



# *New Trier Township* Courier

News from Your Township Government

SUMMER 2019



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*Peter Radler, Alexandra Riedinger  
and Eva Vitanovec  
2019 Peer Jury  
Scholarship Winners*

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## From the Supervisor



The theme of your township's 170th Annual Town Meeting was Caring In Action. We arrived at that idea because that is what township government stands for. We care; we help people –right now.

We care on many levels. Our clients are people of all ages, of every walk of life, who come to the township not necessarily in need of a “hand out” as

some like to portray it, but seeking support from neighbors.

During his Town Meeting address, Trustee Elliott Robbins shared a story about a local family that put all their savings on the line to buy a home in Winnetka. Their goal was to secure the best education for their children (one of their children happens to be autistic). A massive heart attack and surgery sidelined the father. We stepped in with emergency financial assistance, referrals to services and food pantry assistance to help the family through a crisis situation.

In our work we also see income inequality and underemployment. People working 2-3 part-time jobs, trying to better themselves, stabilize their families. Your board of trustees feels that community support provides hope and strengthens our community.

The times we are living in represent a paradigm shift. Many people are clamoring for positive change, strength and stability versus division and self-interest. We believe our work is making a positive difference along those lines.

Within this issue are the contents of our fiscal 2018 Annual Report. I hope you'll share our viewpoint that the service numbers and outcome stories clearly illustrate Caring In Action.

All the best to you.  
**Alan Goldberg**

## Meeting Summer Meal Needs In Our Food Pantry

As many plan for summer vacation, holiday events and family gatherings, the weekly supplemental grocery needs of our food pantry clients continue on. Particularly challenging are the requirements of families with young children. If you can help us meet the growing numbers of neighbors facing food insecurity throughout the summer months we would be grateful.

**The township pantry is seeking donations of the following items:**

- Fresh produce (Mondays or Tuesdays only)
- Cookies, crackers and granola bars
- Cooking oils, salad dressing and condiments
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Facial tissue, paper towels, toilet paper/ cleaning supplies

New Trier Township  
**FOOD  
PANTRY**  
No Empty Plates



## A Second Chance for Youth-Peer Jurors

A foundation of the American justice system is the right to a fair and impartial trial by a jury of your peers. New Trier Township and many communities throughout the nation have established peer juries, an optional program for first-time, non-violent offenders that avoid the formal county court process. To be considered for the program, the defendant and a parent/guardian must sign a statement of guilt to a (misdemeanor) crime.

The Peer Jury is based on the premise that it is better to prevent crime than punish it. Since its founding in 1998 by Brian Leverenz, Community Service Administrator, the township peer jury program has heard nearly 1,000 cases, working with police departments in Winnetka, Glencoe, Wilmette, Northfield and Kenilworth to divert cases to our program, versus filing formal charges.

Our Peer Jury program is comprised of 8-10 trained jurors from area high schools who hear the case and impose a community service verdict on the offender. Upon completion of the sentence, Brian informs the police and the Peer Jury members. Should the offender not fulfill the sentence, the case may be referred back to the juvenile officer and may be taken back to Cook County Juvenile Court.

Sending one case through the Cook County Court system can cost taxpayers as much as \$8,000. The township program has a minimal operation cost and saves taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars each year. This fact coupled with a low (5%) recidivism rate makes the program a worthwhile service that teaches life lessons, builds character and bolsters our communities through youth service.

One of the highlights of our 2019 Annual Town Meeting was a presentation by Brian Leverenz about the peer jury program. We also heard the essays and feelings of our three peer jury scholarship winners, Peter Radler, Alexandra Riedinger and Eva Vitanovec. These college bound seniors have served their community well. We wish them all the best in their studies and thank them for their devoted service.



