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M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

A Message from Randy Ramey, Wayne Township Supervisor

Hello Residents of Wayne Township,
2024 saw Wayne Township finish the projects funded by the \$1.2 million in ARPA funds. The Food Pantry Annex has come in handy as our client numbers continue to grow. Our Senior Center expansion is complete and is being used for all the exercise, yoga, and dance classes. We even had to add more classes because attendance is robust! We are hoping for an early May open house, so be on the watch for that! The park project on the back of the Township property is almost complete. There will be outdoor activities scheduled to utilize this reclaimed area. We were also informed that we have received a \$75,000 grant from Senator Glowiak Hilton and a \$250,000 grant from Senator Lewis. We will be refurbishing some of the older parts of the township building and adding a new design to the boardroom!



Our cemetery parking area was finished with a paved entrance and railing to help those who need to get up the incline. Many of our older headstones require refurbishment. We were able to complete 9 headstones with more to be worked on this spring. We hope to bring the cemetery back to a standard that is respectful to our veterans and residents. If you have an interest, there are plenty of plots available so please check our website for more information.

We welcome your suggestions to help improve our services to you. The Township fills those gaps that the County or Municipality cannot handle. We continue to add programs and services as the need arises. The electors passed a referendum, and we now have the Wayne Township Mental Health Board. Watch our website for information on the new WTMHB website. Our offices continue to be your resource for various programs offered through the State, County, and Township. We are the closest government to the people!

Thank you,
Randy Ramey, Wayne Township Supervisor

Wayne Township is a Polling Location for the Consolidated Election on April 1

A portion of our Senior Center will become a polling location on Election Day, April 1. DuPage County voters can cast their ballot here from 6:00am - 7:00pm.

Follow the signs and enter on the west side.

Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, April 8

We invite all township residents to attend this meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect with your township officials and ask questions. We are the closest government to the people, and we are here to serve you. The meeting starts at 7:30pm, with check-in starting at 7:00pm.

DRIVE THRU ELECTRONIC, RECYCLE & SHRED EVENT Saturday, June 7 9am – 11am at the township, rain or shine

Collecting:

- ✓ Anything and Everything Electronic
 - ✓ Small Appliances
 - ✓ Exercise Equipment
 - ✓ Metal
 - ✓ DVDs and CDs
 - ✓ Tattered American Flags
 - ✓ Eyeglasses
- ✓ Large Batteries (no A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9Volt)
- ✓ Textiles in Any Condition (cloth, purses, shoes, rags...)

All items recycled free of charge except for:

- ✓ TVs \$20/ea.
- ✓ Tube monitors \$10/ea.
- ✓ Microwaves \$5/ea.
- ✓ Exercise equipment \$5/ea.

Cash or Check ONLY

Check payable to Midwest Computer Recycling

Residential shredding only. Paper shredding sponsored by a grant from DuPage County.

General Assistance

Juanita Martinez, Director
630-231-7173 • M, TU, TH, F 10:00am - 4:00pm

Financial Assistance Programs

Utility and rental assistance is available to eligible Wayne Township residents. Income guidelines and document requirements are needed to process applications. Call our office to see if you qualify.

Assistance for Gas/Electric Bills Still Available

You can still apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to receive a one-time payment toward your gas/electric bill. If your combined household gross income, for the last 30 days, falls within the following income guidelines, and you have all the documents listed below, call to schedule an appointment.

LIHEAP Income Guidelines

Household Size	30-Day Gross Household Income
1	\$2,510
2	\$3,407
3	\$4,303
4	\$5,200
5	\$6,097
6	\$6,993

Documents needed to apply for LIHEAP:

- ✓ Social Security card for each family member
- ✓ Proof of household income for the last 30 days
- ✓ Recent gas and electric bill and lease, if you are renting

Drive-Up LIHEAP Services at Annex Building

We will be offering drive-up LIHEAP application services to anyone who prefers to apply from the comfort of their car. This service will be available every Tuesday, February through May, from 12:00pm - 1:00pm; appointments are not necessary, but the wait time could be 15-20 minutes per car. See above for income guidelines and requirements.

