

McHenry Township

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Winter 2016/2017 Newsletter

3703 North Richmond Road, Johnsburg, Illinois 60051

McHENRY TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES INVITES YOU TO



Trustee Gary Barla, Trustee Craig Wallace, Trustee Neal Schepler
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Winter EXPO

**Saturday, December 3
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

McHenry Township Hall, 3703 N. Richmond Road

Stop by for a FREE family event focused on local winter activities!

The kick off to winter...offering an array of sport, fun and educational activity ideas & information.

Get up to date ideas and information from winter outdoor professionals.

Winter...a time to pursue new and exciting adventures!

Learn about a variety of winter activities from fishing to snowmobiling and scouting out birds!
Bring your camera and take a photo of yourself skiing down the slopes!

Meet with friendly informative representatives from the organizations listed below...plus much more!

- ◆ McHenry County Conservation District
- ◆ Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club
- ◆ Moraine Hills State Park
- ◆ Winter Driving in McHenry Township
- ◆ McHenry Township Sledding Hill
- ◆ YMCA Camp Duncan
- ◆ City of McHenry Parks & Recreational Department
- ◆ McHenry County Snowmobile Association and area snowmobile clubs
- ◆ McHenry County Sheriff's Snowmobile Safety Certification Course
- ◆ Norge Ski Club & Training Center
- ◆ Food Vendor: hot dogs, chili & beverages

McHenry Township

Craig M. Adams, Supervisor

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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THE TOWNSHIP WELCOMES CRAIG WALLACE

In June, Craig Wallace was appointed McHenry Township Trustee. We welcome his financial and management expertise to our team.

Craig has been a resident of McHenry Township for 45 years; a graduate of Montini Catholic Middle School and a graduate of McHenry East Campus. He then earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing Communications from Columbia College in Chicago.



Craig offers his over twenty years of professional experience with a proven track record of exceeding sales targets, leading teams, motivating and coaching sales forces. As Regional Sales Manager, he currently is responsible for the management of a \$2.1 million dollar territory;

providing seminars, training and sales calls. Craig won the "2015 Regional Sales Manager of the Year Award".

In 2014, Craig received "Johnsburg Hometown with a Spirit Volunteer Award" and the "Northwest Herald Everyday Hero Award" His community volunteer activities include:

- Chairman and Founder of Walla-Pa-Looza: Raisin' Cash For Cancer
- Former coordinator Johnsborg Boys Baseball League and announcer for the Johnsborg Jr. Skyhawks plus organize their Steak Dinner every year.
- Active in the Johnsborg Lions Club and the Johnsborg Community Men's Club

A Message from the Township Supervisor

The McHenry Township Board of Trustees is comprised of dedicated Township residents who work to improve the quality of life in their community. The township board of trustees is the legislative branch of township government. Each township has four trustees and a supervisor, which comprise the board.

The Supervisor is the Chairman of the Township Board of Trustees. Each board member is elected at-large within the township and has one vote on all issues before the township board. The Township Clerk is a non-voting member of the township board of trustees and is required to keep accurate records of all township board meetings and maintain records of the board's executive sessions.

The responsibility of a Trustee includes: monthly auditing of bills, budget preparation, adoption of the Road District and Township budget, approval of ordinances and contracts, in addition to policy making for the Township.

McHenry Township conducts regular board meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the McHenry Township Hall.

Your McHenry Township Board of Trustees wants to hear from you and wants to know what issues are important to you. Meet the Trustees on our website under the "Board" link; each Trustee's name has a link to their e-mail address.

The township works together with McHenry Township Road District and McHenry Township Assessor's Office to provide quality service to our residents.

The McHenry Township Board works hard budgeting in order to keep expenses down. As a result, McHenry Township is happy to announce that once again there will **NOT BE A TAX LEVY INCREASE!** The township has kept the levy flat for the last SIX YEARS! While in your home and also at the township, utilities and other living expenses continue to grow; your township board excels in finding ways to minimize expenses.

Your current Board of Trustees is preparing the next budget cycle and is committed to **REDUCING** your current tax levy which would be reflected on next year's property tax bill. Your Board has heard your concerns regarding the high property tax rate and is actively working to reduce the township portion of your tax bill while maintaining the quality services that you require from our government.

We are small, accessible, responsive, and cost effective! *First and foremost, we, McHenry Township, are here to serve you!*

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

<http://www.mchenrycountyhousing.org/>

McHenry County Housing Authority (MCHA), 1108 N. Seminary in Woodstock will be taking applications for the Winter 2016-17 energy assistance programs on an **“Appointment Only Basis”**. Call 815-338-7752 to make an appointment to apply for the LIHEAP or other programs. If you are a senior, you may apply at Senior Services call 815-344-3555. For eligibility requirements and more information about MCHA programs go to their website at www.mchenrycountyhousing.org

This year’s Enrollment dates:

- **September** — Seniors, Disabled clients only and ComEd shut off.
- **October** — Elderly and Disabled clients; families with children under the age of 6; and clients who are disconnected (ComEd only).
- **November 2016 through May 2017*** — Elderly and Disabled clients; families and clients who are income eligible and disconnections.

*McHenry County Housing Authority may run out of funds prior to May 31, 2017.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a program that helps eligible low-income households to pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP provides a one-time benefit to eligible households for use towards energy costs payment amount is based on four criteria: income, household size, fuel type and geographic location. Eligibility is according to your household’s combined income.

You may be eligible to receive assistance under the LIHEAP program if your household’s combined income is at or below the following levels shown in the chart. If you rent, and your heat and/or electric is included in the rent then your rent must be greater than 30% of your income in order to be eligible to receive benefits.

of People living in Household

Gross Income for 30 days prior to Application Date

- 1.....\$1,485
- 2.....\$2,003
- 3.....\$2,520
- 4.....\$3,038
- 5.....\$3,555
- 6.....\$4,073



Applicants will be informed as to what documentation to bring when they call to make their appointment.

RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW COURSE

Wednesday, November 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at McHenry Township Hall

This will be the last Rules of the Road Review class offered this year by the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State. The next class will not be until March 2017.