## FY 2018 BUDGET GENERAL TOWN FUND BUDGET

### I. GENERAL TOWN FUND BUDGET

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
<b>March 1, 2018 (unaudited)</b>	<b>\$ 1,477,329</b>
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Property Tax	2,502,284
Replacement Tax	37,000
Interest Income	9,500
Other Income	<u>15,150</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,563,934</b>
<b>Total Estimated Funds Available</b>	<b>\$4,041,263</b>
<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>	
Administration	797,500
Programs & Services	2,274,090
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures/ Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$3,072,590</b>
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	
<b>February 28, 2019</b>	<b>\$968,673</b>

#### APPROPRIATION DETAIL: GENERAL TOWN FUND

##### A. Administration

<u>Personnel</u>	
Officials Salaries	43,000
Staff Salaries	300,000
Health Insurance	53,000
SS & Medicare Contribution	28,000
IMRF Retirement Contribution	49,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$473,000</b>

##### Contractual Services

Auditing Service	11,000
Legal Service	10,000
Postage	20,000
Telephone	17,000
Dues/Subscriptions	8,000
Utilities	13,000
General Insurance & Surety Bonds	30,000
Consultation Fees	10,000
Contract Hire	<u>8,000</u>
<b>Total Contractual Services</b>	<b>\$127,000</b>

##### Commodities

Office Supplies	<u>13,000</u>
<b>Total Commodities</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>

##### Capital Outlay

Building	75,000
Equipment	<u>22,000</u>
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>

##### Other Expenditures

Officials/Staff Expense	7,500
Communications	44,000
General Assistance Support	36,000
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>

##### **Total Administration**

	<b>\$797,500</b>
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### B. Programs and Services

Agency Block Grants	1,492,015
Other Programs and Services	514,100

##### Other Expenditures

Committee Expenses	200
Day Care Scholarships	35,000
Summer Camp Scholarships	55,000
Transportation Services	46,000
Sponsored Meetings	1,850
Annual Town Meeting	6,500
Printing and Publishing	45,000
Website Maintenance & Upgrade	35,000
Before/After School Daycare	30,000
Assessor's Office and Operation	<u>13,425</u>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$267,975</b>

##### **Total Programs and Services**

	<b>\$2,274,090</b>
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### C. Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$1,000</u>
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##### **Total Miscellaneous Expense**

	<b>\$1,000</b>
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## FY 2018 BUDGET GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

### II. GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BUDGET

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	
<b>March 1, 2018 (unaudited)</b>	<b>\$926,788</b>
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
Property Tax	349,091
Interest Income	<u>8,500</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$357,591</u>
<b>Total Estimated Funds Available</b>	<b>\$1,284,379</b>
<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>	
Administration	250,400
Home Relief	81,500
Hospitalization & Insurance	28,500
Pantry	<u>65,000</u>
Total Expenditures/Appropriations:	<u>\$425,400</u>
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	
<b>February 28, 2019</b>	<b>\$858,979</b>

#### APPROPRIATION DETAIL: GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

##### A. Administration

###### Personnel

Salaries	64,000
IMRF/Social Security Contribution	15,000
Health Insurance	13,900
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$92,900</b>

###### Other Expenditures

Office Expense	2,500
Emergency Assistance	150,000
Town Fund Support Projects	<u>5,000</u>
Total Other Expenditures	<u>\$157,500</u>
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$250,400</b>

##### B. Home Relief

Budget Grants	70,000
Access to Care	1,500
Outpatient Services	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total Home Relief</b>	<b>\$81,500</b>

##### C. Hospitalization & Insurance

Hospitalization	25,000
Hospitalization Insurance	<u>3,500</u>
<b>Total Hospitalization &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>

##### D. Pantry

Food Pantry	<u>65,000</u>
<b>Total Pantry</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**SECTION 3:** That the amount appropriated for town purposes for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019 by fund shall be known as follows:

<b>GENERAL TOWN FUND</b>	<b>\$3,072,590</b>
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$425,400</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$3,497,990</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 Four Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,497,990) for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019.

