

# Mainely NEWS



CAROL A. TESCHKY, SUPERVISOR

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WINTER 2011



## Carol's Corner

Supervisor  
Carol A. Teschky

A Happy and  
Healthy New Year  
to all!

The Township finished last year with a record number of food baskets distributed. We were able to feed over 300 families over the holidays. Many thanks to all the individuals, schools, youth groups, businesses, churches, chambers of commerce and organizations who contributed much needed food, paper products and checks. Since our food pantry is community based, all donations are distributed locally. During these tough economic times, the Township is here to serve all residents from the very young to senior citizens.

In addition to our pantry, the Township building is a very busy place offering many activities on weekdays and four evenings a week. In our quest to better serve residents our community room will now be available for rental to local groups. Date and times are subject to advance reservations. We will charge a nominal fee to cover the cost of janitorial services, heat and power. An application can be downloaded from our website: [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

We are looking forward to our Senior Expo in partnership with Golf Mill Shopping Center scheduled for Friday, April 29. Please take the opportunity to read through this newsletter and take advantage of what the Township has to offer with events, classes and services. You will be glad you did.

As always, if you have any questions we are here to serve you. Just email us at [info@maintownship.com](mailto:info@maintownship.com) or call 847-297-2510.

## MAINESTREAMERS PARTNER WITH GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER FOR 2011 SENIOR EXPO

The MaineStreamers and Golf Mill Shopping Center are again joining forces for the annual Senior Expo "Swing into Spring." The event is set for April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. So, mark your calendar and be part of the fun and excitement of this year's event.

Exhibit spaces, available on a first-come, first-served basis, are selling fast. To reserve a booth, contact the Expo Office at 847-698-5069.

Event sponsors to date include *Chicagoland Senior News* and *Journal & Topics Newspapers*. Others will be announced in the coming months. Over 60 exhibitors are expected to be part of the event and many will be

providing free health screenings. There will also be live entertainment with the Legacy Girls, prize drawings and much more.

"This will be another successful event and is presented as a public service to our area seniors through our MaineStreamers organization and in cooperation with the fine folks at Golf Mill," says Carol A. Teschky, Supervisor of Maine Township. "We expect many repeat exhibitors, who will be joined by a number of new companies including some tenants of the shopping center."

The Expo promises to be a fun and beneficial event for all who attend. Last year over 1500 seniors attended. For more information, contact MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit the Township's website [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES HELP FEED THE NEEDY



Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Clerk Gary K. Warner, OEM Volunteers Michelle Jonas and James Coursey, Asst. to the Supervisor Doriene Prorak, and OEM Volunteer Dagmar Rutzen collected food in Park Ridge in early December.



OEM Volunteer William Hancock, Collector Mary E. Rohde, OEM Director Robert Cohen, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, OEM Volunteer Geoff Stevens, Trustee Susan Moylan Krey, OEM Volunteer Tom Abrams, Hwy. Commissioner Robert Provenzano, and Clerk Gary K. Warner gladly volunteered in Des Plaines.



## TRUSTEE CORNER

Walter Kazmierczak



Like many vibrant organizations, Maine Township and township government in general has a larger support organization that provides a valued resource for our various obligations and endeavors. In our case, that organization is the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). As its Director, Bryan Smith has stated that the organization's goal has been to "ensure township government is preserved, protected and understood."

One of TOI's most important functions is to set, with the input of the membership, an annual legislative agenda concerning issues that deal with township government. An annual Topics Day in Springfield is also held so that elected officials from throughout the state can meet their local legislators.

A monthly magazine "Township Perspective" is sent to over 13,000 individuals as well. This publication provides timely reminders about annual requirements, educational items on

our responsibilities as elected officials and examples of what others are doing to service the public.

TOI believes its primary obligation is education. Seven annual district education programs are conducted throughout the state, along with periodical Supervisor, Clerk and Assessor workshops to keep officials informed. TOI's educational outreach is culminated in its annual three-day educational conference in November. A multitude of seminars are conducted there, the vast majority of which are dedicated to providing new skills for a better and more efficient job performance by elected officials and their employees.

The conference also provides an opportunity to learn from a vast array of public officials throughout the state. In addition, township officials honor their own at the conference during an awards breakfast that recognizes individual township governments, elected officials and their employees for excellence in a variety of fields.

To learn more about TOI and township government, go to [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org).



## MAINE TOWNSHIP SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR SGT. KAREN LADER MEMORIAL GOOD CITIZEN'S AWARD

Maine Township has issued a call for nominations for the newly established Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. The winner, who will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2011, will receive a plaque and a monetary award.

Lader was a resident of Des Plaines and a 15-year veteran of the Cook County Sheriff's Police. She was deeply involved with both Des Plaines and Maine Township residents, especially in the Neighborhood Watch Program. She was also active in the successful National Night Out Against Crime event held each August. She died in 2010 after losing a battle with cancer.

"In an effort to recognize the values and dedication of Sgt. Lader, the award will be presented to a resident who has demonstrated strong support and dedication to our community," said Susan Moylan Krey, Maine Township Trustee.

*"We are looking for a person who has gone above and beyond in service to others."*

Further information is posted on the Maine Township website [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com). The nomination form is available for download and also available at the front desk of Maine Township Town Hall.



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SUSAN MOYLAN KREY

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1700 BALLARD ROAD,  
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

THEY MAY ALSO BE FAXED TO  
**847-297-1335**

**The deadline to submit nominations is March 22, 2011.**



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

*Robert Provenzano, Highway Commissioner*

By holding true to our strict fiscal policies, the Maine Township Highway Department has been able to successfully ride out this very tough economic period. With the continued support of our two Cook County

commissioners representing Maine Township, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman and Peter Silvestri, we continually receive Community Block Grants to be applied to Township infrastructure improvements. The awarding of the Block Grant funding program brings direct savings to Maine Township residents.

Our area also benefitted from state contributions. This year, Representative Elaine Nekritz obtained an Illinois State grant to help fix and repave a hazardous alley in the unincorporated area of the Township.



*Commissioner Provenzano ready for the next snowfall*



*Cook Co. Commissioners Gorman and Silvestri with Hwy. Commissioner Provenzano, Center*

### Snow Removal Advice

*Please do:*

- Observe Snow Route parking bans on all streets after two (2") inches of snowfall. Your car may be ticketed and/or towed to allow us to properly clear the street. Please use off-street parking whenever possible to allow our plows to clear the streets as quickly as possible.
- Shovel your sidewalk for your mail carrier, school children, and all pedestrians especially seniors and the handicapped. Please make sure the fire hydrant nearest your house is clear of snow and is visible from the street.
- Please be patient and allow emergency vehicles and snowplows the right of way to do their job. Your property and possibly even lives depend on uninterrupted service.

*Please don't:*

- Shovel, plow, or blow snow on to the streets or sidewalk from private property. Not only is this dangerous, but it is against the law. You may be ticketed and fined.
- Park opposite another car on narrow streets; since snowplows need room to get through.
- Follow a snowplow or salt truck too closely; since it is very difficult for drivers to see you at times.

### Old Cars

Do you have a car you no longer want to drive or can drive? We will assist you in disposing of unwanted vehicles at no cost to the owner. Don't just abandon them. We can help.

### First Branch Pickup This Spring

It may seem a bit far away but it's closer than you think. Yes, spring is coming. The first pick up of the year will be Monday, April 18, 2011. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out. We cannot go back once we complete a street. This service always occurs the third Monday of the month and continues each month from April through September.

### Street Lights and Signs

Please report any burned out street lights or missing street signs in the unincorporated area to the Highway Department at the number listed below during regular business hours. After hours or on the weekend you may leave a message, or email our office at any time.

Please feel free to call with any questions or for more information on any of the services we provide. You may contact us by phone or email anytime. Phone: 847-297-5225 or email: mainetownshipwy@sbcglobal.net.



## MAINE TOWNSHIP MAINSTREAMERS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Township Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information, contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

### Maine Township Residents 90 years and older wanted

Each year Maine Township and the elected officials invite residents who have celebrated 90 birthdays or more to a luncheon during the spring. If you are one of these special people or if you know of someone, please contact the MaineStreamers staff at 847-297-2510 and submit your information. Invitations will be mailed out during the month of May.

### Golden Rings Couples Recognized

Maine Township MaineStreamers are now accepting names of residents who have been married 50 years this year - January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011. Each couple will receive a certificate signed by Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. This is a way to recognize this wonderful achievement. To submit names, contact Therese Tully of the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 Ext. 260.

