

Grant Township

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Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1, 2023
10AM-3PM

GRANT TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPT
TOUCH A TRUCK

FOX LAKE POLICE DEPT
DISPLAY & DEMO

FOX LAKE FIRE PROTECTION
DISPLAY & DEMO

Food & Refreshments
Rolling Video Games Theater

DJ Bob
Soundwave Entertainment
Patch 22 Petting Zoo &
Pony Rides

Costume Characters
by Party Fanatics

Hay Rides &
Pumpkin Decorating

RC Juggle Entertainment

Inflatables by Bella's Bouncies

Chicagokite Exhibit

Vendors & Crafters

Busy Brains Children's Museum

SPONSORED BY

GRANT TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE

FREE ADMISSION

FOLLOW THE SIGN TO PARKING AREA - SHUTTLE VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE

GRANT TOWNSHIP CENTER
26725 W. MOLITOR RD, INGLESIDE IL

From the Supervisor

SHARING IS CARING

Grant Township does keep the holiday spirit alive all year long because we are already planning for this upcoming Holiday Season. We would hope that blessings outnumber the challenges for everyone.

Seeing the leaves falling to the ground from all the beautiful trees around us, it is time to think about getting ready for the Holiday Season. Our thoughts go out to neighbors who may need a helping hand to provide for their families. We are blessed with a wonderful community that has always been there to help and I hope you will be able to do it once again.

The Grant Township Christmas Basket program has been supported by local businesses, clubs, schools, the fire and police departments, Scouts, individuals, and of course many volunteers. This program helps provide a great Christmas dinner for families who are facing challenging times.

Again, because hunger has no season, we would appreciate anything you can do to enhance our food pantry with non-perishable items or monetary donations. These donations will help us out for the Holidays and all through the year.

Should there be any questions or concerns please contact me at (847) 740-2233 or we welcome you to stop by the office. Visit us at www.granttownshipcenter.org for an update of what is happening at Grant Township and sign up for our Community E-news letter.

Thank you for caring and my thoughts will be with you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving, special Holiday Season and a Happy New Year as we continue to pray for peace around the world.

Kay Starostovic
Supervisor

EXCITING ENHANCEMENTS ARE COMING TO OUR PARK

On behalf of the Grant Township Board, we would like to inform you about the proposed park improvements that the Township is working on to create wonderful additions to our existing park. We know that this project will benefit the community with enjoyment for all.

We understand the importance of parks and how they enhance physical and mental well-being for our residents and visitors. Moreover, economic impact studies for parks in general identify their important benefits including increased property values, increased tax revenues and the benefits of exercise. The pandemic highlighted the need for public parks and spaces where people can enjoy the outdoors and reduce social isolation and the mental health issues that are related to it.

With assistance from professionals in their fields, we have been awarded a Grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The proposed project includes: Splash Pad; Fitness Station; Bocce Ball, Pickle Ball, Tennis Courts; Asphalt & Bike Trails, ADA Fishing Station and a 9 Hole Disc Golf Course.

We also received a second Grant from National Fitness Campaign 2023 Statewide Fitness Court Program to construct a Fitness Court. Construction is expected to start Spring 2024.



CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF GIVING

The Holidays are a wonderful time of the year to celebrate the gift of giving but not everyone shares in those festive moments due to circumstances beyond their control. There is an opportunity to give hope to these families by being an Adopt-A-Family sponsor. This program allows you to brighten the lives of these children that may not be as fortunate as others.

The Adopt-A-Family program is strictly confidential and if you would like to be a sponsor please contact **Kathy Ferrigan at (847)587-2805**.

For eligibility regarding this program please contact **Nancy Rogers at (847)740-2233**.

YOU WILL BE MISSED AND HAPPY RETIREMENT

Thank you to Sandy Remmers for her years of service to Grant Township. We wish her a wonderful time with her family, horse and the experiences that will bestow her. Much happiness to Sandy and her husband Greg in their new home. They have lived in Ingleside for 44 years.

Welcome to Sue Stark Communications Coordinator. Sue volunteered for many years with Grant Township during her "snowbird" status after living throughout the country. She has relocated back to this area. Her responsibilities are: Website, E-Newsletter, Print Newsletters and Event Flyers as well as other projects assigned.

