

Talk of the TownshipSM



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Partnerships Growing Collaborations To Yield Cost Benefits

Moraine Township is proud to note multiple accomplishments over the past six months, leading to present and anticipated future cost-sharing while performing the public's business. Last fall, Moraine spearheaded a successful series of Transit Forums to spur creation of more collaborative, increasingly coordinated and affordable regional public transportation on behalf of our residents. Further, we recently learned of significant grants in support of two Township activities.

Two Grants Received

The Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park awarded an increased amount for the forthcoming FY13-14 for our popular **Moraine Door-to-Door** van service. As of March 31, we will be receiving a generous \$45,000 in support of low-income, senior and disabled riders being taken to medical appointments. The Board extends its sincere thanks to the HFHP, now in its eighth year of partnering with us to keep this population healthy. Moraine Door-to-Door operates at \$4 per ride Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Supervisor Barnes has extended ridership to more than just those residents covered by the HFHP subsidy. Call for more information or check our webpage on Transportation. Van reservations must be made 48 hours in advance to a dedicated phone line at the Township Office, (847) 432-3000.

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission/SMC announced in January that Moraine Township will receive a \$31,280 grant to help address drainage and water issues at the chronically flooded **Mooney Cemetery**. The Township worked with former Lake County Board member and SMC Commissioner Anne Flanigan Bassi in applying for the grant.

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Farewell From Present Administration After 8 Years, Most Officials Are Retiring

Elections for local offices on April 9 will bring many changes. Moraine Township's Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor and three of the Board's four Trustees will not be on the ballot. After eight years of service during two terms for the Supervisor, Clerk and two of the Trustees, they are stepping aside to make way for new leadership. The Assessor term does not change until January 2014, but the office is up for election in April as well.

It's been a pleasure bringing Moraine Township into the 21st Century, clarifying its purpose, increasing visibility, modernizing the office, initiating programs, and living up to its mission as adopted by this administration in 2005. Inside, you will find notes on accomplishments, and farewell messages. Thank you for the honor and pleasure of serving. ■

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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 and Daggitt, in Highland Park.

Calendar

Moraine Township Board of Trustees meets in the Township Office
777 Central Avenue, Highland Park
2nd Thursdays of the month at 5:30 pm
&
4th Thursdays of the month at 7:00 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, usually recorded on 4th Thursdays. Attend our meeting in person or watch us on Cable Channel 10 Thursdays at 12:30 pm, Saturdays at 6:00 pm
(Find Local Cable Listings on Highland Park website.)

Moraine Township Grant Application
Deadline: February 1, 2014

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SuperTalk: Mari Barnes Is it nearly 8 years already?



This is our “lucky thirteenth” *Talk of the Township* newsletter, and the one in which most of us are saying farewells to service in Moraine Township. I hope you will indulge me as I look back on some of the achievements of these past eight years, chronicled in the pages of *Talk* and on our website.

We updated and professionalized the office. Residents desired privacy when making inquiries; we remodeled our rented space and gave visitors a reception area, the staff private offices, and the Board and committees a conference room. New computers were purchased, and we threw open the doors to improved communication, from press releases, to taped, cablecast meetings, newsletter and website.

Management-wise, employee handbooks were created, and job descriptions formally adopted. New staff hired became more and more effective and skilled. We joined TOIRMA, an insurance risk management pool from the Township Officials of Illinois, saving significant taxpayer dollars while obtaining increased, high value insurance to protect us from catastrophes and day-to-day operations liabilities. As reported earlier, we have even benefited from a premium credit from TOIRMA. We replaced an expensive taxi voucher system (used by very few) that was limited to rides within township borders. Instead, for the equivalent budget expense at the time, we began Moraine Door-to-Door, a personalized paratransit van still operating for the same \$4 per ride, and extending trips beyond our borders by a 15 mile radius.

