

# NEW TRIER Township Courier

SUMMER 2014

## *What Is Township Government?*

*The Township form of government was created in Illinois in 1849 to bring government closer to the people it served. It originated as the settlers' agency for maintaining order and dealing with lawbreakers. Over time, its focus has changed, and today it provides quality-of-life services that address the immediate and emerging needs of residents.*

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## Supervisor Reflects on the Year in Review

As we look back on the Township fiscal year 2013-14, we are proud of several key improvements in service to residents. Firstly, we have introduced some critical new services by opening our doors to bring useful resources closer to our residents. Details of these services are provided in my message delivered at the Annual Town Meeting and printed in the Annual Report. As we do every year, we have reproduced the Annual Report in this summer issue of *The Courier*.



Not only have we introduced these exciting new services, we have made efforts to offer programming to meet residents' needs. A career guidance workshop was conducted at the Township by the career coaches at New Foundations Center, and another is scheduled for June 23 to be presented by Career Resource Center. Information regarding the CRC event can be found on page 9. The Board of Trustees is committed to bringing additional resources into the Township Office to make relevant services and opportunities available to residents.

Another goal upon which we have focused over the past year has been the development of programs to fill previously unmet needs of residents. As a result of that concern, we created the Bridge the Gap program, an emergency assistance effort to provide medical prescriptions for residents in need.

We hope you take some time to review the Annual Report. It gives us great pleasure to provide an accounting to taxpayers regarding the way in which your tax dollars are spent on your behalf.

We continue to solicit input from residents regarding the impact of our existing and newly introduced programs, and we invite your feedback at any time. We also welcome all residents to join in our mission by attending any of our programs or meetings, volunteering, and/or donating. As always, we are grateful for the generosity and support of the citizens of New Trier Township.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paddie Brennen".

Paddie Brennen  
Supervisor

## A Message from the Supervisor

The theme for this year's Annual Town Meeting—Honoring Community Partnerships—epitomizes the spirit in which the Township operates. We could never begin to dream as big as we do without the support of local businesses, organizations, faith groups and individuals who make so many of our programs possible. This year we honored The Grand Food Center because of their longstanding commitment to the Township Food Pantry. We are grateful for the flexibility with which they offer solutions to the ever-changing needs of Pantry clients, their compassion, consistency and generosity. There are so many others who quietly donate, volunteer, share expertise and support our efforts in various ways, and we continue to be thankful on a daily basis for the many kind people who make Township programs a reality.



This year we have launched several new initiatives to serve residents, and we are pleased with the response we have received. A program of which we are most proud is the Bridge the Gap partnership with Conney's Pharmacy, our neighbor across Elm Street. With Conney's support we created a system through which residents who have a financial crisis such that they are unable to purchase needed medications can have prescriptions filled on an emergency basis at Conney's, Walgreens and CVS.

Another major initiative has been to make the Township Office available to elected officials for office hours so that their services are closer to residents and thus more readily accessible. Kris Sadur, Constituent Advocate from the office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, now holds regular office hours at the Township. We have invited Senator Mark Kirk to send a representative to hold office hours, and we understand that soon a constituent advocate from Senator Kirk's office will join us as well. These individuals are able to guide residents in issues relating to social security, immigration and a host of other topics for which residents need access to government agencies.

In addition, a Program Specialist from Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA), Brittany Slaughter, also holds regular office hours at the Township. Ms. Slaughter provides intake assessments and case management to assist low-income individuals with the CEDA Dental Care, Vision Care and Auto Repair Programs.

Another regular at the Township Office these days is Medical Ethicist Peggy McDonnell. As Director of the Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Health Care, Ms. McDonnell is able to assist residents in resolving problems dealing with healthcare decision-making. She specializes in giving people the tools to make their own choices under difficult circumstances.

In addition to the new programs the Township has begun to offer, we continue to provide residents with assistance on property tax issues through the Assessor's Office, passport and voter services through the Clerk's Office, and financial support for those with challenges through Community Support Grants, Child Care Financial Assistance, Emergency Assistance, General Assistance and the Food Pantry. Your Township is here to serve you, and we hope that those who haven't had a chance to visit us recently will feel inspired to do so. Come by to say hello and see what's happening at the Township Office. As always, we encourage you to get involved by participating on an Advisory Committee to be part of our grant process which funds agencies that serve residents in our community. Mostly, we thank you for your interest in our work. We are grateful to all the individuals and groups who understand the importance of Township programs and support us through partnerships large and small. We couldn't do it without you!

