



Talk of the TownshipSM



Newsletter of Moraine Township, Illinois

Summer 2021

A Difficult Year for Residents

The last year has been difficult for most of us; for some of our neighbors, it has been a health and economic crisis. Moraine Township thanks a generous and caring community for helping us provide a safety net for our neighbors during this challenging year.

Our heroic staff provided over 35,000 non-duplicated services to Township residents, including \$140,000 of rent (through mid-May), utility and other emergency assistance. Township staff helped residents enroll for Medicaid, SNAP (cash food benefits), utility assistance and other resources and made regular wellness calls to seniors and families. Our Door-to-Door van drivers ensured that residents needing 3x weekly dialysis had transportation to life-saving appointments. Assessor staff helped taxpayers remotely.

Volunteers devoted hundreds of hours preparing free tax returns for income-qualified taxpayers and helped enroll individuals and families for health insurance when they lost their job. A corps of 30+ weekly volunteers pitched in to ensure that hunger was not one of the issues our neighbors struggled with during this crisis.



The Food Pantry converted to drive-through and provided over 6,200 household food visits, over 1,000 of which were deliveries to clients who were unable to visit the pantry due to sickness, sheltering, or work conflicts.

Thank you to the hundreds of donors who made it possible for us to purchase food for clients when we were unable to accept donated food.

The saying “we’re all in this together” has never resonated more, and the spirit of our community has never shone brighter than during this crisis.

Thank you to an amazing and unique community!

THEY MADE IT WORK!

OVER 6,200 HOUSEHOLD VISITS



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

INVENTING A COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAY DISTRIBUTION

PACKING PRODUCE, DAIRY, BAGS FOR HOME DELIVERY

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DELIVERING FOOD TO RESIDENTS

OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T GO HUNGRY IF THEY ARE SICK, SHELTERING, OR WORK DURING PANTRY HOURS

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BECAUSE THEY KEPT WORKING ... WE KEPT FEEDING

LOADING FOOD INTO CARS

... IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER!

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TRAFFIC MANAGERS

THEY FIGURED IT OUT AND MADE IT WORK!

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WEEKLY BAG PACKING

VOLUNTEERS PACKED OVER 150 BAGS A WEEK WORKING ALONE OR IN FAMILY POD FOR SAFETY

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HEAVY LIFTERS

UNLOADING PALLETS OF FOOD PICKING UP FOOD AT STORES

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?



Moraine Township Office Re-Opens June 1

- Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Horario 8:30 a 4:30 de lunes a viernes
- Visitors are required to wear masks;
Los visitantes deben usar máscaras

Moraine Township Food Pantry Re-opens July 7

- Tuesday 10 to noon; Martes 10 al mediodía
- Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30; Miércoles 1:30 a 3:30
- Thursdays 11:30 am to 1:30 pm; Jueves de 11:30 a 1:30
- Visitors are required to wear masks;
Los visitantes deben usar máscaras

Moraine Township Services

Moraine Township delivered over 35,000 resident-services during COVID

Services available to all residents

- Door-to-Door van transportation for seniors and disabled residents **847.432.3000**
- RTA discount cards
- Voter registration
- Free Notary service (EXCEPT for documents relating to the conveyance of residential real property)
- 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 objection

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
- Free income tax return preparation for low-and moderate-income taxpayers

Servicios disponibles para todos los residentes

- Transporte de camioneta puerta a puerta para personas mayores y residentes discapacitados **847.432.3000**
- Tarjetas de descuento RTA
- Registro para votar
- Servicio gratuito de Notario Publico (EXCEPTO para documentos relacionados con el traspaso de inmuebles residenciales)
- Ayuda para inscribirse en el seguro de salud. bajo la Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio
- Procesamiento de solicitud de pasaporte
- **Asesor de Municipio 847.432.2100**
- Ayuda con las exenciones, entendiendo su evaluación y ó apelar su evaluación

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
- Preparación gratis de impuestos

Moraine Township Reduced Property Tax and Froze Compensation for Elected Officials

Moraine Township is keenly aware of hardships our residents have suffered during this challenging time. In an effort to provide relief to Moraine Township property owners, the Board of Trustees reduced the 2020 Tax Levy (for taxes collected in 2021) by 2.6%.

The Township froze or reduced compensation for elected officials since 2013 through 2021.

Moraine Township has reduced its levy a total of 9.8% since 2012, while providing expanded services.

On a \$350,000 home, Moraine Township's portion of a resident's property tax bill is \$60.38. Approximately 40% of the Township's tax levy funds services of the Assessor's office.

Historic Daggitt Cemetery Restoration Project

Phase One of Moraine Township's multi-year effort to restore the historic cemetery, which dates from 1845, was completed last fall. Previously illegible inscriptions can be read for the first time in decades and tell stories of our community's history, and several gravestones have revealed burials of people who do not appear on inventories taken in 1959 and 1986.

Daggitt Cemetery began as a family burial ground for pioneer Robert Daggitt, who came from England with his wife and nine children in 1838 and received a land grant in 1843. After the death of three of his children within a short time, neighbors asked to bury their family members nearby, and he accommodated them by establishing family plots. A cholera epidemic in the 1850s increased the number of burials.

An Illinois law passed in 1986 requires Townships to take responsibility for abandoned cemeteries.

The Township plans to continue work on remaining gravestones in the summers of 2021 and 2022.



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Moraine Township Door-to-Door Van Service



Transportation for Township seniors and disabled residents up to 15 miles beyond Township borders.
Van operates Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:00.

\$4.00/Ride
\$2.00/Ride if income qualified

**Call 847-432-3000
for an appointment**



WELCOME NEW MORaine TOWNSHIP TEAM

Top Row: Trustees Christine Peschier, Mark Haggarty
Nancy Chausow Shafer
Middle Row: Trustee Pablo Alvarez, Clerk Naomi Wexler
Judge Mitchell Hoffman administering oaths
Bottom Row: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi