

A Message from Your Township Clerk



The past year brought a change to the Clerk's office with the retirement of Sheila Mitchell, who served with distinction as the Township Clerk for 12 years. As your newly elected Township Clerk, I have worked closely with Sheila to make the transition in our office a smooth one; we are grateful for her continuing support. I am honored to have been elected and look forward to serving you.

The traditional job of the Clerk has been to maintain all Township records. In addition, the Board understands the importance of keeping residents informed on the activities of the Township and I, along with our Deputy Clerk, Sandra Forrester, will work diligently to fulfill that role. It is one that we continue today, but with a new focus on increased transparency.

We are actively involved in the Clerk's Division of both the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) and the Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) and will learn and share best practices with our peers. We continue to forge a close relationship with the Cook County Clerk's Office and serve as a central point for voter registration in the Township and the distribution of information for election judges. With the 2010 Census currently underway, we have actively promoted the importance of resident cooperation in the process. Among our day-to-day activities we support our residents by providing assistance such as processing passport applications, issuing temporary disability placards and distributing vehicle stickers for residents of unincorporated Cook County.

This year we begin the celebration of our 160th anniversary. It will be an opportunity to reflect on our past while preparing for the future with optimism and enthusiasm. On a personal note, I am a high school social studies teacher and am passionate about the important role Township government plays in our democracy. It is my honor to serve as your Township Clerk and I am looking forward to sharing with you our storied and rich history.

Cordially,

Jerome Hoynes
Clerk
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