

NEW TRIER Township Courier

Spring 2013

You're Invited to the Annual Town Meeting

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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Focus on Collaboration to Serve Residents' Needs

All residents are invited to the 164th Annual Town Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 16 in the Auditorium at the Community Recreation Center in Wilmette. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Annual Town Meeting is one of the oldest traditions of Township government in which all Illinois Townships meet on the same day in April to review the official business of Township government. It is a unique occurrence in that registered voters rather than the elected officials vote on agenda items.

Former Congressman Bob Dold to Deliver Keynote Address

This year, a highlight will be keynote speaker Bob Dold, former representative from Illinois' 10th Congressional district, small business owner and long-time Township resident. Having been a public servant himself, Congressman Dold is knowledgeable about the cooperation necessary for government to function. He will share his insights into the role of Township government and the collaboration that is the foundation of success. Congressman Dold will also address the changing face of government at all levels and his vision for the future.



Agenda Includes Presentation of Township Accomplishments and Some Exceptional Residents

The theme for the Annual Meeting will be *Township Government: Success Through Collaboration*. The collaboration that takes place between the Township and local agencies enables the breadth of services available to residents. That same spirit of collaboration permeates every level of the operation including the cooperation with volunteers, donors, residents, and of course the trustees and staff. Residents who attend the meeting can look forward to reports delivered by elected officials Supervisor Patricia Cantor, Clerk Jerome Hoynes, Assessor Martin Houlihan and Trustee Alan Goldberg.

Another much anticipated agenda item is the presentation of the George E. Noyes Community Spirit Award, Supervisor's Award, Superior Service to Persons with Disabilities Awards and Peer Jury Scholarship. We will also be honoring the service of retiring

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A Message From The Supervisor



Helen Keller once remarked, “Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” This has been the lens through which we have projected the Township’s mission. It is only appropriate that we extend this theme to our upcoming Annual Town Meeting, which will celebrate *Success Through Collaboration*. The theme reinforces the spirit of cooperation that enables the Township to serve residents to the extent we do.

The parties who collaborate daily to carry out the work of the Township include the staff, resident volunteers and donors, the social service agencies that partner with us to deliver services to residents and the Board of Trustees. During my 24 years of service to the Township—first as a member of an Advisory Committee, then as Trustee, and for the last eight years as Township Supervisor—I have watched the Board of Trustees develop a wonderfully proactive stance to establish new programs in recognition of the rising needs in our community.

The Township has grown and changed in accordance with shifts in the economy and resident demographics. Your officials recognize the evolving needs of Township residents, and the Board has proven to be an innovative and effective force. Similarly, the challenges facing individuals and families in our community have evolved in an ever-changing world. Your Township has kept the pace with your needs

and continues to demonstrate a responsive stance.

It is with bittersweet emotion that I pen this message, one of my final communications to our community as I prepare to wind down my role as Township Supervisor. I have been honored to serve as New Trier Township Supervisor since May of 2005. This May I will pass the baton. Some highlights of which I am most proud have been the instigation of the Community Support Grants, Mobility Access and Senior Sponsorship programs.

As I reflect back over our accomplishments, I am proud of our team’s record of meeting resident needs and responding to the new challenges that arise. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the officials and staff of the Township who make our work possible. With a small yet dedicated group, we are able to do so much for so many. Our programs are stronger than ever before, and the numbers served bear that out. The staff, officials and volunteers find reward in carrying out the mission of the Township. I can personally attest to the great fulfillment I have found in serving, and I thank you for the privilege.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat'.

Patricia B. Cantor
Supervisor

Annual Town Meeting

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Supervisor Pat Cantor, Assessor JoAnn Shrier Gordon, Collector Joe Fell and Trustee Alan Goldberg. These elected officials will be awarded the Township Excellence Award in acknowledgement of the valuable contributions they have each made in their various roles serving the Township.

