



APRIL 2025 ISSUE

THE S.A.L.T. COMMUNICATOR

SENIORS & LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER

Monthly meetings are held at the Glen Ellyn Police Department Community Room located at 65 S. Park Avenue, Glen Ellyn, 60137. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month and start at 10:00 AM and end around 11:15 AM.

The October meeting will be on Tuesday due to the Monday Holiday. There is no August meeting.

Our S.A.L.T. Council consists of police officers that help keep our community safe, social workers, Milton Township employees, along with interested seniors that want to stay informed on different topics of interest to seniors.

Each month we feature guest speakers that present on topics that help educate our seniors on potential scams and help them live safely and happily in their homes.

We welcome all seniors to attend.

MAY 12, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
JUNE 9, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
JULY 14, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
SEPT 8, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
OCT 14, TUESDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
NOV 10, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00
DEC 8, MONDAY	S.A.L.T. Meeting @ GEPD @ 10:00

REAL ID DEADLINE APPROACHING SOON

Beginning May 7, 2025, the Federal Government will require every person 18 years and older to present a REAL ID-compliant state issued driver's license or ID card to board a flight. Another acceptable form of identification, would be a valid U.S. Passport.

You do not need a REAL ID to drive, vote, or identify yourself for general identification purposes.

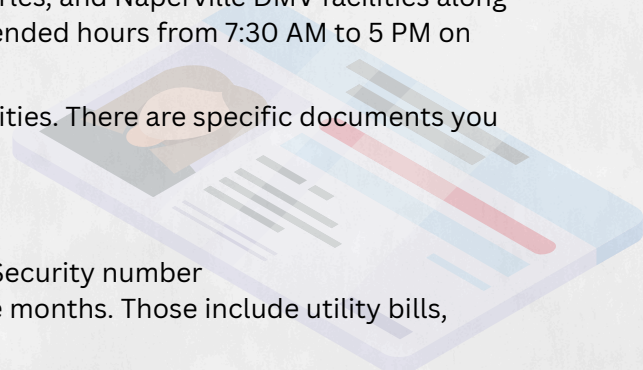
Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias has encouraged travelers to "make sure you really need one." The U.S. Transportation Security Administration has issued a reminder that on May 7th, TSA will no longer accept state-issued identification that are not REAL ID compliant at TSA security checkpoints. As a reminder, if you have a U.S. Passport you are ok!

· Real ID licenses are available at the Lombard, Addison, St. Charles, and Naperville DMV facilities along with a newly expanded facility in Aurora. Some DMV's have extended hours from 7:30 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays. **More information is available at www.ilsos.gov.**

It should be noted that appointments are required at most facilities. There are specific documents you must bring to the DMV when applying for a REAL ID.

These include:

- A US Birth Certificate or valid Passport
- A Social Security card or a W-2 showing your nine-digit Social Security number
- Two documents proving residency issued within the past three months. Those include utility bills, bank statements, and cable or credit card bills



SCAM REPORT

Submitted by Arnold H. Shifrin, RPh, Director of Communications, SALT



ATM (Automated Teller Machine) Skimming

Introduction: ATM skimming is a type of financial fraud where criminals use concealed devices to steal debit card information and PINs (Personal Identification Numbers). This results in identity theft, stolen funds, and unauthorized purchases. The stolen information is often sold to other fraudsters on the dark web.

How it works: Criminals place fake card readers over the ATM slot to capture information from the card's chip or magnetic strip when the card is inserted. Small cameras or keypad overlays record the PIN. The criminals may return later to the ATM to retrieve the skimming device with the data, or they may access the stolen information remotely using wireless technology such as Bluetooth.

Signs of ATM skimming devices

- Misaligned, loose, or bulky card slots.
- Cards that do not slide smoothly and completely into the slot.
- Keypads that are raised or difficult to press.
- Small holes or attachments near the keypad may indicate the presence of hidden cameras.

