



# PALATINE Township Report

"People Serving People"



Palatine Township • 721 South Quentin Road, Suite 101 • Palatine, IL 60067 • Spring, 2009

## H-O-P on Over

It's springtime and time for our annual spring basket program, which provides financially disadvantaged children, ages 12 years and younger, with baskets of goodies and small toys. The children are invited to a party on April 4, where they will have the opportunity to play games, create arts and crafts projects, visit with "The Bunny," and receive a special basket that was made just for them.



via telephone or e-mail (see contact information below).

You can help in other ways, too, by purchasing a grocery store gift card (no larger than \$25 denominations, please) or making a tax-deductible donation to our Needy Family Fund. This will provide each family with a special holiday meal. Lastly, we are always looking for volunteers (high school age and older) to help with the Spring Party and/or to donate baked goods.

Please "hop on over" to the Township Center, and pick out a bunny, chick, or egg cut-out with the first name and age of a child for whom to create a special basket, or register on-line. For your convenience, we also will provide you with the first name and age of a child

For additional information, to register as a volunteer, or to sponsor a child, please visit [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com) or contact Christine Favia, Outreach

Coordinator, at 847-358-6700 Ext. 6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).

## Our General Assistance Office and Needy Family Fund Need Your Help

During these tumultuous economic times, the General Assistance operating budget lacks sufficient funds to meet the ever-increasing needs of our community. As a result, our caseworkers have, regrettably, found it more and more difficult to assist the number of deserving families seeking our help.

Thankfully, our staff has been able to rely on our Needy Family Fund to provide some relief, but the Fund is limited, and the need is critical. We are asking for your help by making a contribution to our Needy Family Fund to help those who have encountered job loss and/or are facing foreclosure. For your convenience, you can use the coupon below to mail in your tax-deductible contribution. No amount is too small; it all adds up for the greater good.

The families who have been the recipients are extremely grateful. Read what one had to say:

*"I was hospitalized during Thanksgiving, came home 8 days before Christmas, and was back in the hospital during Easter. During each of those major holidays, our Township was there to fill in the gaps for my three children and husband while I was away. While I wouldn't wish tragedy upon anyone, I don't think we would have ever had the chance to experience such. . . care from our community. I hope that this letter encourages people. That their generosity makes a huge difference in others' lives."*

### Palatine Township Needy Family Fund Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Tax-Deductible Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable and mail to:

Palatine Township Needy Family Fund

721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067

Contact us at 847-358-6700, Ext. 6161 for further information.

### Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday  
8:30 a.m. - noon

Phone:  
847-358-6700

FAX:  
847-358-2888



## X-Game Medalist to Wow Us Again

Palatine Township's annual Bike Bonanza is scheduled for Saturday, June 6!

Please join us for a fun-filled day of biking

activities. The highlight of the event will be stunt performances and autograph signing by X-Game Medalist, Matt Wilhelm.

Todd Holtz, Palatine Police Bicycle Officer, will lead participants through a small obstacle course; and Kellie Poliquin, Palatine Crime Prevention Officer, will offer free bicycle registration (Palatine residents only) and bicycle safety information. Riders will be required to wear helmets for all biking activities, and ribbons will be awarded. There also will be a silent bike auction, the proceeds from which will benefit the Township's Needy Family Fund. Donations of bicycles will be welcomed at Palatine Township Center from May 26-June 4.

Watch for flyers, and visit our website at [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com) for additional information. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6700 Ext. 6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).



