# Milton Township Newsletter

**To Protect and Improve the Wellbeing of All Citizens**Serving Citizens Since 1850





# Letter From The Supervisor

# Residents of Milton Township,

As I have just concluded my first anniversary as elected Supervisor, it is my honor and duty to continue to serve you in this role. It is a pleasure to serve alongside the members of the Township Board, Assessor and Highway Commissioner. I thank you for your graciousness in electing me last spring. Being Township Supervisor is exciting, fun, and new every day. I am very blessed to be able to serve you all in this capacity. In our eventful world, I pray that you continue to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

Although most now know me as the Supervisor, I wear many different hats. I am a real estate broker with extensive experience, a Board member of Wheaton Lions, a Rotarian, Drummer, Bowler, and most importantly, a husband and father. Raising seven children in Wheaton with my beautiful wife, Michelle, has been extremely rewarding. I would be unable to dedicate so much of my time to Milton Township's citizens if not for my family's loving support.

As a Milton Township resident of 21 years, service to our community has always been one of my top priorities. Throughout my life, I have dedicated time to youth, seniors, and veterans - some of the cross-sections of our community I find most under served. In an effort to take my service to the next level, I became involved with Milton Township in 2008 through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The most local form of government and the government closest to the people, the Township was the perfect fit for me. We at the Township are there to serve you when you are in need, no matter the reason.

As Supervisor, I have sought to enhance the Township's offerings not only for youth, seniors, and veterans but for all residents. I am delighted to share that in just one year, the Township team and I have expanded our services in numerous ways. From new senior activities to improved pantry accessibility, I am very proud of our achievements detailed across these pages. In part, I decided to revive the annual Township newsletter because we have enhanced services and activities so rapidly that many people can't keep up with all of the brand-new offerings.

I am incredibly proud to present this booklet as a thorough guide to Milton Township and the ways we can help you and your loved ones

Sincerely,

John Monino, Milton Township Supervisor



# From the Clerk's Office



Thank you, Milton Township residents, for electing me as Town Clerk. I am thrilled to have the privilege to serve the public and continue my commitment to the community. I have been elected to public office for 13 years and understand the significance of acting in the resident's best interest and maintaining the people's trust.

My goal as Clerk is to continue the Township's tradition of transparency. Therefore, my office prioritizes every FOIA request and is steadfast in our efforts to fulfill them promptly.

Additionally, working proactively with the Town Board, my office was able to successfully file all Township budgets well in advance of the June 30th deadline. Filing the budgets in a timely manner ensures that the Township can operate and provide essential services to you, our residents. All financial materials can be found in our website's new Transparency Portal.

In April, the Clerks office held a successful annual town meeting with over 75 residents in attendance. The annual town meeting authorizes the Township Board's specific powers and is a pivotal part of what makes township government the closest government to the people.

It's my pleasure to serve,

Yadav "Nick" Nathwani

# Milton Township Trustees



**Dan Milinko** 



**Jeff Castle** 



**Joe Soto** 



**Drew Ellis** 

# Directory

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Enjoy our new website: **MiltonTownship.net** 



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November 8, 2022 November 11, 2022 November 14, 2022 November 15, 2022 November 17, 2022 November 24, 2022 November 25, 2022	Election Day – Township Office Closed Veteran's Day – Township Office Closed S.A.L.T Meeting Milton Township Board Meeting Pumpkin Pie Delivery Thanksgiving – Township Office Closed Thanksgiving –Township Office Closed	Milton Township Office @ 6:30 PM
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#### **First Check Fund Drive**

Donate a portion of your first check of the year to the Milton Township Food Pantry to help provide quality food throughout 2023.

#### Milton Township Highway Department Recycling Extravaganza

Join us at the Highway Department located at 23W040 Poss St. in Glen Ellyn for our recycling event! Call (630) 682-4270 with any questions.

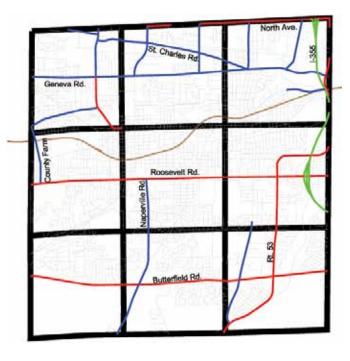
# Profile of Milton Township

Established by statute in 1850, Milton Township is a non-home rule municipal corporation located approximately 25 miles west of the City of Chicago in the center of DuPage County. The first annual town meeting for Milton Township was held April 2, 1850, at Warren L. Wheaton's home. Soon after on the same day, Warren L. Wheaton was elected as the Township's first Supervisor. In 1850, Milton Township had a population of an estimated 999 people. As a survey township (6-mile x 6-mile square border), Milton contains all of Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, a significant portion of South Carol Stream, and small parts of the villages of Lombard, Winfield, Downers Grove, Lisle, Glendale Heights, and the city of Naperville within its 36 square mile boundary. The Township maintains two locations: the Town Hall at 1492 North Main Street in Wheaton and the Highway Department Facility at 23 W 040 Poss Street in Glen Ellyn.

