

As your Township Supervisor, I am proud to announce that Troy Township has partnered with Thriveworks[®] to launch Troy Township's Community Mental Health Program.

Through this partnership, Troy Township residents are able to access Thriveworks' award-winning therapy and psychiatry services for a variety of concerns including depression and anxiety, stress and life transitions, trauma and PTSD, grief and loss, relationship issues, family conflict and more. Services can be delivered inperson or online so residents can receive the care they need suited to their preferences and busy schedules. Troy Township will cover the costs for under or uninsured residents until funding is exhausted.

This partnership represents our commitment to

community mental health. We recognize the challenges many residents face and the barriers to accessing care.



Through this partnership, we aim to make it easier for anyone in Troy Township to get the help that they need.

To find out more about mental health services with Thriveworks® through Troy Township, call 815-744-1968 or visit https://thriveworks.com/partners/troy-township/

JOIN TROY TOWNSHIP'S COMMUNITY ALERT NETWORK

Troy Township has partnered with Will County to be part of their Community Alert Network.

Enrolling in the Community Alert Network ensures that you stay informed with emergency alerts when immediate notification is critical. Additionally, there is an option to receive non-emergency updates from Troy Township about programming, events, road projects, unincorporated services, and more.

Receive **non-emergency** information sent to your home phone, work phone, texted to your cell phone, or emailed to you between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm. You can select how you receive the information based on the contact information you provide during the sign-up process. You can select one or all categories of information:

Announcements - May inform you of scheduled water and sewer repairs. Messages may also inform you of scheduled street closures, resurfacing projects, and parking bans.

Specific to Troy Township: may also include

information about services for the unincorporated area including branch and brush pick up, leaf vacuuming services, snow removal, mosquito abatement, and unincorporated road projects.

Notices - May consist of community information regarding upcoming festivals, changes in garbage pick-up, and community press releases.

Specific to Troy Township: may include program and event information such as the bi-annual shredding event, plant swap, general township information and services, senior programs/events, and community press releases.

<u>Public Safety Non-Emergency Information</u> - May include messages from local officials with information

about crime prevention information, public safety events, neighborhood crime alert information, and fire hydrant testing. Scan the QR code for more information or to sign up today!



NEWS FROM ASSESSOR Kim Anderson, CIAO

Your Township Assessor and the Assessment Process

The Assessor's responsibilities include the mass appraisal of all taxable property within the township. Mass appraisal requires the assessor to perform three fundamental yet vital duties:

- Discover, list and value all new construction within the jurisdiction.
- Ensure that existing property is valued at the appropriate statutory level of market value.
- Assure that similar property is valued in a uniform manner.

The function of the Assessor's Office is to determine actual value of real property (the price you would expect to receive if you sold your home), while maintaining equity (equal treatment) between properties. This is determined by what occurs in the marketplace, the buying and selling of property by the public. The Supervisor of Assessments and the Board of Review may use multipliers to bring the assessments of townships county-wide up to the State mandated 33 1/3 percent of market value.

Your Property Tax Bill - THE ASSESSOR DOES NOT TAX

The Assessor has no authority to tax and is only concerned with the value of your property. Your property tax bill is a result of your assessed value, less exemptions, multiplied by your tax rate. Your tax rate is determined by the amount of money levied by each taxing body that you pay taxes to. The taxing bodies that you pay taxes to are listed on your tax bill with their portion of the tax dollars. The majority of property taxes are paid to local school districts. I would encourage each of you to look at where your property tax dollars are going and to stay abreast of what each of those entities is doing with that money. Additionally, with our local school districts having the largest demand on our local property tax dollars, I would also recommend that you reach out to your local state legislators and encourage them to explore better funding solutions for our schools.

Property Tax Exemptions



Several exceptions are available that may help lower your assessed value. Exemptions include General Homestead, Senior Freeze, General Senior Homestead, Disabled Persons Homestead, Disabled Veteran,

Returning Veteran, Homestead Improvement. Each exemption has different values and qualifying criteria. Visit our website at https://www.troytownship.com/exemptions/ for full details.