## Calendar of Events

### March

30, 31 Spring Baskets Due to Township

### April Child Abuse Prevention Month — **Go Blue!**

4 Spring Party and Basket Distribution

7 Election Day—Don't Forget to Vote!

14 Palatine Township Annual Town Meeting

18, 19 Historical Society Victorian Teas at The Clayson House, Palatine

25, 26 Historical Society Victorian Teas at The Clayson House, Palatine

28 Job Club, Schaumburg Township, Hoffman Estates

### May

5 Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program

17 Palatine Historical Society Hillside Cemetery Walk

### June

6 Bike Bonanza (Biking Activities and Auction)

## Northeast Palatine Summer Camp

### Provide Unforgettable Challenges and Learning Experiences - Our Children Are the Future

Every summer, Palatine Township participates in a unique partnership with the Palatine Police Department, Palatine Park District, Community Consolidated School District 15, Buehler YMCA, and the Palatine Opportunity Center to provide under-resourced youth in Palatine with the opportunity to enjoy three full weeks of summer day camp. The goal is to provide a safe environment for at-risk youth which includes educational, social, and recreational activities. No single agency has ownership of the program, and the funding comes primarily from private donations and grants.

Community support is vital to ensure the camp's success. Please consider sponsoring a child for camp. A donation of \$55 will help with the registration for one child. We are also seeking "Gold Sponsors," who are willing to fund an activity/field trip for all of the campers by making a donation of \$1,000 or more. These Gold Sponsors will be invited to participate in their funded event, and will be specially recognized on the camp T-shirt and at the closing ceremonies. The camp will operate this year from July 20 through August 7.

If you can help, please make your check payable to Palatine Township Sponsor-A-Child, and mail it to 721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067. For additional information about supporting this Summer Camp, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6700, Ext. 6161, or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).



## Save the Date

### Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Palatine Township Center, 721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, to meet your elected officials and learn about the Township's important role of providing award-winning programs and services for our residents.

## *The Palatine Historical Society Invites You to Take a Step, or Two, Back in Time*

### *Tea for Two ... or More*

April 18, 19, 25 and 26 mark the dates for you to experience a wonderful, traditional Victorian tea in a restored home circa the 1870's. Two seatings, noon and 3:00 p.m. each day, will enable you to immerse yourself in the Clayson House Museum, 224 E. Palatine Road, Palatine, and enjoy finger sandwiches, scones, desserts, and, of course, the requisite teas in old-world style. Tickets, which are \$20 per person, can be obtained by stopping by the museum any Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday afternoon. For additional information, please call 847-991-6460.

### *Walk With Us Through Palatine's Past*

Join us on Sunday, May 17, from 1 – 4:00 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery (on Smith Street, just north of Colfax), and hear costumed actors tell the stories of people who lived here long ago. Admission is \$5 for adult non-members, \$4 for members, and \$2 for children under the age of 16. Bring the family, and learn about the lives of our founding fathers.

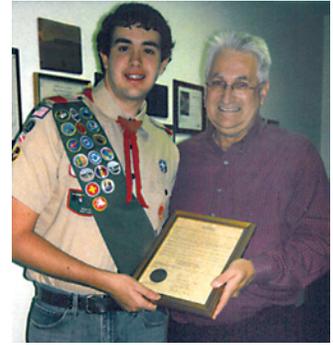


## **Eagle Scout Project Completed at Cady Cemetery**

*-Assessor Terry Kelly*

Palatine Township residents once again were the beneficiaries of an Eagle Scout project involving one of our five historic, pioneer cemeteries.

Rich Jackson, a member of Scout Troop 188 in Palatine, approached the Township with an idea to help restore Cady Cemetery to a more dignified state. For several years, Cady Cemetery had fallen into disrepair; but recent Township efforts began the restoration of this historic site. Eagle Scout Jackson's additional efforts brought Cady Cemetery that much closer to the beautiful setting in which our forefathers and many Civil War veterans were laid to rest.



Through his fundraising efforts, Rich secured the materials needed to preserve tombstones. Over the years, due to ground shifting, several tombstones had toppled over and came to rest face-side-up on the ground. This is particularly damaging to old, soft-stone tombstones, as rain will quickly erase any markings. Jackson was able to properly restore these tombstones, preserving history for families, scholars and other Township residents.

Also, through his coordination of volunteers, Rich was able to help clear fallen trees and limbs from the grounds.

