

Zion Township Updates – 3/20/2018

UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached
- LIHEAP: In 2017, the Zion Township team assisted 380 residents in receiving Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds totaling \$125,343. This is up from 2016 when we assisted 322 residents and brought in \$118,261.
- The Community Building Contest is launching, working with New Tech interns Ronnell Pipes, Chris Castellanos and Amir Montgomery. They will be presenting at the City Council Meeting on 3/20/18. It is the request of Supervisor Neal that the board endorse Zion Township being the sponsor of this event and allocating \$1,000 for marking and promotion, seeking out partnerships with other taxing bodies, the Coalition for Healthy Communities and a Safer Lake County.
- Zinnias for Zion is in full bloom! Three seed companies have donated seeds to distribute: Joyful Butterfly, Applewood Seed Co and Ball Horticultural Company. Cooke Magnet School in Waukegan will be growing 20 flats for us; 223 flats have been pre-ordered with Cancer Treatment Centers and the Zion School Dist 6 ordering from another vendor. It is the desire of Supervisor Neal that Zion Township be the ‘sponsor’ of this initiative, allocating \$1,000 for marking and promotion.
- Senior Resource Day will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 8:30-noon at the Zion Park District. Partners include the Zion Park District, Benton Township, The Grove at the Lake and Oak Street Health.
- With the approval of the Township board, we have the opportunity to become a Passport Agency, with a target date of May 1, 2018.
- Three key strategic meetings were held this month with A Safe Place for Help, the Zion Park District and District 6 Administration to discuss collaborative work.
- Nextdoor.com is one step closer to being a comprehensive communication tool for our community. Stay tuned!

BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Appreciate assistance from Trustee McDowell on determining best approach for security cameras and assistance from Trustee Fischer with computer security audit, with a target decision to be made at the April board meeting.
- Discussion on choosing Township Attorney for next fiscal year.
- It is the request of Supervisor Neal to attend the Kellogg Marketing and Communications Program via The Lake County Alliance for Human Services.
- Budget reviewed and prepared to present for approval.
- Employee Manual will be presented at April Meeting for recommended changes per consultant Rex Jones.
- Zion Township will be closed for the holiday on Friday, March 30, 2018 and until noon on April 18th for the Senior Resource Day. All trustees are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY – KEY RESOURCES

- ❖ **Abiding Love Food Pantry**
Each Wednesday from 10am til 1pm at Christian Assembly of God Church, 2929 Bethel Blvd, Zion (Closed 5th 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.