

McHenry Township

Annual Meeting Report 2025/2026

Supervisors Review



- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Programs, General Assistance, Senior Express Bus
- ▶ Township - Indoor Facilities
- ▶ Township Parks - Outdoor Facilities/Athletic Fields
- ▶ Additional Topics



Albert A. Adams Park



Gary Barla



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Offerings by the Township - Not a comprehensive list

- ▶ General Assistance
- ▶ Emergency Assistance
- ▶ Salvation Army - Screening and Administration
- ▶ Senior Express Bus Service
- ▶ Assessments of Real Property
- ▶ Assessors Appeal Workshop
- ▶ Township Website
- ▶ Voter Registration
- ▶ Notary
- ▶ Township Parks (3), football, baseball, softball, soccer, cross country (Jr. Highs & High Schools),
- ▶ Community Gardens
- ▶ Seasonal Snowmobile Trail
- ▶ Hall Rentals - Town Hall, WHCC, Rec Center (Senior Center - SSA), Park Shelters.
- ▶ Winter Sledding (Lighted)
- ▶ Snowmobile/Sled Hill Shelter
- ▶ Senior Holiday Meal and Entertainment
- ▶ Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program
- ▶ Harmonica for Life - COPD Breathing Program

Social Service Agreements - Not a comprehensive list

- ▶ F.I.S.H. McHenry Food Pantry
- ▶ Senior Service Associates
- ▶ LifeScape Community Services (Meals on Wheels)
- ▶ McHenry Jr. Warriors
- ▶ McHenry Softball
- ▶ Northern United FC (Soccer Club)
- ▶ Salvation Army
- ▶ McHenry County Historical Society
- ▶ Blue Star Banner
- ▶ School District 15 & 156 Cross Country
- ▶ McHenry Baseball Association
- ▶ Johnsburg Pigtail League
- ▶ MCFS - Church Softball League

General Assistance

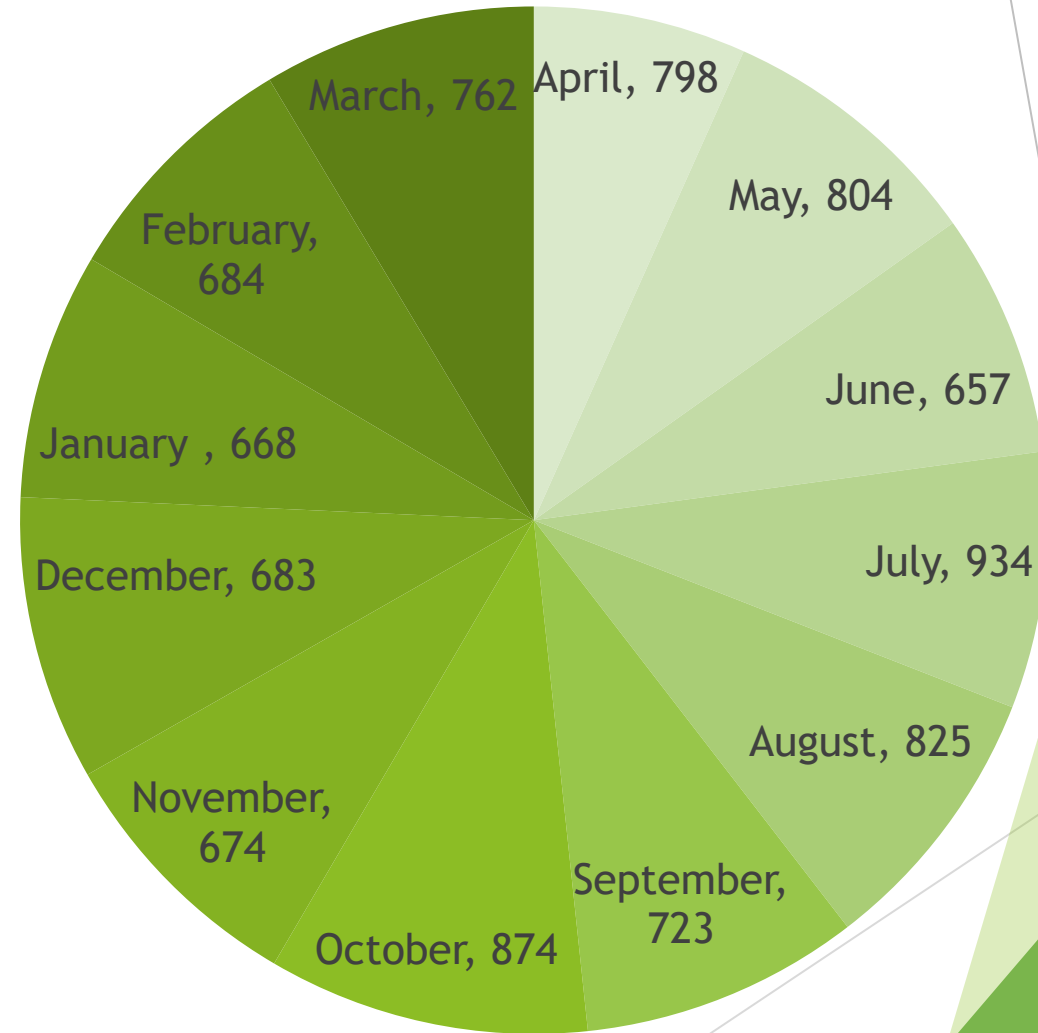
General Assistance (GA) is a program of “last resort.” This means that you can get GA only if you can’t get any other form of public benefits. GA programs must help people meet their basic living requirements. To qualify for GA, you must have very little income and assets.

