

# Talk of the Township<sup>SM</sup>



Newsletter of Moraine Township, Illinois

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## Mission

*Moraine Township government administers public funds to provide responsive, efficient and compassionate services and support for residents in need.*

Our boundaries include all of Highwood, most of Highland Park, and small portions of Deerfield and Lake Forest. The Township officially provides general assistance to individuals; property assessment services in the Assessor's office; election and record-keeping functions in the Clerk's office; and operates two cemeteries, Mooney's and Daggitt, in Highland Park.

## Resident Safety A Prime Focus Heat Wave, Power Outages, Medical Access Monitored

This summer has been remarkable in the extent and duration of extremes of weather, along with the damage left in its wake, but Moraine Township staff have stayed on top of things, monitoring the health and safety of our most vulnerable residents.

"We take very seriously our responsibility towards our elderly, infirm and low income residents, and have put programs in place to help them, but this year has been outstanding in the real need for vigilance," said Supervisor Mari Barnes.

Township General Assistance Manager Paula Peddle has been making wellness calls to check up on residents. "Those who live alone, especially, should have someone inquiring," she observed. In one instance, two elderly women said they were doing fine, but upon further questioning, Peddle realized their air conditioning wasn't functioning, and the women did not realize the danger. She sent in a repairman to rectify matters.

In addition to wellness calls, the Township has implemented a handyman service, is covering unfunded LIHEAP utility bills, and continues to provide award-winning Moraine Door-to-Door paratransit to medical appointments. For details, see the article on page 4. ■

## Pantry Plants Garden in Full Bloom Volunteers Join With Residents to Grow Produce

The far south end of Woodridge Park in Highland Park has been the scene of lively interaction as resident volunteers have enthusiastically worked together to till, plant and water a new crop of seasonal produce to supplement Moraine Township's Food Pantry.

The Township's Pantry Plants Garden Project was launched this year on June 4. Located on Park District of Highland Park property at the south end of Barberry Road, the garden has become a community tradition since 2006, where locals interested in working together to provide fresh produce for the Township's Food Pantry have a great time planting, cultivating and harvesting a variety of vegetables.

Each year, the garden has grown larger and its style has been reshaped to accommodate multiple missions: recipients have been invited to help grow the plants, and work alongside other volunteers or those who can't garden anymore but who possess a wealth of gardening know-how. Fresh produce feeds families with healthful seasonal supplements. Children participating in the cycle learn where their food comes from (a perhaps subtle but significant educational enhancement), and all benefit from improved nutrition.

Volunteers are always welcome. Details are on our website. Join us anytime! ■

## Calendar

Moraine Township Board of Trustees meets in the Township Office  
777 Central Avenue, Highland Park  
2nd Thursdays of the month at 5:00 pm  
&  
4th Thursdays of the month at 7:30 pm  
This meeting is recorded for cablecasting.

### ~ Of Special Interest ~

#### *Spotlight on Nonprofit Agencies*

Agencies receiving Township grants discuss their services & community needs at meetings 4th Thursdays. Attend our regular meeting in person or watch us on Cable Channel 10  
Thursdays at 12:30 pm, Saturdays at 6:00 pm



Moraine Township Grant Application  
Deadline: February 1, 2012

## Talk to the Township

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Assessor..... (847) 432-2100



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<http://morainetownship.org>

## SuperTalk: Mari Barnes



Once again, we are pleased to take this opportunity to communicate with residents, update you on the past six months, and remind you about Moraine Township services.

### Pantry Plants

Our seasonal Pantry Plants Garden Project continues to benefit from the generosity of donor groups like Anton’s Fruit Ranch, whose young plants start us off each year; the Park District of Highland Park, whose workers prepare the soil for planting; Sam Piro’s gang of volunteers from U CANN2; and Steve Leverick’s NSSED students, who have been pitching in to cultivate season after season. This year, we also welcomed a new collaboration with Lake County’s North Shore Health Center in Highland Park. Recruited by the Center’s Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Program Outreach Worker Olga Aguilar, over thirty residents have been tending their own plots on half of the land we have been allowed to use for the Food Pantry. During the season, in addition, a new Township grantee group, Nurture, plans to assist with garden volunteers and provide educational nutrition expertise.

