

Zion Township



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Supervisor

Fall 2008

Town Board: Lane Harrison, L. Howard Bennett, Lloyd DeTienne, Jim Taylor, Frank Flammini, Judy Mackey

Letter from the Supervisor



Hang on to your hats!!! A lot is going on in Zion Township that I am excited to share with you! Where do I begin? By the time of this printing, your township staff will have moved into a new building! The City of Zion made a decision to have the north end of City Hall (where the township and fire department used to reside) demolished, and we were forced to move. Granted, I fought the decision to build from the beginning, believing that it was a much better use of your taxes to revamp an empty space somewhere within the township. But, after discussing it with the inspector who had inspected the buildings that I had thought suitable, he agreed that it was a much better use of taxpayers dollars to build than to be depleted by utility costs, renovations and repairs. The result? As

of Monday, October 6th, Zion Township is located at 1015 - 27th Street, the southeast corner of Elim Avenue and 27th Street (yes, the Al Jones furniture refinishing lot). It was an emotional move for me. Our office may have been a dump (water in the basement, no hot water, fire truck exhaust, mold on the ceiling tiles, an occasional brick falling through the ceiling—no kidding, seniors having to walk across the fire truck entrance, electrical issues, a step in the senior services office which caused an occasional incident, etc.), but it was our dump and we will miss it. I am overwhelmed by the new space but know that it will assist the staff at Zion Township to serve the

residents to an even greater level than we did before. The contractor was Paul Bricco from Bricco Construction. Paul and his wife, Gail, were incredible to work with. Not only did Paul do an amazing job, he worked hard to make sure we could save every dime possible. We even came in under budget! I also loved that all of his subcontractors were local businesses. Thank you to: Richard's Excavating, Shea's Iron Works, Stock Building Supply, D.L., Jim Pennell Construction, Gorsline Plumbing, Stanphil Electric, Grubbs Mechanical, Astro Insulation, Masterbuilt Fencing, Lake County Door, Sonlight Glass, Tippet, Inc., Ridge Exteriors, Inc., American Seamless Gutters, Inc., Laminated Products, Inc., Floor Décor Carpet One, Masterwork Masonry, Key Systems, Flannery Fire Protection, and Gonzales Landscaping for all of your attention to making sure the residents of Zion Township got the best for their money.



With this move, Community Resources for Education and Wellness, Inc. (CREW), was also forced to relocate. We are happy to announce that they have moved to the old ZBTHS-Pearce Campus building, to a gorgeous, roomy space. They are joining many other tenants, who have located there to assist residents in enhancing their lives, including: Love INC, Carenet Family Resources, Zion-Benton Children's Services Dental Clinic, the Coalition for Healthy Communities office, and Project Sustainability Initiative's workforce development site. This is also the future home of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County-ZB Unit! More to come on that endeavor! CREW would not have been able to accomplish this move without the support of some big-hearted ZB graduates as well as others. A special thanks goes out to John Sfire and Faith Food Pantry for the use of their

BALLOT '08 FYI

Besides voting for the President/Vice President, State Representatives, Senator, and Lake County Offices (non-partisan information on the candidates can be found at www.ywca.org), the upcoming election will have some issues to vote on that you may be unaware of; those include:

- Proposing a call for a state constitutional convention. The last such convention was held in 1969-70, and a new Constitution was adopted in 1970. There are many pros and cons to this issue, which have been outlined well by the Secretary of State's Office. If you did not receive this brochure in the mail, we have extra copies at Zion Township. Stop by and pick one up or give us a call and we can mail you one.
- "Shall the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois borrow money and issue bonds to acquire and improve forest preserve lands in order to preserve and restore wildlife habitats, trail and greenway corridors, wetlands, prairies and forests in order to provide flood control and to create and improve public use areas for recreation, education and historic facilities in an amount not to exceed \$185,000,000?"
- Recently, a flyer was sent in the mail stating that this should pass, taxes will not go up, but to be clear, should the measure fail, taxes will go down for a \$200,000 home by \$24.00.
- Shall the city of Zion impose a surcharge of up to \$1.50 per month per network connection, which will be

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Our new location at 1015 27th Street

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Resources Developing Citizens

In a perfect world, if we needed help, we could go to one place and have an in-depth conversation and establish a step-by-step plan of action. Then, when visiting organizations that would assist in achieving those goals, we would be greeted by name, the organization already having our information and have been waiting for us to arrive to assist with their piece of our action plan, instead of wasting 20 minutes at each appointment going through introductions and paperwork. This perfect world idea is all possible! Cheri has worked through Community Resources for Education and Wellness (CREW) and with Partners for Enriched Communities (PEC) to make this happen. CREW was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Lake County Community Foundation to fund a community-wide collaboration, including consultants from Executive Service Corp to guide the process! Working with Community Collaboration Incorporated (CCI), whose mission is to enhance collaboration among human service providers, to develop community-wide human service initiatives, and to improve lives and communities. CCI utilizes an internet-based case management tool and resource database for coordinating participant services, locating additional resources, and enhancing communication between multiple service providers. What will this mean for the community? Suppose you've lost your job, you need medical attention, and you're not sure where your families' next meal is coming from. By having this collaboration in place, a resident can make an appointment with the township, complete an assessment, and be guided to the agencies that can help in one step. This would eliminate confusion, agency overlaps, time waste, roadblocks, and enhance efficiency and service for the resident. From the agencies' perspective, they would be able to conserve resources/funding, increase communication, and shift burnout because all the agencies would be working together for a shared goal—Servicing the community! So Zion, hang on because we're headed toward making this community an efficient and collaborative team to better serve you and your family!