The Annual Town Meeting is always a festive event combining Township business with a celebration of Township government and the New Trier Township community. Please save the date and plan to join us for this enjoyable and informative gathering.



Township Assessor
Martin Houlihan with
Deputy Assessor Lois Cross

News from the Assessor's Office...

2013 is a Reassessment Year

The Cook County Assessor will be mailing a notice of your proposed assessed valuation to you soon—the estimated mail date is May 1, 2013. Each year, the Cook County Assessor's Office reassesses one-third of the nearly 1.8 million parcels of property located in Cook County. This year, the Assessor's Office is reassessing properties in New Trier Township. Reassessment notices will contain the proposed value on your property that will be reflected on second installment tax bills due in the fall of 2014.

Appeals Must Be Filed Promptly

The time to file an appeal is when you get your reassessment notice, not when the tax bills come out. This is your opportunity to reduce your taxes for the next three years, but you must follow the rules and file within the deadlines.

Process and Grounds for Property Tax Appeals

The Cook County Assessor's website, www.cookcountyassessor.com offers simple online filing of appeals and the Township Assessor's Office will be available to assist you as well. The grounds for appeal and the supporting data needed for each are:

- *Lack of Uniformity With Similar Properties* – Comps should be in your class and neighborhood, and similar in size, construction, and age.
- *Error in Square Footage of Home or Lot* – A survey is required as proof based on measurements of the exterior of the house, excluding basements, garages and unfinished attics or porches.
- *Overvaluation* – An assessment that is more than 10% of the current market value proven by a recent appraisal or open market purchase—not a short sale or foreclosure.

“This is your opportunity to reduce your taxes for the next three years...”

Don't Miss Out on Property Tax Saving Exemptions

Meanwhile, you can still impact your 2012 tax obligation by making sure you have filed for all the exemptions to which you are entitled. All 2012 exemptions will appear as deductions on the second installment tax bills in 2013. Applications for the 2012 Homeowner, Senior Citizen, Senior Freeze, Disabled Persons', Disabled Veterans', Returning Veterans' and Long-time Occupant Exemptions are available in the Township Assessor's office or online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. Only the Homeowner Exemption will continue to renew automatically once it has been established. For detailed information and qualifications for the exemptions, please visit the Township website, www.newtriertownship.com.

Funding For These Agencies Provided by New Trier Township

New Trier Township delivers services and stretches tax dollars by contributing to agencies that serve Township residents. The Township currently funds 33 agencies that operate 44 programs. The Courier is introducing a new feature to profile one or more of these agencies with each publication in order to provide information on the services available to residents. Below is a list of the agencies that have been awarded grants by New Trier Township in the current fiscal year.

Arts of Life	Glenkirk	Open Studio Project
Cancer Wellness Center	The Harbour	Our Place of New Trier Township
Career Resource Center	Haven Youth and Family Services	Peer Services
Center for Enriched Living	Josselyn Center	Rebuilding Together
Children's Advocacy Center	The Kindness Connection	Services for Adults Staying In Their Homes (SASI)
Clearbrook	Lambs Farm	Special Gifts Theater
Erika's Lighthouse	Links	Volunteer Center of New Trier Township
Family Service of Glencoe	Meals At Home	Warming House Youth Center
Family Service Center of Wilmette	National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI)	Winnetka Youth Organization
Family Service of Winnetka/Northfield	New Foundation Center	Youth Connection
Glencoe Youth Services and GYS Young Adult Program	North Shore Senior Center	YWCA

Featured Agency: Career Resource Center

After 22 years of empowering individuals to conduct an effective job search, Career Resource Center (CRC) has no plans of stopping anytime soon. In today's economic climate and turbulent working conditions, the Center's career transition services and resources are needed now more than ever. The CRC's volunteer base numbers more than 120 individuals with big hearts and a diversity of talents. These talented individuals offer their expertise pro-bono to deliver services and perform many of the Center's operational functions with the goal of helping job candidates secure employment. This small 501(c)3 non-profit organization is able to change lives, communities, and the economy because of their contributions. In fact, CRC has assisted over 11,500 job candidates over the years.