### Grants Awarded

Our dedicated group of Citizen Grant Advisors again did the heavy lifting for our Grant Program this year. Our Board could not be as confident of our decisions to make these important awards without their detailed study of proposals. They voluntarily put in many hours of dedicated effort to come up with their recommendations, and we thank them most sincerely!

In addition, the Board voted a capital award of \$50,000 to Family Service to pay for necessary remodeling for the new space for their Nuestro Center. This important resource for our Latino youth neighbors is moving to 742 Sheridan Road in Highwood.

### “How Can We Help You?” Flyer Prepared

Over the course of my administration, I’ve been meeting with several other service providing agencies and governmental units in the community. Our aim is to close gaps in service while also being more efficient and economical in our delivery. This year, we developed a simple flyer to help direct residents to the appropriate providers when there is a human service or medical need. Interested residents may call our office or stop by to receive this flyer. We are posting it on our website as well. It is entitled “How Can We Help You?”

### Mooney’s Cemetery Survey Report Received

Dr. Tim Horsley, an archaeological geophysicist hired to uncover the secrets of apparent haphazard burials and recording keeping at Mooney’s Cemetery, submitted his detailed report to the Board in June. Our Records Manager Shannon Mosier is organizing the materials on file to reflect the updated information. One goal was to discover where there are actual burials and where, if anywhere, there are vacant spots. We expect to publish details from the report on our website and at length in the next issue of *Talk*. Intriguingly, underground radar indicates vacant space (“no reflection”) in certain portions of the Railroad Men’s section, even where there are headstones. The assumption is that burials prior to 1950 had no vaults and have aged away. Perhaps someone reading this can help us answer the question: are those graves simply old, or were they installed only in commemoration,

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## CommunityTalk Grant Advisor Recommendations Adopted

Upon the recommendation of our Citizen Grant Advisory Committee at the April 28 meeting, the Moraine Township Board of Trustees voted to award grants totaling \$166,000 to area nonprofit agencies. The Board of Trustees had earlier increased the line item amount in their budget planning sessions. Last year, the Township allocated \$135,000 in grants during the fiscal year, which runs April 1-March 31.

Funding support was voted for services to Moraine Township residents provided by the following agencies: A Safe Place, Cancer Wellness Center, Career Resource Center, Center for Enriched Living, College Bound Opportunities, Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Equestrian Connection, Family Network, Family Service, Glenkirk, Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care Center, Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association, Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, JCYS/Lutz Center's Champ Camp, The Josselyn Center, Lambs Farm, Links-North Shore Youth Health Service, Nurture, Southeast Lake County Faith in Action Volunteers, The Art Center of Highland Park, Tri-Con Child Care Center, YWCA Lake County, and Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center.

This year, the Township received applications from 25 agencies. The Committee recommended funding support for 23 of those 25 agencies, involving 27 different programs. Five proposals were new ones, from new agencies or on behalf of a program not previously proposed for consideration.

"The allocation was significantly more than last year's to respond to the continuing economic crises facing local nonprofit agencies," according to Board liaison Trustee Jackie Schechter (Highwood).

Members of the Citizen Grant Advisory Committee this year were Chair Harry Crane, Judy Datz, Wendi Ezgur, Mark Gilhooley and Beth Olderman (all Highland Park) and Matt Ferrari from Highwood. A second Board liaison was Trustee Bryna Gamson (Highland Park).

Details on the grant process, the Committee's Executive Summary, and links to grantee agency websites may be found on the Township's website at <http://morainetownship.org>. The Township's phone number is (847) 432-3240. ■

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### Catch us on Cable!

Board of Trustee meetings held on 4th Thursdays of the month are recorded. These meetings include reports on community needs from our grantee agencies and all public business.

Shown on Cable Channel 10, Thursdays at 12:30 pm and Saturdays at 6:00 pm

once this section was designated? You will find a wealth of historic information on our website: Trustee Bryna Gamson posted her research on our two inherited cemeteries. History buffs and genealogists love it.

### Latino Advisory Committee

Latino Advisors have been meeting regularly, and we are so pleased with the two-way communication their work has opened. Trustees Dwayne Douglas and Margoth Moreno have been keeping the Board informed. You can read their reports in our Minutes posted online.

Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or concerns you may have. ■

## Volunteer Recognized Ada Goldstein Honored

Volunteer Ada Goldstein was awarded a *Recognition Certificate for Individual Dedication* at a Lake County Council for Seniors luncheon on May 24. Supervisor Barnes and enthusiastic Township staff nominated Ada for this honor.