The Township operates under a trustee form of government defined by Illinois Compiled Statutes. The Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, and four trustees are elected at large to serve four-year terms. Seated on May 17th, 2021, your elected Trustees are Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, Joe Soto and Dan Milinko. Township Trustees, formerly known as "Town Auditors," are responsible for a monthly review of all incurred claims and are voting members of the Town Board. John Monino, the Township Supervisor is Chairman and a voting member of the Town board. The Township Clerk, Yadav Nathwani, is a non-voting member of the board responsible for taking meeting minutes and other clerical duties.

The Township Board collectively acts as the legislative branch of the Township and is responsible for general policies and oversight outside the individual jurisdictions of the other Township elected officials. The Township Assessor (Chris E. LeVan), Highway Commissioner (Gary Muehlfelt), and Supervisor of General Assistance (also Township Supervisor) are elected at large for four-year terms to administer their respective duties: property assessment, road improvement and maintenance, and the administration of General Assistance as provided in 60 ILCS 1/. The Township Board is responsible for adopting all budgets and levies of the Township.

According to the American Community Survey, Milton serves approximately 120,237 residents, a marginal increase from the 117,067-person population in 2010. The Township is primarily



residential and commercial in nature, with 43,088 individual households and a median household income of \$103,462. The per capita income is \$52,520. Milton businesses operate across 1,731 commercial and 242 industrial properties. Milton Township has modest growth potential, with the primary source of residential mobility deriving from new residents moving from within DuPage County (6.4%). The second largest source is new residents incoming from a different county in Illinois (3.1%).

Milton Township strives to offer a considerate, accommodating, safe, and enriching quality of life for all citizens. The Township continues its long heritage of providing service to its citizens as efficiently and cost effectively as possible. We run with a balanced budget and no debt, and prioritize our offerings to most directly impact the lives of our residents and maintain the proud heritage of our community.

-Alex Heinz



# Community Survey

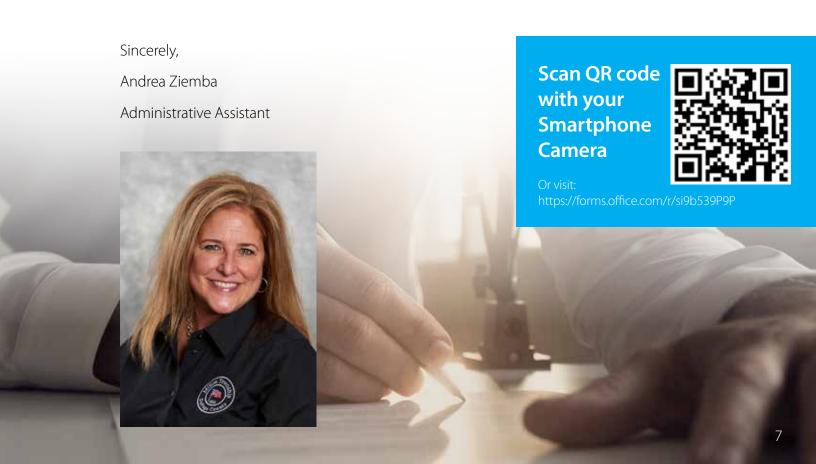
## Milton Township Wants to Hear From You

In our continual efforts to improve our service, we would like your input – the residents of Milton Township. Townships are the most local form of government, so your voice truly matters. What makes this such a great place to live? What have we done that has made Milton even better? What can we do to improve the Township even more? Your input in these areas is invaluable to us, and we are asking for just 4 minutes of your time to make Milton Township an even more exceptional community.

To help us gather this data efficiently and effectively from you, we will be utilizing a basic community needs assessment. The questions are straightforward; some are open-ended, allowing you to express your thoughts freely. We want your input on: what you want to see more of inside the Township? What do you wish the Township offered that it currently does not? What services are the most important to you, whether you utilize them directly or not?

The answers to questions like the above show us what you, the Residents of Milton Township, value and want us to prioritize. Your crucial input on this community needs assessment will aid in shaping the future of our services and programming. Our findings will be published on our website.

Please scan the QR code on your mobile device or enter the web address below to access the survey. Please share with your neighbors and friends who may not have seen this newsletter. Remember, The Program Department is responsible for overseeing the successful planning of all programs that occur in the Township. We are focused on serving you by creating programs that have a meaningful impact on the daily lives of all residents. It is essential that we hear from as many community members as possible, and we sincerely appreciate your help reaching the Milton Township population.



# Milton Township Program Department

#### **Benefit Access Program**

The Benefit Access Program provides two benefits: a discount on renewing a vehicle's license plate sticker and the Ride Free Transit Pass. To qualify, one must be at least 65 years old or on disability and meet income criteria. The income limit for a one-person household is \$33,562 and \$44,533 for a two-person household.