Community resources in the New Pearce Campus!

Located at 1606 23rd Street, the Old Zion-Benton Township High School is now home to incredible community resources below, check out **all** the community resources in the *New* Pearce Campus!

CareNet Family Resource Center:

An unplanned pregnancy makes your whole world turn upside down, making it hard to make decisions. But the choices you make now are crucial. Care Net wants you to have all the resources you need to make the best choice for you. They promise to provide you with the information you need about all of your options—for free. You don't have to face this alone. Peer Counselors are there for you with accurate information you can trust about all of your options. Community referrals that will guide you to the right agencies here in your own neighborhood. Confidential support in a safe, non-judgmental setting. Free pregnancy tests and parenting classes for new mothers and fathers. Call 847-731-8360.

LOVE INC:

www.loveinclakecty.net Call 847-731-0526.

Love In the Name of Christ networks churches in a community to help those with basic needs including clothing, furniture and auto repair, as well as finance counseling. Love INC accepts referrals from local churches as well as Zion and Benton Townships. They are always looking for additional churches to partner with.

CREW, INC:

www.crewinc.org Call 847-872-2830.

Providing substance abuse counseling and anger management services for all those ages 12 and over.

ZION-BENTON CHILDREN'S SERVICE LIND MEMORIAL DENTAL CLINIC

zbcs@sbcglobal.net Call: (847) 872-9227.

Z-B Children's Services is a dental clinic providing services for insured children ages 2-18 and within the Zion-Benton Communities. They also serve as a resource in assisting in eye care services thru the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club.

COALITION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:

The Coalition for Healthy Communities' mission is "to lead our communities in a collaborative effort to improve identified health, wellness and social issues". The Coalition strives to help youth and families make healthy decisions. To do this, through grants totaling \$150,000 this year, they work with the schools by participating with the Lake County Health Department's (LCHD) Life Skills Classes, supporting the ZBTHS Healthy YOUTH, sponsoring "Reality 101" in partnership with the LCHD, and by continuing to look at diverse approaches to prevention and intervention strategies. Expert staff are available, to assist with efforts addressing adolescent substance abuse prevention. Call 847-731-0658.

WORKFORCE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION: (Project Sustainability Initiative)

www.workforceskills.org

A workforce development site to help you find a job and increase your career opportunities and improve your skills. Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Please call 847.731.9143 to set up an appointment with a Career Advisor or Job Coach.

FAITH FOOD PANTRY

2801 W 30TH ST., ZION, Open on Wednesdays 10-2 and 5-7pm for anyone in need of food assistance. Thanksgiving distribution will be on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. Christmas distribution will be on Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23. Sign up any Wednesday at the food pantry.

Boys and Girls Club

We are pushing hard to open the doors of the Zion-Benton Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County this coming spring. Currently, we have raised over \$60,000 (it takes \$100,000 just to open). The old high school in Zion, Pearce Campus, will be the site for the new ZB Club! Show your support by purchasing a Motorcycle Raffle

ticket for \$10.00 each (available at Zion Township and other locations throughout Zion and Winthrop Harbor). The winning ticket will be drawn at the 2nd Annual Have a Heart Dinner/Fundraiser on February 14, 2009. Tickets will be available for the Have a Heart Dinner soon!

For more information about the

Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, Zion-Benton Unit or to make a donation, please contact Board President John January at johnljanuary@aol.com. Checks can be mailed to: Lake County Boys & Girls Club/Zion-Benton Unit, 724 S. Genesee St., Waukegan, IL 60085. All donations are tax deductible. Visit us online at zbboysandgirlsclub.com.

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truck, Stried Painting-Jim Stried and Derrek Leith (both ZBTHS graduates), Pat Neal and Susan Pitsavas, Hewitt Associates-Bridget Guerin and Jerry Smitherman (also ZBTHS graduates), the City of Zion Community Service Workers, Riley Construction- Barb Riley, Kevin Kruckeberg, Roy Micke, and Bob Dorau, Service Master- Jamie Fritz and John Austin (also a ZB grad!) Macypher- Gene McPeek, MC Services-Dwayne Maas, Frank Bonora, AAA Home Inspection-Rodney Newman, and Zion-Benton Township High School- Interim Superintendent Chris Clark, architect Doug Pekkarinen, School Board President Bill Bassler and Director of Maintenance, Art Holabaugh and his crew. We absolutely could not have accomplished this move without you!

We would like to invite you to a PEARCE CAMPUS RED RIBBON WEEK OPEN HOUSE, to share with all Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion residents, the wonderful resources that are housed in Pearce Campus. The open house will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6-8pm. We hope you can make it!!!

