

# Zion Township

## Updates – 11/21/17

### UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached
- LIHEAP: Officially began on October 1, 2017. The Zion Township Team has processed 153 applications since then and takes walk-in appointments each Tuesday from 1-3pm.
- The Elf Network has officially kicked off. Any family in need of assistance over the Christmas Holiday, pick up an Elf Network Participation Card. Complete the opportunities listed and turn in the card to Zion Township. The first 50 cards turned in will be included in the Elf Network program, which includes gifts and food from Santa's Helpers, clothing from Love INC, and a wonderful dinner at Christ Community Church.
- The 2017 Jr. Zion-Benton Leadership Academy is still accepting applications for 14-18 yr olds at [www.zbla.info](http://www.zbla.info).
- Supervisor Cheri Neal met with the Zion Queens to discuss their platforms and how the community can support them with their goals. It was a very productive meeting with much enthusiasm. More will be shared at a later date. Additionally, congratulations to both Zion Teen Miss Jennessa Lincke and Junior Miss Sierra Lincke for winning Teen Miss Lake County and Junior Miss Lake County. Way to represent Zion, ladies!!!
- Zion Township would like to honor Oachi Galiger for being the one to plant the seed that sprouted the Queen Bees of Zion Red Hat Society and Katrina Wiltse for planting the seed that sprouted the District 6 Youth Leadership Team. Also, Supervisor Neal recognizes the members of the District 6 2016-17 Youth Leadership Team with a medal for each of the participants.
- Supervisor Neal met with the Stonebridge Homeowners Association and shared information on how the township is available for assistance.
- Thanks to Kathy Breen from Oak Street Health for her assistance at Zion Township. Oak Street is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

### BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Zion Township will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov 23 and 24; Christmas on Dec 25 and 26; New Years on Jan 1 and 2; and the Staff Retreat on January 17
- Supervisor Neal attended the TOI conference in Springfield and will be sharing key takeaways at the December meeting.
- Vehicle Use Policy and Disposal of Property Policy were created for review and approval.
- Truth in Taxation Resolution is being submitted at the highest amount due to time constraints. A more accurate levy submission will be shared for the public hearing.
- We are having issues with our past health insurance carrier paying on old claims and looking for board's approval to work with our attorney moving forward.
- State Representative Sheri Jesiel will have office hours at Zion Township the first Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### COMMUNITY – KEY RESOURCES

- ❖ **Abiding Love Food Pantry**  
Each Wednesday from 10am til 1pm at Christian Assembly of God Church, 2929 Bethel Blvd, Zion (Closed 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)
- ❖ **Zion Park District: Senior Food Pantry**  
Tuesday's from 1 – 2 pm Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave., Zion for ALL seniors
- ❖ **Mano a Mano**  
Immigration legal services (citizenship, DACA, green cards renewals, TPS), Health Case Management (assistance with Medicaid, All Kids, SNAP, child support, and temporary driver's licenses). Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm by appointment only for the Zion office 847-201-1521
- ❖ **PADS Lake County**  
Night shelters are now open. Call 847-689-4357, extension #2 for additional information. A listing of the shelter site locations is available at [www.padslakecounty.org](http://www.padslakecounty.org).

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