Applicants must file online at: https://webapps.illinois.gov/AGE/BAA/Welcome.aspx

If you want assistance completing your application, we are happy to help.

#### **New! Illinois License Plate Sticker Renewals And Handicap Placards**

- Skip the lines at the DMV and renew your vehicle registration at Milton Township in minutes. Walk-in with your old registration, driver's license, and a check a \$5 processing fee will be added. Then, walk out with your new vehicle sticker; it is that easy.
- We also can assist residents with a short-term disability in filling out an application and issuing a Temporary Handicap Placard for your vehicle. We issue a placard for the length of time indicated by your certifying Physician. Applicants need to present a photo ID. Individuals picking up the placard must bring a copy of the applicant's ID.

#### **Transportation Opportunities**

- Ride DuPage The Milton Township Ride DuPage program serves unincorporated Wheaton and Glen Ellyn and incorporated residents of our other municipalities. Residents must be 65 years of age and/ or disabled persons. Curb-to-curb transportation within DuPage County for medical appointments, volunteer work, shopping, social visits, etc. Participants must register for the program prior to making a reservation.
- New! Transportation to the Township We are pleased to offer rides for seniors and permanently disabled persons to and from the Township to utilize our services with our ADA-accessible van. Rides can be arranged Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- RTA Program RTA allows a person to ride on the CTA, the Metra, and/or the fixed Pace bus route. We are happy to help sign you up for a Senior Ride Free Permit or the RTA person with Disabilities Reduced Fare Program.



# Questions?

Contact Andrew Deitz Program Director at 630- 668-1616 or by email at a.deitz@miltontownship.ne

#### **Youth Scholarships**

Is your child interested in an extracurricular activity, music lessons, or something that sounds fun or educational but is not in the family budget? We may be able to help. Please get in touch with us for income eligibility and the next steps to move forward.



# **Senior Sources**

New! Medicare can be complicated... SHIP can help! If you are enrolled in Medicare, need help to enroll, or have questions about senior health insurance, Milton Township's S.H.I.P. Counselors may be able to assist. Our dedicated and knowledgeable program department is certified and trained to help you. For availability, please call our front desk. By appointment only.

**New!** Are you or someone you know in need of medical supplies? The Township has an ADA Lending Closet that is available for you and your loved ones. We have walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc., ready to be used. To check our inventory, please call our office and ask to speak with Carolyn.

**New!** Do you need to be referred for different services outside of the normal Township offerings? We have resources available for local, state, and federal programs for older adults. Please, feel free to reach out.

Let's party! The Township hosts events throughout the year to get to know other residents and celebrate holidays together. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates. Join us!

New! Ready to increase mobility and fitness? You can with Bingocize, an evidence-based exercise group hosted at the Township. This program is in partnership with White Crane Wellness Center; play Bingo while exercising! Occurs every Thursday at 1 p.m.

New! Let's get moving! Senior Walking Club meets every Friday at 10 a.m. at Northside Park. Join us in the parking lot across the playground for an hour of walking, conversation, and fun! Weather permitting.

Stay safe from scams and know what's happening in the community from your local Police Department. Join us for S.A.L.T. (Seniors & Law Enforcement Together) meetings on the second Monday of each month (except August) at the Glen Ellyn Police Department, located at 65 S. Park Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.

New! SENIORS: Let us help celebrate your birthday with you! If you would like to receive a birthday card from all of us here at the Township,



# Questions?

**Contact Carolyn Bielawski Program Coordinator** at (630) 668-1616 or by email at c.bielawski@miltontownship.net





## **New! Veterans Wall**

At Milton Township, we believe all military Veterans should be recognized with great honor. Whether you are a Veteran yourself, or know of a Veteran whom you believe deserves this honor, a new Veteran's Honor Wall is arriving within the Township building. Your name, branch of service and rank will be engraved onto a metal placard that will hang directly onto the wall in the multi-purpose room at the Township. Many people walk through this room daily.

Certain requirements include:

- The nominee must reside, or have resided within Milton Township's boundary lines.
- The nominee must have an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military.
- DD-214 discharge papers or any other significant records shall be sent to the Township for proof of service.
- We ask that you please include any interesting stories, events, and/or memories of his or her time in the military.

An honor ceremony will take place during normal monthly Township board meetings, after your application and submission has been approved. The Veteran, or Veteran's family, will be contacted by Milton Township with the date and time of the meeting. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

The Veterans Honor Wall application can be located on our website or at the Township office. Once the application is completed, we ask that you mail, drop-off, or scan the application with attention to Carolyn Bielawski to be received and filed properly.

## **New! American Flag Retirement**

Do you have an American Flag that needs to be retired? Milton Township holds a retired flag box that is located in the front lobby. The process is simple - drop off the flag at the Township that you believe has served Her duty. Then, the flag will receive a proper retirement ceremony from local VFW Post 2164 in Wheaton.