If you are going to take the Illinois driver’s license renewal examination, the class updates you on the current rules of the road and prepares you for the general written and road sign exam. Learn about the actual road test and take a practice written exam.

The class is FREE and reservations are required!

**PRESENTING THE
JOHNSBURG LIONS CLUB**

**26th ANNUAL WREATH (PRE)SALE
2016 Order Form**

Pick up November 26th

**Angelo’s Val-Mar Center
4000 N. Johnsburg Road**

Note: We are only accepting pre-sale orders again this year.

Order deadline: Sunday, November 6, 2016

Wreathes		Specialties	
Size	Quantity	Size	Quantity
24" @ \$12 each	_____	25ft Rope @ \$25 each	_____
36" @ \$25 each	_____	Candy Cane @ \$15 each	_____
48" @ \$30 each	_____	Swags @ \$7 each	_____
60" @ \$40 each	_____	Crosses @ \$15 each	_____

Include: Name, address, phone # and email address when placing order to:

Dick Doyle
815.344.5264
Ddddoyle@aol.com

Ed Dschida
815.245.4988
Ed@astrocraft.com

Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, November 26, 2016 @ Val-Mar Center From 10 AM – 2 PM. Please contact us if you need additional assistance.

All proceeds raised go to aide those in our **COMMUNITY**

“HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED”

Thank you!!!

THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Lifeline

The Lifeline Program is a federal program that provides a monthly discount on landline or wireless phone service to eligible low-income households.

The Lifeline discount can lower or eliminate the cost of your monthly phone bills. Only one discount is available per household, either landline or wireless, but not both.

If you are eligible, apply for a discount through a participating company in your area.

IT'S TIME FOR FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE AROUND A HOLIDAY FEAST yet many of our hungry neighbors will have little or no meal to gather round this holiday. Share your festive spirit and help feed a hungry family this yuletide!

During this festive season, many of our hungry neighbors too often struggle to put any food on the table, let alone a special holiday meal. This winter season, give the gift of love and hope by making a generous donation to the Holiday Meal Box Program at your local food pantry.

Northern Illinois Food Bank offers Holiday Meal Boxes which cost \$16 each and contain all the fixings for a traditional family meal so that area low-income families enjoy a traditional holiday dinner.

In McHenry Township we have two food pantries and both offer this program during the holiday season to their clients. By donating to your local food pantry you can provide a Holiday meal for a low-income family.

Wonder Lake Food Pantry serves 60097 zip code area.
Mail donations to: **P.O. Box 293 Wonder Lake, IL 60097**
Neighbors Food Pantry of Wonder Lake
3506 N. East Wonder Lake Rd., Wonder Lake, IL 60097
Or donate on-line at <http://wlfoodpantry.com/>

815-355-5459; Pantry Hours:
Wednesdays; 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Thursdays; 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

FISH serves 60050, 60051 and 60072 zip code areas
Mail donations to: **P.O. Box 292, McHenry, IL 60051**
FISH of McHenry Food Pantry
3515 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg, IL, 60051
Or donate on-line at <http://www.fishofmchenry.org/>

815-344-4717; Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
3rd Tuesday of each month; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

'CHRISTMAS WALK', SANTA-IN-THE-PARK & THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Saturday, November 19

McHenry kicks off its Happy Holiday Shopping Season with music and festivities for all ages at the McHenry Area Downtown Business Association's Annual Christmas Walk! The unique shops & specialty service businesses will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your shopping pleasure.

The Extended McHenry Downtown Shopping Area includes Green Street, Riverside Drive, Main Street, Pearl Street, Park Street, Court Street and Elm Street. Free Trolley Rides will transport walkers between shopping areas.

Celebrate with strolling holiday costumed characters; music; horse-pulled wagon rides; a Snow-Ball ride and much more! Look for details about all the special events as they will be posted on the McHenry Area Downtown Business Association Facebook Page.

At 4:30 p.m., Father Christmas arrives in Veterans Park to wish you a Merry Christmas and for photos in the Gazebo.

At dusk, Christmas Carolers will sing at McHenry's Annual "Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony" in Veterans Park.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 at 1 p.m. BENEFITS MCHENRY TOWNSHIP CHILDREN

The 23rd Annual Christmas Toys For Tots Christmas Parade with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Program. The color guard will lead off the parade on Main St. and moves to Green St., north to Pearl, east to Riverside Dr., north to Broad St, to Veterans Park.

Each year hundreds of motorcycles participate in the parade and each rider donates a toy. These donations spread holiday cheer to local children and say Merry Christmas!

Spectators are urged to bring a NEW unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals) to hand to a toy truck in the parade or bring your donation to the Marine's "Toy Drop-Off" located in Veterans Park. What better way to spread holiday cheer? After all... 'tis the Season to be Giving!

Don't forget the gifts are for children of all ages including young teens. The toys stay in our area and are distributed to the children of low-income families in our community by the Toys For Tots Program through the Salvation Army and Rotary. This year, put a smile on a needy child's face!

No cost to ride, just bring an un-wrapped toy for donation. Motorcycles meet at McHenry Harley Davidson in McHenry, (will be open at 9 a.m.) For information call 815-344-9300.

WINTER INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Beginning Monday, January 2
Monday through Friday from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

If winter weather keeps you indoors and you need to take a walk and stretch your legs, the Township's Indoor Town Hall Walking Program is for you! McHenry Township Hall at 3703 N. Richmond Road is open before business hours.

We open the Township Hall for morning exercisers. You are in a climate controlled atmosphere and able to dress comfortably; no worry about traffic, wind, snow or ice!

Restrooms and water are in the entry hall. The best of the deal is there are no costly health club charges and no reservations required.

DECK THE HALLS, WALLS, & BEDS WITH MERRY HOLIDAY QUILTS

Museum will be open the month of December
Tuesday to Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

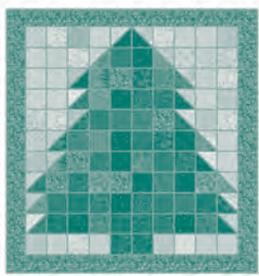
McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main Street in Union will host an Open House on Saturday, December 5. Join in the festivities featuring music and other surprises plus old fashioned homemade cookies. There will be free admission to the museum that day.