One last thing, it has bothered me that with the 40 hours of service the township offers per week, being open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, does not permit residents who work all day to access our services (purchase a passport or RTA pass, sign up for a senior program or LIHEAP, strategize a situation with one of our staff members, or apply for Emergency Assistance, etc.). So, I would like to implement a new schedule. As of January 1, 2009, Zion Township will be operating with an extended workday, from 8am until 6pm, Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. Extreme measures will be taken to ensure anyone in an emergency situation has access to the resources they need from Friday through Sunday. We hope this will better serve the residents who contribute financially through property taxes to assist in meeting needs and enhancing the quality of life for all Zion residents, not just the ones who do not work during the day.

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added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges for the purpose of installing (or improving) a '9-1-1' emergency telephone system?

I met with Police Chief Larry Booth and Deputy Fire Chief Dale Caldwell on this issue and have included in this newsletter information on why they believe this is such an important issue to pass.

The one thing that pleases me about this election is that residents are registering to vote. The thing that I don't understand is how everyone comes out to vote for President, but barely anyone votes in local elections. One vote for President has a miniscule effect on the election outcome, while one vote in a local election can determine the outcome. The first time I ran for Township Supervisor, I lost by 6 votes! Local officials pass ordinances that affect your life much more directly than most federal legislation, but most are not aware of what is going on locally. My only prayer is that the excitement of this election will lead everyone to pay attention to our right and responsibility to vote in EVERY election... and may the best people for our community win!

Beware!

We have all needed help at some point or another, and that is the purpose of a Township. Much of our community is comprised of Christians that want to help people in need. But, as we head into the Fall and Holiday months it is increasingly important to remember that our community falls victim to being prey to panhandlers and con-artists. We can still help one another by suggesting the Township for help. Everyone working in the Township took that job to serve you!! Help can be found Monday through Friday 8:30am till 4:30pm. We are located in the heart of Zion at 1015 - 27th Street, the southeast corner of Elim Avenue and 27th Street, or call 847-872-2811. If it's after hours, the Zion Police Department has bus passes, gas vouchers, and other assistance available for emergencies. Extreme measures will be taken to ensure anyone in an emergency situation has access to the resources they need from Friday through Sunday. So please, don't fall victim to a scam or worse, call the Township or the Zion Police Department for help. Donations are also accepted throughout the year to aid the ZBMA emergency fund. Be safe this season!!

More than just a Meal



Joe Smith

Most Zion residents are familiar with Zion Township's Meals on Wheels Program (MOW), which ensures that qualified seniors and shut-ins receive a hot meal five days a week, including holidays. But, who are the volunteers in the community that make these deliveries possible? Well, one in particular not only delivers hot meals, but also delivers a message of hope, concern, and encouragement to our elderly. Please meet Joe Smith; a Christian, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Mentor, and an inspired volunteer in our community! Retired, and only 54 years old, Joe is a man whom truly loves to see smiles on other people's faces. Joe became familiar with MOW when his own mother received this kind of service, thus inspiring him to 'give back.' When Joe delivers MOW, he makes sure that the meals are sealed tightly, that the correct milk is served, and he personally checks on the senior's overall well being. Many seniors that see him regularly on Thursdays refer to this day of the week as 'Joe Day!' This day is a treat because Joe also delivers fellowship, and prayer to those in need.

Joe's true happiness comes from encouraging people to look at the brighter side of life, making others happy, and sharing the strength that he himself has been blessed with in Jesus Christ. *Thank you Joe Smith for your commitment to making a positive difference in our community!*

CHANGES IN STORE FOR THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM!!!

The Meals on Wheels program began in our community because a few dedicated women answered the call to serve the elderly and shut-ins. Since that time, Catholic Charities has taken on this role across the county, receiving federal funding to support the program. Recently, Cheri Ditzig and Benton Township Supervisor, Jan Suthard met with Catholic Charities to see how they could work together to serve the seniors and not have the burden fall on the residents of these two townships alone. We are happy to announce that beginning January 1st, Catholic Charities will be delivering meals prepared at Marivellas Restaurant to our townships for distribution. Volunteers will still be sought out through the township offices, but meals will be the responsibility of Catholic Charities, saving residents over \$30,000 a year. This savings will allow for the creation of our own Farmer's Market coupons for seniors next summer so that ALL seniors may enjoy our local farmer's market's fresh fruits and veggies, as well as the themed events sponsored by the City of Zion.

9-1-1 Referendum

Dear Resident,

Zion passed it's first and only 9-1-1 referendum in 1989. The cost per household phone line was set at 75 cents per month. There has been no increase since that time.

The 9-1-1 system provides the backbone for all police, fire and rescue responses in the City of Zion. One of the most important functions of the system, is that it displays the name and address of the caller, even if the caller is physically unable to give that information to the dispatcher. The entire radio system that provides vital information to our police officers, firefighters and paramedics is supported by the 9-1-1 fund. There have been many upgrades to the 9-1-1 system here in Zion over the past 19 years.

One of the most important is Emergency Medical Dispatching. This training enables our dispatchers to assist callers and walk them through step by step with providing emergency first aid to a sick or injured person,

in those critical few minutes until paramedics arrive. We have had many success stories where a loved ones life has been saved as a result of this service to the City of Zion.