## Are you looking to help your local Veterans?

Milton Township has partnered with Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, located at 433 S. Carlton in Wheaton, to give those that have served the items they desperately need. The items needed at this time are cleaning supplies. **The cleaning supply drive drop-off box will be going on through September 16.** 

#### **Examples of accepted cleaning supplies are as follows:**

- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Disinfectant Spray
- Glass Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Laundry Pods

# THE S.A.L.T. COMMUNICATOR

# **Seniors & Law Enforcement Together**

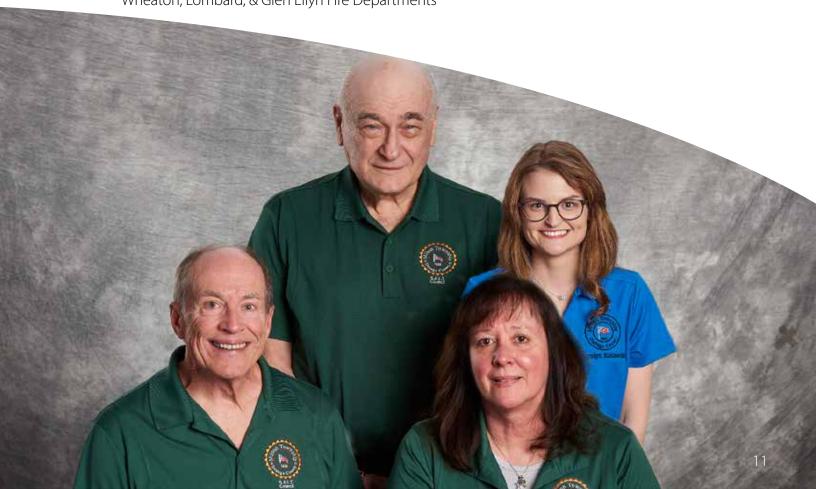
**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council is to determine and to meet the needs of senior citizens by reducing crime and abuse and by enhancing safety through communication and education; in cooperation with the Township, law enforcement agencies and other community agencies and organizations.

#### S.A.L.T. Council Members

Chuck Smith, Chairman
Jodi Hefler, Vice Chairperson
Arnold Shirfrin, Director of Communications
Carolyn Bielawski, Milton Township Program Coordinator
Officers Jill Uhlir & Kayte Witten, Wheaton Police Department
Officer Joe Nemchock, Glen Ellyn Police Department
Carl Voda, Warrenville Fire Department
Kathleen Drouin, Metropolitan Family Services
Wheaton, Lombard, & Glen Ellyn Fire Departments

S.A.L.T. meets on the second Monday of each month (except August)

**Glen Ellyn Police Department** 65 S. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL @ 10 AM



# Scams Report

# Milton Township S.A.L.T.

## **Council Meeting July 11, 2022**

Submitted by Arnold H. Shifrin [Source: NY Post]

# **National Do Not Call Registry Scam**

**Background:** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) National Do Not Call Registry gives you an opportunity to opt out of receiving telemarketing calls. Once you register your phone number, telemarketers are required by federal law to stop calling you. You can register up to three home or mobile phone numbers online at donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register. Only personal phones may be registered. Business phones and fax machines are not eligible.

#### How the scam works:

You receive a call from someone claiming to represent the FTC National Do Not Call Registry. The caller tells you that your registration has recently expired and offers to help you with the renewal process. You're asked to pay a small handling fee and verify your personal information in order to reinstate the service.

#### Facts to keep in mind:

- Telephone numbers on the registry never expire. Once your phone number is added to the registry, you don't need to renew it. If a caller claiming to represent the FTC tells you that your registration has expired and has to be renewed, hang up the phone. You are dealing with a scammer.
- Any money you remit to renew your registration is lost to scammers and cannot be recovered.
- If you provide the personal information requested by the caller, you risk having your identity stolen and money taken from your account.
- If you change phone numbers, you must register the new number if you want to block calls from telemarketers.
- Registered phone numbers that are disconnected and reassigned are removed from the registry. New owners of reassigned numbers must register their numbers if they want to block calls from telemarketers.
- If you registered your phone number and later decide you'd like to start receiving calls from telemarketers, you may submit a request to the FTC at any time to have your number removed from the registry.
- Legitimate telemarketing companies strive to comply with the law and will not call you if your phone number is registered.
- If your phone number is registered and a telemarketer calls you, the caller is breaking the law and is likely a scammer. Hang up the phone and report the incident to the FTC at reportfraud.ftc.gov or 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).
- Some organizations are legally permitted to call you even if your phone number is registered. These include charities, political and religious groups, debt collectors, companies with whom you have recently done business, companies conducting surveys, and companies to whom you have given written permission to contact you.
- If you are a victim of this scam, report it to the following agencies:
  - Federal Trade Commission at identitytheft.gov or 1-877-438-4338,
  - Illinois Attorney General's Senior Fraud Helpline at 1-800-243-5377, and
  - Your local police department.

