

Lemont Township

Service to humanity is the best work of life

SPRING 2010

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NEWS FROM THE SUPERVISOR



LEMONT TOWNSHIP

1115 Warner Avenue

Lemont, IL 60439

630-257-2522



It has been another busy year and the elected officials and staff remain committed to serving the residents of Lemont Township. After many months of planning, on April 10, the Township celebrated with a ground breaking ceremony for the Lemont Township Community Center. In attendance were representatives from Lemont's local taxing bodies and the Honorable Judy Biggert. The project is being constructed on the Heritage Woodland Sanctuary Park property. The Board is proud to construct this building with no tax increase to the public, in part due to grants from Citgo Corporation and the State of Illinois.

The building will provide a much needed Community Center along with facilities for the Human Services Department. It will also include an educational Interpretive Center which will be a great benefit to the community. It will teach children and adults alike, about the natural savannas, wetlands, and woodlands located upon the preserved open space. There are over one hundred species of trees, wildflowers, and wildlife! There will also be rest room facilities available, for those who may be out enjoying a walk around the trails.



Groundbreaking for Lemont Township's Community Center

Pictured with Citgo manager, Jim Cristman, is Tim Garvey, Greg Nicklas, Frank Wozniak, Judy Biggert (R-IL-13th), Barbara Buschman, Kathy Henrikson, Sig Vaznelis, and Steve Rosendahl.

The Lemont Community Café will be located there as well. Hot lunches and a healthy deli bar will be provided by the Community Nutrition Network and Senior Services Association. The Café serves those age 60 and older, a nutritious lunch five days a week and provides the seniors with enjoyable social activities. For those not able to visit the Café, the "Meals on Wheels" program will continue to be of service.

Steven F. Rosendahl

Lemont Township—Supervisor



The Pace Bus is available to travel **WITHIN** the boundaries of Lemont.

Mon.—Sat.
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Reservations can be made up to one week in advance by calling 630-257-2522, during regular business hours.

Fees are as follows:

\$2.00 each way—Adults

\$1.00—each way Seniors,
Disabled,
Students 7-18 yrs.

FREE—Under 7 years old.

FREE—Mondays & Saturdays

General Township Services

You can purchase Cook County vehicle stickers, register to vote, get Central Bark permits, purchase Waste Management stickers, obtain an RTA discount or Smart Card application, culvert permit application, or a handicap parking permit application, all at the front desk of the Township office during our regular business hours. *We are here to serve you!*

General Township business hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday (*limited services*) 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

LEMONT MEDVAN

Lemont Township offers round-trip transportation for Lemont seniors and disabled to and from their medical appointments.

At least 48 hours advanced notice is required.

Call 630-257-2522 to schedule an appointment or to get further information regarding the cost of this service. ***Volunteer drivers are always welcome and will be paid a stipend.***

REGISTERED DRIVERS

Lemont Township is looking for more people to add to their Registered Driver list. Drivers use their own vehicle to drive residents to and from their doctor appointments. Registered Drivers determine their own fee for service. If you have extra time and a helping spirit, please contact Human Services at 630-257-2522.

If you need a ride, call Lemont Township for a list of Registered Drivers in our area.

Lemont Highway Department

GRAND OPENING WAS HELD ON APRIL 10, 2010

Pictured (left to right)
Mayor Brian Reaves,
Commissioner Liz Goreman, Supervisor Steve Rosendahl, Barbara Buschman, Sig Vaznelis, John Heeg, Kathy Henrikson, Greg Nicklas, Tim Garvey and Frank Wozniak.



Construction has been completed on the 3,000 square foot addition to the Township Garage located at 12750 Archer Avenue. The previous structure served the township for the past twenty years and with this addition, the Highway Department is ready to serve our residents for the next twenty years!

"CENTRAL BARK" DOG PARK MEMBERSHIPS DUE

As Spring approaches we look forward to another season at our dog park. The first year presented itself with a few concerns. We believe we have addressed most of the issues brought to us by the residents. We reseeded the large dog park last fall and it is now open once again.

