

Township Updates 7/19/16

“Empowering the Zion community
through Leadership, Advocacy and Resources.”

- Monthly Report Attached.
- **SheCora Keys** has been hired as Zion Township’s Business Manager. She resides in Zion and comes from the Veteran’s Administration Office.
- In regards to **Zion Township’s Summer Work Program**, of the 34 youth that were hired through the Job Center of Lake County and placed at Zion Township, all 34 are still in the program. We volunteered at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville on July 6th assisting in packing 129 boxes of food, being sent to Thailand. Any seniors who need help with projects that do not require power equipment, please contact the township. The awards dinner will take place on Friday, July 29th at 5pm at the Zion Park District Shiloh Center. We are excited to have Zion’s own Calvin King presenting *Be a Buddy, Not a Bully*, to participants and their parents.
- The Zion Township Team assisted 224 Zion Households with accessing **The LIHEAP Energy Assistance program** from November through May, with \$74,166 in funds assisting these families. Zion Township appreciates the relationship with Community Action Partnership to be able to process their applications.
- **CAP** has also created a Financial Literacy Program with Gregorio Resendiz, who previously worked for Consumer Credit Counseling Services of McHenry, providing counseling at our office. We are excited to be partnering with CAP to assist residents.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, August 10th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- The **Zion-Benton Leadership Academy** interviews took place last week for the 2016 Class. Once again, there were incredible applicants. We are looking forward to another group of leaders being inducted into the community in November.
- **The Community of Character Walk** will be held on Thursday, September 15th – mark your calendar!
- This year’s **Super Senior Program** with the Secretary of State will be held on October 20th at the Zion-Benton Public Library, providing a Rules of the Road Class as well as other services normally offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- If you have an event taking place within the Zion, Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park communities that you would like to have included in the monthly ZB Guide, contact Chris Szymanski at Chris@goflo.com.
- **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.
- **Mano a Mano** is located in Zion offering immigration legal services (citizenship, DACA, green card renewals, TPS) and health case management (assistance with Medicaid, All Kids, SNAP, Child support, and temporary drivers licenses) The services are available in English and Spanish. Hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 5pm by appointment only. Call: 847-201-1521 and request an appointment for the Zion office.
- **Supervisor Cheri Neal** will be out of the office from Wednesday, July 20 through Wednesday, July 27th.