This year, quilters are invited to enter their holiday themed or colored quilts in the month-long show. All quilt-makers regardless of experience, both amateur and professional, are invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded. For additional entry guidelines visit www.gothistory.org.

Additionally, veteran Christmas memorabilia collectors Dave Harms and Lynne Eltrevoog, once again are collaborating to deck the halls of the museum exhibit hall and stage in holiday finery for your viewing enjoyment.

Regular admission, \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students, applies afterwards. The museum will open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with the exception of December 23, 26 and 30. For information about the Society's many activities visit their website at www.mchsonline.org or call 815-923-2267.



VOLUNTEER "BELL RINGERS" NEEDED! Help the Salvation Army serve our community.

McHenry Township is an Extension Site for Salvation Army Emergency Assistance and the Back-To-School programs.



The Red Kettle campaign is the Salvation Army's largest fundraiser. All the bell ringers are volunteers

Salvation Army assistance funds are donated to the Salvation Army from money raised by the Red Kettle Program. This assistance is similar to the township's Emergency Assistance and is in addition to the government funded programs and provides services to families on an emergency basis.

The Salvation Army is a faith based, non-for-profit agency. their assistance program is subject to the availability of these private resources. All township residents can apply for Salvation Army Emergency Assistance

McHenry Township General Assistance administers Salvation Army Emergency Assistance for residents residing in the 60050, 60051, 60072 and 60097 zip codes. Salvation Army Emergency Assistance is similar to the Township's Emergency Assistance and is in addition to the government funded programs.

One of the most recognized symbols of the Salvation Army is the bell ringer with a Red Kettle standing in front of a grocery store or shopping mall during the holidays. Contribute by being a bell ringer or make a a donator during the holiday season.

Salvation Army of McHenry County is seeking volunteers to ring a bell to encourage shoppers and passersby to donate their spare change.

For online donations or to sign-up as a volunteer to ring a bell to raise money, go to <http://salarmycl.org/> or call Linda Hunter West at 815-455-2769. Kettles go out November 11 and remain thru December 24.

THE SLEDDING HILL IS READY FOR WINTER EXPERIENCE WINTER FAMILY FUN IN MCHENRY TOWNSHIP PARK!

Children and adults revel in the winter thrill of sledding down our 300 foot snowy sledding run. It's a traditional winter family experience! The downhill sledding path extends out past the soccer fields, offering a safe obstacle free sledding.

This year a barrier of pine trees was planted on the east side marking the perimeter of the sledding hill. Permanent fences were erected to denote sledding areas. Stay within the downhill path which is designated by the fences at the top of the hill. Do not sled beyond these fences.

The Bunny Hill on the east side of the sledding hill is delineated with newly erected slatted fencing. The smaller Bunny Hill is geared toward younger children only.



As a precaution, please do not climb up the sledding hill in the designated downhill sledding path! For your safety always walk up the hill in the wide platform walkway with railings provided specifically for uphill traffic.

Obey the township's posted sledding rules. Sledding is exhilarating but always keep in mind that there are dangers with this activity. Constantly use caution! Children **must** be supervised by an adult.

The area is lighted after dark for sledding until 10 p.m. There is ample parking, an enclosed winter shelter with a fireplace for warming, picnic tables and an indoor bathroom facility. Firewood is provided by the Township.

There should be at least 4" of snow and no grass visible. Obey "SLEDDING HILL CLOSED" signs when posted as the hill may be closed due to lack of snow cover or for other safety reasons.

As long as you opt for safety first, sledding is an exciting winter generational ritual. Sledding is great fun, but it can also lead to serious injuries so please sled with caution.

McHenry Township is patrolled by the Johnsburg Police.
McHenry Township is NOT responsible for injuries.

SLEDDING HILL RULES

**SLEDDING HILL IS NOT SUPERVISED
USE AT YOUR OWN RISK**

Hours: dawn to 10 p.m.



- Obey "SLEDDING HILL CLOSED" signs.
- Snowboards & skis are strictly prohibited.
- No chain sledding or building of jumps on the hill.
- Sled in designated area (downhill path) only and sledders must be seated at all times.
- Use caution when returning up the hill and stay on the designated uphill walkways.
- Children must be supervised by an adult.
- Smaller children, please use Bunny Hill.
- Lights turn on at dusk and turn off at 10:00 p.m.
- Pets & alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.
- EMERGENCIES CALL 911.



McHenry Township & McHenry Township Fire Protection District Community Blood Drive/Bone Marrow Registry Drive

Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at McHenry Township Hall, 3703 N. Richmond Road

January is National Blood Donor Month...and with good reason. Above all other times of the year, it's the month that presents the most challenges in recruiting people to give blood. With busy holiday schedules, snowstorms, increased cold/flu symptoms, and winter vacations, donations to the blood banks come up short every year. For these reasons, January was designated National Blood Donor Month. **Join us in being a hero!**

Despite miraculous advancements in medicine, there is no substitute for human blood. The need for blood products can occur in persons of all ages, from premature infants to the elderly. Management of illnesses that strike the elderly often requires extensive blood product support. An important component of many medical and surgical treatments is the highly specialized blood products collected by LifeSource. A stable blood supply is vital at all times to ensure excellence in the delivery of healthcare in our region.

Blood is not manufactured in a factory; we, as human beings, are the only ones who can provide it. There is no substitute for human blood. **One donation can save up to three lives!**



The Blood Drive donation process starts with registration, a health history is taken and a mini-physical is given. The actual donation takes about 10 minutes and equals approximately one pint of blood. Your body will normally replace the lost fluid within 24 hours.

A photo ID is required at donation time. Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 110 pounds and minimum age of 16. A 16-year old may donate blood with written parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Many health conditions and

medications do NOT prevent someone from donating blood. People taking insulin, blood pressure, thyroid, and cholesterol medications, aspirin, antidepressants, and hormone replacement **can** give blood.