Palatine Township is grateful to Eagle Scout Rich Jackson for helping us to preserve an important piece of Township history. If you are interested in helping with the further restoration of Cady Cemetery or wish to volunteer for any other project, we would be happy to hear from you at the Township, 847-358-6700.

## **Public Health & Safety Updates**

*- Lisa Moran, Trustee*



### *"Go Blue" in April and Support Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention*

In 1990, Virginia grandmother, Bonnie Finney, tied a **blue** ribbon around the antenna of her car. It represented the bruised body of her grandson who was a tragic victim of child abuse. Her simple act ignited a national campaign.

In April, 2009, you can join that national campaign. Last year in Illinois, 27,790 children were abused or neglected. Parents Care + Share, a statewide network of self-help parent support groups provided by Children's Home + Aid, encourages you to show your support to end child abuse and neglect by wearing a **blue** bow every day in April. Wear it until it is tattered and frayed. Display a **blue** bow on a tree in your front yard. Tie one on the antenna of your car.

Children's Home + Aid sponsors the Palatine Parents Care + Share support group for parents in Palatine Township. Meetings include free child care and a free meal for parents and children. Any parent who is facing parenting challenges, no matter how big or small, may come and find caring, non-judgmental support and helpful parenting suggestions through the group.

If you are interested in more information about the Palatine Parents Care + Share support group or would like more information about conducting a **blue** bow campaign in April, call Earl Kloppmann, Parents Care + Share statewide program manager, at 847-358-6212.

### **Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program**



**Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.**

Palatine Township, in cooperation with the Palatine Police Department, will sponsor a Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program designed for children ages 7-12 and their parent(s). Crime Prevention officers will address safety precautions children need to take in order to live safely in today's society. Although there is no fee for this program, registration is required, and numbers are limited. For additional information or to register, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6700, Ext. 6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).

# Food Pantry Pleas and Thank You

## Pleas

The Palatine Township Food Pantry gratefully accepts donations throughout the year, and given today's economic climate, we anticipate that the need will grow during the coming spring and summer months. Your donations of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, jelly, dry soups, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish, cereal, and paper products will go far to help us meet this greater need.

By utilizing our Pantry to supplement their food dollars, clients are helped with their monthly struggle to afford medicines, rent, utilities, and other vital services.

## Thank You

Many thanks to the entire community for your support of our holiday food pantry tree.

Fifteen cases of non-perishable food items were added to our shelves to help serve the 220 families which we currently assist each month.

In our Fall, 2008 issue, we challenged you to help us beat the amount of food presented to us through the 2007 Palatine Food Drive, sponsored by Lavelle Legal Services, AND YOU DID IT! We are always amazed and very thankful that our community rises to the occasion every time we ask. Thank You!

Last year, the Pleasant Hill School Girl Scouts had a creative idea and went "caroling for cans" on our behalf. Also, there were food drives by many organizations, including, but not limited to, other Girl and Boy Scout Troops and local schools, which provided us with hundreds of pounds of food to nourish the under-resourced of our community.

Of particular note are the children who chose to receive no birthday gifts but asked, instead, for family and friends to make donations to our Pantry in their names, like Griffin Maloney (pictured below with his "birthday gifts"). They have truly learned the important value of sharing with those less fortunate.

Without your assistance, be it monetary, food donations, or the giving of your priceless time and efforts, we would not be able to make the difference in the lives of our struggling neighbors that we do. Again, thank you!



# From Our Hearts to Yours

Only through your caring hearts and helpful hands was it possible for the Township to assist so many economically disadvantaged families and individuals throughout the 2008 holiday season. Sincere thanks and gratitude go out to our generous donors, community, and dedicated volunteers for devoting their time and resources to so many families in need. Thank you, again, from the bottoms of our hearts. Here is a brief summary of all that you made possible:

## Thanksgiving Basket Program

Baskets overflowing with non-perishable food items and a grocery store gift card were donated and distributed to 380 economically disadvantaged families in our community so that they could have a Thanksgiving meal.

