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# THE S.A.L.T. COMMUNICATOR

SENIORS & LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER

## SENIOR AUTO INSPECTION 2024 RECAP

**We are so very pleased to report that we had the honor to serve 95 seniors at our annual senior auto inspection held October 12, 2024. With the help of 95 dedicated volunteers, each car underwent a 43 point inspection, along with topping off all fluids as needed, testing batteries, and checking tire air pressure and filling to manufacturer's specifications.**

This great accomplishment could not have happened without the support of our Milton Township Board for not only the financial support, but also their personal time and direction as part of the team servicing the seniors. A big thank you is in order to trustees Dan Milinko, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, Joe Soto, Township Clerk Yadav Nathwani and Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlelt for their current and past help at this annual event.

AAA Car Care Plus in Wheaton supplied the many types of fluids along with dedicating two of their employees to test all batteries and provide technical assistance to our group. Thanks to Facility Manager, Ken Dieden for his many years of support and participation at our events.

Our local volunteer mechanics are key to our ability to inspect the cars of our seniors. Without them dedicating their time and technical expertise this event could not happen. We owe them a great thank you for their detailed inspections and reporting to the seniors on the inspection report.

The dedication of the youth in the community was on full display as they performed the many needed tasks of assisting seniors out and into their vehicles, checking and filling tire pressure as required, checking lights, assisting mechanics, and also serving them refreshments. Students of The Technology Center of DuPage assisted the mechanics, along with the Glenbard North Young Men's Service League, and Boy Scout Troops #23, #34, and #191. We were so very proud of their kind attention to our seniors and care of their vehicles.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered their own time to make this event such a success. We thank the Wheaton Fire Department for their assistance and use of the great facility.

Lastly, we are so appreciative of our police officers and CERT Team for helping keep our drivers and workers safe.

*- Chuck Smith, Milton Township SALT Chairman*





# SCAM REPORT

MILTON TOWNSHIP S.A.L.T. COUNCIL MEETING December 9, 2024  
Submitted by Arnold H. Shifrin, RPh, Director of Communications, SALT



## National Do Not Call Registry

### Background

- To reduce the number of unwanted telemarketing calls you receive, you can register your landline and mobile phone numbers on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) National Do Not Call Registry.
- Only personal phones may be registered. Business phones and fax machines are not eligible.
- If you change phone numbers, you must register the new number if you want to block telemarketers' calls.
- There is no charge for the service and your registration does not have to be renewed. It never expires.
- If you register your phone and later change your mind and decide you would like to receive calls from telemarketers, you may submit a request to the FTC to have your number removed from the registry.
- It may take up to 31 days for the telemarketers' calls to stop after you register.

**How to register your telephone number:** Visit [donotcall.gov](https://donotcall.gov) or call 1-888-382-1222. You can register as many personal phone numbers as you have, but you are restricted to three numbers at a time when registering online. If you have more than three numbers, you must repeat the registration process for each additional set of three numbers. When registering online, you will receive an email confirmation that your registration is complete.

If you register by telephone, you must call from each number you wish to register. There is no confirmation email after registering by phone. You can verify your registration by calling the registry number or visiting the website to see if your number is listed.

**Exemptions from the Do Not Call Registry rules:** Entities that are permitted to call you even if your number is registered include the following:

- charities
- political and religious groups
- debt collectors
- survey takers
- companies with which you have previously done business
- companies you have authorized in writing to contact you

### Do Not Call Registry Scams

- You receive a call from someone claiming to represent the FTC and are told your registration has expired and must be renewed for a fee. You are asked for your credit card information to process the renewal. If you receive such a call, hang up the phone as you are dealing with a scammer.
- If your telephone number is registered and a telemarketer calls you, the caller is breaking the law. Legitimate telemarketing companies strive to comply with the law and will not call you if your phone number is registered. If you receive such a call, hang up the phone as you are likely dealing with a scammer.

[Source: FTC]

# MONTHLY MEETING RECAPS

**PRESENTED BY:**  
*Fred Lehrman,*  
*CPA, CFE, CFSA,*  
*Internal auditor*



## OCTOBER MEETING PRESENTER

**Topic:** Cyber Considerations for Seniors

Fred Lehrman is a professional auditor with vast experience in the world of cyber security and internal investigations.