A resident of Moraine Township since 1973, Ada is retired from social service work. She has contributed five years as a Township volunteer, to clients as well as to Township resources. She has worked closely with our General Assistance Manager Paula Peddle as well as other staff. One of her projects was the creation of an extensive guide to available human service resources that staff now have at their fingertips for client referrals. Ada was featured in *Talk of the Township* in 2007.

Thank you, Ada, and congratulations on your award! It was well deserved. ■

### City of Highland Park Notice

Residents can register online to receive the *Highlander* newsletter, public safety alerts, bid postings, press releases and calendar events. For more information, contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004 or email <[epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com)>. Highland Park website is <http://cityhpil.com>.

### Talk of the Township

Moraine Township is pleased to communicate with residents about Township business. We hope this periodic publication will foster our goal to keep the public fully informed about Township services and activities.

Supervisor . . . . . Mari A. Barnes  
Clerk . . . . . Ellen S. Gussin  
Assessor . . . . . Patty Powers  
Trustee . . . . . Dwayne Douglas  
Trustee . . . . . Bryna G. Gamson  
Trustee . . . . . Margoth K. Moreno  
Trustee . . . . . Jackie B. Schechter

Consult our website for timely information, including Agendas, Meeting Minutes, links to related information and on-line versions of *Talk of the Township*.



<http://morainetownship.org>

## It's Not Easy Being Green But We Can Try Tips from Donnie Dann

Environmental activist, Highland Parker Donnie Dann circulates an emailed newsletter with tips on living more gently on the earth. We obtained his permission to pass along some of his tips on recycling.

You may be surprised to learn that *only clean materials should be recycled*. To seriously contribute, we need to wash plastic, glass and aluminum; and eliminate non-paper contents from junk mail, and cardboard that's been contaminated by pizza cheese, for example.

Dann <[donniebird@comcast.net](mailto:donniebird@comcast.net)> writes "*Sustainable Business* reports that in the United States waste ending up in landfills has declined from 94% of total waste generated in the 1960s to just over 54% in 2009. Yet we recycle at a rate of about half of what is recycled in Germany....

"...If people are careless with what they throw in the bin and food or other stains foul the item(s), they'll...be sent to a landfill [instead of being recycled]. To be returned to the manufacturing stream, the raw material must be near perfect.

"Some things are just not recyclable, like ceramics and aseptic products such as the material used in manufacturing juice boxes.

"Sorting is another little known aspect of recycling," he says.

Whereas in other countries, people pre-sort different colored glass, "in most places in the U.S., it's the recycler that sorts each kind of material to sell it profitably, a much more costly process."

Dann notes that efficient recycling must be a communitywide effort. He cautions: pre-sort, make sure everything is clean, and be mindful to first reduce, then reuse and finally recycle. ■

## More Help for Seniors, Others Handyman Services

The Township now offers free handyman services to income-qualified senior and disabled residents on a limited basis. Services include any minor home repair that can be completed with hand tools such as a hammer, screwdriver or pliers. Along with resident safety, the possibility of vulnerable residents falling prey to scams or their fears of allowing strangers into their homes were reasons for the program. According to Supervisor Barnes, "We know that many of our homeowners over the age of 65 and/or disabled confront day to day challenges with home maintenance, so we've implemented this new program to send a trusted and competent worker to help alleviate the 'who do I call?' and 'how do I fix this?' dilemmas our residents may face." Interested handymen are encouraged to contact our office.

## Covering LIHEAP Shortfall

The Township's General Assistance/GA Fund is covering air conditioning bills up to \$150 for seniors who would normally receive benefits from LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), a program meant to pay for utility bills for low income seniors. The State had to drop their LIHEAP coverage this summer.

## Weatherization

Residents who are income-qualified for LIHEAP may also qualify for weatherization of their homes under LIHEAP and other guidelines. For further information about getting financial help from the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program to improve your home's insulation or heating efficiency, contact Paula Peddle, our GA Manager, at the Township number, (847) 432-3240.

## Wellness Calls

Moraine staff will make wellness calls to residents who would feel more secure if we're checking on their overall wellbeing. Family members concerned about elderly or infirm residents can sign them up for this service by calling Paula Peddle.