Paddie Brennen  
Supervisor

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,859 visits to the Food Pantry serving 141 households made up of 354 persons
- 500 students qualified for Back to School gift cards
- 150 residents received financial assistance for shelter, utilities, and medical needs
- 126 holiday dinners were distributed
- 94 seniors received holiday gift cards for groceries
- 80 children from 39 families received holiday gifts
- 28 families comprising 81 persons received food deliveries as well as gift cards and children's gifts
- 107 families received financial aid for child care expenses
- 154 Community Support Grants awarded
- 6,148 Dial-A-Ride cab fares subsidized
- 104 escorted rides to medical appointments
- 35 Peer Jury cases resulting in 1,887 community service hours

## A Message from Your Township Clerk

2013 was a positive and productive year for the Township as we said goodbye to several longtime dedicated leaders and have welcomed a dynamic new group of elected officials. The Board of Trustees includes Supervisor Paddie Brennen and our Trustees Hamilton Chang, Jan Gargula, Gerri Kahnweiler and Stefan Mozer; they are successfully collaborating to examine the current practices and responsibilities of Township government while they are determining the goals of New Trier Township and how we should efficiently and effectively address the needs of our residents.



The traditional duty of the Clerk has been to maintain all Township records. Please visit our website [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) to review Agendas & Meeting Minutes and to stay up to date with Township programs and initiatives. The Clerk's office continues to be the central point in the Township for election information and voter registration. Among our day-to-day activities, we provide assistance such as serving as a passport acceptance facility, issuing temporary disability placards and distributing vehicle stickers for residents of unincorporated Cook County.

Starting my second term as your Township Clerk, I pledge to continue to enthusiastically support the efforts of the Board of Trustees, coordinating the Annual Town Meetings, diligently keeping and posting Township records and offering a variety of voter services.

Deputy Clerk Sandy Forrester and I are committed to learning how to run the best clerk's office possible and are therefore both actively involved with both the Townships of Cook County Clerks Association (TOCC-CA) and the Townships Officials of Illinois Clerks Division (TOI-CD) attending meetings, conferences and seminars to keep up with the latest changes concerning voting & election laws, open meeting requirements, public records retention & destruction guidelines, as well as freedom of information request regulations.

It is my sincere honor to continue serving as your Township Clerk.

Cordially,

**Jerome Hoynes**

*New Trier Township Clerk*

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- 169 temporary disability parking placards issued
- 186 passport applications processed plus 28 clients assisted with passport renewals
- 37 unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers sold
- 33 voters registered
- 15 Township board meeting minutes recorded
- 8 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests

## Annual Town Meeting Highlights

Tune in to NewTrierTwp and watch highlights from the 2014 Annual Town Meeting held on April 8, 2014. You can view reports from elected officials, presentation of awards to Township volunteers and the keynote address by Dr. James J. Phillips, Northwestern University Vice President for Athletics and Recreation.



*Jim and Laura Phillips of Wilmette*



## A Message From The Township Interim Assessor

I have resumed the job of Township Assessor, on an acting basis, since the resignation of Martin Houlihan in May last year. We were all disappointed when he resigned and wish him well.

This fiscal year our office fielded about the same number of inquiries as the prior year, approximately 2,500. We provided information and assistance to homeowners, potential buyers, realtors, attorneys, appraisers, villages, schools and park districts. We processed 576 building permits, up from 449 the prior year. Sales started out strong but slowed in the last quarter, moving up slightly from the prior year to 1,056.

2013 was a triennial reassessment year for the Township. The median assessed value of properties fell by 11.36% according to the office of Cook County Assessor Berrios. Of course, that is the median so experiences of individual homeowners may have been significantly different. We filed approximately 800 appeals for residents at the Assessor and Cook County Board of Review levels and provided comparables and instructions for appeals to many more. In addition, we co-sponsored two evening community outreach programs to assist residents with their questions and appeals.

Because of the continued drop in assessment levels, the 2012 tax rates again rose from the prior year as the cost of government services is not falling. As we have discussed previously, tax rates go up to offset declines in aggregate value, thus resulting in the necessary funds being available for the taxing bodies.

The Cook County Assessor announced that his office recouped about \$2 million from repayment of erroneous exemption savings received by taxpayers. A newly passed state law provides the procedure for requiring repayment from homeowners who received exemptions improperly.

I would like to give a special thank you to our Deputy Assessor, Lois Cross, for her continued hard work on behalf of Township residents.