If you plan to use the park you must register your dog at the Lemont Township office at 1115 Warner Avenue. *All dogs entering the park must be issued a permit.* For more information, you may call our office at 630-257-2522. You may download registration forms from our web site at www.lemonttownship.org.

There is a \$20 per household fee for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of registration. All dogs registered by May 31, will receive a free doggy water bottle! *Supplies are limited.*

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GARDNERS!

Lemont Township is looking for community groups and residents to help care for eight perennial sections at the Heritage Woodland Sanctuary. We are hoping interested groups/individuals will adopt a section and care for it a couple of times a year. Please call Kathy Henrikson at 630-863-3411 or email at kathyhen58@att.net.

RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW CLASS

MAY 14

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Lemont Township, 1115 Warner Avenue

Call 630-257-2522—Registration is Required

FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND

Please consider donating to the Family Assistance Fund if you are able. These funds help your neighbors in times of crisis, when all other resources have been exhausted.

This fund is limited as it is based directly upon contributions.

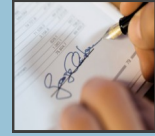
Donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Please make checks payable to:

"Lemont Township Family Assistance Fund"

OPEN FOOD PANTRIES *Please help satisfy the hunger in your own community* and remember to support our local food pantries. They are located at Bethany Lutheran and Lemont United Methodist Churches. No one is immune to experiencing an unexpected hardship in life and this extra assistance helps provide necessary nutrition to your neighbors in need.

From the Desk of Ken Jacobowski Lemont Township Assessor



2009—1st Installment Tax Bills

The 2009 1st installment tax bills that were due March 2, 2010, were calculated at 55% of the total tax billed for 2008. This was a change from what was always 50% of the prior years total. In addition to the tax bills being changed, we had also received assessment notices reducing residential values by 5%. This reduction will be reflected on the 2nd installment tax bill that will be mailed this fall. The Township Assessor's office recently assisted residents with filing Assessed Value Appeals with the County Assessor for the 2009 tax year. The next step in the appeal process will be the Board of Review.

For updated information regarding the Board of Review appeal dates, check our website@www.lemonttownship.org.

The 2nd installment tax bill will include deductions for the various exemptions you may be qualified for. This includes homeowner, senior, senior freeze, current military, or disabled veteran exemptions.

To qualify for the 2009 senior exemptions, one must have lived in the residence and have been born in, or before 1944. If you have not received an exemption that you have qualified for, contact the Lemont Township Assessor's office at 630-257-2522, or the Cook County Assessor at 312-443-7550 **prior** to paying your bill.

For additional information, please contact the Lemont Township Assessor's office located at 1115 Warner Avenue, Lemont.



CEDA HOUSING COUNSELING

A representative from CEDA will be at Lemont Township every Thursday through September. They will be on site from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. for rent and mortgage assistance. *Appointments are not necessary.* Further information is available in the front lobby of the township office.

Lemont Community Café—Phone 630-257-0515

Lemont Café

Site Manager

Gwen Smith

gsmith@cnnmow.org



The Lemont Community Café is a great place to meet new and old friends alike. Hot lunches are served daily and they meet one-third of the senior's daily dietary guidelines. Not in the mood for a hot lunch? Why not try the Salad Bar! Our Salad Bar is full-service Mondays and Wednesdays and features a wide variety of vegetables to top off your bed of fresh greens. Other items to enjoy include potato salad, coleslaw, cottage cheese, a variety of fruits, puddings, hard-boiled eggs, dried cranberries and so much more! A half sandwich, hot dog, and sloppy-joes are also available on the Salad Bar and are served with a cup of soup. Sandwiches and soups rotate often and are listed in advance on our monthly menus.

Please stop in at the Lemont Township office and request a Lemont Community Café menu. Reservations are highly suggested to ensure that you will receive your choice for either the hot meal or salad bar lunch. Reservations can be made via telephone or in person. Lunches are served Monday—Friday at 11:30 sharp!