Donors are encouraged to *eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water.*

Regarding the bone marrow portion of the drive... LifeSource has partnered with Be the Match®, the largest registry of potential marrow donors, to reach more patients in need.

Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer like leukemia. For many patients, a marrow transplant is the only life-saving treatment—their only chance for a cure. And nearly 70 percent of patients do not have a match within their own family.

Join the Registry—joining the registry is simple. It involves providing a cheek swab, completing a consent form and making a commitment to patients in need. You can easily sign up at our community Blood Drive.

APPOINTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED

To schedule your appointment please contact:

LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or online at lifesource.org and use group code 241G



Township Clerk
Marsha A. Nelson

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

815-385-5605
fax 815-385-5671



clerk@mchenrytownship.com

VOTER REGISTRATION

Only properly registered electors may vote in an Election as provided by the Permanent Registration of Electors Law of Illinois.

The law requires Registered Voters to keep their name and address current. You **CANNOT VOTE** for local candidates if you are not properly registered. You **CANNOT VOTE** on any local propositions if you are not properly registered. Please contact the County Clerk's office at 815-334-4242 if you have changed your name and/or address and have not yet notified the County Clerk's office.

Remember, It Is Your Right To Vote!
PLEASE DO NOT FORFEIT THAT RIGHT!

McHenry County REGISTERED VOTERS, who do not have a voter's registration card or who have a question regarding their registration, should contact the County Clerk's Office at: 815-334-4242.

Register To Vote In Person:

Office of McHenry County Clerk
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road, Suite 107
Woodstock, IL 60098
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register to Vote Online:

Register to vote online through the Illinois Board of Elections at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/> and follow the simple instructions.

Am I a Registered Voter? You can check your registration: <https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx>

The Illinois General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016

General Elections occur in every even-numbered year for Congress and some state and local government offices in the United States. Other states and local jurisdictions hold elections in odd-numbered years.

Every four years, Americans elect a president and vice president. Every two years, Americans elect all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and approximately one-third of the 100 members of the U.S. Senate. Senators serve staggered terms of six years each.

The general election is held to determine who will be elected to hold office. In the general election, voters make the final determination from among the party candidates listed on the ballot.

If your schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, cast your ballot before November 8 by using touch-screen voting machines at the McHenry Township office. For information about voting at the township go to: <http://www.mchenrytownship.com/voter-services.html>

Early Voting at McHenry Township

Monday, October 24 to Friday, October 28
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(closed Saturday, October 29 & Sunday, October 30)

Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 4
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Closed Sunday, November 6)

Monday, November 7
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Early Voters must display valid photo identification such as a current Illinois Drivers License or a state issued ID card or another government-issued ID with a photograph.

For more detailed information about elections visit <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-a-i/county-clerk> for voting information.

The law prohibits any voter who has been issued a Vote-By-Mail or Early Voting ballot from appearing at his precinct polling place and requesting another ballot.

McHenry Township Blue Star Banner Presentation ~ July 14, 2016

McHenry Township, in recognition of the commitment and sacrifices military families make every day, honored each participating family of the Armed Forces with a Blue Star Banner to be displayed in their window indicating that one of their family members is in our country's military service.

McHenry Township Blue Star Banner Program provides our residents an opportunity to show support to the families of those serving in the United States Armed Forces with a short ceremony. Township Supervisor Craig Adams read the Special Resolution plaque which is presented to each participating family. The Beta Omicron Master (a McHenry non-collegiate service sorority) provides and presented the Blue Star Banner flag.



Township Trustee Neal Schepler presented Plaque to family of Lance Corporal Katelin M. Courtright



Township Trustee Craig Wallace presented Plaque to the family of U.S. Army PV2 Eric J. Dockery



Township Trustee Gary Barla presented Plaque to the family of (family unable to attend presentation) Sergeant Jason Yeninas of the US Marine Corp

The Blue Star Banner Flag, was created in 1917, to hang in the window of homes to denote that family members of that home were serving in our Armed Forces.

In August 2011, McHenry Township Board of Trustees voted to launch a township-wide Blue Star Banner Program to give residents the opportunity to show their support to the families of those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. A Resolution plaque is presented by McHenry Township and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority presents the Blue Star Banner flags.

To be eligible to receive a Blue Star Banner, the service includes all military departments, including the National Guard. The qualified family member must currently reside in McHenry Township.

For more information or to download an application:
www.mchenrytownship.com/Blue_Star_Banner.htm
E-mail the form to: clerk@mchenrytownship.com
or fax it to: 815-385-5671 or mail it to:
McHenry Township Blue Star Banner Program,
3703 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg, IL 60051



Township Clerk Marsha Nelson presented Plaque to the family of U.S. Army Reservist Daniel C. Tonyan



McHenry Township
Assessor
Mary Mahady

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

815-385-0175
fax 815-322-5150

assessor@mchenrytownship.com

Even though the weather will soon be changing we will still be here to assist you with any questions or concerns you have regarding your property assessment and exemptions.

“The goldenrod is yellow,
The corn is turning brown
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down”



ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Our 2016 assessments were published in the Northwest Herald on August 31st. Individual notices were also mailed to every property owner in that same week. The last day to file an appeal was Friday September 30th. If you filed an appeal, please remember that even though the time to file is over for our township, that does not mean you will receive a response soon. The Board of Review conducts hearings for the entire county and they are generally not completed until the end of February. We work in conjunction with the county to complete our responses and have the appeals resolved as quickly as possible but it does take some time to make sure all appeals are given a fair and accurate review.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Join us in welcoming Eric to our staff. He is currently working part time as a field Inspector in conjunction with our full time field staff, Lori and Chris. You may have seen one or all of our staff in your neighborhood as they continue to work hard gathering the information that we need to complete assessments. So what is it they actually do?? They will first go to the door to let you know they are there. They will ask you questions about the property (baths, basement, fireplace, etc.) to make sure we have the correct information. If no one is home, they will leave a hang tag on your door letting you know they were there and asking you to contact the office to answer the questions. All of this is done to help us determine accurate assessments which should be based on what is actually there. Things can change over time because you added or removed something and we don't always know that. We are required by law to maintain updated information on all properties in the township which requires physically visiting the property. With over 25,000 parcels, that could easily mean 5-10 years between visits.