How to protect yourself

- Use ATMs inside banks or in well-lit public places with security cameras. Avoid using ATMs in remote, dark areas.
- Be cautious when using non-bank ATMs. If an ATM is in a location that does not feel secure, do not use it. Trust your instincts.
- If using an ATM after dark, have an adult accompany you.
- Inspect ATMs for unusual devices or signs of tampering before use.
- Shield the keypad when entering your PIN to prevent "shoulder surfing."
- Set up transaction alerts with your financial institutions.
- Regularly monitor your financial accounts for unauthorized transactions.

Steps to take if you are a victim

- Immediately report the loss to the financial institution that issued the card. The Federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA) protects consumers from losses due to unauthorized electronic fund transfers if the losses are reported within 60 days.
- Your financial institution will cancel the card and issue you a new one. Change your PIN to prevent further losses.
- Notify the Illinois Attorney General Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Helpline (1-800-243-5377 or email seniorhelpline@ilag.gov).
- File a report with your local law enforcement agency.

MONTHLY MEETING RECAPS

JANUARY MEETING PRESENTERS

Topic: Services provided by DuPage County Community Services

Amy Gados spoke about the mission and programs available. Some of the key resources are highlighted below:

Mission: To provide and support programs, services and partnerships that keep DuPage residents safe in their homes, environments, and relationships:

- Provide connections and resources
- Help residents escape poverty,
- Maintain independence
- Achieve economic self-sufficiency

Amy Gados,
Aging &
Disability
Resource
Case
Manager &
Brett Kuras
DuPage
County
Community
Services



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What is 2-1-1?

- A three-digit telephone number DuPage County residents can dial to get information on social services
- Housing
- Transportation
- Food



2-1-1 is a free helpline

- Available 24/7/365
- Confidential

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

- Affordable help for daily activities a senior can no longer manage on their own
- Gives seniors the choice of remaining in their own homes

MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A volunteer-based program that assists Seniors (over the age of 60) with managing money to prolong independent living.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DuPage County Senior Services responds to all reports of suspected abuse or self-neglect.

LIHEAP LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial assistance for low-income residents by offsetting the rising cost of home energy

- Financial assistance
- Outreach
- Energy counseling
- Education

Struggling With Caregiver Burnout?

Join a community of caregivers and experts who offer practical advice, compassion, and encouragement to help you provide the best care. Free online training and support is available to caregivers like you!

For more information scan the qr code to the right!

Sign up at ageguide.trualta.com



SCAN ME

FEBRUARY MEETING PRESENTERS

TOPIC: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS TO ENJOY AT THE GLEN ELLYN AND WHEATON PARK DISTRICTS



Meghan Panek, Wheaton Park District

Meghan Panek, Manager, Mary Lubko Center, spoke about the many fun filled day trips for seniors to enjoy. Visit Chicago's vibrant Irish American Heritage, Chicago Blackhawks, Joffrey Ballet and Murder on the Orient Express. There is also an overnight trip that takes you to Lake Geneva. To keep fit there are opportunities for biking enthusiasts, Tai Chi & Qi Gong, Yoga, volleyball golf and more! For the singers there are opportunities with the Silvertones and Beyond Glee singing groups.

For the travel enthusiasts there is California Dreamin: Monterey, Yosemite & Napa, along with Alpine Lakes and tour European Christmas Markets, sample local cuisine, experience cultural traditions in Prague, Viena, and Budapest.

To register or inquire about these great opportunities call (630)665-1415 or visit the website to learn about more opportunities at wheatonparkdistrict.com



Anastasia Aubie, Glen Ellyn Park District

GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT:

Anastasia Aubie, Program Manager, spoke about the many great opportunities for our seniors. In the Gazette magazine you will find an array of Springtime adventures, club activities, bingo and more. There is the Bubbly Bunny Egg Hunt, Grandparents & Me day of bingo, and family bingo night to name just a few. They have day trips to the Art Institute, Grand Victoria Casino, Paramount Theatre, Architecture Boat Tours, and you can visit churches and Chocolates in Milwaukee! Many free clubs are available for every interest including book clubs, nature walking, trivia and social, just to name a few!, There is also swing dancing and many opportunities to stay fit. To register phone (630) 942-7267 or online: gepark.org/register