## Angel Trees

Five hundred fifty "Angels" flew off the trees and into the hands of the donors who stopped by the Township Center and selected an ornament. These charitable individuals and organizations then shopped, wrapped, and delivered the wishes of under-resourced children and senior citizens referred to us by local social service organizations.

## Adopt-A-Family

Once again, we were able to assist 370 families with new clothing, toys, and gifts donated by our generous community. The gifts were distributed on December 12 and 13 from the Township Center, All Saints Lutheran Church, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Children received coloring books and crayons after visiting and having their pictures taken with Santa. Families enjoyed homemade cookies and treats baked and donated by many local groups and individuals. Special thanks are extended to All Saints and Prince of Peace Churches for granting us the use of their facilities for distribution sites.



## Community Holiday Toy Drive

In conjunction with the Adopt-A-Family and Angel Tree Programs, the Township worked hand-in-hand with school social workers and various local social service agencies to identify appropriate recipients. Unfortunately, each year there are many children who are identified too late to be enrolled. In 2008, over 500 new toys, books, games, hats, and mittens were donated by local businesses, organizations, and community members. Again, with the help of social workers from School District 15, these items were distributed to children who would otherwise have been forgotten.

## TAKE A BOW

The following magnanimous donors made monetary donations of \$1,000 or more to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, posted between August 16, 2008 and January 13, 2009:



Anonymous	\$2,500
St. Nectarios Philoptochos	\$2,500
Anonymous	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,200
Kohl's	\$1,000
Wal-Mart	\$1,000

## DESIGNED WITH SAFETY IN MIND



The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District is proud to announce the arrival of its new 2008 KME fire engine. This engine is the culmination of a nearly two-year-long project to design an engine, select a manufacturer, and build the engine to meet the District's specific needs. Throughout the design process, enhancing the safety of District residents and District personnel was the primary objective. At the end of the selection process, District personnel and representatives of Lakeland Fire Apparatus worked tirelessly to produce an engine that should serve the District and its residents, for many years to come.

The new Engine 36 features a 1,500 gallon per minute pump, a 750 gallon water tank, an 8-kilowatt hydraulic generator, and Paramedic equipment compartments in the cab area. Some of the safety features included on the engine are rollup exterior cabinet doors, a rear vision camera, reflective chevron striping, and LED lighting.



## Highway Commissioner's Corner

— John D. Powers, Highway Commissioner

### Savings, Savings, Savings

As everyone knows by now, this last winter was a humdinger bringing lots of snow and cold weather. Fortunately, we were able to save the taxpayers of Palatine Township over \$200,000

by carefully bidding out our road salt ourselves at \$65 a ton, when other governmental units were paying as much as \$160 a ton.

In the past year, we also saved the Township taxpayers an additional \$209,000 by doing a large culvert replacement project and some major truck service in-house. We also realized income from work which we do for the Villages of Palatine and Inverness and the Township of Barrington.

We had to amend our budget in June, 2008, to increase the amount allocated for "contract work," which is used to pay for paving projects. This was a result of Cook County's informing us that the amount in our Motor Fuel Tax account would not cover the cost of a paving project scheduled for Plum Grove Estates. The entire amount of that increase was not required to complete the project; and, we still have not received from Cook County an accurate accounting of the Motor Fuel Tax funds which they administer.



## Town Clerk's Corner

— Kevin O'Connell, Town Clerk



### Vote April 7 – Election Day

Tuesday, April 7, is Consolidated General Election Day, and the residents of Palatine Township will be asked to vote for a number of local offices.

