



# PALATINE Township Report

"People Serving People" Spring 2010



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## Spring is in the Air - Spring Basket Program

When raindrops fall and the grass turns green, the sun is shining and the birds will sing. As flowers begin to bloom, the magic of spring is in the air...and time for our annual Spring Basket Program. This program provides financially disadvantaged children, age 10 years and younger, with baskets filled with goodies and small toys. The children are invited to a party on March 27, where they will have the opportunity to play games, color eggs, make craft projects, visit with "The Bunny," and receive a special basket that was created just for them. Please stop by the Township office to pick out a bunny, chick, or egg cut-out which includes the name and age of the child for these baskets. You can register on-line at [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com) or phone Christine Favia at 847-358-6161 and she can provide you with the name and age of the 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 847-358-6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).

Other ways to donate: Purchase a grocery gift card (no larger than \$25 denominations please) or make a donation to our Needy Family Fund. Donations 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 to donate baked goods.



## Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program - Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Palatine Township, in partnership with the Palatine Police Department, will sponsor a child safety and abduction prevention program, which is designed for children age 7-12 and their parent(s). Crime Prevention Officers Kellie Poliquin & Todd Holtz will address safety precautions that 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 limited. For additional information or to register, please contact Christine Favia, Outreach Coordinator, at 847-358-6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).



## Needy Family Fund

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Needy Family Fund assist your neighbors with emergency payments for rent, utilities, prescriptions, and other essential items that cannot be funded through the General Assistance operating budget. This special fund also assists with the funding of numerous Township community outreach programs, such as the Apple Tree Campaign, Adopt-A-Family Program, and our Food Pantry. Please help by completing the form provided, attaching your check payable to "Palatine Township Needy Family Fund," and mailing it to us at 721 S. Quentin Road, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067.

### 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, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067  
Contact us at 847-358-6161 for further information.

[www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com)

**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



# Join us for our 1st Annual Pet Safety Day!

April 17, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Learn what to do around dogs and cats (and other animals that may be living in your home)

- When you meet a strange dog or cat
- See a stray animal
- What to do when attacked by an animal (domestic or wild)
- Local pet laws
- Responsibilities of pet owners

Live demonstrations:

- Palatine Police canines
- Explosive canines
- Basic training techniques



These are just a few of the activities and there will be a variety of pets to see! Pets are welcome outside of the Township building, but pets must be collared and leashed and must be legally licensed and tagged. Please no retractable leashes. Pet chipping will be available at a nominal fee from a local veterinarian. Fee will include registration of chip. Please see Township Website for more information or contact Trustee Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, Palatine Township Trustee, via email at [sljohnson@palatinetownship.com](mailto:sljohnson@palatinetownship.com) or phone at 847-340-7052.



## Food Pantry Volunteers - We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Where can you find retirees, homemakers, and people between career opportunities working alongside college and high school students making a difference in our community? The Township Food Pantry enjoys volunteers from all of these groups and others as we served an average of 265 families per month in 2009. In December all 70+ members of Fremd's Varsity Football Team, including coaches, assisted by unloading and sorting an entire truckload of food donated by Lavelle Legal Services.

The Township Food Pantry offers opportunities for all members of the community to "give back" and assist our neighbors in need. Volunteers comment about the genuine "thanks" and heartfelt appreciation from clients that they assist while volunteering Mondays and/or Wednesdays during the Food Pantry hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Honor those that give their time by volunteering yourself! Another great way to give is by collecting non-perishable food products at your school, work, or social events. We are especially in need of hearty foods such as chili and stews, as well as coffee and tea. Drop-off is available anytime the Township building is open, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday.

The Palatine Township Food Pantry appreciates our volunteers and welcomes you as well! Please call 847-358-6121 or stop by to see where you can fit into our volunteer schedule.



## Calendar of Events



### March

- 1 Spring Basket Program Begins
- 22 & 23 Spring Baskets Due to Township
- 27 Spring Party & Basket Distribution

### April

- 10 & 11 Palatine Historical Society Victorian Teas
- 13 Annual Town Meeting
- 17 1st Annual Pet Safety Day
- 17 & 18 Palatine Historical Society Victorian Teas
- 26 Senior Job Club

### May

- 4 Child Safety & Abduction Prevention Program
- 16 Palatine Historical Society Cemetery Walk

### June

- 12 Bike Bonanza (Biking Activities and Auction)

## Employment Search Opportunities SPRING 2010



We are happy to report that there are companies that are hiring. Our Director of Employment, Val Profit, is in her Township office weekly and invites job seekers to call to schedule an appointment for a one-on-one job skills assessment. Together with your resume, Val will review your job history, offer suggestions in your current job search and discuss any open positions in your area of interest. When applicable, Val will fax your resume to companies with open positions.