## Moraine Door-to-Door Paratransit Van Service & Taxi Coupon Program – (847) 432-3000

We remind seniors, disabled and low income residents to make use of our transportation benefits. Ten taxi coupons worth \$3 each are provided per month for rides anywhere but to airports. Users make their own arrangements for taxi service, but should call our transportation line to sign up for coupons.

Moraine Door-to-Door vans primarily provide trips to medical appointments. The fee is \$4 per one-way trip, with caregivers riding free. It operates Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Make van reservations 48 hours in advance to a dedicated phone line at the Township Office, (847) 432-3000. ■

### Please! Check with the Township

*before bringing in a donation of food. Our clients have varying needs, not always in line with what is donated. Clothing and miscellaneous items are no longer accepted, since there are nearby options like the ORT store right across the street from us. Call us at (847) 432-3240. Thanks!*



## ClerkTalk: Ellen Gussin Your Ideas Count: Vote March 20

In advance of the November 6, 2012 General Election, a General Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Although many months away, elections have a way of creeping up on us, and we all know it will be a busy political season. Exercising our civic responsibility, however, has never been easier.

### Register to Vote At Township Office

Voter Registration is available Monday through Friday at the Moraine Township Office during regular business hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. To register to vote, bring two forms of identification – one with your name and current address. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years old by the next election (a 17-year-old can register as long as his/her birthday is on or before the date of the next election) and have resided in the voting precinct for 30 days prior to the next election.

The voter identification card is your official source document for determining where to vote. Your polling place is determined by your precinct number and is listed on your voter registration card. Polling place locations, addresses, as well as maps, are available online.

### Many Voting Options = High Voter Turnout

Moraine Township continues to show high voter turnout at election times. Early Voting and Voting by Mail continue to be popular options for Moraine Township residents. Because of the great number of voters casting their vote prior to Election Day, the number of polling sites has been reduced, yielding greater efficiency and cost savings. A complete Election Calendar is available at <http://lakecountyil.gov/CountyClerk/Elections/default.htm>. Locations for Early Voting for each of the four municipalities in Moraine Township are also noted below and on the Township's website via Clerk page at <http://morainetownship.org/clerk.html>.

### Early Voting Begins 22 Days Before Election Day

Early Voting is offered to any registered voter and begins 22 days before Election Day. Early voters are required to present to voting officials a valid Illinois driver's license, an Illinois identification card issued by the Secretary of State, or any other valid government-issued identification document containing their photograph and name. For most residents of Moraine Township, Early Voting takes place at the Lake County North Shore Health Center at 1840 Green Bay Road in Highland Park. Lake Forest residents go to Elawa Farm, 1401 Middlefork Drive.

### Voting By Mail - And "Permanent" Vote By Mail

Illinois law now permits any registered voter to receive a ballot by mail. One-time requests for a ballot can be made via a form provided online at the County Clerk's website; by email at [VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov); or by calling (847) 377-2406.

For voters who prefer to vote from home, the Lake County Clerk's office offers a new permanent voting by mail program. I've used it myself and find it extraordinarily easy and helpful. Enrollment forms are available online at the County Clerk's website. Permanent voting by mail helps reduce printing costs. As required by state law, voting by mail requests cannot be processed until 40 days prior to each Election Day. Ballots cannot be mailed any later than the Thursday before an election. Please note: voters requesting a ballot prior to Election Day are not entitled to cast a ballot on Election Day.

### Snowbird Program

Voters who travel seasonally can enroll in the Snowbird Program and specify elections and an alternate address to which a ballot should be mailed. Those enrolled will automatically receive a ballot by mail as specified.

### Student Program

The Temporarily Absent Student Program is available to students away at school. A student must be a registered voter in order to enroll in the program. Use the fillable online enrollment form which can be printed, signed and mailed to the County. Enrollment is valid for two years and each summer the County office confirms the student address for the coming year away at school.

### Questions and Concerns

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [clerk@morainetownship.org](mailto:clerk@morainetownship.org) or call (847)432-3240. ■

## Calling All Students!

Although I have touted the opportunity for our students to serve as Election Judges before, I think it bears repeating. In my experience, student judges are among the most capable serving the polling places on Election Day. I hope all students will give it serious thought, as this is truly a worthy community service. Judges receive a stipend for their efforts, although I would support a program at the High School that encourages students to dedicate the dollars earned to a worthy civic cause.