**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 Cook County Clerk within 30 days after adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 22nd day of May 2018, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of New Trier Township, Cook County, Illinois.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES

I, **Alan Goldberg**, 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 the fiscal year ending February 28, 2019, is as follows:

GENERAL TOWN FUND	\$2,563,934
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	\$ 357,591
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,921,525</b>

Date: May 22, 2018  
Alan Goldberg, Supervisor

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

The theme for our 170th Annual Town Meeting is *Caring in Action*, a statement that perfectly capsulizes the mission of Township government —helping people. As many critics continue to speak of dissolving Illinois' Township system of government in hopes of some mysterious cost savings, your current Township Board looks for actual ways to spend township tax dollars effectively and efficiently. The support and services we offer have made the township even more relevant and vital to the lives of our residents. As Clerk, I have a close view on all the actions and decisions of the Township Board; township residents can be



certain that this current Township Board is functioning as a collaborative, respectful and responsible team.

Over the past year New Trier Township completely revamped its' website so now you will have much better access to Township records on-line. Please know that the Clerk's Office is here to help you with a variety of helpful services. It is my honor and privilege to work together with Deputy Clerk Sandy Forrester to serve you.

**Jerome Hoynes, New Trier Township Clerk**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

2018, the third year of a Triennial Assessment period for New Trier Township, was "business as usual" for Deputy Assessor Len Shifflett and me, which means working to expand and improve communication with you, our "clients."

Out of curiosity, I looked at the statistics for 2015 (the third year of the last Triennial Period) to see whether we are achieving our goal and was pleased to see that the number of points of contact was dramatically higher in 2018. In 2015 we fielded 1,965 inquiries; in 2018 there were over 2,700, including processing nearly 500 Exemptions in various categories, as well as over 350 Certificates of Error (used to assist the County Assessor's Office in making corrections to a broad array of issues from late filings to changes in property descriptions).



The County Treasurer notified all jurisdictions about properties that were on the Annual Tax Sale list, and we sent a letter to each Owner of Record informing them of the pending sale.

Along with County Commissioner Larry Suffredin and Board of Review Commissioners Mike Cabonargi and Dan Patlak, Len and I hosted 4 outreach seminars for residents on appealing assessments. We also hosted our annual "Tax Calendar at a Glance" seminar in January and again in November.

Len and I are always looking for more ways to inform township residents about what we do. If you have suggestions, please let us know. As always, we encourage

you to sign up for announcements from our office ([www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com)).

**Jan Churchwell, New Trier Township Assessor**

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- 161**  
temporary disability parking placards issued
- 368**  
passports issued
- 17**  
unincorporated Cook County vehicle stickers sold
- 53**  
voters registered
- 12**  
Township board meeting minutes recorded
- 10**  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,708**  
Total Inquiries
- 1,019**  
Reassessment Appeals Filed
- 873**  
Permits Filed

\*Total annual sales figures for the previous year are normally included here; however, we do not have the Fourth Quarter figures as of press time. We hope to be able to give them to you at the Annual Town Meeting.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Nineteen years ago, as my second term of service on Wilmette's Board of Health was winding down, I was appointed to serve on the old Health & Human Services Committee of New Trier Township. For the next six years, the last three of those as Chair, I had the opportunity to participate in and oversee the funding of a variety of agencies in our township, including the North Shore Senior Center, our township's three family service agencies, and the youth centers within our township. It was gratifying to observe the impact that our funded agencies and programs had on the township residents who benefited from these services.



its mission of providing resources and services in a caring and cost effective manner to our most vulnerable residents, including seniors, at risk youth, and persons with disabilities or mental illness.

In this past year, \$1.5 million was awarded to 36 agencies providing diverse services to our most vulnerable residents in the township. 248 individuals just received Community Support Grants of \$1,000.00/person to help in meeting some of the special needs and unusual expenses related to caring for persons with disabilities. Emergency Assistance was provided to 47 families/135 persons facing emergency housing, medical or work-related

Upon completing my second term on HHS, I began serving as a youth advocate for our township's Peer Jury Program, a position in which I still serve. The program is all about giving youth in our township who have made bad decisions a chance to avoid the juvenile justice system and to make amends by performing community service at various agencies within the township. It has been an honor to work with these remorseful

offenders, their parents and our thoughtful juries composed of student volunteers from the high schools within our township. Over the past thirteen years that I've been involved in peer jury, we have adjudicated hundreds of cases, helping offenders get back on track and providing thousands of hours of committed volunteer services to agencies in our township.