People are constantly amazed at the depth of talent and sheer numbers of volunteers that are involved at CRC. They also witness the pride of these individuals in being a part of Career Resource Center. Most volunteers work one-half day a week throughout the year. They may advise job seekers, present workshops, greet visitors, manage finances, maintain computers, track data,

take a leadership role, or assist with marketing and fundraising. Each weekday has a different team of volunteers who work with CRC's staff that includes an Executive Director and three part-time support staff. Several volunteers have earned recognition for over 10 years of service. During the holiday season, CRC held a celebration honoring their treasured volunteers. The event is a special evening held annually to recognize and honor the roles volunteers play and their tremendous impact.

New Trier Township provides funding for Career Resource Center through the Agency Oversight Committee. Township residents benefit from the career services provided by the agency, and many residents volunteer their expertise at CRC as well. If you are interested in a volunteer position or would like to learn more about CRC, visit the CRC website at www.CareerResourceCenter.org, email your questions to info@CareerResourceCenter.org or contact CRC at 847.295.5626.



Summer Camp Financial Assistance Deadline Approaching

Financial assistance for summer camp is available through the Township’s Child Care Assistance Program. Applications are available at the Township Office and on the Township website at www.newtriertownship.com. The deadline for application submission is Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Financial assistance is also available for day care and for before and after school care. Those applications are also currently available, however the deadlines for those programs are July 15 and 31 respectively. Note that the grant cycle for day care assistance begins July 15, 2013 however residents needing assistance meeting day care costs can apply at any time throughout the year while funds remain available.

Determining Eligibility

To be eligible for assistance, a resident must have lawful custody of a child under the age of 13 who receives care in a licensed facility. Both child and parent (or legal guardian) must reside within the boundaries of New Trier Township. Both custodial parents or the child’s legal guardian must be working (full or part-time), attending school, or participating in a job training program during the hours of the child care program. Finally, eligibility is based upon meeting specified income guidelines.

Guidelines for income eligibility are as follows:

Family Size	Gross Income
2	\$46,000
3	\$49,000
4	\$52,000
5	\$56,000
6	\$60,000

Application Process

Interested parties should submit a completed Child Care Financial Assistance application with required documentation prior to the deadline. Required documentation may include but is not limited to federal income tax return, recent paycheck stubs, proof of residency, verification of child’s enrollment in program, child care provider license number, current fee sheet from child care provider. Incomplete applications will be returned for completion.

For more information, please visit the website or contact the New Trier Township Social Services Administrator at 847-446-8201 or jwinstedrosser@newtriertownship.com.

Don’t Forget to Vote on April 9th



The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, and the Township has seven offices on the ballot. Each elected official will serve a four-year term. The candidates include:

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| Supervisor | Padraig H. (Paddie) Brennan | Trustee..... | Hamilton Chang |
| Clerk..... | Jerome Hoynes | Trustee..... | Gerri Kahnweiler |
| Assessor | Martin Houlihan | Trustee..... | Jan Gargula |
| | | Trustee..... | Stefan Mozer |

The newly elected New Trier Township officials will be sworn in on Monday, May 20, 2013.

In addition to Cook County Township officials, the Consolidated Election also includes the Library, Park District, School and Village Boards.

Early voting takes place March 25 through April 6. Early voting sites are located throughout Cook County. Within New Trier Township registered voters can vote at the Community Recreation Center at 3000 Glenview Road in Wilmette.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason. Mail ballot applications are available at the Township. Come by to pick one up or call to have an application mailed to you.

The polls will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents may locate their polling place by calling the Cook County Clerk’s Office at 312.603.0906 or visiting www.cookcountyclerk.com. For more information, please call the Township Clerk’s Office at 847.446.8202.