### Ballot Referenda

At its January 26 Board meeting, the Palatine Township Board of Trustees passed two Resolutions requesting that two non-binding, advisory propositions also be submitted to the voters of Palatine Township at the April 7, 2009 election. The referenda which will appear on your ballot follow:

Should Palatine Township consider disconnecting from Cook County, Illinois, and forming a new county if a viable option exists for doing so?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

On July 1, 2008, Cook County began collecting a 1% sales tax increase. Do you support the continued collection of the 1% sales tax increase?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Election Judges Needed

The Palatine Township Clerk's Office again is placing a priority on recruiting election judges for the April 7 election. Election Judges supervise the conduct inside the polling place and assist voters with any voting questions of a technical nature. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Linda Fleming at 847-358-5025 if you wish to be a Republican Election Judge or Susan MacDonald at 847-397-6181 if you wish to be a Democratic Election Judge.

## CHECK YOUR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

— Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO



In 2009 there are several changes you should be aware of for your property tax exemptions. These changes take effect for the 2008 taxable year, which taxes are paid in 2009. Several exemptions have had increased dollar amounts, which could help additional taxpayers save on their property tax bills.

✓ First, the senior citizen homeowner's exemption, showing on the fall tax bill, has been increased and could result in a savings of approximately \$300. If you are 65 years of age or older, please make sure you are receiving this exemption. You will not have to renew this every year.

✓ Second, the senior citizen assessment freeze income level has been increased to \$55,000. This is an increase from the previous year's amount of \$50,000. If the total household income is \$55,000 or less, the property's assessed valuation can be frozen. For this exemption, you will need to file paperwork every year as income can change.

✓ Also, please note that exemptions appear on the second installment of property tax bills, which are usually due in the fall.

If there are any questions about these or any other exemptions, please call or stop by the Township Assessor's Office. We are committed to helping you in any way we can.



# Calendar of Events for Palatine Township Funded Agencies

**The Bridge Youth and Family Services** offers youth leadership development, individual and family counseling, substance abuse counseling, psychiatric assessment, community education, support groups, mentoring, parenting skills training, community outreach, and immediate crisis services for homeless and runaway youth in Palatine Township.

### The Essence of Tuscany Gala

Saturday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. to Midnight  
The Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows  
Contact: Laurie, 847-359-7490

**Clearbrook Center** is a non-profit organization that creates opportunities through programs, services, and support for over 2,300 children and adults with developmental disabilities at 40-plus locations across 80 communities in the Chicagoland area.

### Clearbrook's Women's Classic

Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington  
Cost: \$250 per golfer  
Contact Brynn Kordik, 847-385-5009 or [bkordik@clearbrook.org](mailto:bkordik@clearbrook.org) for details, or visit [www.clearbrook.org](http://www.clearbrook.org).

**Countryside Association for People with Disabilities** is a community organization that provides work opportunities and training to reduce unemployment, assistance to families in need through respite services, support to help individuals and families maintain their independence, and health activities to combat isolation.

### Opportunity Walk

Sunday, May 31, 9:30 a.m., rain or shine  
Independence Grove, Libertyville  
Contact Dee Atkinson, 847-540-3705 or [datkinson@countrysideassn.org](mailto:datkinson@countrysideassn.org) for details

**Palatine Opportunity Center** is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that coordinates services and provides opportunities to the underserved population that live or work in Palatine Township. The vision is to have a community of strong citizens, healthy families, and vibrant neighborhoods.

### Cinco De Mayo

Thursday, May 7, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Twin Lakes Golf Course, Palatine  
Contact Kathy Millin, 847-776-9500, Ext. 222, or [kdmillin@comcast.net](mailto:kdmillin@comcast.net)

**Shelter, Inc.** is a non-profit, licensed and accredited child welfare agency, which provides emergency and temporary housing for children and adolescents from birth through age 17 who are abused, neglected, dependent, or in need of supervision.

### Community Education Seminar: "Adolescent Sexuality"

Friday, April 17, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg  
Contact Laura Ramser, 847-590-6190, Ext. 43 or [lranser@shelter-inc.org](mailto:lranser@shelter-inc.org)

## Palatine Township Community Social Services Funding

As part of the annual budget process, Palatine Township includes funding for a number of social services agencies that serve the needs of residents. Determining which agencies and programs should receive funding support is a task of the Township's Human Needs Committee, chaired by Trustee Art Goes. Committee membership includes Township officials, and residents Richard Foltz, Russ Haan, Fred Kees, Tom Morrison, Nancy Nelson, Jean Schwab, Mike Thompson, and Dora Wolf. Trustee Goes stated, "These people do a great job handling a very difficult task with professionalism and compassion. We thank them for their contributions."