On November 4th, the City of Zion will be asking it's citizens to approve an increase in the 9-1-1 surcharge from 75 cents per month to \$1.50 per month. This surcharge is part of your monthly phone bill. This 75 cent increase will cost an additional \$9 per year for the average household in Zion. We understand that no one likes to pay higher fees, but the cost of repairing and replacing equipment has increased dramatically since 1989. This 75 cent per month increase will allow us to maintain the high level of service the City of Zion deserves, and has come to expect from the Zion Fire/Rescue and the Zion Police Departments.

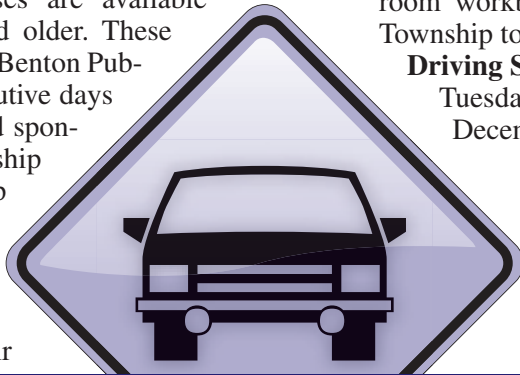
Chief David LaBelle • Zion Fire / Rescue



Senior Happenings

2008 Driving Safety Classes

Driving Safety classes are available to drivers 50 years and older. These classes are held at Zion Benton Public Library on 2 consecutive days from 10am to 2 pm and sponsored by Zion Township and Benton Township every other month. Participants that successfully complete the class will receive a 3-year discount on their



auto insurance. There is a \$10.00 cost to cover classroom workbooks. Please call your corresponding Township to sign up accordingly.

Driving Safety Class Schedule

Tuesday, December 2 & Wednesday, December 3 – sponsored by Zion Township

Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly

Senior Transportation Programs

Half-Price Taxi Fare

Zion seniors who are at least 65 years old can take advantage of the Township's Half-Price Taxi Fare program for travel within the city limits, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. AST, USA and Dash Cab Taxi companies provide local taxi services. Contact the Zion Township office at 847-872-2811 to sign up or obtain additional information.

Dial-A-Ride

Zion Township subsidizes the PACE Dial-A-Ride program that provides curb-to-curb services to limited destinations in Gurnee and Waukegan. Service days and times are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the dispatch number at 1-800-201-6446 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your trip. Round trip cost is \$1.60.

The PACE Paratransit program (stipulated by the American Disabilities Act) also offers curb-to-curb service for disabled individuals, six days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on holidays. To qualify, you must have an ADA certification number. Please contact the ADA Program hotline at 1-312-663-4357 for an application. Round trip cost is \$5.00.

RTA Free Ride Program & Reduced Bus Fare

Zion Township is an RTA "Key Center." As an authorized agency, the Township processes applications for free and reduced-fare bus and Metra train passes. Participants must be at least 65 years old to qualify for free rides. If you are disability, you may eligible for the reduce bus fare. ** The new free ride program for disabled individuals begins October 24, 2008. Appointments are accepted on Mondays only. Contact Adriana Ortiz, Front Desk at 847-872-2811 for more information. **

Weekly Grocery Shopping

Thanks to the Zion Park District, curb-to-curb service is provided to Zion senior residents every Friday to and from their local grocery store of choice.



Please call the Zion Park District at 847-746-5500 to schedule your trip.

Senior Transportation Services:

ADDUS TRANSPORTATION

135 N. Greenleaf St, Suite 209, Gurnee, IL. 60031

847-336-2885 Ask for Shirley
Available Monday – Friday:

1ST Pickup at 9:30 a.m.
and Last Pickup at 2:30 p.m.

COST: \$17.00 per hour with minimum 2 hr stay at destination

ELDERCARE @ CHRIST CHURCH

410 Grand Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085

847-406-4683 Ask for Jill
Available Monday – Friday:

1ST Pickup at 8:00 a.m. and
Last Pickup at 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$8.00 donation per appointment trip; Volunteer drivers wait for clients

10 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED
Must complete application form to be eligible

STEPPING STONES

P.O. Box 8464, Gurnee, IL 60031

847-722-4592 Ask for Sterling Powers
Available Monday – Friday:

1ST Pickup at 6:00 a.m. and
Last Pickup at 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$16.50 per hour with minimum 1 hour stay at destination; 48 hrs advance notification necessary for booking and cancellations; Transportation to Chicago, Flat Rate: \$55.00; **One-way, must be ambulatory**

ALOHA! C.L.U.E.S.

C.L.U.E.S. (Citizens and Law Enforcement Unity for Every Senior) is a shared partnership between Zion Township, Sheridan Health & Rehab, Zion Park District, Zion Law Enforcement and Zion senior citizen representatives. On the second Tuesday of each month, the committee meets at Shiloh Senior Center to address and assess the needs of seniors in order to enhance their quality of life. Through networking with other community agencies, C.L.U.E.S. provides the opportunity to establish resources for education and awareness for seniors in the Zion community. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, C.L.U.E.S. sponsors a 30 minutes presentation at Shiloh Park Senior Center for these agencies to share their information with seniors. C.L.U.E.S. is also responsible for coordinating the annual Zion Senior Prom & Picnic. Tickets are sold for this 2 day event and all seniors are encouraged to attend. This year, we had a Hawaiian Luau. With over 375 seniors in attendance, everyone dressed in their favorite tropical wear from grass skirts to coconuts, all attires were accented with a colorful leis. All night long, they swayed their hula hips to the music of Country Traditional Band. "Tiny bubbles were in the air, Aloha"!