The annex building is the garage-looking structure located in the back parking lot. The drive-up window is on the other side.



Food Pantry Assistance Programs

1. Drive Thru Pantry Wednesdays, 10:00am - 11:45am
2. Senior Walk-Up Market Wednesdays, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
3. Online Market, order by Wednesday at 2:30pm and pick up on Friday between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Prior registration and approval required.

Pantry Donations Needed: canned pasta sauce, tuna, veggies and fruits, plastic jar syrup & jelly, peanut butter, mac & cheese, bath & dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, feminine hygiene products, all purpose cleaners

General Assistance continued

Upcoming Programs in Need of Donations:

- March/April Easter baskets for low-income children. Looking for donations of new easter baskets and toys.
- Early August begins Project Backpack. A \$25 donation will supply a child with a backpack and school supplies.

Volunteers Needed:

- Receptionist on Mon. & Wed. from 9:00am -10:30am
- Distribute online orders on Fridays, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- Driver to pick up food in Bloomingdale every Monday, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Couples can volunteer together.

Call for information on any of our services.

WAYS (Wayne/Winfield Area Youth/Family Services)

Allison Kowieski, Executive Director
630-231-7166 • 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago
M-TH 10:00am - 9:00pm and F 9:00am - 5:00pm
501(c)3 charity • www.ways4change.org
intakes@ways4change.org

Individual and Family Therapy

- Available in English and Spanish
- Children, teens, adults, and seniors
- Family conflict, depression, anxiety, self-harm, youth behavioral concerns, communication concerns, stress management, adjustment to change, grief and more
- \$65 per session; sliding scale for eligible clients
- In-person or via telehealth on Zoom

Parenting Classes

- 8-session series
- \$13 consult; \$25 per session
- Classes in English or Spanish
- Daytime and evening options

ZOOM ONLY

Anger Management Classes

- 10-session series
- \$13 consult; \$25 per session
- Available in English only
- Daytime and evening options

Tutoring to Help Support Struggling Children

- Certified teachers
- Elementary and middle school age youth
- \$25 per session, sliding scale for eligible clients
- Available in-person or via video conferencing

WAYS Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraiser

- Tuesday, April 29
- 11:30am – 1:30pm
- To bid online:
<https://charityaucti.on.bid/ways42>



Summer Day Camp June 2 – August 8

- 9am – 4pm
Cost is per child:
- \$45/day **OR**
- \$125/week
- Sliding scale for eligible clients



Help Wanted!

Interviewing for May 2025 start Masters' level internships as well as Bachelors' level internships for Summer Camp.

Senior Center

Erin Simpson, Director

630-231-7155 • M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

What do the words “senior center” mean to you? Social groups, exercise, friendships, cards, bus trips, music, presentations, overnight trips, crafts, older adults, dancing... If any of those words come to mind or if they intrigue you to want to learn more, then we are the place for you!



PHOTO FROM THE 2024
5 DAY TRIP
TO NASHVILLE, TN

The Wayne Township Senior Center is an activity center where Wayne Township residents, 55+, spend their time with fellow members participating in social activities that not only provide entertainment, but help to keep their minds sharp and their bodies healthy. Experts say that engaging with others is a crucial part of aging well, and our senior center is an easy way to do that! If you are an active senior, newly retired, a health-conscious senior, feeling isolated, or recently widowed, come see what we have to offer. You can find a new hobby, explore your creativity, play games with a group, eat a meal with others, learn a new skill, or volunteer your time and talents. We provide all of this and more with the intent to improve physical, mental, and social health while fostering a sense of purpose.

We have created a community here, a home away from home full of laughter and life. Our members often tell their families, who in turn let us know how important we have become in their lives. The families of our members are comforted knowing that their loved ones are active, safe, experiencing new things, and keeping their minds busy. Our motto is “A Place Where Friends Become Family” and we believe that whole-heartedly. At the Wayne Township Senior Center, we take pride in the

friendships that are formed, the memories that are made, and the fun that is had by all. Stop in and see what we are all about!