Qualifications for Becoming An Election Judge:

- be a citizen of the United States;
- be a high school junior or senior in good standing or a student enrolled in a Lake County public, community college or private secondary school;
- have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- have the written approval of the principal of the secondary school attended at the time of appointment;
- have the written approval of parent or legal guardian;
- have satisfactorily completed the training course for judges of election.

## Meet the Staff: Door-to-Door Van Drivers

We've been introducing our regular office staff over the past few issues of *Talk*. In this issue, we turn our attention to more members of our team.

Moraine is fortunate to have many retired members of our own community interested in working part-time as drivers for the vans. Their helpful personalities have contributed to very positive survey responses we get from our riders.

Door-to-Door van drivers from Highland Park are Don Cowgill, Mark Gilhooley, Connie and Bud Powell, and our vacation pinch-hitter, Will Barnes.

Veteran driver Ken Shaw hails from Wilmette, Ralph Ortiz from Chicago and Vince Schumacher is from Lake Bluff. This summer, with continuing demand colliding with vacation schedules, our GA Manager Paula Peddle also took the wheel, as she has done in the past.

Husband and wife Bud and Connie commented that they enjoy working with our residents. Like their colleagues, their cheerful volunteer spirit brightens the day of many passengers. Connie has even taken a turn at covering the scheduling desk when Grizell Toledo, our staff member responsible for van scheduling, has been away for maternity leave or vacation.

Bud is a retired pilot who joined us about three years ago. His friend, driver Ken Shaw, told him about this "satisfying position" driving our vans.

"Bud felt so good about it, I became interested, too," noted Connie, a retired school administrator.

"As a taxpaying resident," Bud said, "I think this van service is money well-spent."

Thank you, drivers! You are the face of Moraine Township to many of our residents, and your work is appreciated. ■

## AssessorTalk: Patty Powers

While all of us are completing payments for the 2010 property tax bill, whose second installment is due on September 6, my office is hard at work establishing updated property values for 2011 – whose taxes will be payable starting June, 2012. Confused? I hope not!

2011 is our general (quadrennial) reassessment year, which means we will be looking at changes to assessments. We may see land values changes, neighborhood boundary changes, and other factors that affect total assessments. To determine values for 2011, we must still follow the law that states we use three previous years of sales, which means we will be looking at sales that occurred in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Because of the abundance of work this year for the "quad," we will be publishing those assessments later this year than we have in recent years. Watch for your new 2011 assessment notice sometime in the Fall, or the publication in the *Highland Park News*.

As always, there will be a 30 day window to contest your 2011 assessments.

In addition, as always, we encourage you to confirm all of the information on your assessment notice (size of home, number of baths, etc.), and make sure you are receiving all of the exemptions you are entitled to.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Why are assessment values different from the property values we see in the current real estate market?**

Your assessment valuation determined by the Township Assessor is not intended to be reflective of the actual real estate value of your property on the date you receive that notice. The local Assessor values your property according to State statute. For 2011, sales transactions that occurred in 2008-2010, are used as a basis for this year's assessed values. This process is only intended to be a method of distributing the burden of the property tax across the properties in the Lake County taxing districts.

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*We cannot change the property tax law. Only our State leaders can do that.*

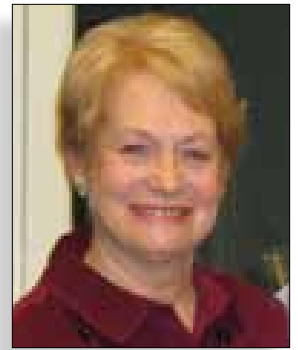
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**Home values have been declining. Are our property taxes going to follow that trend?**

The short answer to this question is No. Taxing districts will continue to receive money to fund their operations from property taxes. Unless the units of local government actually reduce their spending levels, property tax bills will remain at the current levels.

Lake County taxing districts (schools, cities, townships) are limited as to the level of increase in overall property tax revenue that they can receive from year to year. There is a property "tax cap" law, which was established in 1991, that allows taxing districts to receive additional funds year over year, based upon a Consumer Price Index (CPI) determination. Taxpayers do benefit from this law in the sense that they will know that there are limits in the general property tax increases from year to year.

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My office is aware of the challenges being faced by those who are trying to sell their homes in this market. We will continue to closely monitor the sales activity in Moraine Township, adjusting assessments based on the market. But, we must follow the directives of the Illinois Department of Revenue and the law as defined in the Illinois Property Tax Code.

We cannot change the property tax law. Only our State leaders can do that.