Assessor's Field Inspectors: Chris, Lori and Eric



NEW HOME OWNERS

Congratulations on your new address! We want to welcome you to the township and make sure that you are aware of all the exemptions that are available to you. Shortly after you close on a property you will receive a letter from us including our brochure "A Taxpayers Guide to Property Tax Relief". It is important that you read this carefully as property tax exemptions equate to tax savings. Please contact the office so we can determine what exemptions you should receive as the new owner. We do this as sometimes the information received from a property transfer is not always accurate and exemptions can be improperly recorded.

Let's Hear it for the Exemptions!

I know I've said it before, but **PLEASE** check to make sure you are receiving the exemptions you are entitled to. These exemptions are for **one home only**, which is to be your primary residence (typically the address on your driver's license; voter registration). Every exemption you are granted results in a tax savings because it reduces your assessed value by the exemption amount, **before** the tax rate is applied... so make sure you get the exemptions you are entitled to!



SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

This program provides tax relief for qualified senior citizens by allowing them to defer up to \$5,000 of their property tax. A lien is placed on the property and interest is assessed at 6% simple interest per year. The property taxes do not become due until the death of the owner or the property is sold. This program is available for owner occupied, primary residences only.

To qualify for the tax deferral you must:

- Be 65 years of age or older.
- Have a total household income of \$55,000.00 or less.
- Have equity in the property.
- Have no unpaid property taxes or foreclosures on the property.

Applications are available from the McHenry County Treasurer from mid December through February. Applications must be returned to the Treasurer's Office by March 1st.

Fighting For You!

Most of my conversations with property owners eventually focus on taxes and how high they are. Of course I understand this and believe that the decision makers for our taxing bodies should be financially responsible with our tax dollars. Unfortunately, we all have busy lives so it's hard to find time to attend the regular monthly meetings that the taxing bodies hold. I often find that most people do not even know who is on these boards or what the money is spent on. Each taxing body listed on the left side of your tax bill has a website you can go to for information. So while you may not be able to attend every public meeting, I hope that before you vote, you will take the time to learn about the candidates for the upcoming elections and make your choices based on who you think will best serve the community.

Local elections are the ones that have the most direct impact on our finances. None of our property tax money goes to the state or federal government...it all stays right here in our community. When you receive your tax bill, it's too late to go back and ask questions. With property taxes being the number one concern around the township and county, I encourage you to make an effort to learn about the candidates, ask them questions, and let them know what you expect from them.

I will continue to do my part in fighting for all of us to improve assessment laws but at this time, I ask you to join me by actively participating in the elections for our local taxing bodies that directly affects each of us, not only in how much we pay in taxes but also how this money is spent.

Mary Mahady

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the township and community.

I wish you and yours a warm and safe holiday season.



To register for activities
on the SENIOR CENTER pages
or for more detailed information

call Jane Gregory

Senior Center Activities Director

815-344-3555

McHenry Township Senior Center
3519 North Richmond Road
just west of Route 31 & Johnsburg Road

TURKEY SHOOT BINGO

Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate Thanksgiving at our 10th Annual Turkey Shoot Bingo party! You “shoot the Turkey” by winning a game of bingo then bring home your Thanksgiving Day feast...which will be door prizes of gift cards to area stores or holiday themed gifts, thanks to Three Oaks of Cary.



‘Gobble up’ a wonderful seasonal dessert at the coffee break. Bingo & dessert is \$2. Reservation deadline is Monday, November 14.

FALL FLING

Friday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m.



Join Senior Services at the McHenry Township Senior Center to celebrate autumn with energetic entertainment. Spend a memorable afternoon of song and dance with Chi-Town Duo! This dynamic duo will wow you with their diverse mix of everything from Roaring 20s, Patriotic, Sock Hop, Hawaiian dance and MORE!

Dessert and coffee will be served. Everyone will be entered for one of

our many door prizes.

Tickets are \$3 and the reservation deadline is Monday, November 14.

TOWNSHIP SENIORS WELCOME JANE GREGORY

McHenry Township is excited to introduce Jane Gregory as the new Activities Director for the McHenry Township Senior Center. Jane holds a degree in Recreation Management. She has worked with various Park Districts as an activities/events coordinator and Girl Scouts as a volunteer/membership/program coordinator.



As the senior center’s Activities Director, Jane is looking forward to establishing strong relationships with area seniors. She will work closely with the McHenry Township Senior Advisory Council planning and implementing exceptional programs and activities at the Center.

Jane will be there at the Senior Center, to greet seniors and to answer questions. She will be accepting reservations for regularly scheduled activities and special events. Call her at 815-344-3555.

Jane is employed by Senior Services Associates, Inc., and brought to us by a grant which is funded by the McHenry County Senior Referendum. Senior Services is a non-profit agency which helps seniors find services to improve their quality of life. They assist seniors and their families by providing information and referral. Senior Services’ offices are located in McHenry Township Senior Center.

To learn more about McHenry Township Senior Center, Senior Services Associates, Inc. and Salvation Army Golden Diners, visit the “Seniors” pages on the McHenry Township’s website at www.mchenrytownship.com/seniors.htm

SENIOR CENTER MOVIE MATINEE

Show time is at 12:00 p.m.

No admission charge!

Complimentary popcorn is available to all who attend.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Friday, November 4: *SLASH! (1994)*
- Friday, December 2: *The Holiday (2005)*
- Friday December 16: *Million Dollar Baby (2005)*
- Friday, January 6: *Somethings Gotta Give (2003)*
- Friday, January 20: *The Notebook (2004)*
- Friday, February 3: *Little Miss Sunshine (2006)*
- Friday, February 17: *Nobody’s Fool (1995)*

Deck the Halls 4th ANNUAL 'TRIM THE TREE' PARTY Monday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we 'Deck the Hall' of the Senior Center! Holiday tunes will be playing as we enjoy Christmas cookies and a cup of hot chocolate while we trim the trees and decorate for the holidays! Join in the holiday mood at this merry decorating party bringing festive flair and cheer to the Senior Center.



