



**SUPERVISOR
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FOOD PANTRY**



TALK OF THE TOWNSHIP

Fall 2022 Newsletter

Our Community Comes Together to Help Our Neighbors

**Thanks to an amazing community for stepping up to help
provide a safety net for residents.**

It takes a village, and we are fortunate to live in a caring and generous village. Thanks to our community's generosity and support, Moraine Township will be here for our neighbors for the long haul. With you, we look forward to better days for our residents and community.

Food Pantry:

Our community's generosity ensures that our pantry can offer fresh produce, dairy, and meat. Moraine Township Food Pantry had 3,600 household visits in the last 12 months (consisting of 7,700 family members).

With 22% of Highland Park / Highwood elementary students eligible for the federal free/reduced lunch program based on family income, and over 150 units of senior affordable housing in our community, food insecurity is a reality.

Thank you for:

- hosting food drives and making monetary donations to keep pantry shelves stocked;
- providing resources to enable the Pantry to distribute over 200 Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings;
- adding a monetary donation to your grocery bill when checking out at Sunset Foods last December (the Pantry uses the credit from these donations to purchase fresh food for the Pantry all year). Volunteer to help or make a donation December 9, 10, 11, 2022.

Emergency Assistance:

Moraine Township distributes rent, utility, and other emergency assistance to qualified residents. Since March 2020 through September 2022, Moraine Township distributed \$535,000 from grants, donations, and Township funds to help residents weather the health and economic impacts of the pandemic.

Holiday Gift Drive:

Community sponsors helped provide brighter holidays for over 800 Highland Park/Highwood students, family holiday meals for their families, and holiday gifts for over 150 seniors who use township services. To sponsor a student or senior, email clerk@morainetownship.org.

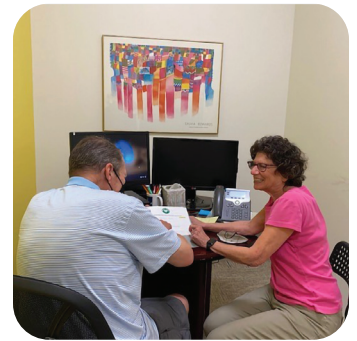
If you know of a Moraine Township resident in need of assistance, please have them call 847-432-3240.



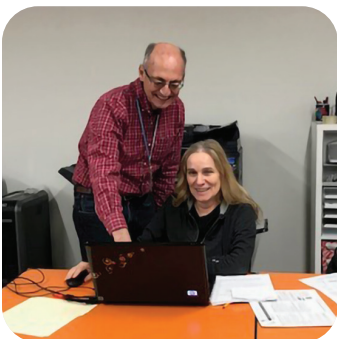
Moraine Township Volunteers



- Over 70 weekly volunteers help in the Pantry sorting and shelving of food, cleaning the Pantry, and assisting clients.
- The annual Letter Carrier Food Drive, held the **second Saturday in May** is made possible by local letter carriers and volunteers unloading postal trucks and sorting food.
- Sunset Foods Highland Park graciously allows us to ask customers to add a donation for the Pantry when they check out. Volunteers greet shoppers **December 9, 10, 11, 2022**.



- NorthShore School District 112 PTOs and Highland Park High School, along with various Highland Park High School sports teams and clubs, host food drives throughout the school year.
- Volunteers train and certify with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and spend untold hours helping residents sign up for subsidized health insurance on the Federal Marketplace.



- Moraine Township partners with IRS to train and certify volunteers to prepare free income tax returns for low-income taxpayers. During the 2022 filing season, volunteers devoted over 1,300 hours to prepare 270 free income tax returns.
- Pantry Garden Volunteers help grow food for our Pantry, and help clients manage garden plots for their own families.
- Volunteers serve on the Citizen Grant Advisory Committee, Latino Advisory Committee and Ethics Commission.





Moraine Township Food Pantry

Addressing Food Insecurity in Our Community




**OUR Neighbors
OUR Food Pantry
Powered by OUR Community**



Moraine Township Food Pantry

- **What:** Shelf-stable food, produce, eggs, cheese, meat, bakery products
- **Who:** Income-qualified Moraine Township residents are invited to visit twice a month
- **When:** Tuesday 10:00am to noon, Wednesday 1:30pm-3:30, Thursday 11:30am to 1:30. Other times by appointment only, call 847-432-3240
- **Where:** 800 Central Ave, Highland Park

Despensa de Comida de Moraine Township

- **Que?** Ofrece frutas, vegetales, carnes, huevos, productos de panadería y más
- **Quien?** Disponible para los residentes de ingreso-calificado del Municipio de Moraine dos veces por mes
- **Cuando?** Abiertos los Martes 10:00am-12:00pm, Miércoles 1:30pm-3:30pm y Jueves 11:30am-1:30pm. Otros horarios solo con cita, llame al 847-432-3240
- **Donde?** 800 Central Ave, Highland Park

Food For Thought

- 22% of Highland Park and Highwood elementary students are from low-income families.
- Highland Park has more than 150 units of affordable senior housing, and some of our senior citizens need help making it to their next Social Security check.
- There are families in our community who need food before their next paycheck arrives.
- There were 3,600 household visits to Moraine Township Food Pantry in the last 12 months (consisting of 7,700 individual family members).

Help keep our shelves stocked

**Donations of unopened, unexpired food are accepted Monday through Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm at the Moraine Township office**




Food Pantry





**Moraine Township Food Pantry
800 Central Avenue, Highland Park**

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Assistance enrolling for health insurance on the federal marketplace

Open enrollment for 2023 Federal Health Insurance Marketplace opens November 1, 2022.

- Moraine Township has trained and certified counselors who can help you enroll in a plan that balances your budget with your medical issues.
- To schedule an in-person or remote appointment, call 847-432-3240 or email info@morainetownship.org.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE

Moraine Township Food Pantry Shelves are Low on Food

If you are shopping for your family, please consider picking up an extra item for the pantry. Drop off at the Township office, 800 Central Avenue, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Visit morainetownship.org to see a current list of most needed items.



Van Reservations: 847.432.3000
Assessor's Office: 847.432.2100
info@morainetownship.org
morainetownship.org

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MORAINÉ TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Services Available to All Residents:

- Door-to-Door van transportation for seniors and disabled residents - 847-432-3000
- Voter registration
- Help enrolling for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act
- Passport application processing
- Township Assessor - 847-432-2100:
 - Help with exemptions, understanding your assessment, filing an appeal
- Call 847-432-3240 for information on other Township services:
 - RTA discount cards
 - Free Notary service

Services Available to Income-Qualified Residents:

- General / Emergency Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Utility Assistance
- Free income tax return preparation for low- and-moderate income taxpayers
- Medical alert monitoring program for income-qualified township seniors and disabled residents
- Application assistance:
 - Department of Human Service (DHS): Medicaid / Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Illinois Department of Aging Benefit Access Program
- Resource referrals for specific needs