Thanksgiving Baskets 2008

The holiday season is quickly approaching for those big Thanksgiving dinners. Once again, Zion Township will be delivering door-to-door to senior 65 years and older which includes the Zion senior buildings. Our distribution date is Tuesday, November 25th. Anyone in need may sign up for a Thanksgiving Food Basket at Faith Food Pantry: 2801 W. 30th St. on Wednesdays 10-2 or 5-7 pm. Contact Adriana Ortiz, Front Desk at 847-872-2811 to reserve your basket.

The holiday season is quickly approaching for those big Thanksgiving dinners. Once again, Zion Township will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets door-to-door to seniors 65 years and older, including the Zion Senior buildings. Our distribution date is Tuesday, November 25th. Any Seniors interested in reserving a basket must contact Adrian Ortiz at Zion Township 847-872-2811. Please do not sign-up with the pantry.



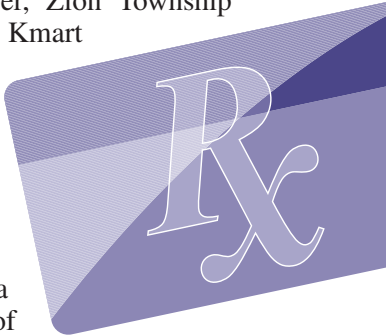
ZBTHSer's assist Family Video in providing those in need with turkeys.



Additional Senior Programs

Prescription Credit

Every September, Zion Township partners with Kmart to provide a \$100.00 prescription credit to 200 seniors in Zion. To qualify, one must be at least 55 years of age with a monthly income of less than \$3,000, or have at least \$100 in prescription costs each month. Eligible seniors may apply at anytime during the year at Zion Township.



L.I.H.E.A.P. (Low Income Heat Energy Assistance Program)

Beginning Sept 2, 2008, all Zion seniors and disabled individuals are eligible to apply for the energy credit on your utility bill. You must have a current photo ID, social security card for yourself and everyone in the household, proof of income within the last 30 days and ComEd or North Shore Gas bills in the last 30 days. Please call Zion Township at 847-872-2811 to schedule your appointment today.



The Queen Bees of Zion Red Hat Society

The Queen Bees of Zion is a Red Hat Society Chapter in Zion with already 82 members! Members must currently live in Zion, or have previously resided in Zion for at least ten years. You must also be a woman over the age of 50. This social club plans many fun social and adventurous outings. If you are interested in obtaining information about the Red Hat Club, please call Queen Bee Noma Blanton at 847-746-1113.

911 Emergency Contact

In cooperation with RSVP and C.L.U.E.S., Zion Township has established the award winning Anytime, Anywhere® Emergency Contact program designed so that seniors have the ability to dial 911 for assistance anytime, anywhere. The Township collects old cell phones that are refurbished by Mr. Al Hillberg, and then reissued free of charge to interested seniors. These phones work only when a 911 emergency call is made and does not require a service provider. So, there are no associated charges involved.

Zion Township accepts cell phone donations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donated phones must include chargers.

Zion Park District Senior Outings

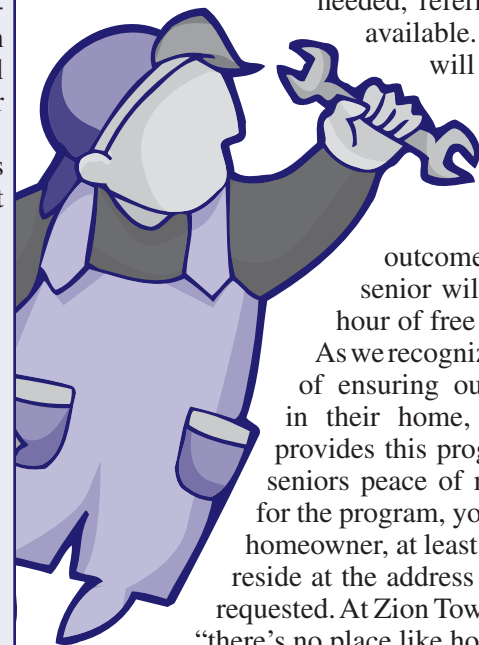
On the third Wednesday of each month, the Zion Park District distributes a list of trips scheduled for the following month at the Senior Meeting. These outings may include plays, trips to the Chicago Botanical Gardens, baseball games, concerts, picnics, and four or five extended tours per year! Contact Zion Park District at 847-746-5500 for additional information, or just attend the weekly Senior Meeting every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Senior Center (27th and Emmaus). You won't want to miss it!

