



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Zion Township Updates 12/20/16

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

- **Monthly Report** attached.
- Zion Township has an opening for a Business Manager. Inquiries, contact Supervisor Cheri Neal at Cheri@ziontownship.org.
- Zion Township will be closed on Friday, January 20th for a staff retreat.
- **The Town Board will be holding a special meeting on Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm for Harris Policy Labs** to present their findings from the study they completed. All are welcome to attend.
- **LIHEAP application processing will resume on Wednesday, January 11th**. Walk in appointments are available at Zion Township each Wednesday from 2-4pm. Call Sandra at Zion Township for any questions.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, January 13th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- The **Elf Network** is completed for 2016! 50 families (156 children) were identified by school social workers from Districts 1, 6 and 126. ZT Case Manager Adriana Ortiz met with each family to assist them with barriers in their life. The Santa’s Helpers organization provided gifts and food baskets which were distributed at a dinner held by Christ Community Church, overseen by Pastor Mike McDowell and his wife, Donna. The CCC youth group helped with the toy packing in Chicago. Zion-Benton Kiwanis provided gifts, as did Women Enuff, Inc. Twice as Nice provided diapers and clothing for infants. Additionally, Gregorio Resendiz from Community Action Partnership held “How to Take Control of Your Finances” classes for all recipients. Love INC provided coats where necessary.

Zion Township will be implementing a new process in 2017. A monthly newsletter will share the changes. Make sure to opt in to the newsletter via www.ZionTownship.org in January, 2017 for information on this program and others.

- For Christmas, the **Zion-Benton Moose Lodge** delivered food baskets for 15 families.
- **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!>