

# NEW TRIER Township Courier

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## *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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## All Residents are Invited to an Open House and Annual Town Meeting



**The 166th New Trier Township Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** and residents are invited to come by 739 Elm Street in Winnetka for a tour of your Township Office as well as the presentation of the Annual Town Meeting. New Trier Township embraces this tradition as an opportunity to fully disclose our undertakings for the year, provide an overview of our priorities and objectives as well as an accounting of expenditures, and deliver our annual report.

We also take this opportunity to honor those residents who have donated their talents to facilitate our programs. Our elected officials and trustees welcome the chance to report to the community, and we hope you will join us to learn more about how your Township is delivering services on your behalf. This year you will have the added bonus of touring the office including the Food Pantry and meeting elected officials and staff.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that as part of the Annual Town Meeting a panel of chairs of all three Township Advisory Committees will present information regarding the work of their committees. Chuen Tam, Chair of the Mental Health Committee, Ann Sickon, Chair of the Money Follows the Person Committee, and Janet Lerman, Chair of the Agency Oversight Committee will briefly describe the functions of their committees and take questions from residents. All three committees are in need of new members, so this is a chance for interested residents to learn about volunteer opportunities on our Advisory Committees.

Another exciting element of the evening will be the presentation of awards. This year, the Township will award Supervisor's Superior Service, Township Excellence and George E. Noyes Community Spirit Awards as well as a Peer Jury Scholarship to a graduating high school senior Peer Juror. The award recipients are individuals who have played critical roles in the execution of programs upon which many of your neighbors rely. Without the faithful dedication of these individuals and many others like them, the Township would not be able to carry out a fraction of the programming we deliver. In acknowledgement of the many volunteers who assist at the Township, the theme of our meeting this year is *How the Township Works for You--Empowering Our Community*. We hope you will consider joining us for an enjoyable evening with neighbors to visit our offices and learn more about how your Township government is working for you.

## A Message from the Supervisor

At this time of year, as we universally anticipate spring and the new life and hope that brings, the Township prepares for our annual ritual of tradition and reflection—the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is required by state law and is held by all Illinois Townships on the same date. We conduct this meeting in deference to the tradition which is valued for the opportunity it provides Townships as the government closest to the people to report directly on our challenges and achievements over the past year. We also engage in this ritual in the hopes that we will have the chance to share information that is relevant and worthwhile with our residents while offering the opportunity for you to provide feedback on how well we are meeting your needs.



Each and every day we deliver services to you, we strive to assess their impact and effectiveness. That's why our programs are always adapting to meet evolving needs. We are in the midst of launching a new initiative for residents who have financial challenges such that they are unable to access quality dental care. (See *Dental Health Day* story on page 3.) We created this program as a result of resident feedback that assistance with dental cleanings would be welcome. We are grateful to have a resident and practitioner, Dr. Michael Stosich, who generously offered his services and resources to make this program a reality. So far, we have had a solid response to the program launch, and we will continue to listen to your requests and comments so we live up to the expectations and needs of our community.

Please try to join us for the Annual Town Meeting to hear more about the services we provide and to share your own personal observations with your elected officials. If you cannot be in attendance on Tuesday, April 14th, I am available at the Township Office and welcome residents to come in for a conversation, a tour, or to explore opportunities to get involved in the work of the Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Paddie Brennen  
Supervisor

## New Trier Township to Host Summer Camp Scholarship Application Processing Day

New Trier Township will be holding an Application Processing Day for eligible residents to apply for scholarships for children's summer camp. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 in the Board Room at the Township Office, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka. Staff will be on hand to assist residents with applications.

Documentation that is required to complete the application process includes 2014 or 2013 income tax return, two paycheck stubs for each parent within the last 30 days, proof of residency (current lease, letter signed by property owner or utility bill), verification of child's enrollment in program, and the program cost from the provider.

Please note that the child(ren) must be enrolled in the summer camp program of choice prior to the submission of an application for a camp scholarship. If proof of enrollment is not supplied, the applicant will be asked to complete camp enrollment and secure documentation before a scholarship application can be considered.

We offer the application processing event to assist residents in completing their summer camp financial assistance applications. Residents should be aware that applications are due on Thursday, April 30, 2015. Those who cannot attend the application processing day should submit completed applications prior to the end of business on April 30.

For more information, please contact Social Services Administrator Jeanne Winsted Rosser at [jwinstedrosser@newtriertownship.com](mailto:jwinstedrosser@newtriertownship.com) or 847-446-8201.

## Dental Health Day Will Allow Low-Income Residents to Access Affordable Dental Cleanings

*Dr. Michael Stosich of Kenilworth and North Shore Senior Center have partnered with the Township to make this program possible*

New Trier Township together with the North Shore Senior Center will offer reduced rate dental cleanings to qualified low-income residents of all ages for a fee of \$50 per patient on Friday, April 24, 2015, with pre-registration required.

