

Zion Township Updates 12/15/15

“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 attached.
- Supervisor Cheri Neal and Assistant Supervisor Gail GlouDEMANS attended training in Dallas, Texas in December to become practitioners on The Empowerment Dynamic, based on David Emerald's book, The Power of TED, a program that has proven significant success with township clients. The Charmm'd Foundation awarded Zion Township a grant to pay 50% of the costs. More information will be available on opportunities to support other areas of the community with this information in February.
- Special thanks to the students of Ms. Pickering of Beach Park Middle School. A stack of letters were delivered to Zion Township offering thanks for the character banners around the community, which included what each of the student's favorite character trait is, as well as what they need to work on.
- ZB Community of Character is looking for nominations for people who are caught living out the character traits of respect, perseverance, responsibility, safety, integrity and kindness. Send nominations to zbcharacterclub@gmail.com.
- Thursday, December 17th is the Elf Network Dinner, hosted by Christ Community Church. Township Trustee/Pastor Mike McDowell escorted the CCC youth group to help pack the gifts on Saturday, December 12th in Chicago. Gifts, food and gift cards for Jewel were all donated by Santa's Volunteers, formerly known as Santa for the Very Poor. Additionally, Zion Township, provided appointments with each family to assist with a variety of needs, Love INC provided a clothing distribution event working with Lake County churches hosted at Grace Missionary Church. Zion area schools provided the referral to the program. Kiwanis and Bernies Books also are donating to the families, serving 50 families this year. Additionally, The ZB Moose Lodge adopted 25 families and is providing food and gifts.
- Zion Township will be offering walk in appointments for LIHEAP on Tuesday, January 5th from 12:45-3:45pm. Call to find out what documents to bring in. 77 LIHEAP applications have been processed this month, bringing in nearly \$30,000 in support to Zion families.
- ZB Guides can be found in most businesses, including Dairy Queen, Hair Illusions, Walgreens, the Zion Park District and Zion Township. It a community calendar listing key dates. If you have an event taking place within the Zion, Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park communities that you would like to have included, contact Chris Szymanski at Chris@goflo.com.
- Top Box will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, December 16th from 12:30-2:30pm. A Christmas Box, including a ham and all the fixings is for sale for \$18.
- Supervisor Neal joined the Youth Leadership Team, students from each of the student councils in Zion District 6 as well as New Tech High, at Feed My Starving Children on December 9th for a community service project. Kudos to the youth who represented the Zion community.
- Zion Township will be closed on Wednesday, December 16th from 11:30am til 1pm, December 24th and 25th, as well as December 31st and January 1st. The entire staff will be off for both weeks, leaving Supervisor Neal running the office. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.