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Newsletter of Moraine Township, Illinois

Summer 2020

Moraine Township Assistance for Residents

**IF YOU KNOW A MORaine TOWNSHIP RESIDENT WHO NEEDS HELP,
PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL 847-432-3240**

**ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL MUNDO DE MORaine 6 DE ABRIL DE 2020 SI CONOCE A
ALGUIEN QUE NECESITA AYUDA, TELÉFONO 847-432-3240**

Services for income-qualified residents

- General / Emergency Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Utility assistance
- Medical alert monitoring program for seniors and disabled residents
- Application assistance: Medicaid, SNAP, Benefit Access, TANF
- For disabled residents and seniors, assistance applying for a grant to improve residence accessibility
- Resource referral for specific needs

Servicios para residentes calificados por ingresos

- Asistencia general y de emergencia
- Despensa de alimentos
- Asistencia de utilidades
- Programa de alerta médicas para personas mayores y residentes discapacitados que viven solos
- Solicitud de asistencia: Medicaid, SNAP Benefit Access, TANF
- Asistencia para solicitar una beca para mejorar la accesibilidad de residentes discapacitados y personas de tercera edad
- Recursos para necesidades específicas



Moraine Township Food Pantry

DUE TO COVID-19, THE PANTRY IS CLOSED TO SHOPPING

DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION WEEKLY

TUESDAYS (MARTES) 10 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.

If you are not able to visit the Pantry during regular hours, please call 847-432-3240



COVID-19 Mail-in Voting Expansions

Public Acts signed into law on June 16 implements changes to the November 3, 2020 vote-by-mail options include establishing an earlier date to start accepting applications to vote by mail, allowing applications to be submitted by email, and sending an Application for Ballot to voters who participated in any election since the November 2018 General Election.

Vote-by-mail avoids lines during early voting and on Election Day, and ensures social distancing!

Questions about voting by mail? Call 847.377.VOTE or 847.377.2406, or email VotingbyMail@lakecountyil.gov.



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FREE DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING IN WAUKEGAN

Hours: Open 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or until 750 tests are completed daily.

Location: 102 W. Water Street, Waukegan, Illinois



Moraine Township 2020 Property Tax Assessment Notices Mailed August 4

Due to COVID-19, staff is available for REMOTE ASSISTANCE ONLY; call the Assessor's Office at 847-432-2100.

On August 4, 2020 Assessment Notices, (also known as the "Blue Letter") will be mailed to Moraine Township property owners, and published in the Highland Park News on August 4, 2020. Objections may only be filed online with the Lake County Board of Review no later than **September 3, 2020**. To file an appeal, visit <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/551/Online-Appeal-Filing>.

If you do not agree with the valuation of your property, you have only thirty days from the date of publication to file an appeal. The final date on which an objection to your 2020 Property Assessment can be filed is **September 3, 2020**. Many people wait until they receive their property tax bill to try to challenge the assessment; unfortunately, that is too late.

The Moraine Township Assessment office, or the County website, should be your first stop in understanding your 2020 assessment. Please call 847-432-2100.

Moraine Township Assessor's staff is available to help residents understand their assessment, answer questions on exemptions, and provide the resources residents need to evaluate their assessment and decide if filing an appeal is necessary. If warranted, Moraine Township Assessor may be able to make a change to your assessment without further appeal.

Challenges to assessments should be based on either

"fair market value" or "uniformity."

- If recent sales in your assessment neighborhood indicate that your parcel is overvalued compared with properties that have recently sold in your neighborhood, then that is a basis for an appeal.
- If your property or home is over-assessed compared to other similar properties or homes in your assessment neighborhood, this would also be a legitimate basis for an appeal.
- If you have a formal appraisal from a qualified appraiser, that could be a basis for an appeal.
- If you purchased your home in 2019 or 2020, check to see if the Assessor's value is more than your purchase price, and call to see if the Assessor can provide help.

Apply online for property tax exemptions you are eligible:

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/575/Property-Tax-Exemptions>

- **Homestead Exemption:** If you occupy your property as your primary residence, be sure your Blue Card reflects a reduction for the Homestead Exemption.
- **Turning 65? New Homeowner?** Homeowners turning 65 need to make sure they file for the senior homestead exemption.
- **Senior Assessment Freeze:** If your modified adjusted gross income