The Food Pantry (which had had goods dating from the 1980s!) was completely cleaned up on our watch. I am proud that students participating in Food Drives now are invited in to see where and how needy fellow residents are served; Boy and Girl Scouts, churches and synagogues, individuals and families are welcomed into an organized pantry. Our pantry has received the top score from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, who perform annual inspections and ratings. I founded the Pantry Plants Garden Project, encouraging good nutrition, providing increased community connections, and collaboration with the Park District.

The cemeteries have gone from being largely unknown to well-maintained, researched and catalogued in an organized, computerized way.

Most importantly, the reason a township exists is to help residents who are experiencing hardships with daily living. I am most proud that today my staff is doing just that. The Board has also participated in creating a formal Grant Program that reflects community priorities based on grassroots input from an active Citizen Grant Advisory Committee.

I believe that every elected office benefits from a change: new people bring fresh ideas, energy and perspective. That is why it is time for me to say good-bye to the role of Supervisor. It was not an easy decision to step down because the past eight years have been wonderful. The staff in my office, Linda, Paula and Shannon, are full partners in performing the daily tasks and working with residents. The van drivers, a few who have been with us for many years now, are the day-to-day face of our service, and the lifeline for many residents.

Our Clerk and some members of the Board have been serving as long as I have while others entered in the last election cycle, and it has been a pleasure working with them!

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CommunityTalk Grant Reviews Underway for 8th Fiscal Year

The present economic climate is not getting better for local nonprofit agencies: as of the February 1 deadline, the Township received a record 28 proposals encompassing 32 programs provided by groups looking for significant funding support in the next fiscal year (April 1, 2013-March 31, 2014). The Citizen Grant Advisory Committee has a big job to do, reviewing and selecting which nonprofits to fund and to what degree. Single agency requests in some cases are nearly as high as the entire amounts distributed in the past; requests range from \$2,500 to \$50,000 and total an aggregate of almost \$412,000. That expresses the request, not the amount the Township Board will be able to approve. Part of the problem is that the United Way locally changed its funding priorities, cutting many of our service providers severely down from formerly significant amounts. As our well-informed electorate knows, as well, the State of Illinois has dropped much of its funding support for human services or just cannot pay its obligations.

This is why Township government is so important, right here at the local level. Having a group of civic minded residents representing a range of our population carefully evaluate and recommend where to direct public funds has been critical to the Grant Program's success. These efforts sustain services deemed critical to our residents' health and valued quality of life.

"In evaluating each program on its merits, we look closely at the actual need shown in an applicant's budget; the number of Township residents served; how effective and necessary to the community's welfare their program is; and the agency's responsiveness to a variety of Moraine resident needs," observed Trustee Bryna Gamson, a co-liaison to the Grant Advisory Committee for each year since the FY06-07 initiation of the Grant Program.

Adds Trustee Jackie Schechter, co-liaison since her term's inception, "It's very useful to

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I will truly miss everyone with whom I had the pleasure to work as Supervisor. Thank you for your confidence in electing and then re-electing me. ■

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

Staff Takes Training

One of the features of professionalizing the Township Supervisor's Office has been to provide technical training to our staff. Just as the Assessor's staff take courses to achieve the CIAO certification, our Records Manager, Shannon Mosier, and General Assistance/GA Manager, Paula Peddle, have attended various workshops related to their tasks, enhancing knowledge and, therefore, level of service.

"GA clients seem surprised at the extent of our access to helpful resources they had not been told about before," according to Supervisor Barnes. "Paula has been able to work with many seniors, low income and disabled residents who previously thought they had hit dead ends."

We're here to help. ■

study all the proposals at one time, so we can see where they overlap or complement one another. It helps us make the recommendations to the Board for final approval. And of course, as a Board member, I have the additional oral reports to feel I really know these agencies."

Moraine Board of Trustees members stay in close touch with grantee agencies, as they hear the Committee's recommendations each April, and also the required annual oral reports from grantees at Board meetings throughout the year. Through these reports, Moraine staff attending Board meetings have become more familiar with the resources available to those we serve, as well, and in turn, make full use of them on behalf of clients.

