schools, Joliet Catholic High School and studied agriculture at Joliet Jr. College. Tom is experienced in land development including subdivision, commercial and road building construction; is experienced in storm drainage and has been a member of the

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 for 33 years. Tom is OSHA (1926) Competent Person Training Certified and certified in Hazardous Waste Awareness. Tom is also a member of the Will County Farm Bureau, and a member of the Moose Lodge in Joliet. Tom is married to his wife Kimberly and they have two children.



COLLECTOR DAWN DAMIANI is Troy Township resident since 1986. Dawn graduated from Romeoville High School then attended Joliet Junior College where she earned her Associate Degree in Computer Science. She married Gary Damiani in 1981. She is a member of Calvary Church of Naperville where she has served as an usher and section leader. For the past 12 years Dawn and

Gary have volunteered at Royal Family Kids Camp as the Camp Aunt and Camp Uncle. Royal Family is a wonderful organization that ministers to foster children. Dawn is the Illinois State Liaison for the national organization of Moms for America and is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Village of Shorewood where she currently lives. Dawn and Gary have two children: Andrew and Janah.



TRUSTEE JOHN D. GREENWOOD has been a Troy Township resident since 1973. John was appointed Collector in 2020 then was elected as Trustee in 2021. He is a 1970 Business Administration Magna Cum Laude graduate of Alcorn State University with minors in Accounting and Business Finance. After graduation Greenwood served the

Federal Government for over 48 ½ years holding various positions throughout the years within the Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies until his retirement in January of 2019. John's accomplishments and accolades were so vast that upon announcing his retirement, the Secretary of Energy, the Honorable Secretary Rick Perry, bestowed upon John Greenwood the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award. Greenwood is married with one son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.



TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN is a lifelong resident of Will County, living in Troy Township since 2000. Bryan was originally appointed as Collector in October 2015 then appointed to the Trustee position in June of 2017. He is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School, Northwestern University, and University of Notre Dame Law School. Licensed as a

lawyer in 1995, he has always practiced in Will County and is a founding member of Kavanagh Grumley & Gorbold, LLC. He is a member of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Parish and has served on the boards of numerous not-for-profit and charitable organizations as well as volunteered as a coach at Troy Baseball, St. Raymond School, Joliet Park District, and the YMCA. Bryan and his wife Jan live in Shorewood with their four children.



TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA has been a resident of Will County and Troy Township since 1989. He retired as a Deputy Chief with the Will County Sheriff's Office in 2017 after 28 years of service. Jerry received his B.A from Lewis University and his MPA from Roosevelt University. Jerry spends his spare time as a Boy Scout leader. He is the Scoutmaster for

Troop 256, chartered by Troy Schools 30C. Jerry also sits on the Rainbow Council, Boy Scouts of America, Executive Committee as the Vice President of Outdoors Adventures. Jerry is married and has three sons.



TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER was born and raised in Joliet and owner/operator of The Body Werks Collision Repair Center in Shorewood since 1989. Brett is an active member of the Troy Fire Department having started out as a volunteer in 1996. Brett has served the Township as Collector from 2003-2005; was elected as Trustee for the 2005-

2009 term; and was then appointed as Trustee in February of 2012. Brett currently resides in Shorewood with wife Laurie and daughter Megan.





25448 Seil Road Shorewood, IL 60404-7620

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION

SUPERVISOR

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Thomas R. Ward

COLLECTOR

Dawn Damiani

TRUSTEES

Johnnie Greenwood Bryan W. Kopman Jerry Nudera Brett Wheeler

INFORMATION:

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Jennifer Dylik

Town Board Meetings:

Third Monday of every month* at 7:00 p.m. in Community Center

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*when conflicting with a holiday, the meeting will be on the 4th Monday of the month.