



ZION TOWNSHIP

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Zion Township Updates 5/16/17

“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 through May 31st. Call Sandra at Zion Township for any questions.
- Zion Township partnered with **Partnership for a Safer Lake County and the Lake County Community Foundation** to host two **On The Table** events in the community with youth from Zion Central Middle School and Citizens United for a Better Zion. More information next month.
- **Top Box** will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, May 17th from 1:30-3:00pm at Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave., Zion (note time change from previous months).
- **Congressman Brad Schneider and Senator Melinda Bush will have staff providing** office hours at Zion Township the second Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.
- The Zion Park District hosts a **Senior Food Pantry** every Tuesday from 1-2pm at the Shiloh Center.
- The **15th Annual Senior Resource Day**, in conjunction with Benton Township, the Zion Park District and The Grove at the Lake was a huge success. 205 seniors attended with 41 vendors. Senior Resource Guides are available at Zion Township which include information on all agencies who attended the event.
- **Summer Work Program** update: All youth were interviewed and the team was extremely impressed with the caliber of participants this year. The program will run from Monday, June 19th through Friday, July 28th.
- **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.
- Zion Township met with the **Lake County Housing Authority Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) Team** and identified a number of ways to collaborate. On Friday, May 19th, Zion Township will be hosting Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program, providing training support for those who are unemployed for the SSP Participants.
- The **ZT Team** has been working on a plan for 2017-2018 and beyond. Below are the items we will be focusing on, beyond our day to day operations:
 - Marketing: Revamping website to include applications for General Assistance and Emergency Assistance; redesigning and creating new brochures in English and Spanish; schedule outreach presentations to educate groups; annual open house; get signage on Sheridan Rd
 - Maximize space at Zion Township by:
 - providing space for agencies to offer services, ie: Congressman Brad Schneider and Senator Melinda Bush.
 - Collaborating to bring resources to the community for those interested in starting small businesses.
 - Host workshops at Zion Township addressing various issues and needs
 - Research bringing in interns for various duties
- **Township Officials of Illinois Newly Elected and Returning Township Officials Boot Camp** – FLYER – It is requested that we attend this event as a board. Information attached.
- **Thanks to Zion-Benton Township High School Healthy YOUth and the Swarm It Forward event** held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The youth laid down mulch at Zion Township.