Should you have any questions/feedback on our communications, please contact Sue at sstark@granttownshipcenter.com or (847)740-2233

Upcoming Community Events

OCTOBER 1 Grant Township & Village of Fox Lake Fall Festival
10:00am – 3:00pm Location: Grant Township Center**

OCTOBER 6 Grant Township & Illinois Secretary of State
Rules of the Road Review Class - 10:00am – Noon
Location: Grant Township Center**

OCTOBER 7 Village of Fox Lake Pumpkin Jubilee - 3:00pm – 7:00pm
For Info (224)225-1404 Location: 17 E. School St., Fox Lake

OCTOBER 20 Village of Fox Lake Murder Mystery Dinner/Show
Doors Open at 5:30pm For Info (224)225-1404
Location: Marvela's – 4 Washington St., Ingleside

OCTOBER 21 Grant Township & State Representative – Tom Weber
Free Paper Shredding Event 8:30am – 11:30am
Location: Grant Township Center**

OCTOBER 21 Lakemoor Trunk or Treat – Time: TBD Location: Morrison Park

OCTOBER 23 Fox Lake Police Department Halloween Howl - 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Location: Fox Lake Police Department For Info (224)225-1404

NOVEMBER 25 Village of Fox Lake Festival of Lights - Kris Kringle Winter
Market (3:00-6:00pm)/Parade 5:00 pm/Tree Lighting at end of Parade For Info
(224)225-1404 Location: Downtown (Parade starts at Grant High and down Grand
Ave. to downtown).

DECEMBER 10 Village of Fox Lake Children's Holiday Party 1:00pm to 3:00pm
For info (224)225-1404 Location: Lakefront Park Building

** Information on Grant Township Events:
granttownshipcenter.org (Events page)
or (847)740-2233



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Grant Township would like to thank Lifelong resident Ron Hoehne for all his service and dedication to our township. Ron began his service with the Village of Fox Lake right after high school and retired as Fire Chief of the Fox Lake Fire Protection district in April after 46 years of being a member of the department. Ron still volunteers his time to our local events.

Edward Lescher who was previously Deputy Fire Chief has been promoted to Fire Chief to succeed Ron. We congratulate Fire Chief Lescher who will continue to serve and carry on the protection of the Fox Lake area.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Age 55 & older. For all luncheons, doors open at 10:30 & reservations are required

SEPTEMBER 21 - LUNCHEON

Lakefront Park, 11:30 am - \$10.00
Entertainment – TBA Village of Fox Lake, (224)225-1404
foxlake.org

OCTOBER 19 - SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Lakefront Park, 10:00 am – Noon
No registration needed – Free admission Village of Fox Lake (224)225-1404 foxlake.org

NOVEMBER 16 - LUNCHEON

Lakefront Park, 11:30 am - \$10.00
Entertainment – TBA Village of Fox Lake, (224)225-1404
foxlake.org

NOVEMBER 30 - ANNUAL FLORENCE FISCHER TURKEY DINNER AT MARVELA'S

Noon – 3:00pm Call (224)225-1404 for reserved seating. Village of Fox Lake foxlake.org

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COMMUNITY TRIPS

For information & reservation material, go to granttownshipcenter.org (Events page) or (847)740-2233.

SCROOGE -THE MUSICAL

Fireside Dinner Theatre - Fort Atkinson, WI Sunday, November 26th, \$149.00 per person. Departs Grant Township 9:00am. Reservations end October 15th.

MERRY MILWAUKEE (WI)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
\$139.00 per Person. Departs Grant Township 8:45am. Returns approx. 5:30pm. Reservations end November 6th.

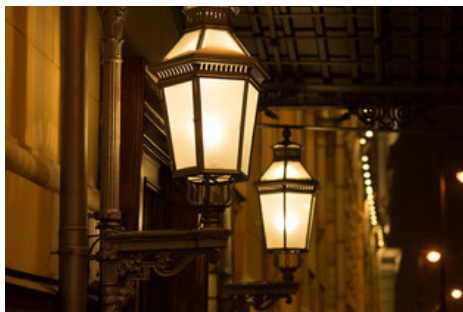
All trips include Deluxe Coach Transportation

From the Highway Department

KIM KIESGEN
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER
(847)546-7623

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, and the clocks will be set back 1 hour. It's a good time to replace smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries too.



STREET LIGHTS

With the onset of fall, the days are growing shorter, and evening is setting in sooner. If you notice streetlights out in the unincorporated areas of Grant Township, please call the Highway Department at 847-546-7623 and leave a message with the street address where the light is out.

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

The Grant Township Highway Department would like to remind everyone that it's that time of year again when the kids are back in school. This means we could see more children walking and riding their bikes to and from school. Please be vigilant with keeping our kids safe. Remember to watch your speed in the school zones and as always, no texting or handheld phone use allowed while driving.