Key takeaways from his presentation are as follows:

Scams: Be Vigilant, Disciplined, and Practice Discernment

- Be wary of unfamiliar or unknown caller, text, and email ID's.
- Be aware that scammers can use spoofing software, Logos, apps, and/or websites to make it appear as if they are emailing, texting, and/or calling from a legitimate company.
- Be aware that government agencies almost never initiate contact with someone by email, phone, or text.
- If you receive a suspicious email, text, message and/or phone call, stop and think!
- If an unfamiliar or suspicious pop-up appears, ignore the pop-up and close your browser. Immediately scan your computer.
- Before sending funds or taking action, contact a trusted family member and/or friend for advice.
- Before sending funds, independently verify: Issue, source/Company, and Payment Links.

Note: Do not use the link or information supplied by the email, text, or original source.



**PRESENTED BY:**  
*Laura Winnie-*  
*Education and*  
*Community*  
*Engagement*  
*Coordinator,*  
*DuPage County*  
*Animal Services*

## NOVEMBER MEETING PRESENTER

**Topic:** Fostering success and benefits of fostering animals

Our S.A.L.T. Council was delighted to have Laura Winnie speak about the benefits of fostering animals.

Adopting an animal can be very rewarding for our seniors and so very important for the many animals awaiting a home with loving care! Fostering versus a permanent adoption provides an opportunity for providing temporary care while animals are awaiting adoption or possibly an opportunity to see if a particular animal is a right fit for a prospective owner or home environment. The cost to the fostering individual is minimal as the DuPage Animal Services supports the cost of food and veterinary care. This might be an opportunity for a senior that is looking for some companionship or an opportunity to perform a needed service in the community.

### What is Fostering?

Vital Resource to Rescue Groups Fosters provide essential support for homeless pets by:

- Freeing up space in shelters
- Providing more personalized care
- Space and supplies\* for the animals they foster
- Daily care and support



### Benefits of Fostering

#### For the Animal:

The best place for a pet is in a home

- Allows animals to show true personality
- Less stressful than shelter/kennel environment
- Overall healthier than shelter/kennel environment
- Provides training to make them more adoptable
- Builds trust

#### For You:

- Love and companionship of animal in need
- Easy access to resources and support
- Gives you an idea of how an animal fits into your lifestyle
- Satisfaction of knowing you saved lives

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Lynda Marquardt,  
Executive Director  
DuPage Legal Aid

## DECEMBER MEETING PRESENTER

Topic: Types of Legal services provided with focus on Guardianships

### DuPage Legal Aid: Who We Are

We provide free legal assistance to those of limited means with: Family Law Issues

- Orders of Protection, Stalking No Contact, and Restraining Orders.
- Parentage cases
- Divorce cases
- Guardianship cases
- Bankruptcies
- Expungements
- Other Civil Issues



## Guardianships Over Disabled Adults

Legal Relationship established to make an appointed person able to make personal and property related decisions for someone who can no longer make decisions for themselves.

- Who is disabled? A person **lacking the understanding or capacity** to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning the care of his person, estate, or financial affairs.  
Could be gambling and debauchery too.  
However, we are allowed to make bad or immature decisions.
- Guardianships will **only be utilized to the extent necessary to promote the well being** of the person and to encourage his or her maximum self reliance and independence.

How can we help?

If you are seeking legal assistance, start by calling the office between 9 AM and 2 PM to complete an intake/screening over the phone and complete an application that will be mailed to you.

📞 (630) 653-6212 📍 126 South County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 🌐 <http://dupagelegalaid.org>



The Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council awarded retiring DuPage County Sheriff, Corporal Terri Albright with a plaque to recognize her 20 years of dedicated service to helping protect the seniors in our community and support of our organization. Thank you for your service!

Shown from left are: DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick, Corporal Terri Albright, Chuck Smith, S.A.L.T. Chairman, & Arnold Shifrin, Communications Director.

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.

S.A.L.T. Council meets on the second Monday of each month except October this year it will be Tuesday. 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.

### 2025 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

JAN 13, MONDAY	JULY 14, MONDAY
FEB 10, MONDAY	SEP 8, MONDAY
MAR 10, MONDAY	OCT 14, TUESDAY
APRIL 14, MONDAY	NOV 10, MONDAY
MAY 12, MONDAY	DEC 8, MONDAY
JUNE 9, MONDAY	