Thanks to Eastgate Manor of Algonquin for sponsoring this event. There is no fee, but reservation is requested so we have enough goodies on hand!



Salvation Army Nutrition Program

Have a nutritious lunch and socialize with other seniors!

Golden Diners Deli

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays

hot soup, salad bar, choice of sandwich or a hot entrée, & dessert; choice of milk or coffee

Donations are welcome.

For reservations and information call Site Manager, Mary Ann; call 815-385-8260

Home Delivered Meal Program provides home-bound older adults with nutritious meals which are delivered by Salvation Army employees and volunteers. The meal delivery also provides a vital "well-being check" to assure that all is well in the life of the homebound. Whether your disablement is temporary or permanent, you can apply by calling Senior Services Associates, Inc. at 815-344-3555.

'I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS' A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m.
at McHenry Township Hall, 3703 N Richmond Road

You are invited to a party to celebrate the Christmas season with a scrumptious luncheon and holiday cheer! Senior Services is delighted to bring the spirit of the holidays to you with a joyous holiday celebration.

After a superb holiday feast, you will join in song with Chris Colletti who will delight you with all your Christmas favorites.

Tickets are only \$8. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Monday, December 12 is reservations deadline. Call Jane at 815-344-3555.

Special thanks to Heritage Woods of McHenry and Fair Oaks for co-sponsoring this event.



NEW YEAR GALA

Thursday, January 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the start of the New Year with sophistication; glitz and glamour! Senior Services is thrilled to host a first rate party to welcome in 2017 at McHenry Township Senior Center in style!

Luxuriate with a gourmet luncheon and a special delectable dessert. After lunch you will be captivated by the versatile entertainment of the very charismatic vocalist, Candy Kresmery. Very few holidays hold the implicit magic and the equally high level of expectation as does the New Year! Candy's performance will dazzle you as she sings



the songs close you your heart.

Event tickets are \$8. Seating is limited so make your reservation early. Monday, January 9 is the final deadline for reservations.

A big thank you to Heritage Woods of McHenry for their co-sponsorship of this event.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

The 2nd & 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Attorney Jenette Schwemler offers free services to answer legal questions seniors have regarding estate planning, Medicaid benefits, veteran benefits, divorce, wills, or other general legal inquiries. Semi-private consultations available. There is no charge for this service. Call in advance for your appointment; registration is required (no walk-ins).

BE MY VALENTINE BINGO

Wednesday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Let me call you sweetheart at the Valentine Bingo Party! Be sure to wear your red, white, or pink and join us for a special afternoon of raffles, prizes, and the joy of playing Bingo!

Then indulge in a decadent Valentine dessert at bingo break. Tickets are \$2; reservation deadline is Monday, February 13. Special thanks to Crossroads of Woodstock for their co-sponsorship.



WINTER GAMES

Rummikub
Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Mahjong
Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Dominoes
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Pinocle / Bridge / Hand & Foot
Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Bingo every Wednesday
at 12:30 p.m.—9 on 1 card / \$1

MARDI GRAS

Friday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m.
at the McHenry Township Hall

Put on a mask, throw on some beads and join in the fun of a invigorating carnival celebration!



Following the traditional New Orleans style luncheon, Senior Services welcomes the extraordinary Sinful Saints Dixieland Band playing their high energy music! The 6-piece band will get your toes a 'tapping with its great southern flavored jazz!

Tickets are \$8. Reservations are required. Reservation deadline will be February 20.

Many thanks to Crystal Pines of Crystal Lake, Fox Point of McHenry and FirstLight HomeCare of McHenry for co-sponsoring this event.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

The first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Thanks to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District paramedics conduct FREE blood pressure checks at the senior center once a month. No reservations needed and it is on a first come, first served basis!

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer classes are offered throughout each month at the Senior Center. **Registration is required.** Call to register as class size is limited.

If you have a specific computer, iPod, Kindle, laptop or other technology related interest, we may have just the instructor for you!

Please consult the monthly Activity Calendar for classes and times. Calendars are available at the Senior Center. The monthly Activity Calendar is also posted on the McHenry Township's Senior Center website page; the calendar is updated every month. Be sure to visit the site at <http://www.mchenrytownship.com/senior-center.html>

FIT & STRONG CLASS

presented by Senior Services

Begins February 27 & run for 8 consecutive weeks

Sign up as soon as possible!

Are you an older adult 60+ years old with arthritis? Do you suffer with stiffness or pain in your lower back, hips, knees, ankles, or feet? Are you not currently participating in exercise regularly or have you NEVER exercised? If you answered YES to any of these questions, 'Fit and Strong' is for you!

'Fit and Strong' is an award winning, evidence-based physical activity and behavior change program developed by the University of Illinois at Chicago, Center for Research on Health Aging. This program is proven to reduce the symptoms of arthritis and promote an active lifestyle. Sessions are led by trained, certified exercise instructors and the course FREE.

Learn about the benefits of physical activity, how to manage arthritis, how to exercise safely, and how to develop and maintain a more active lifestyle.

Classes run for 8 weeks in a row; beginning the first week in March. The class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for all 8 weeks at the Senior Center. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jane Gregory.

**For information or
TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES
on the Senior Center pages
contact Jane Gregory
call 815-344-3555**

McHenry Township Senior Center
3519 North Richmond Road
just west of Route 31 & Johnsburg Road

**On Facebook, go to
McHenry Township Senior Center, Illinois
and click on "Like"**



WINTER TRANSPORTATION

FOR SENIORS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Instead of driving in hazardous winter elements, senior citizens & adults with disabilities should use paratransit transportation service. This winter maintain your independence with the comfort and safety of public transportation.

McHenry Township's Transportation Program picks you up at your door on those cold days and drops you off at your destination. The program allows seniors and disabled adults to board the bus in their driveway instead of maneuvering a wheel chair or walker to the street for a curbside pickup as with Pace service.

Our service is for residents living **within the township**

in zip code 60050, 60051, 60097 and 60072 areas. Buses operate within McHenry Township and also drop-off and pick-up passengers for Centegra Medical Centers and McHenry Community Health Center.