The Human Needs Committee (HNC) meets a number of times during the year beginning its activity in the spring to review the process, timetable, and, most importantly, to consider the information that requesting agencies will be asked to submit for committee review. The requesting agencies submit written requests with financial and other information, and these submittals are reviewed at a series of public meetings of the HNC and representatives of the agencies. These sessions are, of course, open to the public and provide an opportunity to learn about a variety of services provided to Palatine Township residents.

Based on funding requests and HNC meeting results, funding recommendations are developed and forwarded to the Township Board for inclusion in the Town Fund budget. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year the committee recommended \$575,000 in funding requests to the Township Board for the funding of agencies' services to Palatine Township residents.

Some of the services provided to residents by these agencies include:

- Youth and family counseling through the Bridge Youth and Family Services;
- Day care services housed in the Township's office building and provided by the Children's Home and Aid Community Child Care Center of Palatine Township;
- Senior citizen support and outreach services, through the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council, the Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council, and Escorted Transportation Services NW;
- Support and training of individuals with developmental, physical, or mental disabilities through the Countryside Association and Clearbrook Center;
- Counseling and other support programs for residents in need through the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault; PHD; Shelter, Inc.; the Salvation Army; Catholic Charities; and the Palatine Opportunity Center; and
- Medical services for low income residents through NWCH Dental Care, Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, and Access to Care.

Further information about the services provided by Palatine Township assisted agencies can be obtained by contacting the Township Office. The annual funding cycle starts again in late spring, and the application may be found on the township website: [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com).

# “THAT JOB IS MINE IN 2009”



Well, at least we can truthfully say spring is just around the corner. Spring brings us birds, flowers, vegetation, and so many things coming back to life following the long, cold winter. There is no difference with employment

opportunities—they are ALIVE and well!

If you are unemployed or under-employed, why not contact Val Profit, our Employment Counselor, so that she can help with your job search? Simply call the Township, make an appointment, arrive on time, and bring your resume. Val can then see what you've done in the past to assess where you're going in the future. When appropriate, she will fax

your résumé to various companies searching for someone with your skills.

In addition, Val facilitates a Job Club for the mature worker aged 50+. The Job Club is a support group for serious job seekers, as well as a fantastic networking opportunity. Occasionally, a few companies attend to recruit and hire. At the end of each meeting, Val distributes copies of the latest “Job Bank,” a listing of approximately 100 open positions in the northwest corridor. The Club meets on the 4th Tuesday every even month at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., in Hoffman Estates, and the next one is scheduled for April 28, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Join us!

Get started NOW for that next great employment opportunity by giving Val a call at 847-358-6700. See you soon; and, in the meantime, keep repeating: “That job is mine in 2009”!

## TRUSTY TRANSPORTATION

*-Vince Farina, Trustee*

### Spring Is Coming. It's Time to Get Out and Smell the Flowers!

If you are a senior, 60 years of age or better, or permanently disabled, we can take you anywhere you want to go in the Township! We will take you shopping; to barber/beauty shops; restaurants for lunch with friends; the Senior Center for lunch, bingo, crafts, cards and various other recreation; or any other Township destination.

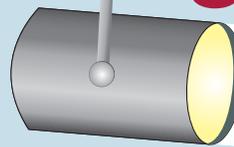


Just register with the Palatine Township Transportation Department, located at 721 S. Quentin Road. Our number is 847-358-6907. This service operates Monday – Friday for only \$1 (age 65 and over) or \$1.25 (age 60 to 64) per ride. Our first pick-up is 8:00 a.m., and our last one is 3:30 p.m. each day. On Tuesdays, our vehicles travel into Arlington Heights for medical appointments only.