- ▶ GA Applications
 - ▶ 238 Applications (Down 6%)
 - ▶ 11 Active Clients over the year (Down 66% PY)
- ▶ Emergency Assistance -
 - ▶ 128 (Down 5.3%)
- ▶ Salvation Army (Their Funds)
 - ▶ Assisted 4 People (Down 71.5%)



Senior Express

Total Rides By Month



- ▶ FY 2025-2026
- ▶ 9,086 FY25-26
- ▶ 5.5% increase from PY
- ▶ Avg. Cost Per Ride \$13.05

- ▶ FY 2024-2025
- ▶ 8,594 Total Rides FY24-25
- ▶ 6.5% decrease from PY
- ▶ Avg. Cost Per Ride \$13.35

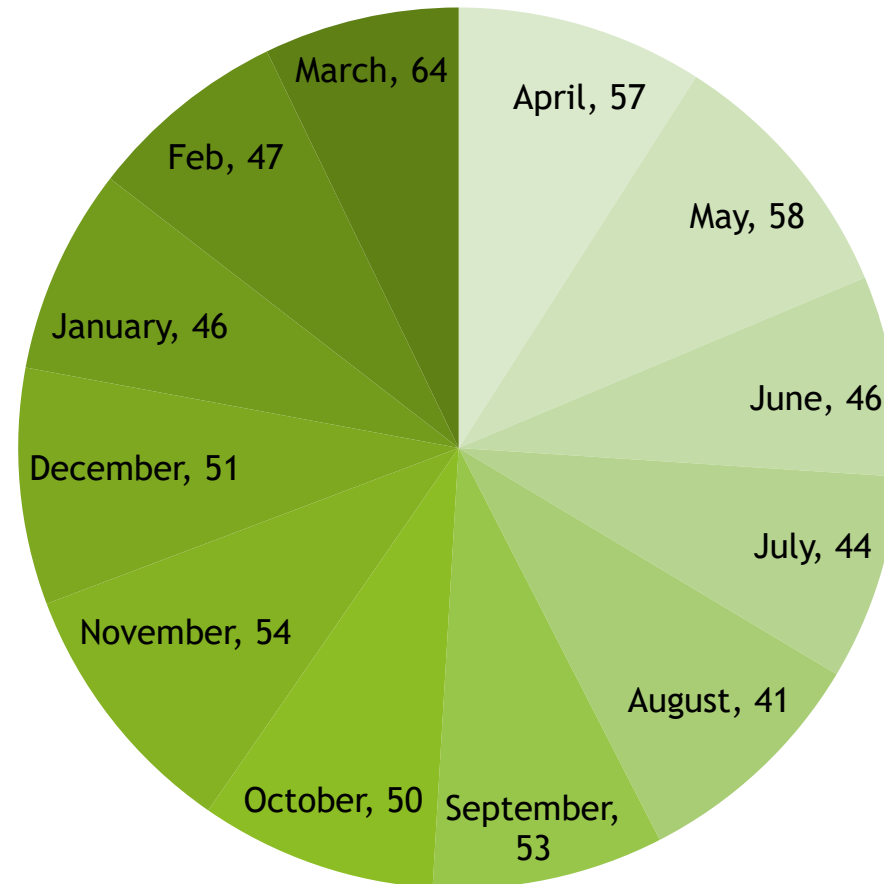
- ▶ FY 2023-2024
- ▶ 9,195 Total Rides FY23-24
- ▶ 43% Increase from FY22-23