If you live close to Palatine Opportunity Center, 1585 Rand Road, and need a resume, give Val or the Center a call at 847-776-9500 so Val can prepare a professional resume for you.

In addition to meeting individually with job seekers, Val facilitates a Senior job club every EVEN month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm, at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL. The Senior Job Club is a support group for people 50 plus and offers networking opportunities to job seekers. At the end of the Senior Job Club session, Val distributes the job bank, which is a list of 100 open positions in the northwest corridor. Any job seeker can come into the Township office, during regular business hours, to review the job bank. On occasion Val will invite a company to attend the job club to present open positions and qualifications to the job seekers. The next Senior job club is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, at 1:00 pm.

## General Assistance Department Ongoing Programs

The General Assistance Department can provide information to qualified residents on the following programs:

The **Illinois Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** continues to assist low-income residents by offsetting the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance with a one-time yearly credit on gas and electric bills.

The **Nicor Gas Sharing Program** assists residential customers with a one-time yearly grant applied to their Nicor bill.

The **Access to Care Program** is a non-profit primary healthcare program for low-income, uninsured residents, providing a primary care physician, prescription and lab work at low co-payments and low cost yearly membership.

The **Mobile Dental Program** continues to provide dental care (teeth cleaning, cavities, and simple extractions) to low income, uninsured residents.

All of the above programs have specific qualifications and income guidelines. To see if you qualify for these programs, contact the General Assistance office at 847-358-6110 or visit the [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com) website under the Human Services Section.

## Bike Bonanza & Auction

Palatine Township's annual Bike Bonanza is scheduled for Saturday, June 12! Please join us for a fun-filled day of biking as Todd Holtz, Palatine Police Bicycle Officer, leads family and friends through a small obstacle course. Kellie Poliquin, Palatine Crime Prevention Officer, will offer free bicycle registration (Palatine residents only) and bicycle safety information. Riders are required to wear bike helmets for all biking activities. A silent auction will take place, proceeds to benefit the Needy Family Fund. Donations of bicycles are welcomed from June 1 - June 11 at the Township. 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 847-358-6161 or [cfavia@palatinetownship.com](mailto:cfavia@palatinetownship.com).



## Take A Bow

The following magnanimous donors made monetary, unrestricted donations of \$1,000 or more to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, posted between August 16, 2009 and January 15, 2010:

Anonymous	\$2,500
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Pebble Creek Homeowners' Assn.	\$2,190
Wal-Mart Foundation	\$2,000
Anonymous	\$1,000
Womens Club of Inverness	\$1,000

## Save the Date

### Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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 10, 11, 17 and 18. Mark these 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. 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 16, from 1 – 4:00 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery 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.

## SHOULD I FILE A PROPERTY TAX APPEAL WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW?

– Assessor Terry Kelly, CIAO

As a homeowner there are two main opportunities when a tax appeal to the assessed valuation of your home can be filed. First, an appeal can be filed with the Cook County Assessor's Office. The deadline to file appeals for property located in Palatine Township was December 21, 2009. After that timeframe a second opportunity to appeal is with the Board of Review (BOR). The BOR is completely separate from the County Assessor's Office. The BOR can only reduce your home's assessed valuation, it can never be raised.

In a recent study commissioned by the Civic Federation entitled "Cook County Tax Appeals," the short answer as to whether an appeal should be filed is YES! The final numbers bear this out. The following are the statistics for the BOR appeals.

The total number of all parcels with complaints filed at the Board of Review increased in 2008 to an overall total of 284,148. Of this overall total, the number of residential appeals was 225,795. For these residential appeals 163,874 were successful in receiving a reduction in the assessed value of their property. This shows that 73% of the residents who filed an appeal with the BOR were successful in obtaining a reduction.

How does this translate into taxpayer dollars? The total value of residential reductions in 2008 was \$630 million dollars. In 2007 it was even higher at \$688 million dollars.

This study clearly shows that filing an appeal with the BOR can reduce the assessed value of your home. Further, there is no cost to file an appeal on your own or to have the Palatine Township Assessor's Office file your appeal. We are here to assist you.

The appeal time for the Board of Review should be late this spring/early summer. Check with our office in the spring for a definite date. Also, we have worked with the Board of Review to allow a homeowner to call in early for the forms. The Board will accept these to "hold your place in line." Township residents can call the BOR at 312-603-3644 for the forms, or call the Assessor's Office at 847-358-6159 with any questions. We are available to assist you with your appeals.