# Scams Report

# Milton Township S.A.L.T.

## Reported at Council Meeting on June 13, 2022

Submitted by Arnold H. Shifrin

[Source: NY Post]

## **Hotel Room Service Scam**

# How it works:

You just checked into a respectable hotel after traveling for several hours and are ready to sit down and relax when you notice a room service menu under the door to your room. You haven't eaten for a while, so you decide to check out the menu selections. You find something that appeals to you and call the number on the menu to place an order. As requested by the person taking your call, you use a credit card for payment. You're told the order should be delivered to your room in about 30 minutes.

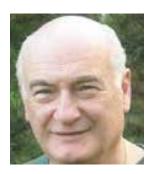
When your order hadn't arrived after waiting for over an hour, you call the front desk to inquire. The receptionist connects you with room service at which time you're told they have no record you placed an order. You login to your online bank account with your cell phone and find that several large purchases were charged to your account since you placed your room service order.

### Here's what happened:

What you didn't realize is that the menu under the hotel room door was phony. When you placed your order and arranged for payment, you actually provided your financial information to a scammer pretending to be a room service staff member. Using the information you furnished, the scammer was able to charge the purchases to your account.

#### How to protect yourself:

- Do not order from a room service menu or give out your credit card information until you've confirmed with the front desk that the menu is authentic.
- When you order from a legitimate room service menu, the charge should be added to your hotel bill and paid for when you check out. Hotel guests are not typically asked to provide credit card information for room service during the course of their stay.
- If a room service staff member says you must use a credit card for payment when placing an order, hang up the phone. You're dealing with a scammer and should not give out your financial information.
- If you are a victim of this scam, report the incident as follows:
  - Notify the bank that issued the card you used. They will close your account and issue you a new card. They may also help you recover the stolen funds.
  - Notify the hotel management.
  - File a report with the local police department in whose jurisdiction the hotel is located.



# People's Resource Center

## April 2022 - S.A.L.T. Meeting

People's Resource Center, founded in 1975, exists to respond to basic human needs, promote dignity and justice, and create a future of hope and opportunity for the residents of DuPage County, Illinois. 31,000+ DuPage county residents rely on The People's Resource Center for help yearly. PRC is complex and unique because of the many different aspects of programs. Programs include basic services of food, clothing and emergency assistance, as well as training programs to help people break the cycle of poverty. These training programs include literacy, computer training, art enrichment, and job assistance. All programs at PRC are free, and the main building is located within the Township at 201 S. Naperville Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187.

# Glen Ellyn Food Pantry

# April 2022 - S.A.L.T. Meeting

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry provides essential groceries and support to people at risk of hunger through a collaboration of local churches and the broader community. The Pantry is dedicated to "making hunger history" in the 12 communities it serves: Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Lisle, Lombard, Villa Park, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield. In 2021, The Pantry served 836,000 pounds of food to more than 4,000 neighbors, 35 percent of which were children. The Pantry was founded in 1979 and is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, 100 percent privately funded through grants and donations.

The Pantry is located inside Grace Lutheran Church, 493 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. For more information visit www.GlenEllynFoodPantry.org or call 630-469-8668.

# Glen Ellyn Park District

## June 2022 - S.A.L.T. Meeting

Glen Ellyn Park District, one of the many different park districts in Milton Township, has a lot to offer whether a resident or not.

Established in 1919, the Glen Ellyn Park District has served the recreational need of Glen Ellyn residents (and non-residents) for over 100 years. The Park District maintains 29 parks for the community to use, operates 21 playground structures and 263 acres of open space. Some facilities you may be familiar with are Lake Ellyn Boathouse, Sunset Pool, and Ackerman SFC. Each year, more than 700 programs are available for you and your family to enjoy.

If you are interested in signing up or looking at different programs the Park District offers, you can visit their website at gepark.org to look at the seasonal Playbook. Many programs are available- take a look. For example, Friday night bingo, book clubs, or even a day trip to Andersen Japanese Gardens, Starved Rock, and more! The Gazette, the new Park District newsletter, is sent out quarterly to senior residents. Programs are highlighted in the newsletter, and if anyone (resident or non-resident) would like to sign up, he/she can opt in through the Park District's website.

# Lombard Fire Department

May 2022 - S.A.L.T. Meeting Perry Johnson, Bureau Chief / Fire Marshal

Chief/Fire Marshal Perry Johnson from the Lombard Fire Department, spoke at The May 2022 S.A.L.T. meeting to discuss the safety and prevention of fires, changing a smoke detector, and the Knox Homebox™.

#### What is the Residential Knox Homebox ™ Program?

Knox Boxes are a product that allow firefighters and paramedics to enter locked buildings without causing damage to the building's exterior. The Knox Homebox  $^{\text{m}}$  is a residential version of the commercial one. It holds a key to the residence, allowing paramedics rapid entry to begin emergency care for those residents who need it most.

