



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Cheri L. Neal - Supervisor

Zion Township Updates 2/21/17

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

- **Monthly Report** and **Annual Reports** attached.
- Zion Township has hired a new business manager. Brittany Doxie is a Zion resident and ZBLA graduate. She was hired on January 20, 2017.
- **Junior Zion-Benton Leadership Academy** kicked off last Saturday. Ten youth ages 14-18 years old living in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor or Zion have been chosen. They have committed to attending four Saturday leadership trainings. This program was created by ZBLA graduates.
- **LIHEAP application processing** -- Walk in sessions 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, March 15th from 12:30-2:00pm.
- **Zion Township will be hosting an Open House** on Saturday, March 18th from 9am til noon and Monday, March 20th from 4-6pm to provide residents the opportunity to learn about the programs and services offered, and meet the ZT team. Free Zinnia seeds will be given out to all who attend!
- **Zion-Benton Township High School** has announced that they will be closing Pearce Campus in August of 2018. Zion Township met with some of the non-profit agency tenants to discuss possible relocation sites.
- **The Job Center of Lake County** is taking applications for summer positions for those ages 14 to 18 (or 22 for those with an IEP). You must be attending middle or high school and receive free or reduced lunch OR meet low income guidelines to qualify for the program. 35 youth ages 14 and 15 will be chosen from these applicants to work at Zion Township. Complete an application at www.lakecountyjobcenter.com. The deadline is Tuesday, February 28th at 5pm.
- The ZT Team met with representatives from the schools and My Father’s Business to share information about the **Summer Work Program** and to work together to get the information out to their students.
- Supervisor Cheri Neal will be out of the office from Thursday, February 23 through February 28.
- Supervisor Cheri Neal will be accompanying the Zion Youth Leadership Team to **We Day** (www.weday.org) on March 1. This event honors kids who make a difference in their communities. Tickets cannot be purchased, only earned. Congratulations to these youth!
- Supervisor Neal and Case Manager Adriana will be attending the GATI training in Rockford on March 2.
- The **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** will be on Saturday, March 11th at Zion-Benton Township High School.
- The **15th Annual Senior Resource Day**, in conjunction with Benton Township, the Zion Park District and The Grove at the Lake will be held on Wednesday, April 19th from 8:30am til noon at the Zion Park District Sports Arena. Register by calling Zion Township.
- **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.