Three years ago, I was slated by the New Trier Citizen's League, along with fellow candidates, Boyd, Schnitzer-Eisenberg and Thomas, to serve as trustees, and our entire slate was elected in a contested election in April, 2017. We are nearing the end of our second year of service, and I am pleased to report that our township is continuing to fulfill

circumstances. General Assistance or Angel Fund Assistance was provided to other eligible persons in need. Our Food Pantry was also busy providing service to income-qualified persons, many of whom experienced unexpected or major illness, job loss or family tragedy.

These programs represent just a portion of the growing array of services that our township provides to its residents.

Please explore our newly-designed and updated website, [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com), to learn more.

In over nineteen years of service, I've witnessed our township adapt to the needs of our residents,

our programs and services have become more robust and effective, and our presence has become more visible to the community. I've witnessed the importance of township work, I'm confident that we will continue to fulfill our mission, and I couldn't be prouder to serve.

**Elliott Robbins**  
New Trier Township Trustee

### SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

**\$1,492,015**  
Million Awarded

**49**  
Different Programs Funded

**36**  
Social Service Agencies Supported

## SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS

Your township government helps people with a variety of life challenges, including food insecurity, student services, and financial assistance to defray essential living expenses. These services improve life quality and help strengthen the communities we serve.

Your Township delivered the following results in fiscal 2018-19:

**1,790** total visits to the Township Food Pantry took place last year. We served **188** households during fiscal 2018 with an average of **149** visits per month.

**360** Back to School gift cards were purchased and distributed to students who qualify for financial assistance, including a free or reduced cost school lunch program.

**164** residents received financial assistance for shelter, utilities and medical needs.

**51** cases representing **142** persons received Emergency Financial Assistance. Of those cases **85%** represent assistance with basics like shelter and utilities.

**292** holiday dinners were distributed to Food Pantry clients and clients of non-profit agency partners.

**92** senior citizens received holiday gift cards for grocery purchases.

**93** children from **38** families received holiday gifts through the Caring Neighbors program. **43** individuals, families, businesses, civic organizations, and faith communities served as sponsors.

**21** families received holiday trees and/or wreaths through the efforts of civic organizations.

**10** families received referrals to the Glencoe Holiday Project for food, gift cards, and/or children's toys.

**79** families received scholarships for child care expenses.

**248** Community Support Grants were awarded.

**4,697** Dial-A-Ride cab fares were subsidized.

**26** escorted rides to medical appointments were provided.

**18** Peer Jury cases were tried, resulting in **555** hours of community service.

## TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS

In this era of continual change, your Township Board of Trustees applies a strategic approach to determining the needs of our community members. We feel that careful analysis and consideration of grant funding that delivers both immediate and long-term benefit is critical to community stability. Our

committees provide experience and guidance, as we evaluate both the immediate and long-term needs of the communities we serve. We are fortunate to have many talented individuals, willing to give of themselves to help neighbors realize their full potential.

### Mental Health Committee

Edward Olinger, M.D., <i>Chair</i>	Laura Coplan	Susan Matjeka
Denise Akason	Richard Drake	Leslie Anne Weyrich
Carol Judith Cohen	Jerome Ginsburg	Christen Reimer
	Nan Weiss-Ham	
	Jennifer Hull	

### Money Follows the Person Committee

Ann Sickon, <i>Chair</i>	Lynn Garten	Nancy Perovic
Brian Brandt	Inez Grzeslo	Diann Sheridan
James Conte	Shuang Lin	Tammy Smiley
Mitchell Dulin	Bridget Orth	Jessica Tucker