**McHenry Township's Bus
operates
Monday through Friday
between the hours of
8 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

STEP #1: New riders must register for service with the Township office by calling 815-385-5605.

Once you've completed this one-time simple registration, you can call Pace to set up paratransit rides as often as you need transportation. Pace Dispatch schedules our bus.

**STEP #2: Call PACE
to schedule rides on the township bus
Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
800-451-4599 ~ (TTY) 888-454-4724
(Be sure to tell the dispatcher you are calling for the township bus.)**

Riders are asked for a donation of \$1 per ride for each one-way, door-to-door trip. As always, it has been the policy of the Township that any rider unable to pay the fare will always be provided service.



McHenry Township
ROAD DISTRICT

Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

815-385-3076
fax 815-385-5874

roaddistrict@mchenrytownship.com

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT'S **TOUCH-A-TRUCK 2016**

Once again we had a super turnout for the annual Touch-A-Truck event.



Rumors were circulating that this was the largest yet and given the great weather, I have to believe that to be true. Thank you to all who attended and in

particular to our partners in the event that were kind enough to provide a majority of the equipment and displays.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Road District staff for the efforts put forth not only during the event but in the planning, set-up and clean-up. Hopefully you had a chance to visit with them while walking the park since they are the reason for the success of the event.



Please let us know if you are aware of any businesses that were not present and would like to participate in the future. We hope to see everyone again next year at our Touch-A-Truck event on September 16, 2017.



- Algonquin Township Road District**
- Bedrock Stabilization**
- Blu Petroleum**
- BruceSki's Marine Recovery**
- Chain-0-Lakes Eagles**
- CIT Clarke ComEd**
- D&L Midwest**
- Hogan Farms**
- Interstate Batteries**
- JA Frate**
- Johnsburg District #12 Transportation**
- Lima Excavating**
- McHenry Lions Club**
- MCCD Police Department**
- McDOT**
- McHenry County Historical Society**
- McHenry County Sheriff's Office**
- McHenry Township Fire Protection District**
- Nicor Gas**
- Nunda Township Road District**
- Ozinga**
- Pipe View America**
- Point Ready Mix**
- Rex Auto Body & 24/7 Towing**
- Round Lake Beach Police Department**
- Tonyan Bros**
- Tovar Snow Professionals**
- U-Haul**
- Union Pacific Railroad**
- West Side Tractor Sales**
- Whitey's Crane Rental**
- Whitey's Towing**
- Wonder Lake Fire Protection District**
- McHenry Township Pace Bus Service**
- McHenry Township Parks Department**
- McHenry Township Road District Crew**

INTRODUCTION TO TOWNSHIP STAFF

Once again I would like to take a little time and introduce you to more of our staff at the Road District. This month I would like to introduce Joe Chavera, Adam Vick, David Kattner and Brandon McCoy. All four have been here for more than 10 years and a large reason for the continued excellent service provided by the Road District.

Joe Chavera

Joe has been with the Road District for over 15 years. Although he is not the youngest of the staff, Joe will give any of the younger staff a run for their money when it comes to hard work. One thing you can say about Joe is you won't find him standing around. Although he has talked about retiring we continue to convince him to stay with us.



David Kattner

David has also been with the Road District for over 15 years. He is the crew chief on almost all of our tree trimming operations. What makes David perfect for this position is his constant awareness and concern for safety and makes it a number one priority. Also, given that David grew up on a local farm he definitely possesses the work ethic needed to be a solid contributor to the success of the Road District.



Adam Vick

Adam has been with the Road District for 13 years. He is a man of many talents. Adam heads up our sign replacement program, is a wizard on the Gradall piece of equipment used for ditching and someone you can count on to assist in solving any problems and to get things done. He definitely is one of the silent leaders of the staff.



Brandon McCoy

Brandon has been with the Road District for 10 years. He has several specialized talents, one being a certified welder. We ask Brandon to wear many hats here including assisting with our sign program, rear equipment operator on our paint truck and one of our main operators of all other various pieces of equipment. He is truly a joy to work with since he shows up every day with a smile on his face, ready to go.



QUESTIONS FROM OUR ELECTORATE

We have received many questions from our constituency and I think it is important to share their questions and our response. Below I have listed a couple of the most recent:

Reclamite – What is the oil you are putting down on recently paved roads?

The product that we have applied to roads paved in 2014 and 2015 is Reclamite. It is a treatment that provides some flexibility to the road and seals the road. It has been used extensively by many other road districts including McHenry County Division of Transportation. The project is applied shortly after paving (1 to 3 years) and then can be reapplied about 5 years later. By providing this treatment it is estimated that the pavement life can be extended an additional 5 to 7 years. The goal is to extend our pavement life to the 15 to 20-year time frame. For more information, you can simply Google Reclamite and obtain a wealth of information on the product.

Life of a Snowplow – How long do snowplows last, we seem to have new ones every year?

Generally speaking we replace our snow plows every 12 to 14 years. Currently we will be replacing a snowplow from 2001 and a snowplow from 2002. Additionally, we are making some changes in the brand of truck we are purchasing with the hopes of extending the life of future snow plows to 20 years.

DRIVE SAFELY THIS WINTER!

Winter driving can be challenging to say the least; ice, snow, fewer daylight hours, and lower temperatures. The best advice is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it.

If possible, don't go out until the snow plows have had a chance to do their work and always allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

Follow these few tips to help keep you safe this winter:

- ◆ Do not tailgate a snowplow. When you approach a snow plow from behind, pass with care and only when you can see the road ahead of the plow. There may be a vehicle in that cloud of snow. Allow more distance between you and the plow truck, they may be spreading salt.
- ◆ Drive slower and increase your following distance.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control when the pavement is wet, icy or snowy.
- ◆ Remove all the snow and ice from your car and wait until all windows are defrosted and clear of ice and snow before driving.
- ◆ Use your headlights at all times in inclement weather (rain, snow, fog).
- ◆ Begin braking early and gently, this will help determine how much traction you have.

It's Important to be aware that the effectiveness of road salt diminishes as the temperature drops. The lower the temperature, the less effective the salt.

