

New Trier Township Clerk's Report to the Board of Trustees-Dec. 2009

Dear Board Members:

Here are some details of various activities of the township clerk's office:

- Attendance at the following functions:
 - Sept. 3, 2009 TOCC Clerk's Association Meeting- Matteson
Meeting focused on clerk's responsibilities for enacting new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws for 2010.
 - Oct. 15, 2009 TOCC Supervisor's Division Meeting- Countryside
Meeting reviewed new FOIA provisions and the impact these changes will have upon township government.
 - Nov. 5, 2009 TOCC Clerk's Association Meeting- Lemont
Meeting featured a presentation from the Community Economic Development Association (CEDA) detailing their role in fostering economic growth and development across Cook County.
 - Dec. 2, 2009 TOCC Fall Conference- Countryside
Meeting included reports from TOI officials as well as guest speakers who addressed ethical problems in Illinois government and major financial trouble on the horizon for township governments.
 - Dec. 3, 2009 TOCC Clerk's Association Meeting- Lansing
Guest speaker was Thornton Supervisor who stressed the importance of township officials & staff working together as a team to serve residents.
- Responded to two FOIA requests from the Better Government Association. Currently developing a new FOIA 2010 Ordinance for the township board's approval.
- Voter Registration: Twenty-seven more new voter registration cards have been accepted here at the township office since my August 2009 report. Members of our staff have once again been officially sworn-in as deputy voter registrars. Held a briefing on voter registration procedures as well as guidelines for the February 2010 Primary Election. Assisted several residents providing information about the upcoming election.
- Vehicle Sticker Sales: Five more Cook County wheel tax vehicle stickers have been sold and/or distributed at our township office to our residents living in the Indian Hill & Woodley Road unincorporated area since my August 2009 report.
- On Oct. 26th Administrator Diane Tye and I met with Charles "Lee" Habich of the U.S. Census Bureau to discuss the township's role in encouraging a strong response rate in the initial springtime phase of the Census 2010 efforts.
- Brought my Glenbrook North *Urban Studies* class to visit the Town Hall on Nov. 18th. Students toured our township office, Food Pantry and the Board Room where they enjoyed a presentation from Northfield (the New Trier Township part!) resident Paul Moran, a Para-Olympian and member of the Chicago 2016 delegation to Copenhagen.
- Annual Town Meeting 2010 Progress:
 - Held an ATM Planning Meeting on Sept. 16th with Supervisor Cantor and Communications Director Karen Spillers. We are all involved with helping accomplish various tasks to make it a successful ATM.
 - Visited the Takiff Center of the Glencoe Park District and met with the Facilities Director. We toured the available meeting rooms and booked a reservation; it will be a very nice location for our meeting.
 - Contacted and reserved the "Senior Stompers" who will serve as our musical entertainment at the ATM.
- Featured in the September 2009 issue of the Township Perspective magazine for attending the TOI Educational Training Seminar designed for township clerks.
- Studied clerk's information pages from various township websites; will be working with Karen, Pat and Paddie to develop effective "clerk's office pages" for our new website.
- Attended the Winnetka Interfaith Council "Service of Thanksgiving" on Wed. Nov. 25th at Temple Jeremiah. Half of the collection is contributed to the New Trier Township Angel Fund. The speaker who introduced the collection read from our website, praising the worthiness of the Angel Fund's mission and encouraging people to support our effort.

It continues to be an honor serving as your township clerk.

Cordially, Jerome Hoynes, Township Clerk, (847) 446-8202- Ext. 12, nttjerome@ameritech.net