## AARP'S DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM OFFERED

Mon., Feb. 28 and Wed., March 2  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

INSTRUCTOR: STANLEY FUKAI, AARP

**\$12 AARP members/\$14 non-members. Check due  
on the first day - Payable to AARP.**

This two-part class will be held at Maine Township Town Hall on Monday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 2. This AARP-sponsored class helps update your knowledge of age-related changes and the Rules of the Road. Upon completion, most automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

**For information, contact the  
MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510.**



With the participation of the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the persistent efforts of State Rep. Elaine Nekritz, Maine Township received a \$40,000 state grant to repair and resurface what residents described as a hazardous and neglected alley in unincorporated area between Park and Terrace Streets. Shown here on the final inspection trip, l to r, are Rep.Nekritz, Township Hwy. Commissioner Bob Provenzano, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, and 30-year resident Donna Lara. Not shown is resident Yousif Sargon who along with Lara was instrumental in getting the project underway.

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## CLERK'S CORNER

Gary K. Warner, Clerk



### A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF MAINE TOWNSHIP.

The new year is the time to celebrate and wish all our friends and loved ones a happy, healthy 2011.

These are the Clerk's office 2010 accomplishments: assisted in processing 710 passport applications, sold 11,920 Cook County vehicle stickers, 396 seniors applied for transportation Smart Cards, registered 60 citizens to vote, and issued 114 fishing and hunting licenses.

Additional services, available in the Clerk's office Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., are: Arc/Republic refuse and yard waste stickers, temporary handicapped parking cards, free notary services, free Maine Township maps, free Illinois state maps, and various free brochures and other services.

The Clerk's Neighbor to Neighbor program reaches out to the approximately 120 families a month who move into Maine Township. Neighbor to Neighbor welcoming packets, containing information on all services provided by Maine Township, are available to new residents as well. In addition, information is provided regarding the Cook County Sheriff's Department, the North Maine Fire Protection District, Maine Township Public Schools, area churches, hospitals and libraries.

My staff; Chief Deputy Clerk Wiesia Tytko and Deputy Clerks Roz Luburich, Jerry Jaworsky and Annette Galante, will strive to continue to provide you with exceptional customer service in this coming year. We do this in many different ways and are always finding new things to add to our long list of services.

### INCOME TAX APPOINTMENTS OFFERED

The AARP Tax Aide program will be offering Income Tax Assistance for those 55 and older needing help on simple tax forms. To schedule an appointment call 847-297-2510. Homebound appointments available.



Illinois State Senator Susan Garrett and her husband purchased 75 frozen turkeys and donated them to the Maine Township Food Pantry. Here, she is shown with Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano and Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. Each turkey was distributed with a food basket. For information on food donations call 847-297-2510.

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## MAINESTAY OFFERS EDUCATION AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

“Happy New Year” from all of us at MaineStay Youth and Family Services. Need some help with your marriage, parenting issues or a family “tune-up?” Perhaps MaineStay Youth and Family Services should be on your list of New Year’s Resolutions.

Counseling is available from licensed therapists in English, Spanish and Russian. Our counseling services are available to all residents of Maine Township. We offer counseling on an income-sensitive sliding fee scale. Our masters-level therapists can provide marital and family counseling, parent coaching as well as help in dealing with depression, anxiety, anger and adjustment to many of life’s stresses.

### Some great volunteer opportunities:

#### Mentoring Program

Our Youth Mentoring Program matches responsible adult mentors with youth in need of positive adult role models. The program’s mission is to give guidance and support and to encourage personal growth through a relationship with an adult mentor. This group meets twice monthly and each volunteer mentor (age 18 or older) will be paired one-on-one with a child (age 8 to 13). All the mentors and children, along with MaineStay staff, meet in a group setting with planned activities and time to share experiences.

#### E.A.R.N. (Encourage Adolescent Responsibility Now)

Hey kids! Do you have extra time on your hands this winter and need to earn some money? MaineStay Youth and Family Services provides a service where we match Township residents needing help with youth ages 12 to 19 who are willing to do snow shoveling, babysitting or other tasks. It is the responsibility of the resident and youth to negotiate the cost for the services.



