



# ZION TOWNSHIP

LEADERSHIP • ADVOCACY • RESOURCES

Cheri L. Neal - Supervisor

## Township Updates 4/18/17

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

- **Monthly Report** attached.
  - **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, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00pm at Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave., Zion (note time change from previous months).
  - The Zion Park District hosts a **Senior Food Pantry** every Tuesday from 1-2pm at the Shiloh Center.
  - The **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Resource Day**, in conjunction with Benton Township, the Zion Park District and The Grove at the Lake will be held TOMORROW, Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am til noon at the Zion Park District Sports Arena. Register by calling Zion Township.
  - **Summer Work Program** update: Lake County Workforce Development staff visited Zion Township on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to process applications for workers. At that time, Township staff met with parents to discuss the details of the program. A very successful day.
  - **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.
- Small Business Support Collaborative Conversation** was held via the Coalition for Healthy Communities. Attendees included Cheri Neal and Adriana Ortiz-Zion Township, Carol Dolin and Nick Hyten – ZB Public Library, Marilyn Krieger – Zion Park District and Coalition VP, Rich Walker – Lakeshore Area Chamber of Commerce, Linda Sandoval – ex-chair Community Partnerships, Frank Brisbois and Nicole Massey-Pratt – Illinois Small Business Development, Sonolito Bronson – VP Lakeshore Chamber and Benton Township Clerk. The group agreed that for those interested in starting a small business or expanding, they are to be sent to Sonolito Bronson at Zion City Hall. The ZB Public Library will work with the LC Small Business Development Center and Sonolito to provide programming on how to start a business. The Lakeshore Chamber will consider hosting a luncheon to support those who have home businesses and are interested in expanding.
- The **ZT Team** is working on a strategic plan, which will be shared at the next board meeting.
  - **Swarm It Forward** – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Community-wide volunteer event.  
[www.swarmitforward.weebly.com](http://www.swarmitforward.weebly.com)
  - The **Zion-Benton Senior Prom** is now a Spring Fling! May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. Tickets available at the Zion Park District.
  - **Supervisor Neal** will be out of town from Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Additional allegations** have lodged against Supervisor Neal since the last board meeting. Here are the facts:
    - In regards to Zion Township paying the cell phone bills of Cheri’s daughter, on every single expense report, Cheri paid the exact amount that was billed from AT&T.
    - Cheri has been bonded since 2001. All bonds are currently in a file in the Clerk’s office. The issue that was brought up was not whether she was bonded, but where the bonds were kept. At the time, the bonds were not in a file in the clerk’s office per state statute. They are now.

# Senior Resource Day

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Zion Township, Benton Township,  
Zion Park District & The Grove at the Lake

## April 19, 2017

Zion Park District Sports Arena – 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Registration & Donuts**

Join us for free coffee, donuts and music by Rockin Rollie!

**9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### **Agency Presentations**

Review 2017 Senior Resource Guide and hear short presentations from local agencies

**9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

### **Visit Resource Booths**

Visit booths of many local agencies. Ask any questions you may have about their services.

**11:00 a.m. – Noon**

### **Lunch**

Provided by the Grove at the Lake.  
Music selections by Rockin Rollie & Alana Longworth

**11:30 a.m.**

### **Prize Raffle – must be present to win!**

Raffle tickets are entered during morning registration for a chance to win fabulous prizes donated by agencies. Spotlight raffle prize item: A NEW FLAT SCREEN TV! Generously donated by The Grove at the Lake.