#### What is a Knox Homebox ™?

A Knox Homebox ™ is a secure container used to for storing keys for building access, or in this case, home access. In case of an emergency, the Fire Department can access the box with a master key only they have. The box features a Medco lock and key. The Medco locking system guards against unauthorized key duplication. Once the resident's key is placed inside and locked, only the Fire Department will have access to the key.

Once a Knox Homebox <sup>™</sup> has been installed and you change your locks, please contact your local fire department to notify.

#### How to obtain a Residential Knox HomeBox ™:

Residential Knox Homeboxes <sup>™</sup> are available for purchase through the Knox Company.

#### Benefits of a Knox Homebox ™:

- Provides rapid access into the home without causing unnecessary damage to doors or windows from forced entry.
- Enhances the Lombard Fire Department's ability to protect the health and safety of its residents.
- Independent senior citizens and disabled residents receive necessary services more quickly during emergencies.
- Emergency information will be made available through the Department's dispatch system which firefighters and paramedics will have access to in the vehicle when responding to the call.

#### Who can benefit from a Knox Homebox™?

- Senior citizens
- Residents with a history of medical issues
- Residents recuperating from a hospital stay
- Residents living alone
- Residents using an electronic calling/medical alert service

In Case of An Emergency: Call 9-1-1!





# You Are On Your Own!

## An Introduction to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

During a catastrophic disaster, there is a very good chance that your neighborhood will be on its own during the early stages of the event. After such a disaster, citizens will naturally volunteer to help. Without proper training, these people can expose themselves and others to potential injury and even death. Experience has shown that basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills improves the ability of citizens to survive until first responders or other assistance arrives.

The basic course will include those components necessary to get the team started and become capable of performing basic CERT functions. Each member must complete 21 hours of classes in the following areas to become certified. Classes are scheduled to accommodate the needs of each team and are available at convenient times.

#### **Teams will learn:**

**Fire Safety and Suppression:** Team members will learn how to use extinguishers and other equipment to recognize and suppress small fires.

**Disaster Medical Operations:** Team members will learn how to conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims.

**Damage Assessment:** Team members will learn how to rapidly assess damage employing a standardized format used throughout the country by CERT.

**Light Urban Search and Rescue:** Team members will learn light urban search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.

#### Organization, Terrorism and Disaster Psychology:

Experience has shown that basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills improves the ability of citizens to survive until first responders or other assistance arrives.

**Disaster Preparedness:** CERT training instructs team members to prepare themselves, their families and their neighborhoods for the various hazards that may occur.

### Who May Join CERT?

CERT is for anyone who is interested in helping his or her neighborhood prepare for a disaster and provide assistance afterward. Training is provided free of charge to all residents of DuPage County.

While undergoing 21 hours of Homeland Security-based curriculum, CERT members receive their training from our own local Milton Township based Fire, Police, Medical, and Public Works institutions such as the Milton Township Highway Department, DuPage County Sheriff, and College of DuPage Homeland Security.

Upon Graduation, each Team member receives a backpack filled with tools and equipment including hard hat, safety goggles, two-way radios and other rescue items valued at over \$130.

In addition, graduates are certified by the State of Illinois and provided a photo I.D. which is recognized by all of our DuPage County first responders.

We are an all-volunteer community trained and equipped organization dedicated to responding to and meeting the needs of our fellow citizens during a disaster.

Classes are offered to all DuPage County residents throughout the year. Information can be accessed on our website at: www.miltontownship.net

Additionally, you may reach us at:

Phone: 630.668.1616

Email: cert@miltontownship.net

Please join this worthy and gratifying adventure.

This training prepares us to serve our community. Such as providing extra security-awareness, checking bags for items not allowed, securing safety for performers at a music stage, providing basic first aid, traffic and crowd control. This and more is what you can do as a CERT Member.

#### Check us out at www.miltontownship.net





# General Assistance & Emergency Assistance

## Assistance programs provided by Milton Township include:

- General Assistance is a state-mandated program for those residents who do not fit into categories administered by Social Security or the Department of Human Services. It provides a monthly grant to a single adult with no income who is seeking employment or a determination regarding disability benefits. This is an on-going grant with Work Program and Volunteering requirements.
- Emergency Assistance is for those residents who meet our income guidelines and are struggling to pay rent, mortgage or have a disconnect notice for gas, electric or water.
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications are taken during the heating season by appointment only.
- Milton Township caseworkers are certified Voter Registrars.
- Milton Township caseworkers are certified Notary Publics.
- The assistance office also organizes an Adopt-A-Family program for low-income families during the holiday season for new residents of the current year. If your family was not able to be adopted, the Toys for Tots program is available for Milton Township residents. For more details you may call Milton Township and speak to a caseworker.

For more details on any of the programs, please call Milton Township at 630-668-1616 or email generalassistance@miltontownship.net.

