



# Grant Township

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## From The Clerk

### Election Update

Recently State Legislators moved for one time only the upcoming General Election Primary to June 28, 2022 because of the census data issue for the redrawing of their Legislative maps. However, at this moment the next General Election remains at November 8th, 2022.

The general cut-off dates for in person voter registration for elections is 28 days prior to the election. Online voter registration is available until 16 days prior to each election date at ova.elections.il.gov. To register to vote you will need; 2 forms of identification, must be a US citizen, be 17 years old by the date of the election, live in the county 30 days prior to the election, must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institute as a result of a conviction, and claim you will not vote elsewhere.

We have several voter registrars here at Grant Township Office who can help register you to vote.

Judy Martini,  
Clerk

### Unclaimed Money

The States Treasures Office is holding more than \$3.5 Billion Dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed either by the original owner or their heirs. Property is returned at no cost, with proper identification. You might have unclaimed funds waiting to be claimed. For more information visit cash.illinoistreasurer.gov

**Grant Township & Village of Fox Lake**

**2021**  
**Sunday, October 3rd**  
**10am to 3pm**

# FALL FESTIVAL

**Activities**

- Rolling Video Games Theatre
- DJ Bob - Soundwave Entertainment
- Food • Refreshments
- Patch 22 Petting Zoo - Pony Rides
- Costume Characters By Party Fanatics
- Hay Rides
- RC Juggle Entertainment
- Inflatables By Bella's Bouncies
- Chicagokite Exhibit
- Pumpkin Carving
- Vendors • Crafters
- Pie Eating - 1:00pm

Grant Township Highway Dept. - Touch a Truck  
Fox Lake Police Dept. - Display and Demo  
Fox Lake Fire Protection - Display and Demo

**Free Admission & Parking**  
**Shuttle Van Will Be Available**  
**26725 W. Molidor Rd.**  
**Ingleside, IL.**



## From the Supervisor

In our March newsletter I spoke about the compassion our community has shown during 2020 helping fellow residents challenged by the pandemic. I am in awe to see that compassion has continued into 2021. We remain grateful and overwhelmed at the generosity of Grant Township residents.

Our residents and local businesses have continued to support their neighbors with food pantry donations, food drives, and fresh produce from their gardens. We also had dozens of volunteers donate their time at vaccination clinics held locally in March and April to help get those most at risk in our community vaccinated as soon as possible.

While we haven't been able to return to our normal event calendar yet it is good to see our baseball and football fields once again in use, and we are so excited to be bringing Fall Fest back to our families again on October 3rd, we hope to see you there!

In the coming months we will be planning and preparing to help local families get through their holiday season.

Please watch our website and sign up for our E-contact bi-weekly newsletter to keep you updated.

Your comments or concerns are welcome and very important to us, so feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully,  
Kay Starostovic – Grant Township Supervisor

## A Big Thank You!!



Audrey Park sold painted rocks and lemonade to purchase food for the Grant Township Food Pantry

## Big Hollow Back to School Bash



Jennifer Vackar & Nancy Rogers hand out Grant Township information at the Big Hollow 4th Annual Back to School Bash.

## Community Resource

### Are You Struggling to Keep up With Your Rent or Mortgage Payments Due to COVID-19?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a program that allows homeowners with FHA insured mortgages to work with their mortgage servicer to request forbearance to pause or reduce monthly mortgage payments. You must request this assistance from your mortgage servicer by September 30th, 2021. Learn more at [www.consumerfinance.gov/cfpb](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/cfpb) at (855) 411-2372.

Renters in Lake County who face COVID-19 related financial hardship may apply for the Lake County Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) Program. The program provides help for individuals paying rent and/or utility bills in Lake County. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of past due rent and/or up to 3 months of assistance with future rent, but no more than 12 months total. Renters can apply at [www.lakecountyil.gov/4578](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/4578) or by calling 211.

### Medicare Open Enrollment

The open enrollment period for 2021 starts on October 15th and continues through December 7th. Do you know about all the programs that you may be eligible for? Join Catholic Charities and the



Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging to learn more about some of the available benefits including; Benefit Access, Medicare Savings Plan, Medicare Part A + B Eligibility, Part D and Extra Help.

Join online or by phone Tuesday, September 28th or Thursday, September 30th at 1:00pm.  
[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) | Meeting ID 945 0481 3441  
Call in: 312-626-6799  
Passcode: 377510



## The Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County

The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) promotes the welfare of honorably discharged veterans of military service and their families. The VAC acts as a central service office for all veteran organizations and has general oversight of the distribution of emergency assistance to military veterans and their families.



Types of Assistance include;

- Rental and mortgage payment assistance
- Utility payment assistance
- Job service assistance
- Emergency medical care for qualified immediate family
- Food, clothing and other supplies
- Proper burial for indigent veterans

For more information, please visit [www.lakecountyil.gov/758](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/758) or call 847-377-3344.

## Assistance With Utility Bills

Lake County residents can apply for grant assistance to help pay for natural gas, propane, electricity and furnace assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Income guidelines have been revised to serve more families in higher income brackets. Applications are being taken by Community Action Partnership of Lake County either thru phone 1-847-249-4330, drop box or online at [CAPLAKECOUNTY.org](http://CAPLAKECOUNTY.org) Proof of gross income, social security numbers and a copy of current bills are required.

# SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Village Of Fox Lake  
**LAKEFRONT PARK BUILDING**  
71 Nippersink Blvd Fox Lake, IL

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Raffles & Prizes  
Snacks and Refreshments will be available

This event is open to anyone looking for resources about area community programs, and educational opportunities for senior adults.