Road salt effectiveness is also reduced during freezing rain because it is washed off the pavement by traffic as the rain continues falling and freezing on impact.

In any weather when salt is spread, drive as if there was no salt at all. Reduce your speed and allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front. Also, begin stopping well in advance of any stop sign or traffic light intersections.

Let it Snow!!!

The salt dome is full and the McHenry Township Road District is ready to keep our roadways safe.

McHenry Township Road District has been working to decrease our dependence on road salt. We treat our salt with the use of Supermix, a pre-wetting agent that enhances the ability of the salt to melt the ice.

THE ROAD DISTRICT WISHES YOU A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Jim ❄️ Dennis ❄️ Lynell ❄️ Dana

Joe C. ~Glenn~ Joe F. ~Phil ~David ~Brandon

Nels ~Jim P. ~Jack ~Joe S. ~Adam ~Jim W.



WHEN THE SNOW FALLS

When clearing snow from your driveway, pile it along the right side as you face the road out front. This will eliminate the amount of snow deposited on the cleared surface when the plow comes down the road. Do not push or blow snow onto the road. This can cause a very dangerous situation.

Also, it is a good idea to remove or move back any rocks, posts, or other border decorations away from the edge of the road. This will prevent them from being hit by a plow and damaged or doing damage to the plow. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your house it is a good idea to clear out around the hydrant. This will be extremely helpful to the firefighters in an emergency.



PRE-TREATING / DE-ICING ROADS

McHenry Township Road District will pre-treat the roads, when applicable, with a de-icing liquid salt brine. This product is used to prevent snow and ice from freezing to the pavement and applied to the road surface before a storm arrives.

This proactive approach called anti-icing is used in other parts of Illinois and McHenry Township was one of the first governmental units in McHenry County to use it. The McHenry County Division of Transportation has developed and uses a product they call Super Mix. The use of liquids in addition to salt and snowplows will help save money and cut down on accidents. If a snowfall is predicted our truck may be out pre-treating the road before the snowfall. If you see the application truck out, please take necessary precautions and stay well behind the truck.

SNOW PLOWING PRIORITIES

Since all streets cannot be cleared at the same time after a snowfall, there is a priority schedule which generally applies to all township maintained roads. Major roads and intersections are cleared first, then primary collector streets, followed by feeder streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends.



Priority is given to all principal township maintained roads so they will be clear in time for morning and evening rush hours. Principal roads are Barnard Mill, Fox Lake, Howe, Lily Lake, Lincoln, McCullom Lake, Ringwood, Wilmot/Johnsburg, Wonder Lake Road and Riverside Drive.

In years past, all municipalities and townships that plow the roads have had a problem with vehicles parked on the roads during and after a snowfall, before cleanup could be completed.

This prompted the McHenry County Highway Commissioners Association to standardize all of the township's parking ordinances, thus making it easier for the Sheriff's Department to enforce. Ordinance #120608-1 states in part:

PARKING LIMITATIONS

Parking of any motor vehicle in excess of 72 hours, or at such times when there is snowfall of 2 inches or more, until such snow is cleared from the roadway, or of any camping trailer or boat and/or boat trailer or other trailer, or motor vehicle in excess of gross weight of 8,000 pounds for more than 24 hours is prohibited on any McHenry Township road, street or highway. The official definition of road, street or highway, as contained in 605 ILCS, shall apply hereto, McHenry Township roads, streets, or highway, hereinafter known as "roads".

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking is prohibited on any Township Road when posted by signage indicating the period of time or times when parking is restricted and/or prohibited.

ENFORCEMENT

Upon posting of any signs as set forth in Section II above, a copy of this Ordinance, duly certified, has been transmitted to the Sheriff of McHenry County and the State's Attorney of McHenry County for enforcement of the terms hereof, pursuant to Sections 11-304 and 11-306 of the Motor Vehicle Code of Illinois, as amended, and Sections of 6-201.16, 16.102 and 16.105 of the Highway Code of Illinois, as amended.

If you normally park along the road, it is a good idea to make other arrangements during the snow season, or at least when snow is predicted. By doing so, you may avoid being ticketed and towed. Your cooperation will make it possible to clear the entire roadway, benefiting you and your neighbors. Thank you for your cooperation.



McHenry Township

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ECRWSS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE—GET READY FOR ICE AND SNOW!

Your mailbox is not only a receptacle for your mail but helps others find your house. The ones looking for you could be the rescue squad, police, fire department, or out of town guests. Please put your street address on your mailbox.

Inspect your mailbox regularly as this is the property owner's responsibility. If the mailbox or the post is not in good condition, snow from the snowplow blade could damage the mailbox and interrupt your mail service.

The following regulations comply with the National Safety Council and Federal Highway Administration regulations:

- Mailboxes must be properly installed to allow for convenient servicing by the letter carrier.
- The use of a group mailbox stand (i.e. a number of mailboxes on one support) is encouraged where possible. This helps letter carriers speed up delivery and helps avoid damage by snowplows.
- Only United States Postal Service approved mailboxes may be used.
- Without curb, mailboxes should be installed 12 inches off the roadway; with curb, they should be installed 6-8

inches off the roadway.

- The bottom of the mailbox should be 40-44 inches above the pavement surface.
- The ideal mailbox support is an assembly which, if struck, bends or falls away from the striking vehicle instead of severely damaging the vehicle and injuring its occupants.
- Mailbox supports no larger than 4 inches by 4 inches or 4 ½ inch wood posts, or 2 inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24 inches in the ground, should safely breakaway if struck by a vehicle.
- The use of heavy metal posts, concrete posts, and miscellaneous items of farm equipment such as milk cans filled with concrete is not permitted. A brick, stone or any cement structure of a permanent nature is strictly prohibited.



If your mailbox is damaged directly by a township plow, the township will replace what was damaged. Mailboxes are replaced with a standard rural steel mailbox unit and posts will be replaced with a 4x4 wooden post.

If your mailbox is damaged or knocked down by the snow coming off of the plow (the windrow), it is the homeowner's responsibility to make the repairs.