Therapist Rich Lyon instructs a recent seminar

### Some brand-new groups for the New Year:

#### “Secrets of Relationship Success Couples Workshop” February 15, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a five-week journey to discover what it takes to make an intimate relationship work. We will explore what key emotional habits we all need to develop in order to have healthy connections with others. You are welcome to attend by yourself or with a partner.

#### “Love and Logic Parent Groups”

This seven-week video-based program is a proven method for getting children of all ages to become responsible for their own actions and behaviors, without parents needing to yell or remind them.

**English Group – February 15 – 12:30 to 2 p.m.**

**Spanish Group – April 4 – 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Para español, llame Jesse at 847-297-2510 Ext. 274

#### “Parenting for the Millennium” – Dr. Michael Feld, M.D. March 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Feld is a well-known psychiatrist for Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health facility. He will be addressing some of the difficult issues facing our kids today – such as technology, bullying and drug and alcohol use. He will offer some concrete suggestions on how to deal with these issues with our kids.

#### “Beautiful Me” April 12, 6-7 p.m.

This 8-week group is for girls between the ages of 13-18. It is designed to help improve self-esteem and body image, while increasing awareness of the influence of the media. We will address ways to define our own healthy style, celebrate our own unique qualities, identify personal values and cope with stress.

MaineStay hours are Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Evening appointments are available with advance request. For more information and registration, go to: [www.maintownship.com/newsletter](http://www.maintownship.com/newsletter).

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND PROGRAM WIN STATEWIDE AWARDS

Maine Township was recognized twice at the Township Officials of Illinois annual conference held in Springfield in November. First, Marjorie Stiller, Assistant Director of Adult and Senior Services at Maine Township, was recognized as Senior Staff Member of the Year. Second, an Intergenerational Fishing Program that paired disadvantaged children with senior citizens from the Maine Township MaineStreamers Program was recognized as an innovative senior program by ITASCSC, the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Service Committee.



Elected officials and staff were on hand to congratulate Marjorie Stiller on her award. Left to right, Trustees Walter Kazmierczak and Susan Moylan Krey, MaineStreamers Director Mary Swanson, Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Marjorie Stiller, Hwy. Commissioner Robert Provenzano, Clerk Gary K. Warner, Collector Mary E. Rohde, and Trustee Peter Gialamas.

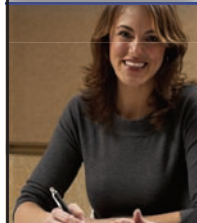
“With any senior program there is always someone behind-the-scenes who goes beyond the call of duty to keep everything in order,” said Carol A. Teschky, Maine Township Supervisor. “We nominated Marjorie Stiller because she not only oversees the day-to-day operations, she keeps track of every expenditure and the contracts that keep our MaineStreamers Program of 5,000 members going.” She has also stepped up to the plate to escort day trips and has even sung and danced in front of more than 500 seniors in numerous musicals that were developed with her assistance, added Teschky.

The Intergenerational Fishing Program was built on an already successful and on-going fishing program that is part of the MaineStreamers Program for residents 55 years of age and older. Each senior was matched up with three campers from a day camp program that provides disadvantaged

children, ages 8 through 13, with the opportunity to participate in cultural and recreational experiences which would not otherwise be available to them.

On the last day of the two-week camping experience, the two groups came together for a morning of fishing at a local lake. Provided with a bamboo pole and worms, the campers also received basic instructions in fishing etiquette. “Many of these children have never had the opportunity to fish, yet alone to have quality time with a grandparent figure,” said Teschky, who added that the rewards of the program included seeing them catch their very first fish, watching them squeal as they touch their first worm to bait the hook or simply spending time talking with each other.

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Mon - Fri : 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Evening MaineStay appointments are available by advanced request.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Town Board Meeting – Fourth Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch – First Wednesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

For other meetings, please call 847-297-2510 or visit [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com)



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Departments/Extension Numbers

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Clerk’s Office, Ext. 222

Code Enforcement Officer, Ext. 259

General Assistance, Ext. 236

MaineStreamers, Ext. 240

Veteran’s Assistance, Ext. 236

MaineStay Youth & Family Services  
847-297-2510

Office of Emergency Management  
847-297-5911

Highway Department 847-297-5225

You may also e-mail any department by accessing the Township Web site: [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

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