These quality dental services are being made possible by the generosity of Kenilworth orthodontist Michael Stosich, D.M.D., M.S., M.S., and his staff. Dr. Stosich and iDentity Orthodontics will provide the dental cleaning and exam, oral hygiene and diet instructions, panoramic x-ray with diagnostic read, and oral hygiene supplies to every patient. Patients requiring more extensive dental follow-up procedures may be referred to CEDA (Community Economic Development Association), which maintains a list of area providers accepting Medicaid/All Kids as well as other dental insurance plans.

Appointment reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 3, 2015. Patients may request appointments in confidence by leaving a voicemail message for the North Shore Senior Center intake coordinator at 847-242-6220. After leaving name, address and phone, applicants will be mailed registration and health history forms. Those forms, accompanied by a \$50 check for each applicant made payable to "iDentity Orthodontics," should be returned to Dental Health Day, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Registrants will be asked to indicate their preference for a morning appointment from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or afternoon appointment from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

After being qualified for participation, applicants will be contacted following receipt of their paperwork for appointment confirmation. Applications are also available at New Trier Township, on the Township website, at the North Shore Senior Center and on the NSSC website. Cleanings will take place at Dr. Stosich's office at 554 Green Bay Road in Kenilworth.

Dr. Stosich is a leader in patient care, serving patients in the New Trier Township area as well as Grayslake and Gurnee. He serves as faculty and attending orthodontist at the University of Chicago Hospital on the craniofacial and cleft palate team treating some of the most complex cases in the field. Dr. Stosich believes in giving back to the communities he serves and participates in the Smiles Change Lives Foundation, Smiles for Service and Fresh Start Caring for Kids Foundation. He is also a trustee of the Hadley School for the Blind. For more information about iDentity Orthodontics, please go to [identityortho.com](http://identityortho.com).



*Dr. Michael Stosich of  
iDentity Orthodontics*



## Youth Drop-In Centers Offer Programming for Township Teens

In this issue of the Courier, we are featuring an overview of local drop-in centers for youth. These organizations provide Township teens with safe places to socialize, exciting programming, opportunities for service, and healthy methods to develop sound and productive relationships with peers. We are grateful for the support and guidance these groups offer our children, and we thought residents would enjoy learning more about the work of these dedicated organizations.

### WARMING HOUSE YOUTH CENTER

[www.warminghouse.org](http://www.warminghouse.org)



The Center is a not-for-profit agency governed by a board of directors and staffed by paid professionals, volunteers, and student interns. The Center is open to teens in grades 8 through 12 five days per week. 6th and 7th grade teens are welcome on Saturdays. As of March 1, 2015, the Warming House expanded Saturday hours so the center is open from 5-9 p.m. in response to increased demand from youth in the community. The Warming House offers a welcoming environment to all teens. Teens are welcome to drop in voluntarily during open hours, and to use the Center in whatever way best suits them. Whether playing pool, cooking in the kitchen, or chatting on the couch, teens build healthy relationships with staff and peers.

The Warming House Youth Center is located in Wilmette and welcomes all junior high and high school students. The Center offers 6th through 12th grade participants the opportunity to enjoy a structured and supportive environment with teen-focused programming. At the Warming House teens can explore their values, test their independence, and develop leadership skills that enhance their overall growth and development. The professional staff is trained to assess teen needs and address relevant issues through educational, prevention based, and recreational program offerings. Staff members are dedicated to helping youth build healthy relationships and a strong sense of community.

### WINNETKA YOUTH ORGANIZATION

[www.winnetskayo.org](http://www.winnetskayo.org)



The mission of the Winnetka Youth Organization (the YO) is to foster individual development in junior high and high school youth on the North Shore by providing adult-to-youth mentoring, prevention services, and opportunities for leadership, citizenship, and, education within a safe, informal environment. The YO offers fun and unique programs for teens such as open mic nights, concerts, movie nights, a summer service trip, and more.

Objectives:

- Provide a positive, safe environment where young people can be recognized as individuals.
- Engage youth in programs designed to develop leadership skills, enhance positive social skills and self-esteem, and advance constructive behavior patterns.
- Sponsor activities that promote cultural competency and understanding of others.
- Assist in meeting youth needs for friendship, status, safety, and adult mentoring.
- Offer programs and services that are positive alternatives to adolescent high risk behaviors.
- Facilitate cooperation and communication between the teen population and the community at large.
- Enlist the support of community members, agencies, and institutions to share financial and physical resources to strengthen service youth.

## GLENCOE YOUTH SERVICES

[www.glencoeyouthservices.org](http://www.glencoeyouthservices.org)



Glencoe Youth Services (GYS) provides recreational, educational, social service and leadership opportunities, in a safe and supportive environment, to high school age youth living in New Trier Township. GYS also operates the Young Adult Program (YAP), which provides social activities and support for adults with disabilities.