Always check your property tax bill to ensure you are receiving all exemptions to which you are entitled. Missing exemptions that you were eligible for the prior year can be added and a revised property tax bill will be generated. Exemption corrections must be made within one year. If you are missing an exemption, please contact us immediately.

Senior Freeze Exemption – To qualify for the senior freeze exemption, total household income must be \$65,000 or less. We had hoped for legislation to increase this amount but it was not approved. You must apply for the senior freeze annually since the exemption is income dependent. To apply for the current year, you must supply a copy of your 2024 tax return (Form 1040). If you do not file taxes but receive social security, we will need a copy of your current social security statement.

Your Property Record Card and Conducting a Property Search

As always, I encourage everyone to review their property card that is on file with my office. Information on your property can be found online at www.troytownship.com by clicking on the "Property Search" feature on the



home page as shown in the image to the left. If an error is found, it can be corrected. If the error would result in a change in your property value, we can go back one year to correct it.

Any Significant Property Changes?

Have you removed any taxable items from your property that you did not obtain a permit to remove? Examples would be filling in an in-ground pool, removing a deck that is not being replaced, etc. If so, please contact our office so we can remove that item(s) from your property record card. It is possible that the removal of this item could lower your assessed value.

Call 815-744-5806 or visit us with any questions.

NEWS FROM ASSESSOR Kim Anderson, CIAO (Continued)

TROY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR KIM ANDERSON, CIAO ANNOUNCES

ANNUAL WILL COUNTY EXEMPTION EVENT



~~APRIL 29, 2025 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.~~

Will County is conducting an Exemption Event at Troy Township, 25448 Seil Road Shorewood, IL Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a walk-in event ~ No Appointments

Please be sure to bring your required documents!

**This is not a seminar but an event to file for your applicable Exemptions.

~All exemptions require Driver's License or State ID showing Current address~

More specific information on requirements can be found on the Will County Supervisor of Assessments' website at www.willcountysoa.com

PTAX-324 Application for Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

<u>PTAX-340</u> 2024 Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption Application and Affidavit

PTAX-341 Application for Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption

PTAX-343 Application for Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities

PTAX-342 Application for Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities(SHEVD)

Senior Exemption

Driver's license or state ID showing your Current address & birthdate that confirms you are 65 or over.

Senior Freeze

2024 1040 Tax Return.
If you don't file taxes
but receive Social
Security, we will need
your current
statement.

Disabled Person

Disabled ID, proof of social security benefits statement, or physician statement showing a 2 or 2A disability.

Veterans

Disabled or Returning
Disabled: DD214 reflecting
an honorable discharge and
VA service disability letter
of 30% or more.
Returning: DD214 if
discharged, DD220 if still
active

A MESSAGE FROM CLERK Larry Ryan

2025 - CONSOLIDATED ELECTION EARLY VOTING AT TROY TOWNSHIP

Troy Township will once again serve as an early voting site for Troy Township residents for the 2025 Consolidated Election. Township residents can early vote at the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 W. Seil Rd, Shorewood. Hours for early voting: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting Monday,

March 17, 2025, and ending on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Election Day Voting: Election Day will be Tuesday, April 1, 2025. For all other Voting, Vote by Mail, Polling Places, Election Day information or questions, please visit https://www.willcountyclerk.gov or call 815-740-4615.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

Troy Township is hereby notifying all residents of unincorporated Troy Township that the services of Clarke have been engaged to perform mosquito abatement services in the unincorporated areas of Troy Township during the 2025 season. Pesticide applications for this service will take place between May 1st and October 15th. The full notice and information on how to receive advance notice of each spraying can be found at https://www.troytownship.com/mosquito-abatement/.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH

I'd like to remind residents to attend the Township's Annual Town Meeting held on the second Tuesday in April. The Annual Town Meeting brings township residents together and includes a presentation of year-end financial reports from Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz along with a summary of the prior year's activities. Please join us on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood.