Looking for something to do? Why not come in early and enjoy a game of cards, a cup of coffee or tea, or donated sweets from Starbucks! There is plenty to do at the Café besides just eat a tasty lunch. Activities include: cards, bingo, parties, catered meals, a monthly SNAC meeting, trips to casinos and more!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

SENIOR MEAL—11:30

Monday through Friday

Suggested Donation

\$3.25—hot meal

\$3.50—deli bar

Please Make a Reservation

SNAC MEETING

First Monday of

each month—12:30 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays

BINGO—12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

PINOCHLE—12:30 p.m.

Homebound

Call PLOWS at 708-361-0219 for information about the "Meals on Wheels" program.

Blood Pressure Check

First Monday of the month at 10 :00 a.m.

Foot Doctor Visit

Last Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



Upcoming Parties/Trips/Events

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| May | 7— Mother's Day Party |
| June | 18—Four Winds Casino Trip |
| | 25—Free Bingo / Catered Meal |
| July | 1—Celebrate Independence Day / Catered Meal |
| | 16—Summer Celebration & Ice Cream Social |
| | 19—Speaker Dan Cantu "Important Changes with Medicare" |
| August | 20—Luau Party / Catered Meal |

PARTY DAYS!

\$4.00 for a

Catered Meal

Of Interest to Seniors



Chief Kevin Shaughnessy addresses the seniors questions and concerns after the tour of the new police station which took place on March 2, 2010.

On March 2nd, Lemont Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, took time to provide local area seniors with a nice lunch and a tour of the Lemont Police Department. He spoke to them regarding scams they need to be aware of. He also listened to their concerns and answered their questions. He explained how the Police Department can be of assistance to seniors, as well as others in the community.

Lemont Police Department is also active in SALT (Seniors and Law enforcement Together) with the main focus being on crime and security issues related to older individuals. Thanks to SALT, there is also a drug disposal drop off container located inside the police department. You can safely turn in expired medications there to avoid harming the environment.



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 11, 2010

Lemont's 2nd

Annual

SENIOR EXPO

No needles or syringes are accepted!

For more information on SALT contact Officer Denise Bode at 630-257-2229 or email at Dbode@lemont.il.us.

WARNING FOR SENIORS

Gypsy Ruses often victimize elderly citizens. These types of cons happen year round and can be prevented. **Never open your home to a stranger, especially if you live alone, even if they appear to be a utility worker or government official on legitimate business.** If you need someone to come into your home to do work, arrange to have a family member or friend with you while the work is being done. Many cons used to rip off innocent victims involve repair work, free inspections, or landscaping. Lemont Police Department encourages you to call 911 to have an officer check out any one who makes you uncomfortable or seems suspicious.

BEWARE OF HEALTH REFORM SCAMS—An alert was released recently from the Illinois Attorney General's Office regarding a Medicare "spoofing" scam. This scam involves a phone call in which the caller states that he/she is from Medicare, and due to the new health care reform law, Medicare has to issue new Medicare cards. The caller then claims to need bank account information to "activate" the new benefits. These scammers are generally "spoofing" the call, which means they falsify the phone number displayed on caller ID so it appears to come from a legitimate source. Some con artists "spoo" the contact information of a state or federal government agency to deceive consumers. One of the "spoofed" numbers being used in this scam is 866-234-2255. **Never give out personal information over the phone, unless you have initiated the call and know with whom you are speaking.** If anyone has experienced this scam, you can report the incident to the Illinois Attorney General's Senior Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-243-5377.

Please report suspected Elder Abuse—Illinois Department on Aging

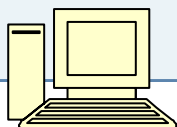
Elder Abuse and Neglect Hotline – 866-800-1409

News from the Director of Human Services

LEMONT RESIDENTS

COMPUTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LEMONT TOWNSHIP OFFICE LOCATED AT 1115 WARNER AVENUE. PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING TO RESERVE A TIME.