BE VISIBLE AT NIGHT

When walking at night wear light colored or reflective clothing to be visible. Drivers often do not expect walkers to be out after dark and you need to give them every chance to see you even at street crossings that have signal lights. Be cautious at dawn or twilight as drivers have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.

TOUCH A TRUCK FALL FESTIVAL

Climb aboard, honk the horns, kids young or old, we will put you in the driver's seat. Don't miss the vast array of specialized vehicles and public safety equipment that will be on display at the Fall Festival.

BURNING

Is burning still allowing in unincorporated Grant Township?

ALLOWED UNDER ORDINANCE

- Recreational wood-burning fires that are no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' if used for warming, cooking, and other recreational purposes.

PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES UNDER ORDINANCE

- Burning garbage, refuse, or construction materials (note that this has been prohibited for many years)
- Burning non-woody yard waste, such as leaves and grass.

RESTRICTED UNDER ORDINANCE

- Burning woody yard waste is permitted annually between Nov. 1- March 31. Woody yard waste generally consists of sticks, branches and tree limbs.



LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Fall signifies a time of year that is all too familiar with property owners-fall cleanup! As you glance at the colorful leaves now laying at your feet, here are some options to consider using or collecting those leaves this fall.



MULCHING

Leaf Mulch is simply chopped-up leaves. You can make it very easily; just run your lawnmower over the leaves. Once leaves are chopped, spread them over your garden beds to act as a mulch. You can also work them loosely into the top few inches of soil.

COMPOSTING

Leaves provide some of the building blocks for good compost! Collect them to start composting in and around your home. Check out some helpful tips from the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County to get started.



LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The County contracts with Groot Industries for weekly curbside waste collection. Neighborhood associations with pre-existing waste contracts are exempt. Yard waste is collected once per week from April 1st through First Full Week in December. Residents will have the option to choose between a pay per bag or subscription program for yard waste. Contact Groot for more information- (847)693-2700

BRUSH REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Highway Department offers brush pick-up as a service to the residents in unincorporated Grant Township areas. Brush pick-up Guidelines: 1) Brush is defined as branches trimmed from bushes, shrubs and trees by the homeowners. 2) Brush should be stacked with the stump side to the road.

Brush pick up is on Fridays. It is imperative your brush is out by the road on Thursday evening. The crew has a specific route they follow to get through the entire Township. Your brush will NOT get picked up if it is not out by the road once the crew pass through. You may email us at road5467@msn.com or call (847)546-7623 and give your address of where the brush needs to be picked up and we will add you to the list.

Please note if you hire a service to trim or remove trees or clear a lot, it is their responsibility to remove the brush.

Woodchips from collected brush are available for homeowner use at the Highway Department at 26535 W. Molidor Rd, Ingleside.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

PHASE 1: KNOLLWOOD IN DUCK LAKE WOODS

Residents last season had no reason to be unhappy as road resurfacing, curb and gutter work, storm sewer repairs and landscaping gave this area a much-needed face lift.

PHASE 2: DUCK LAKE WOODS

The department has completed most of the drainage restoration and is waiting for milling and grinding and new pavement of roads to be completed late September.

MORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR GRANT TOWNSHIP

PHASE 1: SOUTH SHORE LONG LAKE

(From Main St. Bridge to Gerberding)
Crews are hard at work repairing many outdated storm sewers and drainage culverts so we can schedule new roads for late September.

I would like to thank the residents for their patience during the road repairs.....Kim Kiesgen



From the Assessor

DEAR GRANT TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNER,

As your Assessor, I would like to explain the 2023 Quadrennial, or township wide reassessment, that is currently underway. I receive many questions from taxpayers, and I hope this will answer some of them.

Q: What is a quadrennial (QUAD)?

A: It is a mass appraisal of all properties within an assessment jurisdiction for the purpose of ensuring that assessments are at a uniform percent of value. The QUAD year is the first year in a four-year cycle and will provide the base value for the three subsequent years. The Assessor's office will utilize property characteristic data on Property Record Cards (PRCs) and analyze sales from the 3 years prior to the lien date of January 1, 2023, to determine the full fair cash value for each property.

Q: I have not done anything to my parcel in years; shouldn't my assessed value stay the same?

A: No. Over the course of time, market value changes whether you do anything to your parcel or not.

Q: I appealed my value last year; shouldn't it stay the same?

A: Think of the QUAD year as a reset – all values are new and not based on any previous year's valuation. If you successfully appealed your assessed value before the Lake County Board of Review, those reductions do not carry forward into the QUAD year. The QUAD is also a reapportionment – value will shift throughout the township, throughout different property types and uses. The assessed value apportions the property tax burden and shifts in valuation will also shift the tax burden.