A MESSAGE FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Thomas R. Ward

I hope this article finds you happy and healthy as we progress into 2025. It is always an honor to serve as your Highway Commissioner. In this newsletter I'd like to bring special attention to culvert replacements and local road construction. Please take a moment to read the content below. As always, I welcome your comments and feedback. Feel free to contact me at 815-405-3378 or tward@troytownship.com. Have a great spring and summer and I'll see you on the roads!

A COMMENTAL PROPERTY.

Culvert Replacements

For our unincorporated residents, Troy Township will replace worn/failing driveway culverts at no charge to residents. If you see a hole in your driveway near the driveway culvert or suspect damage, please call us to come out and inspect. Additionally, if the driveway culvert is filled with debris that prevents proper drainage, we can clear it out. Either way, call us at 815-405-3378 to request a site inspection/visit. Please note, the Township is not able to repair or replace any pipes that run through your yard as these pipes are a homeowner's responsibility to maintain.

Local Road Construction

I think everyone is well aware of the abnormal about of road construction in our area and as spring and summer approach, I encourage everyone to travel with caution, be aware of changes to lane configurations, and remind your young drivers at home to do the same. The improvements around and along I-80 are being conducted by IDOT (Illinois Department of

Transportation). While we can all agree that these improvements are much needed, I do realize that some of this work will be difficult to weather. Some specific projects I'd like to mention include:

I-80 and SW Frontage Road Viaduct Work

The road project at the SW Frontage Road viaduct under I-80 and leading to Leisure Lakes, Oak Lane, and the Camelot Subdivision is one project in our area that will disrupt your daily travels. As of now, we know that the Frontage Road will be down to one lane for most of the 2025 construction season as IDOT replaces the I-80 bridge over Frontage Road. Please know that my office along with the Township Supervisor's office has been working diligently to get information from IDOT and out to residents and have been pressing IDOT for improvements to existing construction conditions

to lessen travel risks. When work is complete there will be a new bridge, wider viaduct, new lighting, and improved drainage. We encourage you to scan the QR code for IDOT's project information sheet.



Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River

The Shepley Road bridge replacement and realignment project is now entering Phase 2 Engineering. The project has become larger in scope than originally anticipated and involves needing both ComEd and Forest Preserve easements. Construction is now estimated to begin in 2027 or 2028.









Annual Spring Clean Up: April 21, 2025 - April 25, 2025

Troy Township Highway crews will be picking up <u>only big household items</u> such as furniture, appliances, carpet (tied in rolls), etc. for residents in <u>unincorporated</u> Troy Township. Place items out in front of your residence near the road. Remember that Friday, April 25, 2025, will be the last day for pick-ups. Please **do not** mix your everyday garbage, twigs, grass, etc. in with the items being picked up during Spring Clean Up week. We will not pick-up paints or liquids of any kind as they will break and spill out of our equipment. <u>We will NOT pick up any electronics such as TVs, computers, etc.</u> Again, we have no way to handle garbage or papers so **PLEASE....NO GARBAGE OR PAPERS!**

Visit www.willcountygreen.com or contact Will County Land Use Recycling at 815-727-8834 to find out where to recycle electronics and other recyclable items.

Branch Pick-Up Program for Unincorporated Residents!

Our Branch Pick-Up Program began in the early 1980's and has long been a favorite service for our residents in the unincorporated areas. Unfortunately, due to some abuse of the program in recent years, before the 2021 season we found it necessary to restructure the program and revert to some of the original program rules. The program rules were introduced in 2021 and we will continue to enforce these rules in order to continue to provide this service in an efficient and affordable manner.

As spring yard work begins, please take the time to review the program criteria. If the requirements outlined below are not followed you will receive a **RESTACK NOTICE** and your branches will be picked up on the next collection day, if stacked appropriately. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but these requirements are imperative to the program running smoothly, efficiently, and in a cost-effective manner. Your cooperation helps to ensure the continuation of this program.

SERVICE AREA: Residential homes in the unincorporated areas of Troy Township.

<u>COLLECTION DAYS:</u> Branch pick-up is the first and third Monday of every month beginning April 7, 2025, and ending October 20, 2025. If Monday is a holiday, collection will be on Tuesday of that week.

ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP FOR:

- Grass clippings, leaves, root balls, stones, mulch, or any other yard waste.
- Tree removal and landscaping removal from private property will not be picked up. Branch pick-up is intended for branches removed during routine trimming or due to storm damage. Entire trees or landscape removal that has been taken down/removed by a resident or private contractor will **NOT** be picked up. This includes any debris from the removal of shrubs, branches, stumps, root balls, and logs.
- Landscape timbers and wood fencing will not be picked up.
- <u>POISON IVY ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP</u> for poison ivy. <u>DO NOT</u> mix poison ivy in with your branches.

BRANCH PICKUP REQUIREMENTS:

- Keep branches as long as possible but they must be **no larger than six (6) inches in diameter**.
- Branches should be stacked on the ground in a neat manner and **parallel** to the road. **Crews WILL NOT go**

on private property to pick-up or move debris.

- All branches should be facing in the same direction.
- Branches can be stacked in 3-foot-high by 3-foot-wide piles.

Crews will accept up to 4 piles per household per collection day. Excessive trimming/ pruning will not be picked up.

- Thorny branches must be tied and stacked **SEPARATELY** from other branches. Please put these branches to the side of all other.
- Branches must be placed out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. We will not double back for residents that do not have branches out by 7:00 a.m.
- Do NOT put the branches into bags or any containers. They must be on the ground.
- Branches must be clear of all debris (i.e., no grass clippings, leaves, root balls, stones, mulch).



Place branches parallel to the road as shown.





NO CALL IN REQUIRED!!!



Troy Township





TROY TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Troy Township administers General Assistance as required by law and other asistance programs like Nicor Sharing, and Salvation Army. These programs are available for township residents in need. These locally administered welfare programs are income and eligibility based and have helped many residents throughout the years. For questions about any of the above referenced programs, please contact the Troy Township General Assistance Office at 815-744-1968 or visit our website at www.troytownship.com under the Services and Resources tab. **Appointments are required** so please call in advance to schedule your visit.

BLOOD DRIVE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

Larry Walsh Jr. Illinois State Representative House District 86 and Troy Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz will co-sponsor a blood drive through Versiti Blood Center of Illinois at the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 Seil Road in Shorewood on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Every donation saves three lives! Walkins are accepted but appointments are greatly encouraged. To schedule an appointment please visit www.versiti.org/IL (search zip code 60404 with End Date of 06/30/25). Information can also be found on our website www.troytownship.com.

The Troy Township Seniors is a great opportunity for our senior community to enjoy socialization, have a nutritious meal, play games, but mostly to have some fun. All participants will also enjoy a monthly birthday celebration including treats, various theme parties, and the occasional outing. The group also enjoys lunch outings (at their own expense) with their "Troy Township Seniors" friends. Join the Troy Township Seniors for fun, friendship, food, games, events, outings, and more! For more information call 815-744-1968.

Where? Troy Township Community Center, 25448 W. Seil Road, Shorewood

When? Every Wednesday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed holidays)

Lunch is provided by Meals on Wheels via CNNSSA for a suggested donation of \$8.00 Wednesday & \$5.00 Friday. Reservations for a meal are required at least one week in advance by calling 815-744-1968.

PLANT SWAP



SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Free to all
Village of Shorewood,
City of Joliet and
Troy Township
Residents

PLANT SWAP RULES

- ABSOLUTELY NO SELLING WILL BE ALLOWED.
- Everyone must have at least one plant, cutting, seeds (no commercial packets), plant accessory (example: macrame hangers, plant stands, decorative pots-non disposable) to trade.
- All indoor and outdoor varieties are welcome.
 All plant items must be in individual pots,
- containers of water, or have their roots/lower stems wrapped in moist paper towels.
- Try to label your plants and include care instructions, if possible.
- · Plants items must be pest-free and healthy.
- All swaps must be agreed to BY BOTH PARTIES. DO NOT grab plants without express permission from the owner. Swap yes, Swipe,
- Use the Honor System to ensure swaps are balanced and respectful.
- Be mindful of swapping equal amount of plants.
- No Commercial Landscapers & Swapping.
- Bring a cardboard box, wagon, cart or other means for carrying your trades around.
- We will have a freebie table if you'd like to drop off any plants without needing a trade.
- Limited space will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- · Kids are welcome.
- · Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.
- If cancelled due to rain swap date will move to Sunday, June 1st from 12pm-2pm









Join us for our 3rd annual plant swap. Bring your plants, cuttings, seeds or plant accessories to share with others and make new plant friends!