Spring Cleaning Your Pantry

As food donations slow in the spring and summer months, the Township Food Pantry becomes challenged with keeping the shelves stocked. You can help by cleaning your pantry and donating any unused, non-perishable items to the Food Pantry. You can also rally your friends, neighbors, or civic groups to collect cleaning products for the Pantry. Laundry and dish detergent, along with cleaning supplies like kitchen and bathroom cleaners, are always welcome. Every donation, no matter how small, helps a neighbor in need.



Food Pantry Wish List

Current priority items:

- canned spaghetti and ravioli
- cleaning supplies
- condiments and sauces (ketchup, mustard, jelly, etc.)
- cookies, crackers, granola bars and other healthy snacks
- cooking oils and olive oil
- juice bottles and boxes (smaller sizes)
- laundry detergent
- salad dressing and mayonnaise

Other recommended items:

- aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- baking goods (muffins, cake mixes)
- canned dinners (chili, beef stew, pasta dishes)
- canned fruit
- canned meat (chicken, salmon, tuna)
- canned meat soups
- canned tomatoes
- cereal
- coffee and tea
- pancake mix and syrup

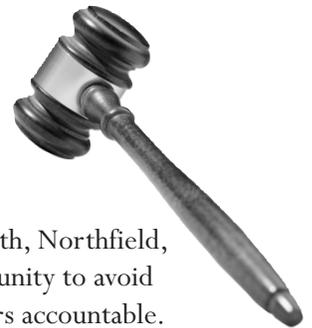
- paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex)
- pasta and pasta sauce
- personal care products (toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, diapers, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner)
- powdered milk, sugar
- rice (white or brown)
- salt and pepper, spices and herbs
- 100% fruit juice and vegetable juice (shelf stable – cans or plastic bottles only)

All items are welcome, but we respectfully request no canned beans of any kind and no macaroni and cheese, as we are overstocked on these items.

Peer Jury Will Accept Applications

The Township Peer Jury consists of a group of students from public and private high schools in the Township who gather monthly to provide service to the community by listening to the cases of juvenile offenders and determining sentences. The Peer Jury will be accepting applications during the month of May for juror service.

First time, non-violent offenders who are 17 and under may be referred by the Glencoe, Kenilworth, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka Police Departments to the Peer Jury, which gives the offender the opportunity to avoid a criminal juvenile record. As an alternative to Juvenile Court, the Peer Jury system holds offenders accountable. Communities in suburban Cook County that have Peer Jury programs have found the system cuts down on repeat offenses. Students who serve on the Peer Jury experience the criminal juvenile justice system first hand, learn to work cooperatively, and accept the challenge to listen to the facts and determine sentences. Most importantly, they must learn to maintain confidentiality about the cases they hear.



How to Apply for Peer Jury Service

Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors in high school who are available to meet once a month year round are eligible to serve. An orientation, training session and observation session are required before new volunteers become jurors. To apply, go to the Township website at www.newtriertownship.com and download a Peer Jury Information Packet. For more information, contact Brian Leverenz at bleverenz@newtriertownship.com or 847.446.8203.

Township Calendar

March

- 26 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 27 Agency Oversight Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 28 Money Follows The Person Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM

April

- 9 Consolidated Election
- 16 Annual Town Meeting @ 6:30 PM, Community Recreation Center, Wilmette
- 23 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 30 Deadline to apply for Summer Camp Financial Assistance Program

May

- 6 The Committee on Mental Health Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 9 Cook County Clerk's Association Meeting @ 6:30 PM, Happ Inn, Northfield
- 14 Township Board of Trustees' Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 20 Inauguration of New Officials @ 5:30 PM
- 21 The Committee on Disabilities Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 22 Agency Oversight Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 23 Money Follows the Person Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM
- 27 Office Closed—Memorial Day
- 28 Committee of the Whole 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.

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