

## Zion Township Updates 7/16/2013

*“Compassionately challenging Zion residents to overcome hardships and encourage positive life changes.”*

- Monthly Report Attached.
- Visited Bethesda Village on June 19<sup>th</sup> and had a very productive meeting. 3 walkers were delivered that had been donated by the VA thru Pete Zappa, Farmers Market Coupons were distributed and the Summer Work Program was lined up to help weed their garden.
- Vista Medical Center ribbon cutting – very impressive office and presence in the community.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities’ Zion Benton Leadership Academy application period is closed for the 2013 session. We will be announcing the participants in August.
- There is a Latino Survey being distributed in the community by the Coalition for Healthy Communities to determine how to best bridge the cultural gap. The results of that survey will be presented in September.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities Caddie Classic is on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Summer Work Program is coming to a close. The awards dinner is scheduled for Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Best Western Hotel. All trustees are invited to attend. Please RSVP asap.
- Visiting Zion Senior Cottages on August 6<sup>th</sup> at noon and Carmel House on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed. It takes 45 minutes one day a week between 10-11am. There will be a training on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am for new volunteers.
- A new Caregivers Support Group has formed, thanks to Daryl Albert. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26 from 6-7pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Additionally, Family Services received a grant to provide geriatric counseling for Zion, Waukegan and North Chicago. They will be providing individual counseling to caregivers as well as grandparents raising grandchildren, support groups for both and also have a fund for incidentals to support their clients. They are currently hiring for the position. The ad is at [www.NPO.net](http://www.NPO.net), resumes and cover letters can be sent to [dhege@fsslc.org](mailto:dhege@fsslc.org).
- I will be attending the State of Illinois PBIS (Positive Behavior in Schools) conference July 31 – August 1. There are a number of us attending from the Lake County Afterschool Coalition to see how community can support schools in the initiatives to end bullying in our communities.
- The ZB Run Squad’s Bee Linked Run is THIS Saturday! Proceeds go to the ZBTHS Cross Country Team. Info is at [www.zbrun.org](http://www.zbrun.org).
- Congratulations to the Zee Bee NJROTC Rifle Team for winning the National Championship
- There is a letter being sent to some seniors in our community. The facts in regards to this misinformation can be found on Zion Township’s website or we can mail you a copy, if you call Zion Township.
- In regards to the lawsuit that has been discussed in the news, stating that I was not bonded, be reassured that I have always been bonded. There was a clerical error, even though I fulfilled my obligation to have my bond purchased.
- It has been presented at the last two board meetings that we pass an ordinance over-riding the state law that states Townships can not disperse funds to those who have a Class X or Class 1 felony for drugs. I confirmed with Mark Meyers of Thornton Township and Ana Albarran of Waukegan Township and neither do they. I spoke with the other township supervisors to see if it is a law they would be willing to support changing and they said no. That said, I would hope that it is fully understood that Zion Township is not exercising “a legal form of discrimination against a sizeable portion of the community”, as quoted by the presenter, but following State and Federal law.

