

Talk of the TownshipSM



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**If you or your neighbor
need help**

Call 847-432-3240

www.morianetownship.org

**Si usted o su vecino
necesita ayuda**

Llame 847-432-3240

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Moraine Township Door-to-Door Van Service



Moraine Township's Door-to-Door Van Service transports for seniors and disabled residents up to 15 miles beyond Township borders Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. .

Call 847-432-3000 for an appointment

El municipio de Moraine puerta a puerta servicio de van

Transporta personas de la tercera edad y residentes discapacitados de lunes a viernes desde las 8:30 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde hasta 15 kilómetros más allá de las fronteras del municipio.

Llame al (847)432-3000 para hacer una cita.

From our riders ...

- *If it wasn't for the van, I couldn't attend pulmonary rehab*
- *... This type of assistance ... is an example of thoughtful and responsive governance*
- *... has been a blessing ... great service and affordable ... much appreciated.*
- *Without the van ride, I would not be independent.*

General Assistance / Emergency Assistance

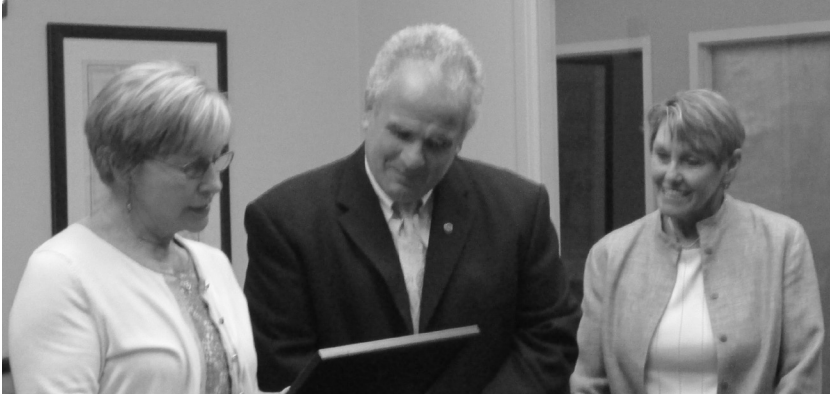
The economic downturn has eroded the financial stability of more of our neighbors. Township is the first stop for helping people with direct assistance or a referral to resources that can help them return to self-sufficiency.

"If it wasn't for all your services (Food Pantry; Com Ed; Food Stamps; Door-to-Door, etc.) my family couldn't survive each month." DD 2014

"...you don't know the stress I was under ... I am thankful there is a Township to help families in crisis ..." RM 2014

"...thank you for your assistance with our September rent. We are grateful ..." RW 2014

Partnering to Benefit our Residents



Trustee Cindy Wolfson (left) presents plaque to Sunset Vice President and General Manager Frank Lomoro; Township Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi (right)

Moraine Township acknowledges with gratitude our community businesses and generous residents for their help with the Township Food Pantry.

- The Township’s Passover and Easter food drive at the **Highland Park Sunset Foods** store raised over \$8,000 for the Food Pantry.
- **T.J.Maxx** celebrated the opening of its new store at 49 Skokie Valley Road in Northbrook with a donation of \$5,000 to Moraine Township’s Food Pantry.
- **Whole Foods Market Deerfield** selected the Moraine Township Food Pantry to share in the Feed 4 More Program in November.
- **Highland Park Hospital, First Bank of Highland Park and Blick Art Materials** are generous contributors to our Food Pantry.
- The Township receives weekly donations of produce, bakery, dairy and meat from **Sunset Foods, Whole Foods, Target, Fresh Thyme, and Heinen’s**.
- Thanks to **Keyth Security, Coldwell Banker** and the **American Legion Post #145**, our Food Pantry was able to offer turkeys, hams and chickens to make Thanksgiving special for our clients.

Our Pantry has over 20 volunteers who help us each week with shelf stocking, produce buying, food donation pick-up, sorting, and cleaning up after our pantry days. ■

The Assessor Says ...