It is hoped that the public has likewise taken advantage of the many ways in which to be well-informed: by attending in person; hearing the reports of taped Township Board meetings available on cable TV; or by reading the detailed Minutes of Moraine meetings posted online.

Many thanks to Chair Judy Datz and continuing members Joel Carp, Matt Ferrari, Mark Gilhooley, Beth Olderman and newcomer Gail Feiger Brown for serving this year. ■

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 A. 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>

Meet the Staff

Linda Contreras Van Scheduler & Receptionist

The newest member of the Township Office is Linda Contreras, a life-long resident of Highland Park. Linda joined the Supervisor's staff as Receptionist and Van Scheduler in October, 2012.



In joining us, Linda didn't have to change her commuter habits at all since her previous eight-year position was in the Sunset Foods office, located in our complex at 777 Central. Prior to that, she worked as an administrative assistant/receptionist for a construction company.

Linda was a student at Indian Trail, Elm Place, and Highland Park High School. She is married and the mother of five children ages 3 to 19. They are also products of Highland Park schools; her eldest, a daughter, is a student at CLC.

"I enjoy meeting new people and helping them, so the Receptionist job is nice. I like phone work, too. Scheduling some of our elderly residents for the van rides on a regular basis, I've come to recognize their voices and their needs. Some need reassurance that we aren't going to forget to get them," she noted with a smile.

Moraine Door-to-Door paratransit vans travel chiefly to medical appointments for most of our senior clientele, but there are younger users who rely upon the vans for travel to work when the route works out.

"Scheduling can be very complicated, putting all the rides for each day into the most efficient routing possible," according to Linda.

We're glad to welcome her to our staff! ■

Grants Received by Township...continued from page 1

The project is necessary to address several needed improvements to Mooney Cemetery. The grant will help provide the additional funding necessary to include environmentally-sensitive components such as pervious pavements and a rain garden. These additions will enable the project to address drainage issues, enhance clean water, and help alleviate the chronic ponding issues experienced at the cemetery. In addition to providing the needed replacement of the current driveway and adding a small naturalized parking area, the project will also provide a lovely public space for contemplation. Simultaneously, it will facilitate a natural reduction of stormwater runoff.

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!

Improvements to the property were already begun last fall, with the clearing of old scrub and inserting of attractive new plantings along the Ridge Road frontage.

Visitors to the Township Office can view the landscape schematic, which was also published in our last newsletter. Archived newsletters are all posted as PDFs on our website (with photos in color as a bonus). ■

Trustees Look Back Grateful to Have Served

Trustee Jackie Schechter (2009-2013) shared the following observations.

My four years on the Moraine Township Board have been a wonderful experience. It is the best elected office I've ever held. It has been a pleasure and a tremendous learning experience to work with the Citizen Grant Advisory Committee. What could be better than giving money to organizations that exist only to improve the lives of others? I am proud of the Board's work to map, upgrade and beautify Mooney Cemetery. The changes we have instituted will honor those buried there and hopefully comfort the families that visit. My fellow Trustees and the Supervisor have been easy to work with and have taught me so much about the workings of the Township. I thank them for their patience and I thank you, the citizens of Moraine Township, for electing me to the position of Trustee. I am proud to have served.

Trustee Bryna Gamson (2 terms, 2005-2013) provided the following.

It was a great joy, and happy career culmination, to apply skills in marketing and development honed in various nonprofit organizations to public service in Moraine Township. Working with Mari Barnes, especially, has been a pleasure: she sets clear goals and allows others the freedom to contribute according to their talents. I am particularly proud of participating in defining our mission; improved communications online and in this newsletter; my work on establishing the Grant Program, and various enrichment workshops; cemetery history; and progress in transportation issues. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. ■

Trustee Margoth Moreno (2 terms, 2005-2013) is also retiring but did not submit a statement.



