



## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR **Joseph D. Baltz**

### HELP WHEN IT MATTERS MOST: TROY TOWNSHIP'S NEW FIRE RELIEF PROGRAM

In November 2025, **Troy Township** launched the **Catastrophic Assistance Program** to provide immediate, short-term relief to residents displaced by house fires. When a home is damaged and declared uninhabitable, even modest support can ease the first critical days—help with a hotel stay, pet boarding, food, or essential medications.

The program is available to Troy Township residents whose primary residence (including houses, apartments, condos, duplexes, or trailers)

has been impacted by fire. There are **no income limits**. Assistance includes hotel reimbursement (up to \$400), pet boarding (up to \$240), a \$100 grocery gift card, and limited prescription refills.

Residents must apply within 30 days of the incident and provide basic documentation. To learn more or schedule an appointment, contact the Troy Township Office at **815-744-1968**, visit **25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood**, or go to <https://troytownship.com/financial-assistance-programs/>.

### ONE RIDE. ONE COUNTY. MORE FREEDOM.

Starting January 1, 2026, **Troy Township** transportation services for seniors and residents with disabilities expanded. Central Will Dial-a-Ride has officially merged into **Access Will County Dial-a-Ride**, creating one streamlined system with a larger service area, simpler registration, and

easier travel throughout **Will County**.

Current riders will be transitioned automatically. New riders can enroll in minutes by calling the Troy Township Office at **815-744-1968**. More information can be found at [www.willcounty.gov/access](http://www.willcounty.gov/access).



### ONE TROY, ONE HAULER.

At the time this newsletter was prepared and published, the One Troy, One Hauler initiative had not yet been voted on by residents of unincorporated Troy Township. For the most up-to-date information, please visit [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com). The information can be found under *Services & Resources* → *Referendum - One Troy, One Hauler*.



# NEWS FROM THE TROY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Property taxes are always an area of concern for residents. Therefore, the Assessor’s office wants to make sure you are aware of all exemptions that are available to you. Since every dollar you can save helps, make sure to review these exemptions to see what you might qualify for. Basic requirements can be found on our website under the assessor tab.

- **General Homestead:** \$8,000 off your assessed value.
- **General Senior Homestead:** \$8,000 off your assessed value.
- **Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze:** Exemption freezes the value not taxes.
  - o **Income threshold changed to \$75,000 for 2026 payable in 2027.**
  - o This income threshold will go up by \$2,000 for the next two years.
- **Disabled Person:** \$2,000 off your assessed value.
- **Disabled Veteran:** Reduction in assessed value based on percentage of service-connected disability. See chart below.

Percentage of Service-Connected Disability	Reduction in Assessed Value
30%-49%	\$2,500
50%-69%	\$5,000
Over 70%	Exempt from Property Taxation

- **Returning Veteran:** \$5,000 off your assessed value for two consecutive years. The veteran must have returned from an active armed conflict.

## Exemption Event at Troy Township

The Will County Supervisor of Assessment’s office will be on-site in our Community Center on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to help residents complete their exemption paperwork. This is a walk-in style event and no appointments are required. More information on this event can be found on page 3 of the newsletter. If you are unable to attend the event, our staff are always happy to help you to fill out and file your exemption paperwork. Exemption paperwork is processed at our office Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Revised Assessment Notices

Will County issues revised assessment notices each year, typically during the first week of August. Property owners may or may not receive a notice in the mail.

If the Township Assessor makes a change to your property’s assessed value, you will receive a revised assessment notice from Will County. These Township-initiated value changes are also published in the Joliet Herald News.

If the Township Assessor does not change your property’s value, but Will County applies an assessment factor, you will not receive an individual notice in the mail, and the change

will not be listed in the newspaper. Instead, Will County publishes a general notice indicating the assessment factors applied to each township.

## Caution – Tax Reduction Experts and Assessment Appeals

Please be cautious of mail you may receive from so called “Tax Reduction Experts”. They will promise and ensure that your property taxes will be lowered, or they will not get paid. We have gone through this many times and most of their appeals, if not all, do not get reduced. If they say they are going to file an appeal with the Will County Board of Review - there will be a filing fee.

If you are unhappy with a new value posted to your property, you can reach out to our office. We would be happy to conduct a study to see if your value is where it should be. Best of all, there is no charge! You can also visit the property search section on our website that will show you all the sold properties in your neighborhood.

If you are not happy with the amount of value placed upon your property after talking with us, you may file a formal appeal with the Will County Board of Review on your own as long as you are the property owner of your residential property. Commercial or Industrial properties must have an attorney file on your behalf.

All necessary information to file an appeal can be found on our website under the assessor tab, how to appeal my property assessment. The information you need to file in the appeal form can also be found in the property search section on our website. Please give us a call if you have any problems in filling out the appeal paperwork.

## Attention Property Owners - Property Changes That May Affect Your Assessment

Have there been any changes to your property that we may not yet have on file?

Examples of changes that can affect property records include:

- Filling in an inground pool
- Removing a detached garage
- Taking down a deck with no plans for replacement

If you’ve made changes like these, we invite you to let us know so we can keep your property information up to date. In many cases, removing taxable items may result in a lower assessed value, which could help reduce your property taxes.

Please contact our office to review your property record and ensure it accurately reflects your current property.



*As always, please be sure to review your property tax bill to ensure that you are receiving all exemptions you are entitled to. The exemptions are shown on the right-hand side of your property tax bill. Check your property information for accuracy by using the*

*“property search” feature on our website.*

# NEWS FROM THE TROY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (Continued)

## TROY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR ANNOUNCES

### ANNUAL WILL COUNTY EXEMPTION EVENT



~TUESDAY~ APRIL 28, 2026 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.~

Will County is conducting an Exemption Event at Troy Township, 25448 Seil Road Shorewood, IL Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a walk-in event ~ No Appointments

\*\*\*\*IF THIS IS A RENEWAL \*\*\*\*

**You MUST bring your RENEWAL FORMS and ALL 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](http://www.willcountysoa.com)

- PTAX-324 Application for Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption
- PTAX-340 2026 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

2025 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

## 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 2026 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/>.

## SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

Troy Township offers several **financial assistance programs** to help residents during tough times. These include **General Assistance** for basic needs like rent and utilities, emergency support through the **Salvation Army Service Extension**, **Nicor Sharing grants** to help with gas bills, and **Catastrophic Assistance** for families recovering from devastating house fires. Residency and financial restrictions do apply. Call the General Assistance Office at **815-744-1968** to learn more.



## A MESSAGE FROM CLERK Larry Ryan

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

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 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Troy Township Community Center located at 25448 W. Seil Rd., Shorewood.

### MICRO PANTRY

Troy Township continues to offer an outdoor Micro Pantry located at the building entrance. The pantry is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is stocked with non-perishable food items. The Micro Pantry is generously sponsored by Shorewood Hugs and supported by donations from local residents. Individuals in need of food assistance are welcome to stop by at any time.



# A MESSAGE FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER **Thomas R. Ward**

I would like to take this time to once again thank you for letting me serve as the Highway Commissioner of Troy Township. I treat the position and the duties that come along with it with the utmost respect and take the job very seriously. I am also proud to say

that I have a crew of guys that are hardworking, dedicated, service oriented and who also care about efficiency and costs. I welcome your questions and input. Feel free to contact me at 815-405-3378 or [tward@troytownship.com](mailto:tward@troytownship.com).

## **ROADWAYS AND CONSTRUCTION**

As many of you are aware, there is an unusually high level of road construction in our area as we move into the spring and summer months. I encourage everyone to travel with caution, remain alert to changing lane configurations, and remind young drivers at home to do the same.

This past winter was particularly challenging, bringing not only snowfall but also extreme temperature fluctuations. Sub-zero temperatures followed by milder conditions create freeze-thaw cycles that are especially hard on roadways and can compromise road surfaces. As a result, crews are currently evaluating road conditions and will prioritize necessary repairs throughout the spring.

Our crew will be addressing drainage issues throughout the summer, prioritizing the most severe problem areas. In addition, we will be performing roadside ditch maintenance to remove tall weeds and help maintain clear sight lines. Motorists are asked to continue driving carefully and to use extra caution, particularly at intersections where field crops may grow to significant heights.

The improvements along and around I-80 are being conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). While these upgrades are long overdue and necessary, we recognize that the construction process can be challenging at times. We appreciate your patience, as this work is outside our control and is essential to improving safety and infrastructure for everyone who travels along I-80.

## **LEAF PICKUP**

This year presented unique challenges, as we experienced a significant snowfall while leaves were still on the ground. As a result, we were required to quickly transition trucks from leaf (box) equipment to snow removal equipment. Leaf vacuum systems cannot operate effectively in cold and snowy conditions, which limited our ability to complete leaf collection as planned. Crews did use a loader tractor to collect leaf piles that were located in the streets; however, this method is considerably slower and far less efficient than vacuum collection. Additionally, one of our leaf vacuum systems sustained significant and costly damage after small logs, concealed within a leaf pile, were pulled into the machine. This incident reduced our operational capacity to a single vacuum unit until repairs could be completed, at which point winter weather further impacted operations. Residents are asked to ensure that no other materials are placed in leaf piles. This is a service we value and want to continue providing. Looking ahead, a leaf vacuum will be deployed in the spring to complete the collection of any remaining leaves from the fall season.

## **RECYCLING**

We continue to offer traditional recycling services in partnership with Will County. For detailed information on acceptable recyclable materials, please visit [WillCountyGreen.com](http://WillCountyGreen.com). Items that are not recyclable are occasionally placed in the recycling dumpsters, which requires additional time for my crew to remove. Service charges are incurred if materials must be removed by the vendor at the transfer station. We kindly ask for your cooperation in following recycling guidelines so this valuable service can continue to be offered.

**Yard waste dumped into rivers slows stream flow and creates stagnant water.**

This causes green algae, encourages mosquitos, and hurts fish by depleting oxygen levels in the water.