Troy Township Office Parking Lot 25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood, IL

DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING & **MEDICATION DISPOSAL EVENT**

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD | 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. TROY TOWNSHIP | 25448 W. SEIL RD. SHOREWOOD. IL

This **FREE** event is open to all Troy Township residents. Proof of residency required. Vehicles are limited to 4 grocery bags of documents to shred. This is a <u>drive-thru event</u>. You must stay in your vehicle. Papers and medications must be residentially generated; not an event for not-for-profits, businesses, or doctor's offices. Onsite personnel will remove documents and medications from your vehicle for secure onsite shredding and recycling. Do not mix your medications with your papers. QUESTIONS? Call 815-744-1968

Medications - Items Accepted

- Prescription Medications
- · Medicated Ointments
- · Prescription Inhalers
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- **Shorewood PD does not remove labels from medicine bottles

**Needles/Sharps are NOT ACCEPTED!

if you have Waste Management, you can contact them for possible disposal.



This event is sponsored by Troy Township in partnership with the Village of Shorewood Police Department.



Medications & Items NOT Accepted

· Bio-Hazardous Materials

· Other Household Wastes

· No empty medicine bottles

· No Vitamins, Lotions, Lip Balms,

Cough Drops, OTC Ointments,

· Medical Devices

· No EPI pens

· Chemo/Radioactive Materials

· Anything Containing Mercury

Event will end promptly at 11 a.m., may end early if the shredding truck fills up, and could end early or be cancelled due to hazardous

Refresh your driving skills with the AARP SMART DRIVERTM COURSE!

Monday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 13th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must attend both days.

Troy Township Community Center

25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood



Claim your safe driver discount! When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance.* Plus safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road.

*Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for detail



Cost: \$20.00 for AARP members \$25.00 for non-members payable by cash or check only

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HEALTH INSURA



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Limited to the first 40 participants. RSVP REQUIRED Call or email: Obravato@troytownship.com or Cstaselletroytownship.com

> UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

> > Ever wonder what all

opportunity to gain

DATE:

TIME:

TUESDAY







Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV and ICash at Troy Township

Date: Monday, April 7th - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m/ Location: Troy Township Community Center





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Personal Check/Money Order



- · State Identification Card (First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected
- · Real ID verify required forms of identification at https://ealid.ilsos.gov/
 • Renewal Vehicle Registration Stickers
- (Registration expiring within the current
- Organ & Tissue Donor/Voter Registration (Only with Livense or ID Application)





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Visit the ICash booth 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *No Appointment Required for ICash*

The State Treasurer is holding 2.5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification



those Medicare parts are **Medicare Information** and what are they used and Seminar for? Whether you are **SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS** new to, or currently have • Medicare eligibility, coverage options, Medicare, this free seminar is a great

Medicare Supplement Insurance knowledge of Medicare and to learn the Medicare Advantage Plans (HMO, PPO) importance of choosing and the 2025 Medicare Part D plans. the right plan.

The importance of checking your current plan and comparing it with other plans for the new year.

Medicare – Medicaid dual eligibility.

(Medigap/MedSup).

How to create your Medicare personalized account where you can see important messages.

LOCATION: Troy Township Community Center 25448 W. Seil Rd. Shorewood, IL 60404

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is a FREE counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers



10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Presented by:

APRIL 15, 2025

Sandy Leith, SHIP Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Call 815-744-1968 or email:









25448 Seil Road Shorewood, IL 60404-7620



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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.