



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Cheri L. Neal - Supervisor

Zion Township Updates 11/15/16

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

- **Monthly Report** attached.
- Zion Township has an opening for a Business Manager. Please send a resume and cover letter to Zion Township, attention Supervisor Cheri Neal.
- Supervisor Neal attended the State Township Officials of Illinois Conference in Springfield November 13-15th.
- **Harris Policy Labs** is visiting Zion on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Final report to be presented on Friday, December 2nd, 2016 at a location to be determined.
- The Zion Township Team has processed **194 LIHEAP applications** on behalf of **Community Action Partnership**, from September 1st through November 9th; bringing \$46,069 in resources for our residents. Walk in appointments are available at Zion Township each Wednesday from 2-4pm for application processing. Call Sandra at Zion Township for any questions.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, November 16th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- Congratulations to the **Zion-Benton Leadership Academy** Class of 2016, including Darci Green, Noelle Harris, Jacqueline Holmes, Jay LaBelle Annie Love, Claudia Mancera, Andrea McKnight, Rosa Ochoa, Jennifer Smith, Michelle Villarreal, Joy Washington, Shawn White and Steven Wold. Thanks to all the mentors. Special thanks Colette Davis and Jiquanda Smith for chairing ZBLA and to Richard Frierson for his hard work on the curriculum. An inaugural ZBLA Gala will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. Tickets are available at Zion Township. The committee is also launching Junior ZBLA in February. For more information, go to www.zbla.info.
- The **Elf Network** is underway. 50 families have been identified by school social workers from Districts 1, 6 and 126. 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.
- Congratulations to Congdon's Funeral Home for winning the 2016 **Corporate Community Spelling Bee** supporting the Coalition for Healthy Communities.
- 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.
- Help make the **Zinnia the Zion flower** by signing the online petition at <https://www.change.org/p/city-of-zion-help-make-the-zinnia-the-official-flower-of-zion>.