Thank you to those of you who attended this year's Annual Town Meeting. Please call or stop by the office with your property tax assessment issues. You can always email us as well. If you haven't already, we urge you to register your email on our website [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) so that we can send you emails about the latest property tax assessment and exemption information and filing deadlines during the year.

**JoAnn Shrier Gordon**

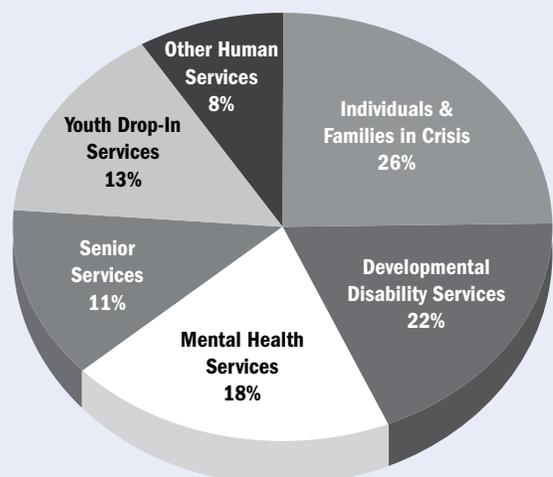
*New Trier Township Interim Assessor*



### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- Service By The Numbers
- 2,500 inquiries
- 800 reassessment appeals filed
- 1,056 property sales processed
- 576 building permits processed

AGENCY FUNDING BY CATEGORY



Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage.

## A Message From The Township Trustee

Each year a Trustee highlights the past year's accomplishments. As a new Trustee, I'd also like to mention some of what I have learned about the activities of the Township and the needs of our Township communities. I have become acquainted with the Township funding committees and the work of the volunteers who review grant proposals and make decisions about the allocation of Township resources. I have learned that despite the fact that we live in very well-to-do communities, there are many people who are struggling to meet their basic needs and require assistance from our Food Pantry or other Township services or who receive some sort of assistance from one of the Township funded agencies.



I have been amazed by the wide variety of non-profits in the community that provide a diverse array of services. These agencies and programs are resources that help local citizens meet both basic social service needs and provide support and services to people of all ages facing challenges and personal or family crises. I'm pleased to note that New Trier Township plays an important part in the non-profit community as a funder of agencies and programs, as an evaluator of non-profit performance, as a coordinator of efforts of these many organizations and finally as an agency that keeps abreast of new and emerging needs in the communities we serve. Indeed, we are fortunate to have so many local agencies looking after the community and so many talented and dedicated people who have made their mission to help others.

It has always been the philosophy of New Trier Township that it's better for local non-profits to operate and administer specialized services than it is for a unit of local government to do so. Professionals in such diverse fields as counseling, services for seniors, youth and persons with disabilities are much more qualified to operate programs than we are, so we limit our services to operating the food pantry, administering some financial assistance programs, or to coordinating the efforts of local agencies such as through our Peer Jury Program. We operate very few services ourselves. We are a small unit of local government and have among the fewest staff of any Township in the state, yet we are closer to the community and more in touch with its needs because of it. Unlike some Townships who operate their own youth center, daycare program or senior center, we choose simply to coordinate funding and resources for local providers of services. Our job is to make sure quality services to meet a broad range of needs are available, but not to operate them ourselves.

To facilitate funding of local services, the Township has three funding committees that review grant requests of local non-profits serving our residents. These committees are Mental Health, Agency Oversight and Money Follows the Person, and each committee evaluates agencies that deliver a specific type of service and makes funding recommendations to our Board of Trustees. Combined, these three committees have approximately 25 volunteers and during this cycle those volunteers reviewed 35 agencies that operate 45 different programs. A list of funded agencies and services can be found on page 8 of our Annual Report which is available at the Township Office and also on our website.

As a Trustee who actively participated in this funding process, I learned that it can be just as difficult to give money away as it to raise it. Committee members have to make difficult decisions, balancing their own perceptions of need with those of other committee members, as well as applying their own values and a sense of community to the process. Requests from agencies always exceed the available level of dollars, and Trustees are always pained to know that it's impossible for us to meet all the demands for funding and therefore all the needs for services in the community.

Thankfully, with the help of an involved and generous community, New Trier Township is doing an excellent job trying to meet the social service needs of our residents.

**Jan Gargula**

*New Trier Township Trustee*

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- \$1.34 million awarded
- 45 different programs funded
- 35 social service agencies supported

# 2013 - 2014 Annual Report

## BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01

An ordinance appropriating for all town purposes for New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois.

