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Fall FESTIVAL

October 4, 2026
10am-3pm

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Village Of Fox Lake &
Village Of Volo

GRANT TOWNSHIP
HIGHWAY DEPT
TOUCH A TRUCK
CAR SHOW

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PATCH 22 PETTING ZOO & PONY RIDES
COSTUME CHARACTERS BY PARTY FANATICS
HAY RIDES & PUMPKIN DECORATING
FACE PAINTING & BALLOONS
IRISAFLOWER FACE DESIGNS
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
VENDORS & CRAFTERS

From The Supervisor

Happy 250th Anniversary…..

The Declaration of Independence was not just a document. It was a promise, that all people deserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. 250 years later, we still believe it.

A quarter millennium is long enough to see mistakes, growth, heartbreak, and triumph. America has known all of them. And still she stands!

On the 250th Anniversary of this nation, we honor every uniform ever worn in her defense. Your sacrifice is shown into every star on our flag.

We owe our veterans more than words can hold. We all give thanks & gratitude for their service. For all our servicemen & women that are no longer with us, you are forever in our hearts & memories. To our military families, the ones who also serve by waiting, praying & holding things together at home…you are seen.

What an honor to be a part of all the celebrations of our great nation.

I also celebrate you – our community's residents which are made up of such wonderful organizations, businesses & neighborhoods that support one another each & every year. All of you deserve to celebrate the 250th Anniversary as well as your accomplishments and pursue your happiness throughout 2026. It is an honor to serve you all. I am truly grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent Grant Township.

Please contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns at (847)740-2233 or at nrogers@granttownshipcenter.org

Sincerely,

Nancy Rogers

-Grant Township Supervisor

From the Supervisor

GRANT TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Grant Township Food Pantry offers groceries to residents of Grant Township Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:00 pm (closed holidays). Residents receive non-perishable groceries once per month with proof of residency. The Food Pantry is generously funded through monetary & drop off donations from our neighbors & local businesses/organizations. A monetary donation is the best way for us to help the most families (with every $1 we can purchase $8 of food). Should you want to make a drop off food donation, suggested items are listed on our website: ***granttownshipcenter.org/services/food-pantry/.*** Please no open, expired or used items.

A message from Nancy Rogers: Thank you for your continued support to the Food Pantry. Your generosity helps feed families in need within our community. Every donation, big or small, makes a significant impact. Together, we are fighting hunger & promoting well-being. Your support fosters hope & dignity for those facing food insecurity. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to nourish lives".

Adopt-a-Family

The Gift Giving Season is coming upon us. Not everyone shares in these festive moments due to circumstances beyond their control. We are elated to once again host the Adopt-A-Family Program that resident Kathy Ferrigan started many years ago. This program is strictly confidential. Please note to be eligible for this program, you MUST be a Grant Township Resident.

For eligibility to receive from this program or if your school/organization would like to have a donation drive for socks, toys, etc. for Adopt-A-Family, please contact Grant Township Supervisor - **Nancy Rogers at (847) 740-2233**. **Registration begins November 2nd.** Please contact **Kathy Ferrigan at (847) 587-2805** if you would like to be a sponsor. SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!

The Adopt-A-Family Program: Gift cards are given to parents to purchase gifts or needed items for their children. Donations of new socks, mittens/gloves, hats & toys as well as gently used/clean & new coats are available to them. On Adopt-A-Family Day in December, these parents enjoy a Holiday Shop with these items (w/exception of the gift cards as those are assigned to the families). Staff & volunteers assist them in picking out items. A Holiday Meal is also given to the family.

LIHEAP
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE?

LIHEAP is a federally funded annual assistance program that helps low income households with the high costs of heating. The 2027 application period will start this October. Grant Township will be helping residents complete the application process. Please check our website: ***https://granttownshipcenter.org/services/on-site-services/*** in late September for details.

Happy Retirement John Jensen!

John retired after 14 years with Grant Township's Maintenance Department this past July.

He's promised to still be in the parade with the Township which he always enjoyed.

Congratulations on your retirement John!

COMMUNITY TRIPS

For flyer & reservation forms go to ***granttownshipcenter.org*** (Calendar Page or Documents Page), visit our lobby or call (847)740-2233. All trips include Deluxe Coach Transportation. Waitlist implemented if sold out prior to registration deadline.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC EXPERIENCE TRIP

Wed. 9/16 - $90/Person. Includes 2 local tours, Lunch at Village Tavern-Long Grove & "From State to Screen of the Sound Of Music" Presentation. Departs Grant Township 9:30am. Returns approx. 4:30 pm. Reservation deadline: 9/9/26.

HO CHUNK CASINOS 2 DAY TRIP, WI DELLS & BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

Mon. & Tues., 10/26 & 10/27 - $135/ Person. Double Occupancy; $165/Person Single or $130/Person Triple Occupancy. Departs Grant Township 8am. Returns approx. 7pm. Reservation deadline: 10/9/26. Sold Out. Waitlist Implemented.

HO CHUNK CASINO TRIP, BELOIT, WI

Mon. 11/16 - $35/Person. Departs Grant Township 8am. Returns approx. 3pm. Reservation deadline: 11/6/26.

DELLS DINNER ADVENTURES LEGACY THEATER TRIP, WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Thurs. 12/10 - $110/Person. Multi-million dollar Christmas Production. Departs Grant Township 10am. Returns approx. 7pm. Reservation deadline: 11/20/26

BALLY'S QUAD CITIES CASINO 2 DAY TRIP, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Mon. & Tues., 1/11/27 & 1/12/27. $120/ Person Double Occupancy; $150/Person Single Occupancy. Departs Grant Township 8am. Returns to Grant Township approx. 4pm. Reservation deadline: 12/28/26.



