

Zion Township

Updates – 06/19/18

Mission: At Zion Township, we create leaders by advocating for residents, working to connect them with resources, services and solutions.

UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached
- LIHEAP ended on 5/29/18. Report next month as to the funding accessed for Zion residents via Zion Township
- Zinnia seeds are still available to anyone who wants to plant them. A committee headed up by Roger Whitmore is being formed to judge Zion locations for the best Zinnia display. Three prizes will be awarded.
- Nextdoor.com is staged to be a comprehensive communication tool for our community. Sign up TODAY!
- Summer Work Program is set to launch 6/18/18! 33 youth hired with 28 on crews with 4 mentors: MacArthur White, Rod Henry, Darnell Rios and Keayon Senter.
 - Received a grant for a reading program with Deb Will and ZBTHS and the American Library Association to read 3 books: Ms. Marvel, March and The Hate U Give.
 - Poverty Awareness Day will include volunteering at Abiding Love Food Pantry and Feed My Starving Children, as well as lunch at Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest with Sedrick Newbern inspiring the youth with it's Your Choice. They will also see a clip of a foreign film with an invite from Gorton to return in November for the series. Additionally, Ayesha Quraishi will share her story from Lake Forest College.
 - Calvin King III will be assisting in creating a promotional video on the Summer Work Program in mid-July.
 - The graduation celebration will be held on Friday, July 27th at 5pm. All board members are encouraged to attend.
- Zion Township is processing Passports on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call for an appointment. We also have Notary, faxing and voter registrar services available.
- Please promote Zion Together: Love Thy Neighbor competition. More information can be found at www.ZionTogether.com. Thanks to Wintrust Community Bank for their \$250 donation to the program, as well as \$250 for the Love Thy Neighbor Conversations on Race!
- Zion Township will be working with the Charmm'd foundation for training and support

Our vision is to maximize potential to help YOU create amazing.

BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- 2-1-1 United Way request
- Approve Employee Manual updates per HR consultant Rex Jones.
- Bus agreement with Wesley Free Methodist Church.
- Supervisor Neal will be at a conference 7/13 - 18/18 and will need Trustee DeTienne to preside over the Township Board meeting on July 17, 2018.
- Still to be addressed:
 - Determining best approach for security cameras
 - Computer security audit.

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
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