ClerkTalk: Ellen Gussin Heartfelt Farewell

It is hard to believe that this May I will complete my eighth year as Township Clerk. So much has been accomplished, and time has just seemed to fly by. I will be retiring at the end of this term, confident that the transparency our team has brought to Moraine Township government will continue under new leadership. We take pride in the diligent practices we have instituted to administer public funds to provide responsive, efficient

and compassionate services for residents in need. Gail Feiger Brown is running unopposed for the Town Clerk position, and she will be a wonderful addition to the Township office.

Looking Back on My Term

From my Clerk perspective, I think the best change to the election process has been Early Voting and Voting by Mail, which I have promoted to anyone that asks since its inception. I find it so easy – and just as satisfying as voting in person – to receive my ballot in the mail and vote in the privacy of my own home where I can even search the web for info on any candidate or issue about which I may not be fully informed. I would like to see additional changes such as more student election judges and a more humane schedule for volunteering for work at the polls on Election Day, and I trust that more improvements are on the way. We have been able to reduce the number of voting sites due to the increase in Early Voting, which reduces costs and increases efficiency. Board meeting Minutes and Agendas (for which I am responsible) are always posted on-line and we hope you have perused them occasionally to get a sense of our business. Your attendance is always welcomed at our meetings, generally on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

I am proud of our Board's progress in so many areas but will highlight three. First, our transportation program – the Moraine Township paratransit van program provides rides Monday through Friday for handicapped, seniors, low income and other residents needing transportation services. The program has thrived since instituted shortly after we took office and is generously supported by the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park as well as our Township funds. Our Food Pantry has gone through many enhancements, most notably the Pantry Plants Garden Project, which has provided fresh vegetables with each summer's harvest to supplement the Pantry offerings. And, last but not least, it has been a true honor to hear the presentations each month from the many agencies to which we award grant dollars via our Citizen Grant Advisory Committee that includes volunteers from throughout the community who review the grant requests and make recommendations to the Board for the significant amount we award on an annual basis.

It has been an honor to serve as Township Clerk, and I thank all our residents for your trust in my service.

Local Election April 9: Get Informed!

On Sunday, March 10, from 12 noon to 5 PM the League of Women Voters will sponsor candidate debates at the Highland Park Country Club on Park Avenue West. Offices up for election include those in Moraine Township, local city councils, school boards and park districts. I urge you to attend to learn more about the issues and have your questions answered.

For all up-to-the-minute changes that may occur between now and election date, remember to consult our Township webpage at <http://morainetownship.org> (specifically

the Clerk page) or the County links from there or as given below.

Early Voting Begins March 25

With the April 9 Consolidated Election around the corner, now is a good time to be sure you are able to vote. Here are some key dates to know about:

- March 12, 2013 Last day for voter registration
- March 13, 2013 Grace period registration/address change begins
- March 15, 2013 Voting by mail begins in County Clerk's Office
- March 25, 2013 Early voting begins
- April 6, 2013 Last day for grace period registration/address change
- April 6, 2013 Last day for early voting
- April 9, 2013 ELECTION DAY
- April 11, 2013 Voter registration reopens

GetRegistered.Info

You may register at Moraine Township and other local outlets. To find a voter registration location, contact the County Clerk's Voter Registration department at VoterRegistration@lake-countyil.gov or call 847.377.2410.

VotingByMail.info

To receive a one-time application or enroll in a Voting by Mail program, visit LakeVoterPower.info, email the County Clerk's Voting by Mail Department at VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov or call 847.377.2406.

LakeVoterPower.info

Visit LakeVoterPower.info to confirm your registration status and to view all your personalized election information.

For more information, visit LakeCountyClerk.info, contact the County Clerk's Elections department at Elections@lakecountyil.gov or call 847.377.2314.

Questions and Concerns

As always, if you have any questions, email me at clerk@morainetownship.org or call (847)432-3240. ■

Do You Have All the Exemptions To Which You Are Entitled?