### Food Pantry Volunteers

Jane Gallery	Our Place of New Trier Township	Colette Wetzel
Frank Craven		

### Peer Jury Program Adult Volunteers

Jack Coladarci	Donna Lebovitz
Joni Johnson	Elliott Robbins

### Agency Oversight Committee

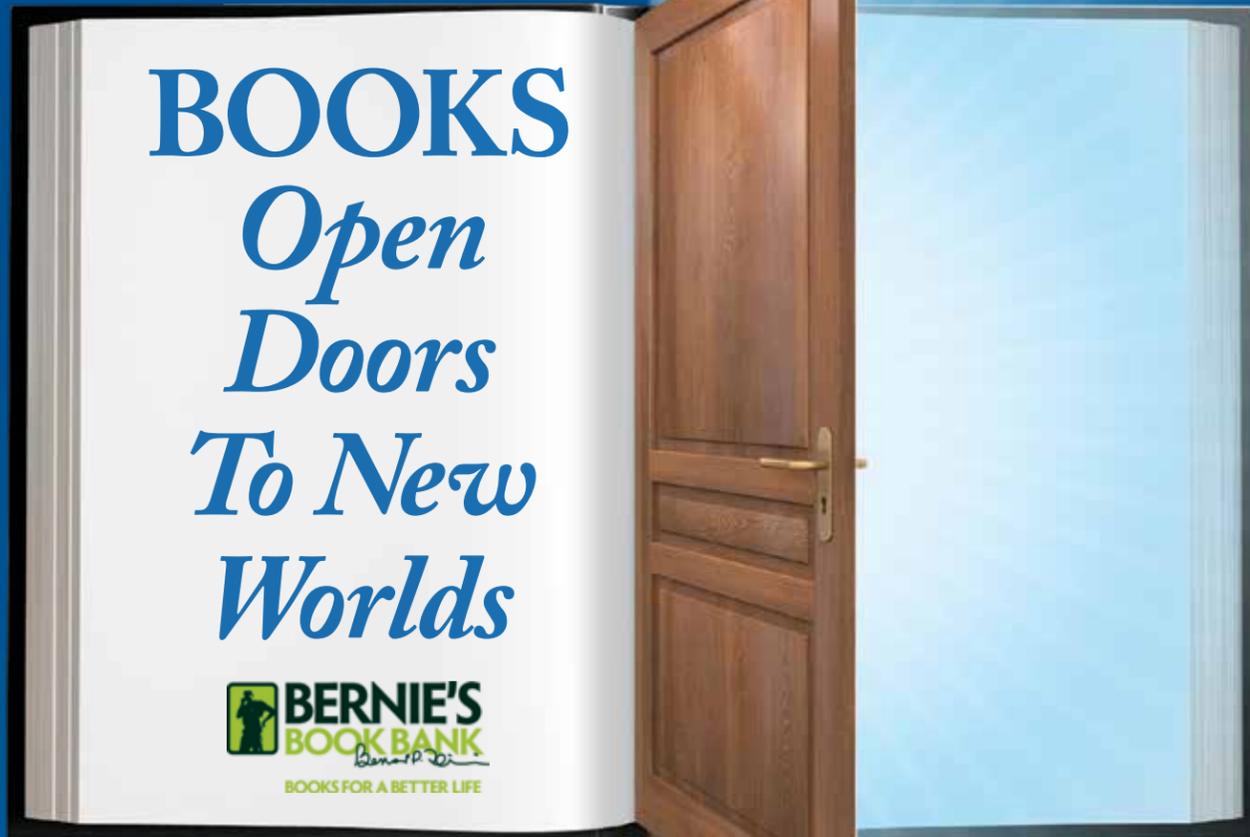
Paul Lively, <i>Chair</i>	Marie Jones	Lawrence Stein	Pauline Wang
Patricia Balsamo	Joshua Markus	Ellen Van Vechten	Colette Wetzel
Debby Hahamy	Bruce Forbes Seitzer		

# Opening Doors Through Reading

## 3,000 Books In 30-Days

### New Trier Township Summer 2019 Book Drive

#### July 9- August 9



As difficult as this is for most people to process, thousands of Illinois families are living at subsistence incomes and do not have the discretionary income to purchase books. This summer we are hosting a North Shore children's book collection to help at-risk children learn the joy of owning books.