### T.R.I.P. Can Take You to Medical Facilities Beyond Township Borders

Our T.R.I.P. program continues to operate successfully. This service transports patients throughout six surrounding townships (as well as to the VA and Cook County Hospitals and the Loyola Medical Center) on Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 each way if your trip requires the crossing of one township border or \$10.00 each way if two or more township borders are crossed. To qualify for the T.R.I.P. service, you must be a senior or a permanently disabled resident of Palatine Township, and it is necessary to complete a registration separate from that for the Township's daily bus service mentioned above. Our Transportation Department will be happy to assist you.

## SPOTLIGHT ON



### PALATINE OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The Palatine Opportunity Center vision is to have a community of strong citizens, healthy families, and vibrant neighborhoods.

The mission is to provide opportunities to the underserved population in the Palatine area so that they may become active participants in the community.

The strategy is to coordinate community resources and engage volunteers and skilled staff to provide direct services, referrals, and other assistance to those who are seeking a gateway into the life of the community and to create a pathway to continued education and better jobs. This strategy includes:

- providing survival skills needed to navigate in a changing and complex world;
- removing barriers and linking individuals and families to community resources and services;
- bringing personal awareness of one's potential while honoring one's heritage; and
- serving as a site for continuing education, life skills training, and vocational advancement.

The Palatine Opportunity Center's primary location is 1585 Rand Road, but there is also a satellite location called the Edgebrook Community Center located in the Baldwin Green Apartment Complex. It is through funding provided by Palatine Township and other generous donors that families residing in this location can access quality life skills training provided by collaborative partnerships for children and adults. The Edgebrook Community continues to be a safe, healthy, and happy site for many residents in need of assistance.

For questions about specific programming and services available at both centers, please call Kathy Millin, Executive Director, at 847-776-9500 Ext. 222

# Supervisor's Message



## *YHOP And Palatine Township Reach The Top – 2008 Governor's Cup Finalists*

In past editions, we have shared with you the impressive accomplishments of the Youth Hunger Opposition in Palatine (YHOP) organization on behalf of the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Now let us tell you about the high honor we received together.

The Governor's Home Town Awards Program is a way to make sure that the volunteers in our communities receive the thanks and recognition they deserve. The Awards are presented in eight categories, based on community population. A team of impartial, volunteer judges conducts site visits to finalist communities before deciding on winners. The judges also select one project from among those winners to receive the coveted Governor's Cup.

Each year, the Governor's Home Town Awards banquet is held to announce the individual category winners and the Governor's Cup Award winner/ finalists and to formally recognize the hard work and dedication of our state's volunteers. With great anticipation and apprehension, representatives of YHOP and the Township traveled to Springfield on October 20, 2008, at the invitation of the State of Illinois Governor's Home Town Awards Program. The surprise came when YHOP and Palatine Township were announced as the winners of not only the Governor's Home Town Award within their category but the even greater accolade of being named a Governor's Cup finalist.

Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support YHOP's mission of "building an ongoing, dedicated fund to generate funding for the Palatine Township Food Pantry." Visit their website at [www.YHOP.org](http://www.YHOP.org) to learn more about the group and how you can help, and be sure to watch for the new signs on our parkway heralding our success . . . following the spring thaw!

### **On Another Note . . .**

As you read on the first page of this issue, our Needy Family Fund is used to help our community residents in many ways, such as assisting your neighbors with emergency payments for rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other essential items that cannot be funded through the General Assistance operating budget. It also assists with the funding of our numerous community outreach programs for those suffering financial hardships, such as the Apple Tree Campaign, Adopt-A-Family, etc. As you allocate your charitable giving, please remember that the Township's Needy Family Fund is a local 501(c)(3) corporation helping your friends, neighbors, and other members of your community, and your donations are tax-deductible. One unexpected medical catastrophe can mean the difference between prosperity and despair.

*Linda Fleming, Supervisor*



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