SECTION 1: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all

expenses and liabilities of New Trier Township, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the town purposes of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

SECTION 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of revenues and expenditures is hereby adopted for the following funds: General Town, General Assistance.

### I. GENERAL TOWN FUND BUDGET

#### BEGINNING BALANCE

**March 1, 2013 (unaudited) \$2,020,440**

<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Property Tax	2,098,454
Replacement Tax	35,000
Interest Income	5,600
Rental Income	240
Miscellaneous Income	8,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	<u>42,000</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	2,189,294
<i>Total Estimated Funds Available:</i>	<i>4,209,734</i>
<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>	
Administration	942,000
Programs & Services	1,912,390
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures/	
Appropriations:	<u>2,855,390</u>
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	
<b>February 28, 2014</b>	<b>\$1,354,344</b>

#### APPROPRIATION DETAIL: GENERAL TOWN FUND

##### A. Administration

<u>Personnel</u>	
Officials Salaries	43,000
Staff Salaries	350,000
Health Insurance	60,000
SS & Medicare Contribution	35,000
IMRF Retirement Contribution	<u>55,000</u>
Total Personnel	543,000
<u>Contractual Services</u>	
Auditing Service	10,000
Legal Service	12,000
Postage	14,000
Telephone	20,000
Dues/Subscriptions	8,000
Utilities	13,000
General Insurance & Surety Bonds	35,000

Consultation Fees	15,000	
Contract Hire	<u>20,000</u>	
Total Contractual Services		147,000
<u>Commodities</u>		
Office Supplies	<u>12,000</u>	
Total Commodities		12,000
<u>Capital Outlay</u>		
Building	150,000	
Equipment	<u>20,000</u>	
Total Capital Outlay		170,000
<u>Other Expenditures</u>		
Officials/Staff Expense	13,000	
Communications	35,000	
General Assistance Support	<u>22,000</u>	
Total Other Expenditures		70,000
<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$942,000</b>

##### B. Programs and Services

Agency Block Grants		1,336,190
Other Programs and Services		285,000
<u>Other Expenditures</u>		
Disabilities Committee	200	
Day Care Scholarships	50,000	
Disabilities Employment Service	1,000	
Summer Camp Scholarships	35,000	
Transportation Services	100,000	
Sponsored Meetings	6,000	
Annual Town Meeting	8,000	
Printing and Publishing	45,000	
Website Maintenance	5,000	
Before/After School Daycare	25,000	
Assessor's Office and Operation	<u>16,000</u>	
Total Other Expenditures		291,200
<b>Total Programs and Services</b>		<b>\$1,912,390</b>

##### C. Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous	1,000	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expense</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>

# 2013 - 2014 Annual Report

## II. GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

### BEGINNING BALANCE

**March 1, 2013 (unaudited) \$594,815**

<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Property Tax	247,343
Interest Income	1,200
Miscellaneous Income	200
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>248,743</u>
<b>Total Estimated Funds Available:</b>	<b>\$843,558</b>

<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>	
Administration	143,100
Home Relief	111,500
Hospitalization & Insurance	28,000
Pantry	<u>25,000</u>
Total Expenditures/Appropriations:	<u>307,600</u>

**Estimated Ending Balance February 28, 2014 \$535,958**

### APPROPRIATION DETAIL: GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

#### A. Administration

<u>Personnel</u>	
Salaries	50,000
IMRF/Social Security Contribution	<u>13,000</u>
Total Personnel	63,000
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	
Office Expense	5,000
Emergency Assistance	75,000
Town Fund Support Projects	<u>100</u>
Total Other Expenditures	<u>80,100</u>
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$143,100</b>

#### B. Home Relief

Budget Grants	100,000
Access to Care	1,500
Outpatient Services	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total Home Relief</b>	<b>\$111,500</b>

#### C. Hospitalization & Insurance

Hospitalization	25,000
Hospitalization Insurance	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total Hospitalization &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

#### D. Pantry

Food/Pantry	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Pantry</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

SECTION 3: That the amount appropriated for town purposes for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014 by fund shall be as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	\$2,855,390
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	\$307,600
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	<b>\$3,162,990</b>

SECTION 4: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That each appropriated fund total shall be divided among the several objects and purposes specified, and in the particular amounts stated for each fund respectively in Section 2, constituting the total appropriations in the amount of Three Million One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,162,990) for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014.