Senior Handyman Program

Zion Township's Handyman program is in full swing. With so many seniors that face day-to-day struggles with home maintenance, Zion seniors will be able to rely on this program that can assist them with minor home repairs. Minor repairs are considered any repair completed with hand tools such as a hammer, screwdriver or pliers. In many cases, if additional work is

needed, referral resources are available. This process will help reduce the incidence of scams, exploitation of seniors and poor contractual outcomes. Each qualified senior will receive one (1) hour of free service per year.

As we recognize the importance of ensuring our seniors safety in their home, Zion Township provides this program to give our seniors peace of mind. To qualify for the program, you must be a Zion homeowner, at least 65 years old and reside at the address where service is requested. At Zion Township we believe "there's no place like home."



Senior Meal Programs

Meals on Wheels Program

Since 1992, Zion Township has ensured that qualified seniors and shut-ins receive a hot meal five days a week, including holidays, delivered straight to their door. Meals are prepared and packaged fresh in our new containers daily, taking into account each recipient's diet restrictions as ordered by their physician. The trays are recyclable and suited for both microwave and conventional oven reheating. Ms. Sandy Bellman of Sheridan Health and Rehab Center oversees the meal preparation, while Emergency and Senior Services Manager Eunice Bridges coordinates routes, solicits volunteers and manages the daily program operations.

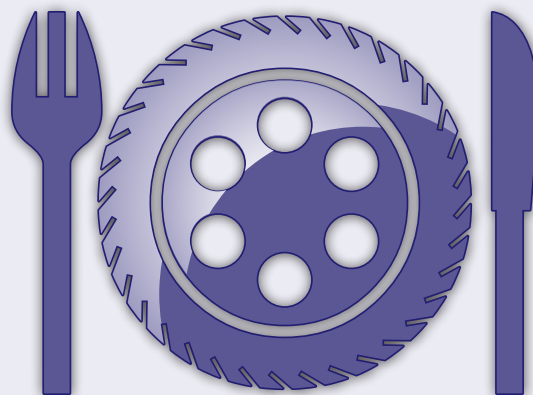
Senior's Luncheon

Zion Township partners with the Zion Park District to host a Senior's Luncheon on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Shiloh Senior Center (27th & Emmaus in Zion). The luncheon is open to all Zion seniors and features entertainment. The Township partners with the Zion Park District by covering the meat cost for the meals. Please contact the Park District at 847-746-5500 for more information.

Volunteer to Drive People Happy!

The Zion Township Meals on Wheels program is still in need of volunteer delivery drivers. Each route includes up to 10 stops and takes less than 45 minutes to pick up the thermal containers from Sheridan Health and Rehab Center and deliver each individual meals. Volunteers typically deliver just one route per week!

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program or to apply as a volunteer, please contact Eunice at the Township office at (847) 872-2811.



Workforce Development

Primary Purpose of Township

The primary purpose of Township government is to administer the General Assistance (GA) program. GA is a program that provides vouchers to assist adults with limited resources to achieve self-sufficiency. The Supervisor is charged with overseeing the General Assistance fund where she has sole discretionary control. That being said, the Illinois State Statutes governing GA are extremely rigid with regard to the disbursement of this money. Eligible clients receive a \$225.00 monthly "In-Kind" benefit that is applied toward basic living expenses.

Workforce Development Manager administers the General Assistance (GA) program at the Township, and is available five days a week at 847-872-2811.

Another Success Story

There are a number of surprising resources within Zion Township for those of us whom may have lost some or all tools to living a productive life. If you were like me you may have read about these programs in the newsletters, but you were not really sure what they were about, or how they could even help. I had a substance abuse problem that utterly decimated my life. Here is what I had lost, in part: a job, a career, an apartment, and a husband. My future was less than bleak. I was blessed when an angel came into my life and instilled hope and belief into that broken shell, which had been me. During that process of rebuilding my spirit, I was told that the Zion Township could help me get back on track financially and educationally. I was so beaten down that I was truly skeptical, but I needed help. My journey began with the CREW (Community Resources for Education and Wellness, Inc.) intensive outpatient program. CREW

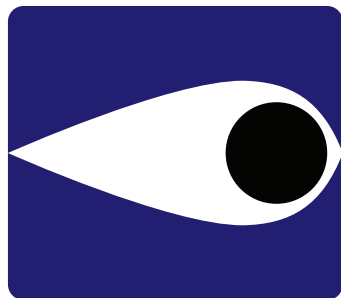
was instrumental in helping me build a sober foundation and gain self-confidence. I then enrolled in the GA (General Assistance) program. GA helped me to attain some income; i.e. food and gas vouchers, along with medical assistance. In addition, the PSI (Project Sustainability Initiative) program provided computer classes, which gave me the opportunity to learn new skills for a new lifestyle. Amazingly, all of these programs are free to Zion residents, and I just mentioned a few!

Today, I am a CREW graduate with 6 months clean and sober. I'm taking a Microsoft SQL Reporting Services Certification course through PSI, and I am working part-time for the Township... the future is getting brighter each day... and it has all been possible because of an Angel and the Zion Township.

