

## Zion Township Updates 2/17/15

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

Zion Township is a people-centered local government agency that coordinates area resources and offers a variety of assistance programs to give our residents options to address their critical situations.

- Monthly Report for January is attached.
- Thanks to Zion Officer Jenna Medaro, as well as Zion Central Middle School staff Jennifer Young and Jennifer McDonough, return dancers from ZBTHS and Jennessa Lystlund’s North Shore Elite Cheer Program for representing so well at the One Billion Rising event performing Break the Chain.
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services are available for one-on-one consultation at Zion Township each Thursday. To make an appointment, call 815-338-5757.
- Community of Character has key events coming up! Businesses, organizations, government agencies and churches that are interested in becoming an Organization of Character, call Jan Suthard at Benton Township (847-746-2100) to RSVP to be a part of this incredible initiative. Those interested in being a part of Community Outreach, the next meeting is at the Zion-Benton Public Library on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Month Program – Training Our Youth to Become Good Leaders, is Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am til 2pm at ZBTHS Horizon Campus – South Cafeteria. This is a free event for the entire family and is open to the community. Lunch will be served following the program. Please invite your family, friends, and church members to join us in celebrating Black History Month and the Community of Character!
- The Recovery Center, located across the street from Zion Township has opened. The Lake County Health Department Behavior Services is providing the Williams Consent Decree program, which enables qualifying individuals with mental illness or recovering from substance abuse addiction, professional support to live independently.
- Summer Youth Employment Program 2015 – Due to the extreme budget cuts at Zion Township, the only youth that will be employed in the Summer Program will be youth hired through the Lake County Job Center. Youth ages 14 to 18 by April 15<sup>th</sup> OR age 14 to 22 with an IEP, attending middle school or high school and who received free or reduced lunch OR meet low income guidelines may apply, with 14 and 15 year olds who live in Zion being placed at Zion Township. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. You can pick up an application at Zion Township or at 1 N Genesee St., Waukegan. You can also apply on line thru February 28<sup>th</sup> at [www.lakecountyjobcenter.com](http://www.lakecountyjobcenter.com). Applications will be randomly selected by a computer program.
- Zion-Benton Leadership Academy applications are available at [www.zbchc.com](http://www.zbchc.com)!
- The Annual Town Meeting is on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.