## Highway Commissioner's Corner

— John D. Powers, Highway Commissioner

### Winter 2009-2010 Recap

Old man winter really tested us this year with a blast of cold weather and a significant amount of snow. Despite the cold blast, we reduced the amount of road salt we put down on the roads. This was done for economic and environmental reasons. The high cost of road salt (\$69 per ton) and the effect of salt on the environment made the decision easy. Hopefully you did not notice the difference. Our salt efficiency strategy led us to apply a small amount of salt at the beginning of the snow storm. Keeping the pavement wet keeps a thermal bond from forming, and allows us to plow the snow right down to the pavement, avoiding the “wash board” effect. After our next plow run, we again put a small amount of salt down to maintain vehicle traction. This technique is keeping our roads clear and reducing our salt usage. As of this writing, we anticipate a 30% reduction of salt usage from the previous year. We are saving \$\$\$ and we are keeping our environment green.

### Truck 70 Refurbishing

Last fall we invested \$25,000 into a snow plow dump truck that is 12 years old. Most municipalities replace their trucks every 10 years at a current cost of \$125,000. We have a long history of getting 20 plus years from our trucks. We do all the refurbishing work in-house and this decision allowed us to save the taxpayers over \$90,000 over the life of the trucks. We are working hard for you.

### Summer 2010 Asphalt Paving

This year's asphalt resurfacing program will include the following:

The Fielding Place Subdivision and Lake Park Estates. Also included will be Francis Lane from Joan Drive to Ela Road and Echo Lane off of Quentin Road.

## Transportation Department

The sun is shining, the birds are singing and this is a good time to schedule a bus trip in or around the Township. If you are a senior (age 60 plus) or permanently disabled, you need to sign up for the Palatine Township Transportation Bus Service. Once registered, you can call to request a day and time for the bus service to take you to your Township destination.

The Township has two 15-passenger mini busses and one 11-passenger van. All vehicles are lift equipped and operate Monday through Friday. The first pick up starts at 8:00 a.m. and the last pick up of the day is 3:30 p.m. The fee is only \$2.00 each way.

### Township Riders Initiative Program (T.R.I.P.)

Our T.R.I.P. Program is available to Township residents for medical appointments only and available to and from the seven surrounding Townships. Our T.R.I.P. Program travels to the Cook County Hospital in Chicago and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Maywood and in Elgin. Residents can register for the T.R.I.P. Program by calling the Township Transportation office at 847-358-6907.

In-person resident registration is available in the Transportation Department at the Township Office, 721 S. Quentin Road, at the corner of Quentin and Illinois, in Palatine.

## Palatine Township Community Social Services Funding

As part of the annual budget process, Palatine Township includes funding for a number of social service 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 Gary Dindia, Russ Haan, Tom Morrison, Lisa Neal, 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 2010-2011 fiscal year the committee recommended \$640,000 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, Clearbrook Center, and Resources for Community Living;
- 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;
- Medical services for low income residents thorough 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 mid-summer, and the application may be found on the Township website at [www.palatinetownship.com](http://www.palatinetownship.com).



## Calendar of Events for Palatine Township Funded Agencies

**Barrington Career Center** is dedicated to teaching people the skills they need to launch and sustain a successful job search.

### **Barrington Career Center Winner's Circle Fundraiser**

Friday, June 25, 2010, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Park Racetrack, International Room

Contact: Sherry Leginski, Operations Director, at [sleginski@barringtoncareercenter.com](mailto:sleginski@barringtoncareercenter.com) or 847-304-4157

**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.

### **Are You All In? The Bridge Youth & Family Services Annual Gala**

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 6 p.m. to Midnight

The Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows

Contact: Laurie DeSimone at 847-485-3085 or [ldesimone@bridgeyouth.org](mailto:ldesimone@bridgeyouth.org)

### **Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (Northwest CASA)**

provides crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for children, adolescent and adult sexual assault victims residing in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. It also provides community education and professional training.

### **Pinstripes!!**

Silent auction, bowling and bocce.

Friday, April 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Pinstripes, 100 West Higgins Road, S. Barrington

Tickets: \$60 per person (donations welcome)

Contact: Susan at 847-806-6526 or [Ssommers@nwcasa.org](mailto:Ssommers@nwcasa.org)

### **Community Day!!**

Thursday, April 29, 2010, during business hours

Whole Foods in Palatine, 1331 N. Rand Road

(5% of sales will benefit Northwest CASA's 24/7 crisis hotline and intervention services.)