2015 is a general (quadrennial, aka “Quad”) reassessment year. This means all Township property assessments will be re-evaluated.

For the majority of property owners, the only assessment change since the last Quad in 2011 has been the equalization factor applied at the County level.

For 2015, property owners may see changes in land values, neighborhood boundary changes (groupings of properties), and other factors that affect total assessments. To determine values for the “Quad” reassessment, the law directs Assessors to use the three previous years of Township sales data as an indicator of changes in value. This means our office will be considering sales that occurred in 2012, 2013, and 2014 in determining the 2015 assessment.

Although property owners will not receive their 2015 assessment notice until August or September of 2015, the Assessor’s books are based on sales that have occurred prior to January 1st of 2015.

When property owners receive their assessment notice next summer, they will have a 30-day window to contest the 2015 assessments. Our office will be glad to answer questions and walk residents through the appeal application and process.

Call 847-432-2100 for assistance.

Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Open Enrollment November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015 Certified Navigators Available to Assist Enrollees

Moraine Township is again partnering with Enroll Lake County and Get Covered Illinois to assist residents in navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace (aka Obamacare).

There are new plans available through the Marketplace for 2015 that were not available last year. Moraine Township has Certified Navigators available at no charge to work one-on-one with residents.

Residents who did not have health insurance for all or part of 2014 may be subject to a tax penalty when filing their 2014 federal tax return, and penalties increase in 2015.

Appointments will be available daily from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., plus weekend and evening hours. Call 847-432-3240 to schedule an appointment. ■



HELP US KEEP OUR SHELVES STOCKED!



Donations accepted Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday/Thursday

9:00 a.m. to noon

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment

847-432-3240

Food Pantry Horas

Martes / Jueves

09 a.m. hasta el mediodía

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Otras veces con cita previa

847-432-3240

HOW TOWNSHIP SERVICES HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

- General / Emergency Assistance
- Door-to-Door Van Service
- Food Pantry
- Medical alert system
for low-income seniors living alone
- Help with utility bills
- Application assistance for federal and state programs
- RTA discount cards
- Voter Registration
- Free Notary Service
- Resource referral for specific needs
- Assistance enrolling for Medicaid
or subsidized health insurance

- Asistencia General y de Emergencia
- Transportación puerta a puerta
- Despensa de alimentos
- Sistema de alerta médica para las personas de la tercera
edad de bajos ingresos y que viven solos
- Ayuda con las facturas de servicios públicos
- Asistencia para la aplicación
de los programas federales y estatales
- Inscribirse para la tarjeta de descuento RTA
- Registración para votar
- Servicio de Notaria gratis
- Información sobre recursos para necesidades específicas
- Ayuda en la subscripción a Medicaid
o a un seguro de salud subsidiado.

Another Bumper Year for Our Food Pantry Garden



Food Pantry and Garden Volunteers
Barry Scholnick & Jeff Piemonte



Head Garden Volunteer
Sam Piro



Volunteers plant garden in May

Mooney Cemetery: Award-Winning Sustainable Drainage Solutions Succeed



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With 2014 heavy spring and summer rainfall, drainage improvements to Mooney Cemetery made in 2013 couldn't have been more timely!

Permeable pavers and rain gardens installed by over 70 volunteers successfully mitigated chronic water problems that had caused graves to be underwater in prior years. Moraine Township's Mooney Cemetery is located on Ridge Road just north of Deerfield Road.

Moraine Township received the 2014 BMP (Best Management Practices) of the Year Award for this project from Lake County's Stormwater Management Commission.

Township Proposes 5% Reduction in Tax Levy

Township trustees are proposing a tax levy reduction of more than 5% for the 2014 assessment year (2015 tax payment year).

Moraine Township accounts for less than 1% of residents' property tax bill (around \$100 on a \$500,000 home), and funds the Township Assessor, General and Emergency Assistance, Senior/Disabled transportation, two Township cemeteries, and other social services. ■



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



A team of volunteers and engaged local businesses make our Food Pantry a true community project