



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Cheri L. Neal - Supervisor

Zion Township Updates 10/18/16

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

- **Monthly Report** attached.
- **Harris Policy Labs** Update: Items requested from the City of Zion, Benton Township and Zion Township. Zion Township has turned in all items except the IMRF report still waiting on. Benton Township and the City of Zion are working on requested items. A Timeline is attached.
- The Zion Township Team has processed **122 LIHEAP applications** on behalf of **Community Action Partnership**, from September 1st through October 12th bringing \$30,755 in assistance to seniors, disabled and those with children under the age of 5. Supervisor Neal and Case Manager Adriana Ortiz visited Zion Senior Cottages, Bethesda Village and Carmel House to assist seniors with processing their applications. Walk in appointments are available at Zion Township each Wednesday from 2-4pm for application processing. Call Sandra at Zion Township for any questions.
- Supervisor Neal and Business Manager SheCora Keys visited Barton Senior Residence and registered 27 seniors to vote.
- The Zion Township Supervisor’s Office will be closed the morning of Thursday, October 27th as the ZT Team will be attending a **Charm’d Foundation** training.
- The next Zion Township **Human Services Committee** will meet on Tuesday, November 1st from 2:30-4pm.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, November 9th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- The **Zion-Benton Leadership Academy** Class of 2016 graduation will take place on Sunday, November 6th at 3pm at Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course. For more information, go to www.zbla.info.
- The **Illinois Secretary of State Super Senior Program** was held today, October 18th 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. Zion Township is grateful for the partnerships to provide this service.
- The **Elf Network** is underway. School social workers from Districts 1, 6 and 126 fax applications for families from Zion to Zion Township. Case Manager Adriana Ortiz meets with each applicant to assist them with barriers in their life, The Santa’s Helpers organization provides gifts and food baskets at a dinner held by Christ Community Church who also help do the packing in Chicago. Additionally, Gregorio Resendiz from Community Action Partnership holds “How to Take Control of Your Finances” classes for all recipients. Love INC provides coats and gloves where necessary. For families in need, send them to their school social worker.
- The **Corporate Community Spelling Bee** supporting the Coalition for Healthy Communities will be on Thursday, November 3rd at North Point Church beginning at 7pm. Teams are still being accepted! Information is available at www.zbchc.com.
- Supervisor Cheri Neal will be providing a training for **The Alliance for Human Services of Lake County** on Friday, November 4th entitled, *The Empowerment Dynamic*. This training will be for social service agency front line workers from across Lake County. Information is available at www.allianceforhs.com.
- 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** offers 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 requesting an appointment for the Zion office.

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Proposed Timeline:

Objective: To assess the fiscal impact of consolidating Zion township under four different scenarios, including the tax revenues and level of service provision under each.

Plan:

- 1) We will shoot to meet again the last week of October to give you a report and presentation of our initial findings, which will be submitted to you at least 24 hours ahead of time, or according to your preference. This initial assessment will consist of an analysis of the logistical changes needed to fulfill each of the four scenarios, including potential areas for cost-savings. We will also attempt to completely quantify the monetary costs and benefits of a single scenario.
- 2) At an undetermined time, we will meet with or conduct a call with Zion and Benton Township and/or City staff, possibly including, but not limited to, the Township Supervisors, Assessors, and/or Mayor.
- 3) We will have our final product and presentation to you by the last week in November or first week in December. This will include a quantification of the costs and benefits of all scenarios, as well as a detailing of the legal steps necessary to implement each one.

Please let me know if you would like any clarifications or would like to make any additions to this plan.

Further, you now have all of our email information. Feel free to contact me via email or phone (636) 541-3034 with any concerns as this project goes forward.

Best,
Corey Husak