

Township Updates 8/20/2013

"Compassionately challenging Zion residents to overcome hardships and encourage positive life changes."

- Monthly Report Attached.
- Based on my visit to Bethesda Village on June 19th we (the City, Township and Park District) have established a Trolley route for the Senior Buildings in Zion. We worked out the kinks on August 15th and will run the route again on September 19th. Seniors interested in taking the trolley to the farmers market from the senior buildings should call the Zion Park District at 847-746-5500.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities' Zion Benton Leadership Academy Participants have been selected! More information will follow next month.
- There is a Latino Survey being distributed in the community by the Coalition for Healthy Communities Community Partnerships Task Force to determine how to best bridge the cultural gap. The results of that survey will be presented in September.
- I am visiting Zion Senior Cottages on September 3rd at noon and Carmel House on September 4th at 8am. Board members are invited.
- A new Caregivers Support Group has formed, thanks to Daryl Albert. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26th 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 in the final stages of hiring the staff.
- Fill the Bus Event on Saturday, August 24th at Walmart, flyer attached.
- We held a Meals on Wheels Volunteer Training on July 25th and are happy to announce we have an entire route covered, 5 days a week by the Queen Bees of Zion Red Hat Society, starting very shortly.
- The next Zee Bee Run Squad race is on Saturday, August 31st. Thanks to Fireman Alan Eppers, the course is now certified, which means that the runs will be advertised on the top running websites. It was a lot of work so thanks to Alan for that!
- Taxing Body Meeting update. Two representatives from each taxing body in Zion met and listed their top 3 issues. We will be discussing next steps on September 11th.
- The insurance estimate came in and the rates will be the same as last year. He is working on getting a decrease thru resubmitting our applications.