GYS was formed in 1971 by a group of teens, after alarm over the death of a local teen from a drug overdose, and community concern that there was no place for the teens of Glencoe to gather. After humble beginnings in the basement of the Glencoe Public Library, GYS has been situated at its current location on Greenwood since the early 1980s where they continue with the mission to give local teens a place to call their own.

GYS offers teens a place where they can confide in staff, meet new friends and participate in a wide range of activities that are geared toward aiding the youth of the community, and the community at large.

GYS is staffed by an Executive and Associate Director and 2-3 Youth Workers. Two staff members are present during all open hours and provide safe, supportive supervision.

## GLENCOE JUNIOR HIGH PROJECT

[www.gjhp.org](http://www.gjhp.org)



The Glencoe Junior High Project (GJHP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides middle school students who reside in Glencoe with a wide range of programs designed to encourage personal growth, social responsibility, and community engagement. GJHP is run by a volunteer board and two Youth Program Directors. The cost of programs and staff are funded solely by community donations, charitable grants and net revenue generated from the middle school play.

The GJHP's programs for Glencoe 5th-8th graders include:

- Community Service: Because of the GJHP, middle school students have the opportunity to participate in community service activities that help teach valuable lessons such as giving back, helping others in need, and sharing with people from all walks of life. Students are given the unique opportunity to participate in hands-on social service programs, including teaching others how to read, working at soup kitchens, doing projects with kids in a family shelter, visiting the elderly, sorting and packing books for children in low-income communities, and mentoring cognitively delayed students in sports.
- The Annual GJHP Play: GJHP underwrites, produces, and supports all aspects of an annual, inclusive no-cut musical theatre experience led by a professional director.
- The Oasis: A furnished space located in Central School and staffed by two program directors, it provides all middle schools students a daily opportunity to spend lunch recess indoors and to participate in supervised after-school activities.
- Supervised Social Activities: GJHP sponsors a plethora of supervised social events such as Halloween Hoopla, the 6th Grade Dance, the GJHP annual Variety Show, the year-end Beach Bash, and Friday night social programs such as Capture-the-Flag and Movie Nights.

## YOUTH CONNECTION

[www.youthconnectionwilmette.org](http://www.youthconnectionwilmette.org)



Youth Connection's mission is to offer low or no cost social, service, and learning opportunities to Wilmette area 5th-8th graders. Youth Connection provides experiences that encourage kids to participate, grow and have fun in a safe, inclusive environment. The organization is not part of District 39 or the school PTOs, but they work closely with PTOs and the schools and staff. Youth Connection relies on donations and grants to provide their programs.

### *Programs for Highcrest Middle School students include:*

- RAD: A free, supervised, after-school program where 5th and 6th graders can do homework, socialize with friends, and play games.
- Homework Club: A program where students can work on individual homework assignments or group projects.
- The Youth Connection Theatre Experience: This program takes place every fall at Highcrest and provides students who are interested in performing or in the technical aspects of theatre with the opportunity to work on the production of a live theatre performance.
- TGIF: A chaperoned, social gathering for students on a Friday night featuring a DJ, music, games and snacks.

### *Programs for Wilmette Junior High School students include:*

- The DEN: A free, supervised, after school program where 7th and 8th graders can do homework, socialize with friends, and play games.
- Homework Club: An adult coordinator is available to assist while students complete their homework after school in the Library Media Center.
- Art Club: Students meet in the art room twice a week after school for art enrichment.
- Creature Feature: A chaperoned Halloween movie fest.
- The Youth Connection Theatre Experience: Provides students interested in performing or in the technical aspects of theatre with the opportunity to work on the production of a live theatre performance.
- Battle of the Bands: An annual event where student bands and individual performers can showcase their talents.

*HOPE (Helping Others a Personal Experience)* are community service programs designed to give youth the opportunity to support the work of local social service agencies and put their idealism to work in a way that is meaningful to them and the community.

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## News from the Assessor's Office

The Assessor's Office of New Trier Township is committed to assisting township residents with property tax questions and issues. Pertinent information we receive from Cook County and other organizations is passed on to you in one or more of the following ways:

- Press releases to local media
- Notices on the Township website
- Postings on the Township Facebook page
- Periodic public information seminars

You can also sign up to receive direct notice of property tax news on the Township website through e-Alerts, and links on the Assessor's page of the website take you to thorough explanations of the property tax process in Cook County.

## Township Calendar

### March

10 Township Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30 PM

24 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### April

7 Township Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30 PM

14 Annual Town Meeting @ 6:30 PM

28 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### May

12 Township Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30 PM

25 Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

26 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 7:30 PM

### June

9 Township Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30 PM

23 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](http://www.newtriertownship.com).

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## 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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



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