ADVENTURE AWAITS



Wheaton PD Senior Services
Website Page
<https://wheatonparkdistrict.com/facilities/mary-lubko-center/>



Glen Ellyn PD Senior Services
Website Page
<https://gepark.org/adults-seniors/>

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Family Services



MARCH MEETING PRESENTER

Topic: Abuse Later in Life

Metropolitan Family Shelter Service provides confidential assistance at no charge to adults and children that experience domestic abuse.

Senior adult abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving a experience of trust that causes harm to an older adult (someone 60 +) Domestic abuse can take many forms such as physical, emotional, verbal, sexual and financial.

Stand alone non-profit for over 40+ years, merged with Metropolitan Family Services in 2019. Goal of merger was to provide wrap-around services for clients that we didn't offer: behavioral health, early childhood education, senior services, legal aid etc.

- Location: DuPage county (Wheaton & Downers Grove)
- ALL services available in English & Spanish

PHYSICAL ABUSE

- harming service animals
- using assistive devices against them
- Trapping an older person
- Physically causing harm
- Tampering with hearing aids, cognitive aids, stair lift, making a brace too tight

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Claiming they are faking being in pain
- mocking their disability
- Taking advantage of memory loss via gas lighting
- Saying they deserve the abuse for being weak and not contributing to society
- Threatening to initiate nursing home placement
- Prohibiting or limiting access to transportation, communication devices, friends, social events or other resources

FINACIAL ABUSE

- Illegally unauthorized, or improper use of an older individuals resources for the benefit of someone else
- Forgery
- Misuse or theft of money or possessions
- Using coercion/deception to surrender finances or property
- Improper use of guardianship or power of attorney\
- Conservatorship Abuse

For assistance, please contact Metropolitan Shelter Services

DuPage Intake Line: (630)784-4802

24 hour DV Hotline: (630)469-5650

Metropolitan Family Services: Shelter, one-on-one support, referrals

Available Tuesdays 12-2pm & Thursdays 2-4pm





Serving & Protecting Our Citizens

Would you like to...

Read the past issue of the newsletter?

miltontownship.net/s-a-l-t-2/

Call the Township?

(630)668-1616

Visit the Township?

1492 N. Main St. Wheaton, IL 60187

Questions?

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S.A.L.T. Council Members

Chuck Smith, **Chairman**

Arnold Shifrin, **Director of Communications**

Officer Jill Uhlir, **Wheaton Police Department**

Officer Allison Ramirez, **Glen Ellyn Police Department**

Officer Carol Cadle, **Carol Stream Police Department**

Anthony Kermend, **DuPage Sheriff's Office**

Carl Voda, **Warrenville Fire Department Inspector**

Alexandra Milkent, **Metropolitan Shelter Services**

Api Mudoh, Abelia Perez, **Metropolitan Family Services**

Chief Robert Brill, **Wheaton Fire Department**

Fire Administrator Nicole Shanley, **Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Department**

Sue Davison, **Glen Ellyn Senior Center**

Andy Dina, **Warrenville Fire Department Chief**

Perry Johnson **Lombard Fire Department Inspector**

Milton Township Elected 2021-2025

John Monino, **Supervisor**

Yadav "Nick" Nickthwani, **Clerk**

Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, Joe Soto, Dan Milinko: **Trustees**

Milton Township Elected 2025-2029

Elizabeth "Buffy" Higgins-Beard, **Supervisor**

Dan Bailey, **Clerk**

Jacqueline McGrath, Paula McGowen, Larry Pitts, Stephen Siemer: **Trustees**

Thinking about "going green"
and would like to receive The
Communication Electronically?

Please Email:
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- Real ID Information
- Scams Report
- Recap of Monthly Speakers
- Important S.A.L.T. Meeting Dates

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