The collection drive will benefit Bernie's Book Bank; a Lake Bluff based non-profit working to help children living at or below poverty level acquire books. At this writing they have distributed over 15 million books since their founding in 2009.

Alan Goldberg, Supervisor of New Trier Township shared, "We are pleased to be working with Bernie's Book Bank on another collection drive.

This project provides an opportunity to open a child's imagination and instill a love for reading which leads to so many possibilities in life."

Any community members or organizations that would like to stage their own collection and join us in this important event should email Jack Macholl [jmacholl@newtriertownship.com](mailto:jmacholl@newtriertownship.com)

To read more about Bernie's Book Bank, visit [www.berniesbookbank.org](http://www.berniesbookbank.org)

If you missed the New Trier Township podcast interview with Brian Floriani Founder & Executive Director of Bernie's Book Bank, visit [SoundCloud.com](https://www.soundcloud.com/newtriertownship). Simply click the search (spyglass) icon, type in New Trier Township, and select episode 4.



## Glencoe's Sesquicentennial A Reason To Celebrate

We want to congratulate the Village of Glencoe on its Sesquicentennial Anniversary being celebrated throughout 2019 with a series of fun and informative events. You can learn more about the celebration and what's happening this summer by visiting <https://www.glencoe150.org>

New Trier Township is honored to be participating in this years Glencoe 4th of July Parade that begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Central School and ends in Lakefront Park.



### Before/After School Support Scholarship Applications Due August 9, 2019

The township's Child Care Financial Assistance Program provides support to help parents/guardians offset the cost of licensed before/after school programs. Our goal is to help income eligible working families obtain high-quality, affordable childcare while parents are at work, school or job training programs. For fiscal year 2019-20 the application period will be June 24 - August 9.

The before/after school scholarship application can be found on our website. Simply visit Resident Services, then, Financial Assistance and on to Child Care, where a downloadable PDF form is available. All questions should be directed to **Jeanne Winsted Rosser** at (847) 446-8201.

#### Important Dates and Deadlines for Assistance Applications

New Trier Township offers a variety of assistance programs. Those interested in applying should visit [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) and download the desired application or phone the office at (847) 446-8201 for more information.

#### Get Township News in Real Time

Your Township Government provides local news and information via The Dispatch, our bi-weekly e-Newsletter. Sign-up is easy and free, just visit [www.newtriertownship.com](http://www.newtriertownship.com) and select Sign In, Create an Account and complete your profile.

On social media you can find us on Twitter, visit [@NTTGov](https://twitter.com/NTTGov). Our Facebook page is **New Trier Township**, please "like" us to receive updates on your Facebook feed. We also have a variety of videos on our YouTube Channel **NewTrierTwp** and informative podcast interviews on our SoundCloud.com channel.

### Providing Childcare Scholarships for Families In-Need

Supervisor Alan Goldberg approved 76 scholarships, providing area children the opportunity to attend park district summer camp programs while their parents work or attend school. These funds have been distributed to six park district camp programs throughout the North Shore. For more information on childcare scholarships and other social services programs, contact **Jeanne Winsted Rosser** at (847) 446-8201.



#### Township Board of Trustees Meetings

- July 2, 2019
- September 10, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- All at 7:30 p.m.





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## Your Elected Officials- The Closest Form of Government to the People



**Alan Goldberg**  
SUPERVISOR



**Jan Churchwell**  
ASSESSOR



**Jerome Hoynes**  
CLERK



**Gail Schnitzer-Eisenberg**  
TRUSTEE



**Stefan Mozer**  
TRUSTEE



**Elliott Robbins**  
TRUSTEE



**John Thomas**  
TRUSTEE

Since its humble beginnings in the mid-1850s, township government has served as the closest form of government to the people. If you have ideas to share on ways we can improve life in New Trier Township, we encourage you to attend Township meetings and events. Working together we'll keep our communities strong- let's make some great things happen.