Hours for Assistance Office: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday – Friday
Ronna Johnson – Director of General Assistance
By appointment only. Please call 630-668-1616

# Milton Township works closely with the following agencies to assist with your emergency crisis:

- C.R.I.S. (Community Resource Information System): www.dupagecris.org
- Carol Stream Outreach: www.outreachcommunityministries.org/occ
- Department of Human Services: www.dhs.state.il.us
- · Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry: www.gefumc.org
- DuPage Federation: www.dupagefederation.org
- PADS: www.dupagepads.org

- Peoples Resource Center: www.peoplesrc.org
- Wheaton Youth Outreach: www.outreachcommunityministries.org/wyo
- Catholic Charities: www.cc-doj.org
- DuPage County Human Services: www.dupageco.org
- Wheaton Bible: www.wheatonbible.org



# FO D PANTRY

#### Volunteer

The Milton Township Food Pantry is flexible on schedules and a fun place to volunteer! How to get started:

- 1. Call Barry at (630) 668-1616 or email b.kolanowski@ miltontownship.net for more information.
- 2. Fill out a volunteer application form
- 3. Receive a tour of the food pantry
- 4. Start volunteering and help our community!

#### **Donate**

The Township is always in need of food and toiletry products. Some of the most requested items include paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, diapers, wipes, toothpaste, bars of soap and cooking oil.

We also happily accept cash contributions! Please make checks payable to "Milton Township Food Pantry." These contributions allow us to purchase products in bulk from the Northern Illinois Food Bank at a much lower cost than a traditional grocery store.

Whether you decide to donate food, cash, or your volunteered time, we are extremely grateful. Thank you! (Our food pantry is entirely supported by donations from the community - no tax dollars are used and all donations are fully tax-deductible.)

This past year, we collected 50,000+ pounds of food. Milton Township food pantry works with local community partners to feed those in need. Among those we work with are The First Trust Foundation of Wheaton, Walmart, Menards, the Rotary Club in Wheaton and Carol Stream and the USPS Postal Carriers. We thank them for their generosity!

**Tuesday – Thursday, 9AM to 12PM.** Located at 1492 N Main St. Wheaton, IL 60187

If you are unable to visit us during normal food pantry hours, please call (630) 668-1616 to schedule an appointment.

## 2021 Highlights

- 1000+ total volunteer hours
- 13,600 food insecure individuals in Milton Township
- \$50,000+ in donations received in 2021

### **General Information**

Established in 2002 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, the Milton Township Food Pantry's mission statement is to provide nutritious food and resources to the community within Milton Township.

The food pantry is focused on increasing its accessibility, enhancing quality of available food and expanding partnerships throughout the community. Just recently, new card scanning technology was implemented allowing repeat clients to simplify their food pantry visit. Additionally, the pantry is in the process of moving to a larger nearby location allowing more clients to be served and the client choice method of operation to be implemented.

Further information and updates about the Milton Township Food Pantry can be found on our new website MiltonTownship.net.



## **Mosquito Abatement**

In order to help with the comfort and safety of our citizens, we provide a comprehensive treatment for Mosquito which consists of two abatement aspects; larval and adult. Much of our program deals with larvicidal treatment of catch basins and other water-based breeding sources (retention/detention ponds, reported standing water and so on). This portion of the treatment programs is particularly important in reducing the populations of Mosquito.

Spraying – this portion of the treatment program involves district-wide and specific coordinated adulticide applications to reduce annoyance levels. We use the latest available environmentally friendly adulticide chemicals and treatment timing is based on mosquito brood predictions to be timed for greatest effect.

Our contractor for abatement is Clarke Environmental. You may receive notifications from Clarke, report mosquito annoyance levels, or report standing water through Clarke's new hotline portal, https://www.clarkeportal.com/hotline.

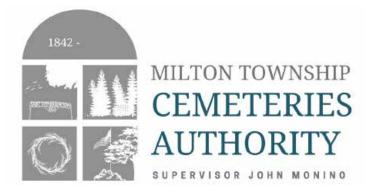
In April of 2019, Milton Township accepted consolidation of the Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement District into the Township. This was instituted to garner cost savings and allow for a more comprehensive, coordinated program to serve all residents.

## **Milton Township Special Police District**

Authorized by referendum in 1987, the Milton Township Special Police District provides the Sheriff three additional deputies and squad cars to regularly patron the unincorporated areas of the Township. These deputies spend the majority of their time in these areas, and answer calls also within the various municipalities. Only unincorporated residents are taxed for this addition to public safety and law enforcement.







Established in the 1840's and 1850's in Milton Township. Over the past 20 years, the three cemeteries have been under the care of the Milton Cemeteries Authority and supported by The Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries.

## **Upcoming events:**

September 3, 2022 – Saint Stephen Family Remembrance May 27, 2023 - Jewel Grove Cemetery Memorial Day Service July 1, 2023 - Pleasant Hill Cemetery Independence Day Ceremony



**Jewell Grove Cemetery Est. 1842** 



Pleasant Hill Cemetery Est. 1848



Saint Stephen Cemetery Est. 1852



# C.M.H.B.

# **Community Mental Health Board**

In 2020, Milton Township voters approved a referendum that established the Milton Township Community Mental Health Board to fund mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs that serve township residents. In July 2021, Milton Township Supervisor John Monino appointed seven Milton Township residents to serve on the board. This board is charged with using Township tax levied funds to address identified community needs in these areas.