**MEDICARE 101 INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM**  
11 a.m. - Upstairs Rooms / Presented by Alexandria at Humana  
Program Sponsored by the Fox Lake District Library

Interested in being a vendor? Please call (224) 225-1404

**FREE Network Nurse Services for Grant Township Residents**

**Call Joni, RN AAHAA Network Nurse**





**Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance**  
(847) 395-2809 X 19  
[aahaa4health.org](http://aahaa4health.org)

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am-5pm**

**Thursday 10am-2pm**  
**224 - 426 - 5577**  
**Se Habla Espanol**

Talk about any concerns you may have:

Questions about Covid and the vaccine?  
Need help registering for the vaccine?  
Worried about groceries?  
Need help picking up prescriptions?  
Just need to talk with someone?  
Concerns about health insurance?  
Want to know about SNAP benefits?



## From the Highway Department

### Double Whammy

The highway department staff spent several weeks cleaning up fallen debris. This is what is left of our mulch pile at the Highway Department after the August 10, 2021 where officials may have called it a microburst that pushed throughout Lake County with winds in excess of 60mph reported. Downed trees, blocked roads, power lines and outages were a common sight from Tuesday night storms and a second round that came through Wednesday morning adding more storm related damage and outages.



Mulch from Storms

### Temporary Open Burning Restrictions in Unincorporated Lake County

The Lake County Board recently voted to amend a temporary emergency ordinance that allows open burning on all properties in unincorporated Lake County from sunrise to sunset only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The ordinance also allows open burning from sunrise to sunset on any day of the week if the burning occurs at least 500 feet from the nearest habitable structure and has exemptions for prescribed habitat and ecological landscape burns. The ordinance is effective through Oct. 12, 2021. Per Section 307.5 of the 2012 International Fire Code, all fires must be attended and there must

be an extinguishing device immediately available, such as a hose with running water.

### DayLight Savings Time Ends



Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night. On Sunday, November 7, 2021 we "Fall Back", one hour at 2:00am, and return to Standard Time.

### Grant Township Highway Department Electronic Recycling Center

The recycling center is located at the Grant Township Highway Department, 26535 Molitor Rd. A trailer is located at the Highway Department facility for electronics to be dropped off and properly recycled. Follow the signs. This is an unmanned program. If you require help to remove the items from your vehicle, please drop off Monday - Friday, from 7:00am to 3:00pm. You may drop-off on your own any time.

For an updated list of acceptable items or a list of non-acceptable items, to [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

### Brush Pickup Reminder

The Grant Township Highway Department brush pickup service is intended to help homeowners. It is not intended for large projects or construction clearing. If you hire a contractor to cut down a tree or brush, it is their responsibility to remove it. Brush includes branches trimmed from bushes, shrubs and trees. Mulch from collected brush is available at the Highway Department for homeowner use.

**Call (847) 546-7623 for pick up and leave a message with the address where the brush needs to be picked up.**

### Burned Out Streetlights

If you notice a streetlight out in unincorporated Grant Township, please call the Grant Township Highway Department at (847) 546-7623.

Please leave a message with the address of where the light is burned out.

## From the Assessor...we're here to help

### Betty J. Niemi

April 24, 1935 - July 12, 2021



### She Will Be Missed

For long-time Grant Township residents, Betty Niemi will be remembered for her kindness and dedication to the service of others.

Betty was the Grant Township Assessor until 2000, finishing her term after 30 years of service. She was a great representative of the people of Grant Township, winning the Marshall Theroux award for outstanding service in the assessing field, past president of the Lake County Assessors Assn. and served on many boards and committees in the area. She started the Toys for Tots program for the Assessors' Association which continues today working with the Fox Lake Fire Department to collect and deliver special Christmas memories.

"I've never heard a complaint about Betty who worked for 30 years in a position that hears lots of complaints! She tried to help everyone in some way to make their lives better. She had a great, positive attitude and a quick smile. She was a lovely woman and she will be missed."

Jeri J. Barr, CIAO Assessor

### Halloween Guidance From IDPH

1. As an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, anyone who would like to distribute treats should leave individually wrapped candy or treats on a table, on their front walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space that allows for at least 6 feet of social distance from the door. The individually wrapped candy should be spread out so each piece is not touching another. Anyone distributing candy or treats should wash their hands properly for at least 20 seconds before placing the candy on the table and when replenishing.

2. All individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy should maintain social distance of at least 6 feet and wear proper face coverings. A costume mask, such as those worn for Halloween, is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under costume masks, please ensure this does not create breathing

problems, and if so, discard the costume mask.

3. Only household members should trick-or-treat together, and they should maintain 6-foot social distance from other trick-or-treaters at all times. Mixed household trick-or-treaters are discouraged.

4. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.

5. Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be consumed until after handwashing. As always, a parent/guardian should check all candy to make sure it is wrapped and should discard unwrapped candy.

6. And, of course, practice good dental hygiene as well.

7. Outdoor areas are preferred for trick-or-

treating. Enclosed indoor areas, like apartment buildings, present greater risk of transmission. Open doors and windows as appropriate to promote increased ventilation.

**Grant Township Provides Residents with Free Paper Shredding**

**Saturday - Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
8:30am - 11:30am  
26725 W. Molitor Rd - Ingleside, IL 60041

**Shred It & Forget It!**

As a reminder, Social Distancing will be in place. You will be asked to remain in your car until we are able to get to your car for paper removal. Please dispose of newspapers and magazines through your local garbage recycling pick up.

This is the perfect opportunity to clear your home of paper clutter such as old checks, IRS returns, credit card statements, and more. Your documents are safely shredded on site while you watch. You are not only reducing the possibility of personal identity theft, but your old recycled paper is processed into new paper and you are helping save trees.

**For Information Call: 847-740-2233**