Contact: Susan at 847-806-6526 or [Ssommers@nwcasa.org](mailto:Ssommers@nwcasa.org)

**Clearbrook** is a non-profit organization that creates opportunities through programs, services, and support for approximately 3,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities at 40-plus locations across 80 communities in the Chicagoland area.

### **Clearbrook Jelly Belly© Days**

Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Various intersections and storefronts throughout Chicagoland.

Contact Janis Edelheit at 847-385-5008 or visit [jedelheit@clearbrook.org](mailto:jedelheit@clearbrook.org) or [www.clearbrook.org](http://www.clearbrook.org) for details.

### **Clearbrook Women's Classic Golf Event**

Monday, July 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Highway, Barrington

Cost: \$250 per golfer

Contact: Brynn Kordik at 847-385-5009 or [bkordik@clearbrook.org](mailto:bkordik@clearbrook.org) 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.

### **Lakeside Annual Rummage Sale**

Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

1301 S. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan

Contact: 847-336-1700

### **5th Annual Opportunity Walk**

Sunday, June 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Independence Grove, Libertyville

Contact: Dee at 847-540-3705

**PHD** is a counseling center for pregnancy help and education.

### **PHD Spirit of Life Gala**

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Stonegate Banquet & Conference Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Rd., Hoffman Estates

Contact: Liz Noe at 847-359-4967, Ext. 25 for information.

**Resources for Community Living** is a not-for-profit organization that offers adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities opportunities to achieve greater self-esteem, dignity and participation in all aspects of community life through affordable housing options, individualized skill instruction and necessary support services.

### **"Going Green"**

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 5:00 p.m. to Midnight

The Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows

Contact: Anita Morse at 847-533-3895 [anitarcl@aol.com](mailto:anitarcl@aol.com)



# From our Families to Yours

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the donors, volunteers, churches, schools and other organizations for making it possible to provide food and gifts to so many families in need. Because of your continued efforts, dedication and compassionate hearts, over 400 families received Thanksgiving dinners, 355 families received gifts in this

year's Adopt-A-Family Program and 582 Angel Tree gifts were distributed to children and senior citizens. With the collaboration of District 15 social workers, new toys, books, games, hats and mittens donated by local businesses and community members were also distributed to children recognized in need (who were unable to participate in our programs). Our Palatine Township residents remember and give generously and we are grateful for all your support and kindness. Special thanks to All Saints Lutheran Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for graciously offering their facilities as distribution sites.

Thank you again for giving the gift of hope and love to all the children and families in need this holiday season. From our families to yours, Palatine Township sends many warm wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. A few of our recipients expressed letters of gratitude and we share them with you . . .

## Thanksgiving Basket-Thank You

"Thank you for thinking of our family at this time of need"...and it's a wonderful chance to give thanks for having special people like you in our lives.



## Angel Tree Program – St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly



"The current economic conditions have had an adverse effect on our donations. How can we ever begin to thank you and the generous people of the Township of Palatine. I was tremendously overwhelmed as I saw the gifts for our residents. Please know that we are truly grateful for your support to St. Joseph's Home."



"I have enclosed some photos of our residents receiving the Christmas gifts. As you can see, your gifts certainly made a wonderful difference in the lives of our residents. Their Christmas was filled with joy and love of those whom they can only thank in prayer. Thank you for joining together with us in being a living source of hope to the elderly poor."

"Our residents really enjoyed the gifts. We are so grateful to you. God bless."

## Palatine Rural Fire Protection District Monthly Community Classes

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District is sponsoring monthly Community Classes beginning in January, 2010. We would like to invite



you to take advantage of this opportunity to attend free classes throughout the coming year. Each class will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. The classes are being held at the Inverness Village Hall, located at 1400 Baldwin Road. The following is the list of class dates and subject matter. You can also

find information regarding these classes at [www.prfpd.org](http://www.prfpd.org). The District's Annual Open House will be held on September 11, 2010—mark your calendars now.