Assessor

Michael E. Musson, Wayne Township Assessor
630-231-8900 • M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm



2024 Assessment Cycle

My staff and I completed our work on the 2024 assessments in September 2024. Wayne Township assessments received a 1.1022 Equalization Factor from the DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments.

The Equalization Notice was published in the Examiner newspapers on October 23, 2024, and assessment notices were mailed to any property owners whose assessments were changed in addition to the Equalization Factor. The final assessment appeal date was November 22, 2024. Appeal hearings were held during January, and the final Board of Review decisions will be mailed in April.

The 2024 tax bills will be mailed by the DuPage County Treasurer at the end of April. The bills are payable in two installments, due June 2nd and September 2nd.

We are now working on the 2025 assessment cycle, which will be completed later this year. As always, my staff and I are available throughout the year to review your property record, assessment and exemptions with you.

Exemption Information

The Supervisor of Assessments will mail applications for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption in June. This exemption is available to Senior Citizens who will be 65 and older during 2025, who owned and occupied the home on January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, with total household income of \$65,000 or less.

Applications will also be available in my office for new applicants at that time. Please call my office to schedule an appointment to complete your application. Please bring your 2024 SSA 1099 and Federal 1040 Forms. The deadline to apply for this exemption for 2025 is October 1, 2025.

Township Assessor Functions

- ✓ Uniformly assess properties at a median level of 33 1/3% (one-third) of market value, following the guidelines set forth by the state legislature.
- ✓ Perform a General Reassessment every four years to ensure uniform assessed values within each neighborhood.
- ✓ Increase or decrease assessed values within neighborhoods for each tax cycle based on the three prior years' sales.
- ✓ Create and maintain a file detailing the characteristics of every property.
- ✓ Provide property assessment information to the public as requested.
- ✓ Assist homeowners in applying for the exemptions for which they are eligible.

Calendar

04/01 Consolidated Election Voting at Wayne Twp.
04/08 Annual Town Meeting
05/26 Offices Closed, Memorial Day
06/07 Electronic, Recycle and Shred Event
06/19 Offices Closed, Juneteenth

Board meetings are typically the first Thursday of the month, starting at 7pm. Dates on website calendar.



Serving Portions Of:

*Bartlett
Carol Stream
Hanover Park
St. Charles
Wayne
West Chicago*

Services and Programs at a Glance

- License plate sticker renewal
- Dial-A-Ride transportation
- Medicare and Medicaid assistance
- Free senior income tax preparation during tax season
- Holiday meal distribution
- Drop off site for tattered American flags & eyeglasses
- Issuer of temporary handicap placards
- Driver Safety and Rules of the Road classes
- Overseer of weed complaints, unincorporated areas
- Free prescription drug deactivation kits and gun locks
- Veterans memorial wall
- Senior transportation to and from the WTSC
- Drive-thru food pantry and senior walk-up market
- Online market ordering
- Diaper distribution days
- Memorial Day ceremony for veterans
- Informative seminars and presentations
- Flu shots
- Volunteer activities
- Electronic device assistance
- Counseling and tutoring
- Summer camp for children
- Property assessment and exemption assistance

Wayne Township Cemetery

29W242 Smith Road, West Chicago

Our cemetery has served as a burial ground since before 1840 making it one of the oldest cemeteries in DuPage County. The cemetery continues to provide a serene environment in which to memorialize a loved one.

As you walk through the cemetery you may notice the restoration of nine historic headstones which were either cracked, broken, or leaning. Additional headstones will be restored in the near future.

The township takes great pride in the history of its cemetery as well as care in honoring all veterans buried there. Flags are placed at all veteran grave sites on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and an honor ceremony is held on Memorial Day.

Contact the Supervisor's Office for information.