Q: How does the Assessor determine market value?

A: The main determinant is a normal sale, also known as an arm's length transaction. We look at the prior 3 years sales (2020, 2021, 2022). 2019 sales will drop off the sales ratios and be replaced by much higher 2022 sales.

Q: What is an arm's length transaction?

A: An agreement between a willing and unrelated buyer and seller, both of whom are aware of all the facts and are acting in their own best interest. The sale occurs in an open and competitive market and given due time to utilize the market. Terms are expressed in cash.

Q: Are you saying that every sale does not determine market value?

A: Yes, sales that are non-arm's length transactions do not factor in. Examples are neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend, family, estate, auctions, land contracts and when the buyer is also a seller.

Q: What is the difference between sale price and market value?

A: Sale price is the price a buyer and seller agree to in one particular transaction. Market value is the result of the combined decisions of numerous buyers and sellers all coming to an agreement in an open market. The Assessor's office analyzes and uses this information to determine the assessed value.

Q: If my assessed value goes up, will my taxes go up?

The job of the Assessor is to determine what the market value of a parcel is worth. Taxes are figured by others. A quadrennial is done every four years to make the tax burden for all as fair as possible.



Q: You mention being fair. What exactly does that mean?

A: Fairness means impartiality and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination. The Assessor needs to treat everyone the same way to be fair and consistent. The only thing that matters is what a piece of property will sell for, in an open market, under normal conditions.

Q: I do not agree with my new assessed value, and I feel it should be changed. What should I do?

A: You have by law 30 days from the date of publication to appeal your 2023 assessment.

If you have any questions about assessments, exemptions, or your tax bill, please contact the Grant Township Assessor's Office (847)546-8880 and we will be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Lisa M. LaMantia, CIAO
Grant Township Assessor

APPEAL INFORMATION

The 2023 property assessment notices are tentatively scheduled to be mailed to property owners in Grant Township on August 31. **This would mean the 30-day appeal period would be August 31st – October 2nd, 2023.** This date could still change so keep an eye out for any updates. It's important to read and understand this notice for accuracy as it contains important information about your property.

Property owners that decide to appeal must do so electronically. Property owners can appeal their assessment on their own through the Lake County Board of Review. No attorney is required for a residential appeal. Appeals can be done in a few minutes by using the new **SmartFile E-Filing** Portal. This system allows you to electronically file most applications related to your property's assessment, and to change your mailing address. The first time you use the system, you need to select "new user" and create an account. You will enter an email and a password to register. Then check your email. A message will be sent with instructions to activate your account.



There are 6 reasons to appeal your assessment:

1. **Factual error** - review your property characteristics, available at [IMSLake.org](https://www.imslake.org) to check for any errors
2. **Recent Purchase of Property** - if you purchased your home in 2023
3. **Recent Appraisal** - a recent real estate appraisal as of the January 1, 2023, lien date
4. **Recent Sales Comparables** - you will need to populate a grid of comparable sales at [IMSLake.org](https://www.imslake.org)
5. **Equity of Assessment Comparables** - you will need to populate a grid of equity comparables at [IMSLake.org](https://www.imslake.org)
6. **Matter of Law and Other** – upload a legal brief or your own text describing the issue

Remember, you are not appealing your taxes, you are appealing the **full fair cash value** placed on your property. **Please contact the Grant Township Assessor's office at (847)546-8880 if you have questions regarding the valuation of your property, or how to appeal.**



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ENEWS SIGNUP

From the Clerk

VOTER REGISTRATION INFO

The general cut-off date for in-person voter registration for elections is 28 days prior to the election. Online voter registration is available until 16 days prior to an election. Visit ova.elections.il.gov to register online.

To register in person to vote you will need: 1) two forms of identification showing your current name and one showing your current physical address 2) you must be a US citizen 3) be 18 years old on or before the next election (or a 17 year old may register and vote in primaries if their 18th birthday occurs on or before the date of the general election) 4) live in the voting precinct 30 days prior to the election.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Grant Township offers a full time food pantry available to residents Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm (closed holidays). Residents can receive a supply of non-perishable food items once per month with proof of residency.

The food pantry is generously funded through monetary and drop off donations from our neighbors and residents but recently we have found that we have low stock on a few particular items. While your monetary donation is the best way for us to help the most families, should you want to make a drop off donation here is a list of the most popular items that we are running low on:

Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Pasta & Chili | Sloppy Joe Mix | Canned fruit | Cereal & Oatmeal

Macaroni & Cheese | Soups & Stews | Toilet paper | Personal Care Items

*Please no glass containers