Signed,
A Grateful Zion Resident

Neighborhood Watch

The Zion Police Department is encouraging citizen involvement through the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Group in your neighborhood, please contact the City of Zion Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Shantal Taylor at (224) 430-9960 or email at shantal2@comcast.net OR Chief Larry Booth (847) 746-4103. Email larryb@zion.il.us. We can accomplish much more by working together.



Emergency Assistance

The Emergency Assistance (EA) program provides a benefit to Zion Township residents for rent, electricity, natural gas and water. There is no earned income limit, but applicants cannot be receiving money from another cash assistance program; must be able to demonstrate that an emergent situation has occurred; and must present a shut-off or eviction notice verifying the emergency. The maximum benefit for the EA program is \$350 and benefits can be received only once in an 18-month period. Applicants must also complete a three-hour class on "Personal Finances" in order to satisfy the eligibility requirements.

Mrs. Eunice Bridges administers the Emergency Assistance (EA) program at the Township, and is available five days a week at 847-872-2811.

THE CHRISTMAS COOPERATIVE CONTINUES!

Zion Township, in cooperation with Julie Wendorf and the Zion Elementary School District, are once again acting as elves to ensure families in real need are networked with area organizations that are assisting families. If you are a family in need in the Zion community, contact your child's school for an application. If you are an organization and wish to adopt a family or to see if the families you are already serving are receiving duplicated services, contact Eunice Bridges at 847-872-2811.



CREW Anger Management Classes Going Strong!

Statistically, 39% of Americans say they hold anger in or try to hide anger, while 23% confess to having hit someone in anger and 58% of anger episodes include yelling or screaming.

Most people believe that anger is a negative emotion from which no good can come. Many people think that anger should not be expressed and that such feelings are wrong or even sinful.

The CREW program is now offering anger management classes to help identify anger and transform anger into assertiveness, problem solving, conflict resolution and forgiveness. Whether you are court ordered, school ordered, or self-referred we can help. Our course will provide participants with a new perspective on anger and how anger (which is part of the human experience) can be used in a healthy manner.

Learn how to cope with anger in healthy ways through assertiveness, problem solving, restructured thinking, conflict resolution, empathy skills, forgiveness, stress management and more!

- Instructed by a Certified Anger Management Trainer
- Offered to adults and adolescents
- Individual or group settings
- Individual treatment available immediately
- 12, 26 and 52 week programs available
- Cost is approximately \$40 per group setting and \$60 for individual treatment
- Receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of program

For more information contact CREW, Inc. at 847-872-2830.

Red Ribbon Week: Open House @ Pearce Campus and Ribbon Cutting!!

The CREW program will be hosting its annual Red Ribbon Week Open House on October 22nd from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Open House will begin with a Ribbon Cutting to present CREW in its new facility (1632 23rd Street) to the Zion community. CREW is now located at Pearce Campus (the old ZBTHS). This year's theme is "See Me, Be Me, I'm Drug Free!" There will be great food, an opportunity for networking, and our ever-popular chocolate fountain. Like the year before, this event will be a huge success with guests attending from a variety of different organizations, including visitors from: the Department of Justice, Adult and Juvenile Probation, Zion City Hall, Zion area public schools, North Chicago, Zion and Waukegan residents plus community leaders from all over Lake County! We cannot wait to see everyone, and share our excitement at CREW's Red Ribbon Week Open House 2008!



Crew's Substance Abuse Treatment Division

Community Resources for Education and Wellness, Inc. (CREW) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed to provide education, individualized instruction and training for the purpose of developing or improving self-sufficiency. Therefore, it is our mission to provide a comprehensive treatment modality addressing all issues associated with the individual as well as their interactions with family and other social involvement as may be affected by the abuse of alcohol, controlled (legal) or illegal substances or any combination of these.

Directed by Mr. John Rivers, the Substance Abuse Division of the CREW program provides evaluations, substance abuse counseling and education, and DUI risk programs. Level I and II recovery programs, are also offered as well as Intensive Outpatient (IOP) for both Adolescents and Adults. Treatment focuses on education, self-awareness, and relapse prevention skills. CREW also offer DUI services including DUI Evaluations, Risk Education and any recommended treatment. CREW has expanded its services; we are now offering anger management counseling, a new service much needed in the community.

"CREW HAS A NEW LOCATION!"

The CREW Program is now located at 1632 23rd Street Zion, IL (Pearce Campus). You can still contact us at 847-872-2830.

The CREW Program had outgrown its previous Sheridan Road location and is now able to provide even more healthy services. Have you seen our new location? It is spatial, with many windows, comfortable chairs, and brimming with positive energy! We look forward to a future of continuous growth. The CREW program has become well known as its dedicated staff continues to work diligently to provide high quality substance abuse treatment at a low cost to Zion and Benton residents and surrounding areas. Last year we saw an increase in referrals, serving over 400 clients! As the state of Illinois continues to cut inpatient treatment budgets, we will see an increase of clients needing Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOP); so the timing in relocating to a larger facility could not have come at a better time! Check us out!!