**What does an Assessor do?**

The Assessor appraises or estimates real property – commonly known as real estate – and all improvements attached thereto. Real property is defined as land and any permanent improvements to the site. This can include structures of any kind. Some variations exist from one Assessor to another as to those items of real estate that are assessed. Amenities that can impact an assessment are: dwelling size and style, basements (finished and unfinished), decks, patios, garages, number of bathrooms, fireplaces, the exterior cover on a home (brick, stone, frame), roofing material, quality and age of home. However, those items most influential on value such as location preferences, land size, structure type and its size are consistently valued throughout Lake County.

We will rely on exterior measurements of your structure when calculating the overall size of the improvements. In order to accurately collect the data used to determine your assessment, it is necessary for a staff member or field person to come onto the property. There may be instances when it is important to have access to the interior to clarify certain details.

**Where do I go with questions on my assessment?**

We at the Assessor's Office are continually communicating with the public, answering questions and responding to concerns raised by property owners. Any taxpayer can examine assessment records of any property at any time. There is a great deal of information available on the Chief County Assessment website <http://lakecountyiil.gov/assessor>.

Please contact our office with any questions about exemptions, assessments and your property record card. We are here to serve you. ■



Plenty of free parking at 777 Central, Highland Park

## Moraine Township Profile

*Facts from our website's "About" page*

*Moraine Township in square miles: 11.92*

*Moraine Township in acres: 7,627.46*

*2010 updated information*

*Total value of "equalized assessed valuation/EAV" real property \$2,757,635,662*

*13,755 parcels (12,752 occupied, and 1003 vacant land)*

*Land use: 98.67% incorporated; 46.16% residential; 28.49% classified tax exempt; 8.17% commercial; 0 industrial.*

*2010 median Township single family*

*home sale price: \$481,250*

*(2009 was \$530,000)*

*The sale prices ranged from*

*\$130,000 to \$4,500,000*

*2010 Township tax rate: .052*

*Median home pays approximately \$85*

*total tax to Township, allocated to Town*

*Fund (Supervisor, Assessor and Cemetery functions) and General Assistance.*

*Estimated from the 2010 census:*

*Total Population: 34,129*

*Population under 5 years old: 6%*

*Population 5 to 19 years old: 22.4%*

*Population 20 to 64 years old: 54.2%*

*Population 65 and older: 17.4%*

*(5.6% are over 80 years old)*

*2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars:*

*Household income under \$25,000: 9.5%*

*Household income over \$200,000: 23.8%*

**Look us up on the web**

<http://morainetownship.org>

**Direct Line Phone**

**(847) 432-2100**

## Moraine Receives Grants

On March 31, the Township received a grant of \$35,000 from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park in support of the present FY11-12 Moraine Door-to-Door paratransit van service. The Foundation has been underwriting rides for low-income and disabled residents almost since the inception of the Township's van service in 2006. (Call 847-432-3000.)

In February, Highland Park Hospital representatives presented us with a check for \$4,500. These funds were allocated towards the cost of medication and related hospital services for those who qualify under the General Assistance program administered by the Township for needy residents.

We are very grateful to both organizations for their support! ■

## Talk Back/Volunteer

We welcome feedback on any or all of our programs in Moraine Township. If you have a comment or question about something you've read in this issue of *Talk of the Township*, contact the Supervisor's Office at (847) 432-3240 or email Super@morainetownship.org.

If you are interested in joining our efforts in public service – for brief or on-going tasks – also contact the Supervisor's Office. We are always looking for volunteers to serve on Citizen Advisory Committees, in the following or other developing *ad hoc* capacities:

- Food Pantry
- Grant Advisory Committee
- Latino Advisory Committee
- Pantry Plants Garden Project
- Senior Services
- Transportation
- Township History Project

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## Moraine Projects in Pictures

Find more on our website



Above: Supervisor Barnes and Records Manager Shannon Mosier review Dr. Tim Horsley's radar images exploring Mooney's Cemetery

~ Little farmers help install Pantry Plants Garden Project ~  
Below: Lake County Health Dept. Outreach Worker Olga Aguilar with Christopher Abarca and Brian Solo



Left: Sofia Alvarez with 2 year old Eva  
Below: Cecilia Sosa, Katherine Crespo and Guillermo Crespo



Moraine Door-to-Door Paratransit Van drivers Connie and Bud Powell