Senior Express Survey Results

- ▶ 24-25 survey - Very Little Response from Riders (less than 20)
- ▶ Summer of 2026 New Rider Survey to be provided to riders

Indoor Facilities

Facility Rentals By Month



- Town Hall
- Whispering Hills
- Recreation Center

➤ FY25-26 603

➤ FY24-25 606



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Park Equipment

Soccer Fields

Baseball & Softball Fields

McHenry Jr. Warrior Fields

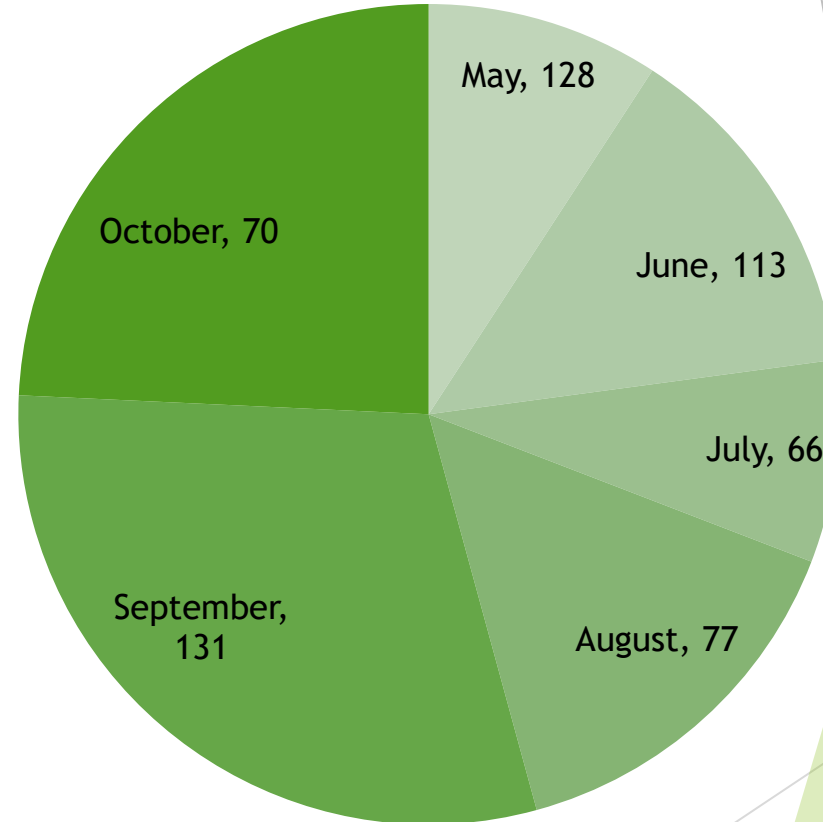


Parks - Athletics/Outdoors

- Community Garden
- McHenry Junior Warriors
- Baseball/Softball
- Track/Cross Country
- Soccer
- Tournaments
- Sledding Hill
- Picnic Shelters



Outdoor Facility Rentals By Month



Current Park Equipment for 5 to 12 year olds is closed.



Swings are open but are scheduled to be replaced due to age.





Notable Items

Senior Service Associates

- ▶ Certificate of Appreciation
- ▶ McHenry Township Parks & Operations
- ▶ Eric Speciale, John (Jack) Warneke, Kris Pearson
- ▶ Invaluable Support and Services during fiscal year 2025



- ▶ Certificate of Appreciation
- ▶ McHenry Township Trustee, Mark Jaeger
- ▶ Harmonica for Life program
- ▶ Invaluable Support Volunteer Services during fiscal year 2025