630-257-2522



The work that we do to help others in our community should never be underestimated. But we could never help others as much as we do if it were not for the kind and generous community in which we live. If you just consider the numbers of people forced into homelessness due to foreclosures and evictions, it might be easier to cope with. But when you actually consider the people and their personal situations, things take on a whole different light. *The numbers surely don't tell the whole story!* I often answer calls made



Debbie Schmitt

out of complete desperation from people who have tried every way they know of to make ends meet, before finally reaching out for help. These calls arrive from seniors, middle-aged adults, families with young children, and single moms with vulnerable children to care for. *Can you imagine telling your children you have no place to call home? Or try to explain to them why the lights won't go on, or why the house is getting cold* (because of a utility shut-off). It is surely not easy to be walking in their shoes, even in the short-term. We help with crisis situations as much as possible at the township level, and seek out other resources for additional assistance. I ask you to please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the "Lemont Township Family Assistance Fund." This is an additional resource we have established locally to help families through difficult times and crisis situations.

Thank you for helping us help your neighbors!

If you would like to receive a copy of the local job bulletin, please contact Human Services at 630-257-2522 x 13, or email human-services@lemonttownship.org.

If you are a local company looking to hire, you can place a "Help Wanted" add for FREE! Please contact Human Services for more information.

FOOD PANTRY CERTIFICATION

If you are struggling to make ends meet and feel you could benefit from using the Lemont Open Food Pantries, please call Human Services to determine if you are eligible for this local assistance.

IL-1363 Circuit Breaker applications are available in the Township lobby. Whether you file on your own or need assistance filing online, you can be sure that we are here to help. *If you meet the income qualifications, you can receive help with the cost of prescriptions, receive a Circuit Breaker grant and a license plate discount.* Appointments are required and can be made by calling Human Services at 630-257-2522. Please have all income verification and property tax information available when calling to schedule an appointment.

LEMONT TOWNSHIP SENIOR ASSOCIATION NEWS

Since the passing of beloved former President, Edward "Doc" Forkel, the Lemont Township Seniors has had to cope with some changes. As we all know, transitions are not always easy, especially the older you get. However, we are happy to inform the community that the **Lemont Township Seniors are back in full swing and are welcoming new members!** Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m., at Lemont Township (1115 Warner Avenue). Membership is required. Dues are \$15 a year for residents, and \$20 for non-residents. You, or your spouse must be 60 years or older to join. Come and learn about our upcoming events! *Bring a friend and make some new ones too!*



NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE LEMONT TOWNSHIP SENIOR ASSOCIATION

President, Loretta Kramer

Treasurer, Betty Zezulka

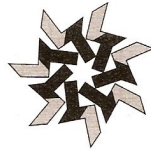
Vice President, Dorothy "Dottie" Jarzynka

Secretary, Genevieve Sloman

TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING

Second Tuesday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.



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2010 Cook County vehicle stickers are anticipated to be available mid-May. The **DEADLINE** to purchase is **June 30th**. The stickers must be **DISPLAYED** by **July 1, 2010**

GENERAL SERVICES

Central Bark Permits
Cook County Vehicle Stickers
Pace Dial-A-Ride
Smart Card & Reduced Fare RTA
Temporary Parking Placard for Persons with Disabilities
Voter Registration

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Educational Speakers
Food Pantry Certification
Holiday Food and Gift Programs
Social Services and Case Management

HOMEOWNER SERVICES

Homeowner Exemption Applications
Senior Citizen Freeze

CEDA Representatives are regularly on site at the Township office to help with rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS & DISABLED

AARP—55 Alive Safe Driving Classes
Annual Flu Shot Clinic
Circuit Breaker—IL-1363
Educational Speakers
Income Tax Assistance
Lemont Township Senior Citizens Association
Medvan Reservations
Registered Driver List
Rules of the Road Class
Senior Nutrition & "Meals on Wheels"