- January 27, 2010 Nicor Gas – Gas Safety In The Home
- February 25, 2010 Northwest Community Hospital – Heart Health/ Cardiac Awareness

- March 25, 2010 Inverness Police Department – Elderly Fraud and Scams
- April 2010 Union Pacific – Train and Track Safety
- May 6, 2010 Lutheran General Hospital – Stroke Awareness
- June 24, 2010 Inverness Police Department – Drug and Alcohol Prevention/Awareness & Inhalation Abuse
- July 2010 TBD
- August 19, 2010 Inverness Police Department – School Safety
- September 28, 2010 Palatine Township – Volunteer Opportunities in the Community
- October 2010 St. Alexis Hospital – Slips, Trips, and Falls in the Home
- November 2010 Home Depot – Preparing Your Home for Winter
- December 8, 2010 Palatine Rural Fire Department – Winter Fire Safety for the Home



“Dear Christmas Guardian Angel(s)! Elizabeth and I would like to say thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts for selecting us and being our Christmas angels!! We LOVED every single thoughtful present you took the time to choose for us! Elizabeth played with her Toys-R-Us toys and wore her new shirt and pants on her first day back to school, along with her warm ear muff band jacket! I was very appreciative for the gift cards from Wal-Mart, Target, and Kohl’s! Got things I really needed!! Very thoughtful!! I cannot express enough how you truly lit up our Christmas this year worry free if “Santa” would have presents under the tree! Boy, how wonderful and generous he was indeed!! I hope your Christmas was just as merry and we hope this New Year brings fulfilled wishes for you and your family!! May God bless you for your wonderful kind heart!! Happy New Year “Santa(s)”!!!!

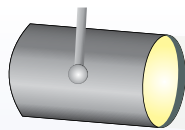


“Dear Secret Santa, Thank you for all the wonderful gifts I absolutely loved them. May God bless you for making my day a brighter day. I wish you the best Christmas and Happy New Years. Hope all your wishes come true. You deserve the best in life for being so generous. Thank you very much!”

“God Bless and Thank You. It’s fabulous to know that in trying times (as now) that there are still people who are willing to lend a hand out for others. Because of your organization our son will have a terrific X-Mas...Thank You!!! Our son is autistic and doesn’t speak but he certainly shows emotions and being happy is one of our favorite to see. Which we will at X-mas thanks to all of you!!! Merry X-mas & Happy New Year to everyone and your children and families. Thank you & God Bless again.”



## SPOTLIGHT ON



## The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council

The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council (G. Y.C.) is an organization that provides adults 50 and older with social services and leisure activities. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009, we pride ourselves in all that we offer to our community. Over 800 members can choose from weekly programs such as ceramics, Spanish classes to health and wellness programs such as Tai Chi, Seniorsize and Aquatics. GYC also offers many public services such as, but not limited to, health screenings, educational workshops, information on services available to the elderly, and leisure activities (social groups, one day trips, monthly luncheons with entertainment and special event parties). Other popular weekly activities include Scrabble, Wii, Bunco, Bag-go, Bridge, Canasta, Pool, Ping Pong and Bingo.

The GYC Senior Center is a volunteer based operation which helps to keep expenses down. Revenue dollars are comprised of membership

fees, sponsorship dollars, fundraising efforts, in-kind donations and, of course, Palatine Township is our largest source of funding. Each year, the Palatine Township funds our agency \$3,000- \$3500.00. In past years we’ve received as much as \$6,000.00. Without their support and dollars the GYC Senior Center would not be able to operate. Our fundraising efforts have proven to be successful in such areas as dining out, gaming nights, pot of gold drawings, special events and our most recent CENTS for the Center. This CENTS jar circulates the GYC Senior Center and all loose change or pennies collected go to the Palatine Township Food Pantry. It’s a way to give back to the Palatine Township community and help those in need. As we move ahead in 2010, we count this as another year serving our members, community and township. The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council will thrive on “Living Life To The Fullest” while enhancing the “quality of life” of our Township senior adults.

## CAR-RT PRESORT

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Palatine Township, IL

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information and materials to the citizens  
of Palatine Township.*

### *“People Serving People”*



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## Supervisor's Message

### PALATINE TOWNSHIP

#### Thank You for Your Spirit of Giving

I would like to once again thank everyone who made the lives of the less fortunate served by Palatine Township better throughout the past year. You will see “thank you notes” within this newsletter from a few of the recipients of the many gifts that were provided by our community during the Holiday Season.

This community has always supported the spirit of giving, and we are continually amazed at your kind attention to the needs of our community and grateful for your continued support. Without you, we would not be able to reach out and provide assistance to the many children and families who are in need. Thank you for truly making a difference in someone's life.

Please note that also contained in this edition of the newsletter is a Needy Family Fund Donation form. Your donation to the Needy Family Fund is tax deductible and is used by our General Assistance Department to provide help to those families who may have suffered a job loss, received an unexpected medical expense or suffered some other financially devastating situation. We have many more people coming to us for assistance during our current economic downturn, the most people we have ever seen. All donations, large and small, are appreciated.

We look forward to working with you and for your continued support in 2010.

*Linda L. Fleming, Supervisor*