SECTION 6: That Section 3 shall be and is a summary of the annual Appropriation Ordinance of this township, passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION 7: That a certified copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May 2013, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois.

### CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES

I, Pdraig H. Brennen, hereby certify that I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of New Trier Township, and as such Chief Fiscal Officer, I hereby certify that the Estimate of revenues by source to be received by New Trier Township for fiscal year ending February 28, 2014, is as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	2,189,294
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	248,743
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$2,438,037</b>

## Township Recognizes Volunteerism

The Township could not achieve our mission without the invaluable contribution of residents who volunteer. These individuals play an integral part in our ability to enhance the quality of life for our residents. We would like to acknowledge the volunteers who contribute their time and talents in various ways from providing oversight of social service agencies we fund, making new program recommendations, stocking shelves of our Food Pantry, or serving on our youth Peer Jury. We thank you for your service.

### Mental Health Committee

Chuen Tam, Chair  
Linda Tam  
Carole Rosen  
Mona Golub  
Rosemary Gwyther  
Jennifer Hull  
Tammy Smiley

### Money Follows the Person Committee

Ann Sickon, Chair  
Dan Streiff  
Denise Fisher  
Debby Hahamy  
Nancy Perovic  
Keith Dronen  
Diann Sheridan

### Agency Oversight Committee

Janet Lerman, Chair  
Barry Hoobler  
Barbara Ruth Engel  
Jerry Ginsburg  
Kathryn Healy  
Marilyn Applebaum  
Pete Kula  
Ronald Drucker  
Ronald Thomas

### Disabilities Committee

Barry Fleischer, Chair  
Barbara Takahashi  
Christine Walker  
Diane Wojcik

### Peer Jury Program Adult Volunteers

Donna Lebovitz  
Elliot Robbins  
Joni Johnson

### Food Pantry Volunteers

Frank Craven  
Jane Gallery  
Derrick Schram  
Mary Louise Schram  
Lynette Stone  
Our Place of New Trier Township

## Peer Jury Scholarship Awarded



*Peer Jury Scholarship recipient Stephanie Kurensky of Winnetka (center) with her father and mother, Mark and Beth Kurensky.*

Stephanie Kurensky of Winnetka was awarded the 2014 Peer Jury Scholarship. The competition is open to graduating seniors who have served as peer jurors. The recipient is selected through a competitive process which includes a written essay outlining the student's Peer Jury service experience as well as his/her academic record and Peer Jury participation. Stephanie read her winning essay at the Annual Town Meeting on April 8, 2014.

Stephanie, who is a graduate of New Trier Township High School and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison, is the sixth student to receive the \$1,500 award. The scholarship was established in 2009 to mark the tenth anniversary of the Peer Jury program and to recognize outstanding jurors.

The Township's Peer Jury program was created by a collaboration of the Township Board, police departments from Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Northfield and Glencoe, public and private high schools in the area and social service agencies that serve the Township.

## 2014 Award Winners

The following individuals were honored at this year's Annual Town Meeting for their contributions to our community. Award presentations can be viewed on the Township's YouTube channel: [NewTrierTownship](#). 

- \*Friend of the Township Award—The Grand Food Center
- \*Supervisor's Superior Service Award—Barry Hoobler of Northfield
- \*Township Excellence Awards—Sandy Dalkin of Glencoe and Pete Schellenbach of Glencoe
- \*Peer Jury Scholarship Award—Stephanie Kurensky of Winnetka
- \*George E. Noyes Community Spirit Award—Joe Fell of Winnetka

## Job Search Seminar Presented by Mary Beth Barrett-Newman of Career Resource Center *New Trier Township Sponsors Career Strategy Program*



Managing Your Way to the Finish Line, a seminar for individuals in the job search process, will be presented by Career Resource Center, Inc. (CRC) with sponsorship by New Trier Township at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23 at the Township Office, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka. The program will be conducted by Mary Beth Barrett-Newman, President of 2nd Career Consulting and a volunteer Career Advisor with CRC.

Ms. Barrett-Newman will focus her presentation on the process of conducting a job campaign. Her philosophy is that a job search needs to be treated like a job with the seeker managing his time, creating routines and setting goals. A job search is a marathon, not a sprint, and employment seekers need to develop the disciplines of planning, follow-up, tracking and patience in order to meet their career goals. As an experienced job search coach, Ms. Barrett-Newman can walk attendees through strategies that will help them to create structure and set priorities to result in improved productivity and enthusiasm.