**NATIVE PLANTS FOR RAIN GARDENS**

**MARSH BLAZING STAR**

Marsh Blazing Star's tall, spiky purple blooms are a magnet for pollinators, especially butterflies and bees. This moisture-loving perennial adds vertical interest to gardens while helping support healthy ecosystems.




**PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste at a designated facility. Never dump chemicals down household drains or storm drains.






# SERVICES FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TROY TOWNSHIP

## Annual Spring Clean Up: April 13, 2026 to April 17, 2026

Troy Township Highway crews will be picking up only big household items such as furniture, appliances, carpet (tied in rolls), etc. for residents in **unincorporated** Troy Township. Place items out in front of your residence near the road. Remember that Friday, April 17, 2026, will be the last day for pick-ups.

- **Do not** mix your everyday garbage, papers, twigs, grass, etc. in with the items being picked up during Spring

Clean Up week. **PLEASE...NO GARBAGE OR PAPERS!**

- We will not pick-up paints or liquids of any kind as they will break and spill out of our equipment.
- **We will NOT pick up any electronics such as TVs, computers, etc.** Visit [www.willcountygreen.com](http://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.

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

**COLLECTION DAYS:** Branch pick-up is the first and third Monday of every month beginning April 6, 2026, and ending October 19, 2026. 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.
- **POISON IVY - ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP** for poison ivy. **DO NOT** 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**

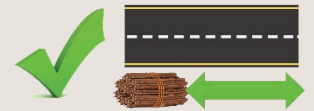
As spring yard work begins, please take the time to review the program criteria. If the requirements outlined below are not followed you will receive a **RESTACK NOTICE** and your branches will be picked up on the next collection day, if stacked appropriately. We apologize for any inconvenience this 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.

### 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 SENIORS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Join the Troy Township Seniors for fun, friendship, food, games, events, outings, and more!

### 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

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



The Troy Township Seniors is a great opportunity for our senior community to enjoy socialization, have a nutritious meal, play games (Poker, Euchre, Bridge, Pinochle, Hand n Foot, Dominoes, Checkers, and more), 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. For more information call 815-744-1968.



## DRIVE-THRU SHREDDING & MEDICATION DISPOSAL EVENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**  
**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 **drive-thru event. 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

**\*\*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.



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 weather.



## Community Mental Health Program

Troy Township Residents can get counseling and psychiatry services\* at Thriveworks®.

\*Program funds are limited, and services will be suspended if program funds are exhausted. Participants must be a resident of Troy Township.



Troy Township is proud to partner with Thriveworks to offer you affordable and accessible mental health care.

Call Troy Township at 815-744-1968 or visit <https://thriveworks.com/partners/troy-township/> to get started today.

Hours are  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday,  
closed holidays.

# TROY TOWNSHIP'S INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS/EVENTS

**Refresh your driving skills with the AARP SMART DRIVER™ COURSE!**




Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 12th  
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 details.

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

**BOOK NOW** 815-744-1968

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



ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE  
**Mobile DMV**



Driver's License & State ID Cards – Standard & REAL ID  
(First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)  
Vehicle Registration / License Plate Stickers

For a full list of acceptable documents visit [ILSOS.gov](http://ILSOS.gov)  
\* Written and road tests are not available at Mobile DMV events.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**  
**10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**LOCATION:**  
**TROY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**25448 SEIL RD, SHOREWOOD, IL**



**Appointments are Required for all Mobile DMV Services**  
**Call 815-744-1968 for appointment!**

Acceptable Forms of Payment Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover Credit and Debit Cards (All credit or debit payments incur a transaction fee)  
Personal Check/Money Order (Exact amount and current date required)

IL Secretary of State  
Alexi Giannoulis

**PLANT SWAP**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**  
**12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

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





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**

**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, no.
- 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, May 31st from 12p.m. - 2p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR UPCOMING EVENT



~Learn more about~



Access Will County Dial-a-Ride



Community Mental Health Program



Troy Township Catastrophic Assistance Program

Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
10am - 2pm  
25448 SEIL RD SHORWOOD, IL



Michael W. Frerichs  
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER



1 in 4 who check our database discover unclaimed property

The State Treasurer is holding more than 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.



ALEXI GIANNOULIS  
SECRETARY of STATE



Be an organ/tissue donor\*  
**LifeGoesOn.com**  
OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE

Stop by and learn more about the Life Goes On Organ Tissue Donor Program

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**25448 Seil Road  
Shorewood, IL 60404-7620**



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## INFORMATION:

Troy Twp. Website ..... [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com)  
 Supervisor & Community Center .. (815) 744-1968  
 Township Office Fax ..... (815) 744-1910  
 Assessor ..... (815) 744-5806  
 Assessor Fax ..... (815) 744-5803  
 Highway Department ..... (815) 828-5275  
 Highway Commissioner Cell..... (815) 405-3378  
 General Assistance Program ..... (815) 744-1963

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**  
Jennifer Dylík

**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.*