Homestead Limited Exemption

This exemption currently lowers the equalized value of the property by \$6,000. An owner of record who lives in the home as a primary residence is entitled to this exemption. Look for it on your tax bill.

Senior Homestead Exemptions

If you turned 65 at any time during the tax year, the equalized value of your home will be lowered by \$4,000. You must notify the Moraine Township Assessor's Office to initiate this exemption.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption Annual Renewal Required

If you are 65, qualified for the (above) Senior Homestead Exemption, AND have a total household income of \$55,000 or less, the assessed value on your property is frozen. Please note that this does NOT affect the tax RATE. Contact the Moraine Township Assessor's Office to initiate this exemption.

Homestead Improvement Exemption

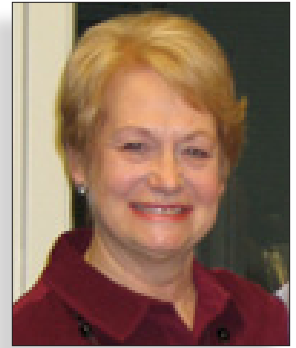
If an improvement or addition is made to the home, the assessment increase due to the alteration is kept off the tax rolls for four years. There is a maximum of \$25,000 of assessed value which can be kept off the tax rolls for that period.

Disabled Persons' and Veterans' Exemptions

There are various exemptions available for veterans, veterans who are returning from active duty in an armed conflict, and disabled persons. Our office or the Chief County Assessment Officer can assist with the filings of these exemptions.

AssessorTalk: Patty Powers

As I had hoped and planned, Moraine 2012 assessments were published August 9, 2012 with a deadline to appeal by September 10, 2012 (30 days from date of publication). August will most likely be the timeframe for all to be watching for assessment notices, due to the 2013 change in legislation for Township Assessors to have their books closed and handed over to the Chief County Assessment Officer (CCAO) by July 15, rather than the old deadline of October 15.



After much work, and many neighborhoods reviewed and revalued, the 2012 Moraine Township County equalization factor was .9848 (-1.52%). All parcels in Moraine had this negative factor applied to their properties, after closing our books and handing them over to the CCAO. After township Assessors turn in their assessments, the CCAO is charged with ensuring that each township is at the legal level of assessment, 33.33%; hence the township factor, which appears on the taxpayer's blue assessment notice. The Chief County Assessment Officer equalizes the assessments of each township every year to bring them up or down to "the statutory level of assessment, 33.33%, as determined by the Department [of Revenue]'s sales ratio studies for the 3 most recent years preceding the assessment year."

Our hard work reviewing and revaluing paid off and our number of appeals went down from 2,773 in Tax Year 2011 to 1,821 in Tax Year 2012. In addition we wrote 539 recommendations for reduction in 2012 compared to the 1,000 written in 2011. Many of our recommendations were for condo buildings that were showing a decrease in sale prices. Wanting to maintain uniformity, we felt it best to write reductions to the entire building rather than have one or two condo owners be reduced at the Board of Review, creating an inequity among condo owners. The feedback from condo associations, and homeowners alike, was very positive. They were very pleased with the results of coming in and speaking with us, and thankful for the decision to review and reduce the building as a whole. As most homeowners state, they all just want to be assessed for their fair share.

Our final Board of Review hearings were held in mid-January. Final decisions are not mailed until all of the 18 township hearings are finalized. Therefore, if you are awaiting a decision, you should expect that to be mailed sometime between late February and early March 2013.

As always, my staff and I are committed to serving the people of Moraine Township fairly and equitably. We want you to know that customer service is our top priority. You may call us at (847) 432-2100. Information is online at <http://morainetownship.org/assessor.html>. You can link to the County Assessor from our website or go directly to <http://lakecountytill.gov> where you can find detailed assessment information.