Mary Beth Barrett-Newman spent the first 30 years of her first career in the financial services industry. She works with professional women who, after taking a career break, have decided to re-enter the workforce, and she coaches men and women looking to make career changes. Ms. Barrett-Newman also specializes in helping recent college grads to establish professional goals and find employment.

For more information on the Managing Your Way to the Finish Line program, please contact Kelly Clark, CRC Office Administrator at 847-295-5626 or [info@CareerResourceCenter.org](mailto:info@CareerResourceCenter.org).

Career Resource Center, a non-profit organization established in 1990 and located in Lake Forest, is the proven confidence-building employment resource featuring individualized attention and coaching by industry professionals. Results-focused, CRC has assisted nearly 12,000 job candidates during its 24 year history. They serve job seekers from a wide range of disciplines, professions, experiences, age groups and compensation levels. They may be recent graduates, women returning to the work force, or those seeking to further their careers. Most are unemployed professionals affected by downsizing, mergers, company closings and relocations.

## New Trier Township's Bridge the Gap is Now Part of the Angel Fund

New Trier Township's emergency assistance program to provide medical prescriptions for residents in need, called Bridge the Gap, is now part of the Township Angel Fund, which is the registered 501(C)3 organization of the Township. All donations to the Angel Fund are tax deductible. Donors to the Angel Fund may designate if they wish their contribution to be directed towards the Bridge the Gap program.

Bridge the Gap is a recent Township initiative which was created to meet the critical need to provide emergency financial support for individuals who find themselves unable to pay for a necessary medical prescription. In order to have funds immediately accessible for that purpose, the Township partnered with Conney's Pharmacy in introducing the Bridge the Gap program. Township residents can purchase Bridge the Gap vouchers at Conney's Pharmacy, 736 Elm Street in Winnetka, or Walgreens or CVS gift cards to donate to the Township to be used for those who apply for Bridge the Gap assistance. Now residents have the option of designating that donations to the Angel Fund be used for Bridge the Gap, as well.

Many are surprised to learn there are Township residents so financially strapped they find themselves forced to choose between purchasing food or medicine. Sadly, this is often true for seniors. Some individuals receive medications from nonprofit organizations, but are caught in a recertification period during which their medications are not covered. Residents recently released from the hospital may learn their referral to a community agency will take several days, creating the need for financial assistance to get a prescription filled during that period. A parent whose child is discharged from the local emergency room with a prescription for which the parent has no funds experiences overwhelming worry and concern. These are just a few of the difficult circumstances in which New Trier Township residents have found themselves and for which the "Bridge The Gap" assistance fund was created.

The Angel Fund provides assistance to Township residents in crisis due to unexpected life challenges. Residents facing an emergency financial challenge and who do not meet the eligibility criteria for Emergency or General Assistance may be eligible to receive assistance from the Township's Angel Fund. Income-qualified residents struggling with the devastating effects of illness or disability, the death of a family member, unemployment of one or both parents, divorce and/or domestic violence, or other difficult circumstances can apply for assistance for basic needs such as food, housing, utility, medical, school and work-related expenses. This program is entirely funded by the generosity of residents.



# Township Calendar

## June

- 23 Job Search Seminar Presented by Mary Beth Barrett-Newman of Career Resource Center @ 6:00 PM
- 24 Township Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 25 Agency Oversight Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 26 Money Follows the Person Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM

All meetings are held at the Township Office located at 739 Elm Street in Winnetka unless otherwise noted. Meetings are subject to change. For the most up-to-date schedule, visit [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com).

# Important Dates and Deadlines for Assistance Applications

The chart below gives notice of upcoming deadlines for financial assistance programs so those interested may plan accordingly. Please visit the Township website at [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) or call the Township Office at 847.446.8202 for additional information on the programs listed.

- July 15 ..... Day Care Financial Assistance applications due
- July 31 ..... Before/After School Care Assistance applications due
- Mid-August ..... Back to School gift cards available--To apply please contact your local school district, the Josselyn Center, or Family Service of Glencoe, Wilmette or Winnetka-Northfield. See contact information at [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com).
- September 15.... Social Service Agency Program Funding Grants applications due by noon
- Late September ... Community Support Grants applications available
- December 31 ..... Community Support Grants applications due

# Angel Fund Donation Form

Your contribution will make a difference to someone facing financial adversity.

Make check payable to: Angel Fund – New Trier Township.

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: New Trier Township, Angel Fund, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka, IL 60093

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