Partners Against Alcohol & Drugs

CREW continues to work closely with partners against alcohol and drug abuse. Whether we look to our past for lessons learned or to future possibilities yet to be created, there is one thing that remains ever constant—partnerships. Our part-

ners such as Lake County, the City of North Chicago, City of Waukegan, Illinois Department of Corrections, TASC and Psychological Services Division of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, and Zion Township have ensured that CREW can continue to provide services to Zion and other Lake County residents who otherwise, may not have had the means for getting help.

The core mission of the CREW Substance Abuse Division is to educate individuals, families and communities and to facilitate recovery from alcoholism and other drug dependency. The disease of addiction and its impact: on the individual, families and communities, cannot be overcome unless we do this together.

CREW RANKED AMONG HIGHEST PROGRAM FOR CDBG FUNDING

The CREW program was recognized and awarded funding from Lake County CDBG Public Service funding. The Commission recently released information regarding the rating and ranking of applications. Out of a total possible score of 200 points, the minimum average score necessary for a funding recommendation was 131.50. CREW received an average score of 161.00 points! That means CREW ranked number 2 out of 15! CREW also appreciates receiving funding from the cities of North Chicago and Waukegan.

CORPORATE COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE

CREW will have its 3rd annual Spelling Bee on November 13, 2008. Thanks again to our Corporate Community Spelling Bee Contributors: Sponsors and Officials (especially our



"The CREW program continues to grow and expand services in the Zion area and nearby communities. We feel blessed to be in the heart of such a wonderful community and to be a part of such positive growth".

– John Rivers

Queen Bee sponsor, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and the Coalition for Healthy Communities). This event has raised over \$10,000 to support the education and wellness programs in the Zion and Benton Communities, as well as Reading in Education thru the Lake County News Sun! Our sincerest appreciation to everyone who participated and contributed!



Last year's Spelling Bee winners



Zion Township Website!
Please visit us at
www.ziontownship.org

Looking for a place close to home to get your GED?

GED classes are now available through Project Sustainability Initiative in the evenings at Pearce Campus in Zion. Also available are workforce development, WorkNet resources, and an employment agency. For more information, please call 847-731-9143.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers... Thanks for keepin' us rollin'!

- Mr. Gerald Bakken
- Mr. Stephen Bernardy
- Ms. Flo Cheek
- Ms. Jean Fredrickson
- Ms. Desimonique Gray
- Ms. Evie Hakeem
- Ms. Lois Johnson
- Mr. Raymond Leeper
- Ms. Cissy Moss
- Ms. Patricia Neal
- Ms. Debilyn Owens
- Ms. Genevra Ower
- Ms. Heidi Paschke
- Ms. Kathy Prinz
- Mr. Pete Reinier
- Ms. Myra Rodriguez
- Ms. Virginia Sanchez
- Ms. Jean Scheve
- Mr. Leone Scheve
- Mr. Maiko Shaw
- Mr. Joe Smith
- Mr. Dwayne Stephens
- Ms. Bella Stephens
- Ms. Jean Tews
- Mr. Dave Williams
- Ms. Bonnie Wolf
- Mr. Freddie Roberts
- Ms. Mariliyn Scheck
- Mr. Pavel Dimitrov



Community Directory

A community directory of resources has been created by the Coalition for Healthy Communities and is now available (free for Zion residents). A special thanks to Midwestern Regional Medical Center and Mr. Neal Tucker for designing the cover, Dwayne Stephens for printing the directory, and Zion Township staff for Spanish translations. Please stop by Zion Township to pick up your copy.

Authorized Passport Agents

Zion Township offers passport services Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., **by appointment only**. You must bring a valid photo identifications, a certified birth certificate or evidence of U.S. Citizenship, and two 2 x 2 pictures to your appointment. Cost for age 16 and over is \$97 and under age 16 is \$82. Call 847-872-2811 to schedule an appointment. Check or money order only please!



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OPEN HOUSE @ Pearce Campus

Come visit: CREW's new location, other Community Resource Agencies, and kick off...

RED RIBBON WEEK

Ask Me. See Me. Be Me. I'm DRUG FREE!
Wednesday October 22 from 6-8pm

Please join us at **PEARCE CAMPUS**
1634 23RD St. Zion, IL – ZBTHS

Many community resource agencies will be open and available to answer questions and serve you!!



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Zion Township	847-872-2811
CREW, Inc.	847-872-2830
Assessor	847-872-5031
City/Town Clerk	847-746-4014
City of Zion	847-746-4000
Police	847-872-4505
Fire Dept.	847-746-4036
Street Dept.	847-746-4050
Bldg/Zoning	847-746-4016
Water Dept.	847-746-4060
Zion Post Office	847-872-5412
Benton Township	847-746-2100
Zion Park District	847-746-5500
PACE Dial-A-Ride	800-201-6446
Lake County:	
Health Dept.	847-377-8170
Housing Auth.	847-223-1170
Zion Cemetery Plot Info	
(Judy Mackey)	847-746-4014
Catholic Charities	847-782-4000
Sheridan Health & Reh.	847-746-8435
Community Action CAP	847-249-4330
Love INC	847-731-0526

Town Board Meeting Dates

- Oct. 21, 2008
- Nov. 18, 2008
- Dec. 16, 2008
- Jan. 20, 2009

Meetings are held at
Zion City Hall Chambers at 6:30 p.m.