2025/2026

- ▶ Trustee Mark Yeager - Harmonic for Life program continues
- ▶ Community Garden with Judith Gottlieb & Tracy Gerber
- ▶ St. Patrick Day Meal and Party, March 19, 2026 (Huge Success! ~92 Seniors)
- ▶ Octoberfest Meal and Party, by popular demand (88 Seniors, last year)
- ▶ Durable Medical Equipment Program
- ▶ Fish Food Pantry - (new) Holiday Parking and Line Management Assistance
- ▶ New Provider for Meals on Wheels - Lifescape Community Services
- ▶ Senior Service Associates -
- ▶ Supervisor - Appointed to McHenry County Public Transportation Advisor Committee (PTAC)
- ▶ Notary Services
- ▶ Voter Registration

Alternative Funding

▶ **Lowes**

- ▶ 3/12/2026: 2026 Community Impact Project Application - Finish ADA Playground at Adams Park (\$50,000)
- ▶ 3/12/2026: 2026 Community Impact Project Application - Repair/Replace Upper Garden (< \$10,000)
- ▶ Decisions ~June of 2026

▶ **Community Foundation of McHenry County - Grant Program**

- ▶ McHenry Township Senior Express Bus Service - Restricted Funds - Submitted 4/6/2026, Requested amount \$25,000
- ▶ McHenry Township Senior Express Bus Service - Un-restricted Funds - Submitted 4/6/2026, Requested \$75,000
- ▶ Decisions, June of 2026

▶ **Northwestern Medical**

- ▶ Community Benefit Grant - Denied for a \$60,000 grant for Senior Express Bus Service
 - ▶ Process Changed, now it is no longer a competitive grant, must know an executive at NW to be invited to apply.
 - ▶ Encouraged to apply for a Donation
- ▶ Donation Application - Applied for a \$20,000 donation

▶ **Capital Planning - State & Federal**

- ▶ Developing a Town capital projects priority list
- ▶ Learning the process and discovered a need to have a planned project prior to applying for grants
- ▶ Understanding the politics of receiving selection for a grant

▶ **Partnerships with other Governmental bodies**

- ▶ Developing ideas so we can plan for the future

2026/2027

- ▶ 2026 LOWES Community Impact Project - Playground (Donation)
- ▶ 2026 LOWES Community Impact Project - Upper Garden (Donation)
- ▶ Community Foundation McHenry County - Unrestricted Funding
- ▶ Community Foundation McHenry County - Restricted Funding
- ▶ Northwestern Medicine Community Benefit Grant
- ▶ Northwestern Medicine Donation
- ▶ R1 Regional Planning Council - Capital Grants
- ▶ The Gates Foundation - No Open Grants At This Time
- ▶ Northeastern Illinois area on aging (NEIAA) - Researching
- ▶ IL State Grants - Researching
- ▶ Other Areas to Review:
 - ▶ Big Box Retailers
 - ▶ Car Dealerships
 - ▶ Pharmacies
 - ▶ Medical Companies
 - ▶ Senior Living Companies

Notable Items

- ▶ Township Consolidation is on the table again!
- ▶ SB2217, SB2504, and HB2515

[SB2217](#)
[2025-2026](#)
[104th General Assembly](#)
(Introduced)

Last Action: **3/21/2025 - Senate:** Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments
mends the Township Code. Provides that all townships with a population less than 5000 are dissolved and must either consolidate with an adjacent township or the county containing the geographic boundaries of the dissolving township.

Senate Bill 2504:

Last Action: **6/02/2025 - Senate:** Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to [Assignments](#)

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in counties with a population of less than 50,000, the offices of township assessor and multi-township assessor are abolished upon the expiration of the term of a township assessor or multi-township assessor. Provides that the county assessor in a county with a population of less than 50,000 shall assume all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities of township assessors or multi-township assessors within the county. **Amends the Dissolution of Townships in McHenry County Article of the Township Code. Renames the Article and makes it applicable to all counties under township organization.** Provides that, **upon petition of at least 5%** of the voters in the township election immediately preceding the petition, the township board and corporate authorities of the municipality shall certify the question to the election authority and the authority shall cause to be submitted to the voters of the township and municipality at the next election a referendum to discontinue the township and to transfer all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities of the township to the municipality. Provides that, upon petition of at least **5% of the voters** in the township election immediately preceding the petition in each adjacent township subject to proposed consolidation, each township board shall certify and cause to be submitted to the voters of the township, at the next election or consolidated election, a proposition to consolidate the existing townships. Amends the Counties Code and the Motor Fuel Tax Law making conforming changes.

House Bill 2515: Low Population:

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Amends the Township Code. Provides that all townships with a population less than 500 are dissolved 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

Thank You

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