2012 tax bills will be mailed from the Treasurer's office in May. Make sure to check that you are receiving all of the exemptions you are entitled to. See the sidebar for some of those details.

While my successor will be elected on April 9, I will remain in office until December 31, so I'll make my farewells in the next issue of *Talk*. It's been a pleasure serving the Moraine public, not only for one term as Assessor but also since 1997 as a Deputy. ■

Moraine Hosts 2 S.E. Lake County Transit Forums for LCCTSC

Meeting in October and again in December at the Highland Park Police Department, five Supervisors of contiguous townships in the southeast quadrant of Lake County agreed in principle to work on collaborating to provide more efficient and convenient transportation on behalf of their constituents. Moraine hosted the meeting convened by the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee/LCCTSC. Our township has been both a pacesetter and a Pace partner for the past eight years, leasing their vehicles at a highly favorable rate, but employing our own drivers and scheduling staff. Neighboring townships and municipalities invest varying sums towards also making sure their residents can afford to get to medical appointments, schools and social activities. LCCTSC points out that, at times, we cross one another's borders in so doing, and that working out route sharing will improve service and save money. Eventually having a centralized call center coordinating Pace vehicles and drivers should vastly improve efficiencies. The ultimate goal is affordable paratransit throughout Lake County.

Lake County Division of Transportation/LCDOT staff and LCCTSC volunteers contributed to the two Transit Forum programs, and ensured its success. Attendees learned about LCCTSC as well as various ways member groups and others have worked out coordinated transit systems. A Kane County example, Ride In Kane, presented at the second meeting, was well received.

Watch the results from the April election, since two of the Supervisor positions are definitely going to change (Moraine and West Deerfield), while three incumbents will be running for re-election. It will matter who wins.

You can access information about these efforts by contacting the LCCTSC. They can be found online via the LCDOT website. Presentations can be made to any interested group. ■



Supervisors: Bill Peterson (Vernon Twp.), Julie Morrison (W Deerfield), Mari Barnes (Moraine), Gale Strenger Wayne (Shields), Kathleen O'Connor (Libertyville)



lakecountytill.gov/Transportation/TransitParatransit/Pages/LCCTSC.aspx



(at left) Participants listen intently as Supervisor Kathleen O'Connor introduces background on LCCTSC and explains how Libertyville Township collaborates with Libertyville and other local municipalities to work with Pace as their transportation provider.

(l-r) LCCTSC presenter Joyce Palmquist (Executive Director of Barrington Area Council on Aging); LCDOT Director of Planning Emily Kary; Lake County Board member (ret.) Anne Flanigan Bassi; Lake County Board rep to LCCTSC Steve Carlson; Pace Suburban Paratransit Manager Sally Ann Williams; LCDOT Director of Transportation Paula Trigg; LCDOT Senior Planner/Paratransit Coordinator/LCCTSC liaison Valbona Kokoshi



No Junk Food, Please!

In keeping with the emphasis on nutrition education supported through many of our grants, as well as provided on our website, the Township will not distribute junk foods from its Food Pantry.

“It seems an enormous contradiction for us to be providing fresh produce through our Pantry Plants Garden Project, and funding healthy eating tips for groups serving children and seniors in the community, yet also be receiving items like potato chips and empty calorie snacks,” Supervisor Barnes pointed out at a recent Board meeting.

The Board concurred, and agreed that such items should be rejected at the Food Pantry. We hope to have donor understanding and cooperation. ■

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 Township Provided Program to Assist Nonprofits



Moraine Township provided a well-attended free half day workshop for nonprofit groups on October 5 entitled *Enhancing Your NFP's Development*. Pictured are speakers from the Donors Forum, Executive Service Corps and Lake County Community Foundation.

top: Steve Strang (DF Nonprofit Programs Manager); Jo Posselt (ESC V.P.)
middle: Steve Strang presenting
bottom: RJ Young (ESC speaker), Sylvia Zaldivar-Sykes (LCCF) and Strang