

Township Updates 11/19/2013

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

- Monthly Report Attached.
- We are delivering Thanksgiving Food Boxes to seniors on Tuesday, November 26th. At 10am ZBTHSer's will be delivering to the Senior Buildings and at 6pm, volunteers from Trinity Christian Center, organized by Richard Schimenti, will meet at Christian Assembly of God to deliver to senior homes. Seniors over the age of 65 please call Zion Township to sign up.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities' Zion Benton Leadership Academy Participants have graduated! There is a second year program being added where they attend local board meetings and report on them, as well as doing a presentation, among other assignments, so you will be seeing them and hearing more in the future.
- I am visiting Zion Senior Cottages on December 3rd at noon and Carmel House on December 4th at 8am. Board members are invited.
- The next Zee Bee Run Squad race is the Reindeer Run on Wednesday, December 4th to support Zion ESDA. Packet pickup, as well as a fundraiser for Zion ESDA will be on Monday, December 2nd from 5-8pm at Culvers.
- Super Senior Program was held at the Zion-Benton Public Library on October 22nd. 18 seniors participated in the Rules of the Road Class and many others were assisted by Secretary of State staff.
- I am working with the Zion Elementary District Youth Leadership Team to create a PBIS video on Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Kindness. The youth are being trained by students at Grayslake North High School, coordinated by their instructor, Chris Kubic, who is also a Zion resident. Thanks to all those who were willing to do a clip for the video.
- A meeting was held with the city departments to create an emergency plan for when emergency housing is needed. I visited all 5 hotels/motels in Zion and was very impressed by how well the motels are kept up. We will be putting together a policy and procedure and will share it next month.
- I attended Township Officials of Illinois Conference 11/10-11/12/13.
- The Queen Bees of Zion Red Hat Society won the best cheerleading team at the Coalition's Corporate Community Spelling Bee. The Zion Benton Public Library won a battle against Zion-Benton Township High School to bring home the trophy.
- We will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving.
- Zion Township is once again partnering with the Zion Schools and Santa for the Very Poor, renamed by my team as Santa VP and Julie Wendorf to provide Christmas for 80 families in our community. Families are referred by the school district social workers and are encouraged to be involved in their child's education in order to be selected.
- A Safe Place will be holding a Summit on Friday, December 6th at 10am at their Zion location and encourage all trustees to attend.
- State Representative JoAnn Osmond held an information session at Barton Senior Residence last Friday that was very informative on senior issues.