Shannon Hartnett, President Kara Murphy, Secretary Drew Ellis, Trustee Liaison Christine Evans Jae Kwon Stefanie Linares Hood Dr. James Shannon

## **Our Guiding Principles:**

- Increase system-wide coordination and collaboration among behavioral health system partners and stakeholders.
- Provide information to community residents to increase public awareness and education of behavioral health needs in the community and available support resources.
- Conduct ongoing assessment to identify community needs and prioritize service provision.
- Ensure that local tax funds are allocated and monitored in an effective and responsible manner.
- · Collect and analyze data within Milton Township to track and monitor community impact of funding.

The Milton Township Community Mental Health Board has funding available for organizations serving residents of Milton Township and that are working in the area of mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual/developmental disabilities. To access the funding application and guidelines, go to: **Miltontownship.net/cmhbapplication** 



# The Milton Township Assessor's Office



Chris E. LeVan, CIAO

Milton Township Assessor

#### Hello from the Milton Township Assessor's Office!

Most of our staff lives in the neighborhoods we are charged with valuing and we welcome the opportunity to connect with our township residents. The last two years have been difficult for all of us to meet, gather and communicate in a meaningful way with one another. Our office has taken special precautions to provide a safe, healthy environment for everyone we serve. We petitioned for PPE monies to build a new handicap accessible front counter and created a contact-less, streamlined entryway to enhance public interactions. We also used PPE money to improve air quality and thoroughly sanitize our office. All improvements were done at no direct cost to taxpayers and benefits everyone we have contact with.

#### About the Assessor

If I haven't met you at our office, or spoken to you over the phone, my name is Chris LeVan and I am serving my third term as your Milton Township Assessor. I've always been active in the community through my involvement on various boards and committees. I ran for the Winfield Village Board to advocate for residents and served as a Trustee for eight years. My work as an elected official snowballed from there. My thirty-year career in the private sector was primarily in operational management. I was responsible for planning, organizing and overseeing the fiscal condition of the organization. I was also in charge of staffing, leading, developing and directing projects, and determining site locations. These skills have proven to be tremendously useful as I transitioned into the position of Assessor. I have been able to modernize our physical office, trim down our yearly budget, assemble a professional, educated staff and institute policies which contribute to our overall efficiency and productivity. Being the assessor of a 41,000-property jurisdiction is not an easy job. As a taxpayer and assessor, it has been particularly gratifying for me to witness how the changes we implemented have positively impacted taxpayers. I am also grateful for the assistance our team provides you every day. It has been my pleasure to serve you for the last nine years!

#### **Valuing Township Properties**

According to Illinois State Statute, the General Re-Assessment Year requires townships (outside of Cook) to review all township properties every four years. The next General Re-Assessment Year is 2023 which means we will be very busy viewing and evaluating all township properties. During the years between the General Re-Assessment Year we review all new construction, additions and any potential neighborhoods which demonstrate a significant market change. Most township property owners will only receive the township-wide equalization factor issued by the DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments Office. For 2020 and 2021, our factor was one of the lowest of all nine townships in DuPage County. This is related to how closely we assess all township properties to the statutory level of 33 1/3 and it demonstrates how equitable our assessment practice is. Ultimately, this saves taxpayers money.

#### **Your Exemptions**

The DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments Office (SOA) is responsible for administering, reviewing and determining eligibility for almost all exemptions. As a courtesy to you, the Milton Township Assessor's Office assists township residents with the completion of necessary paperwork for the Senior Homestead Exemption and the Senior Freeze. Once completed, both are forwarded to the SOA for eligibility verification.

Each exemption provided has different qualifications, savings and deadlines. Please click on the following links for further exemption information and forms: <a href="https://doi.org

**How can you reach us?** Our goal is to educate township residents about what we do and how we can help. If you have any questions, we can be reached at (630) 653-5220 or you are welcome to visit us at 1492 N. Main St. in Wheaton during our regular office hours - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

We also invite you to visit our website at <a href="www.miltonassessor.com">www.miltonassessor.com</a> to learn more about the assessment process. Our website features a handy, blue property search button to view all township property. Be sure to check out "Latest News" on our homepage for all relevant updates regarding procedure, deadlines and exemption information.

We look forward to hearing from you or visiting with you! Best Wishes for a Safe and Healthy 2022,

Chris E. LeVan, CIAO Milton Township Assessor

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## **Milton Township**

1492 N. Main St. Wheaton, IL 60189 630-668-1616 www.miltontownship.net

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM weekdays Township Board Meetings: 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month

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Enjoy our new website: **MiltonTownship.net** 