Upcoming Community Events

SEPTEMBER 11: VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE MAYOR'S FISH FRY: 4-7pm. Location: Lakefront Park Building**

SEPTEMBER 12: FREE BOATING SAFETY COURSE: 8am-4pm, RSVP required. Location: Grant Township Center*

SEPTEMBER 13: LAKEMOOR CHARITY CAR SHOW: 8am-3pm. Location: Morrison Park***

SEPTEMBER 15: GRANT TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER & DONATIONS: 6-9pm. Location: Miller's DOG n SUDS, 517 Washington St., Ingleside, IL

OCTOBER 4: GRANT TOWNSHIP FALL FESTIVAL: 10am-3pm. Location: Grant Township Center & Highway Dept.*

OCTOBER 17: GRANT TOWNSHIP FREE ELECTRONICS & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT: 8:30-11:30am. **Location: Grant Township Highway Department***

OCTOBER 17: VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE PUMPKIN JUBILEE: Noon-3pm. Location: Lakefront Park**

OCTOBER 17: VILLAGE OF LAKEMOOR TRUNK OR TREAT: 3pm-time may change. (Weather Permitting) Location: Morrison Park***

OCTOBER 24: VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE HARVEST FEST: Contact Village for times. Dive Demo Tank, Hometown Pop Ups, Trick or Treating, Face Painting. Location: Fire Station #1****

OCTOBER 26: VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE HALLOWEEN HOWL: 4-7pm. Fox Lake Police Department, 301 IL Rte. 59, Fox Lake

NOVEMBER 12: DMV MOBILE EVENT: 10am-2pm. RSVP Required. No walk-ins. Location: Grant Township Center*

NOVEMBER 19 & 20: GRANT TOWNSHIP FREE MEDICARE CLASS & SESSIONS: RSVP required for the 19th - Class 9am-10:30am &/or ½ Hr. 1on1 Sessions 10:30-1pm & on the 20th ½ Hr. 1on1 Sessions 9am-Noon; 20th (No RSVP) 1st Come/1st Served 1on1 ½ Hr. Sessions 1-4pm. Location: Grant Township Center*

NOVEMBER 28: VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, PARADE 5pm & **VISITS W/SANTA** 6-7pm. **

NOVEMBER 28: VILLAGE OF VOLO TREE LIGHTING: 5pm. Location: Volo Village Hall, 500 S. Fish Lake Rd., Volo (847)740-6982.

DECEMBER 3: FLORENCE FISCHER TURKEY LUNCHEON: 11am-2pm. Location: Maravela's Banquets, 4 Washington St., Ingleside. Contact Lakefront Park Building for details or their website. **

DECEMBER 4: VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE TREE LIGHTING/COOKIE CRAWL/SANTA: 6pm Location: Fire Station #1****

DECEMBER 5: VILLAGE OF LAKEMOOR VISIT WITH SANTA
10am-Noon Location: Lakemoor Village Hall***

DECEMBER 12: VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE SANTA'S WORKSHOP & KRIS KRINGLE MARKET: 1-3pm Location: Lakefront Park Building**

*Grant Township Events call (847)740-2233 or go to grantownshipcenter.org (Calendar or Documents/Events page). Grant Township Center – 26725 W. Molidor Rd., Ingleside. Highway Department - 26535 W. Molidor Rd., Ingleside.

**Village of Fox Lake Events call (224)225-1404 or go to foxlake.org/121 Events. Lakefront Park -10 Riverview Ave., Fox Lake.

***Village of Lakemoor Events call (815)385-1117. Village Hall – 28581 IL Rte. 120, Lakemoor; Morrison Park- 233 IL Rte. 120 (Rand Rd), Lakemoor. Car Show: Info contact Ralph (847)970-0669.

****Village of Round Lake call (847)546-5400. Fire Station #1 - 409 W. Nippersink Rd., Round Lake. Round Lake Park District events not mentioned however -call (847)546-8558 or view their Autumn 2026 Guide at rlapd.org

SENIOR PROGRAMS

AGE 55 +. For all luncheons, doors open at 10:30am & reservations are required Thursday prior to all dates.

LUNCHEONS – September 17, November 19 & December 17. Lakefront Park Building: 10 Riverview Ave, Fox Lake 11:30am $10 at door. Menu & Entertainment – TBA Village of Fox Lake, call (224)225-1404 to RSVP

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR – October 15. 9am-Noon. Lakefront Park Building. This free event will provide information about area community programs & educational opportunities for senior adults. Raffles & Prizes. Refreshments will be served. Call (224)225-1404 if interested in being a vendor.

ONSITE/ZOOM ACTIVITIES & EVENTS IN 2027

Grant Township Center is working with White Crane Wellness Center Adult Day Program & other sources/presenters in bringing more events/activities on site & via Zoom for our residents. We are excited to bring new experiences to learn, enjoy & relax for all age groups.

The goal is also for residents to meet others in our community & create friendships. Stay tuned to our ENews, Facebook Page & our website! We will continue with our Senior Luncheons & Trips but our goal is to expand our offering to the Township.

Recent Grant Township Senior Trip Hosted & Sponsored by Volo Museum



From the Highway Department

As we enter the last part of 2026, I would like to say the first half of 2026 was a very busy time for not only our staff but community members who gathered together to assist those that were impacted from the major flood this past Spring. The outpouring of neighbors helping neighbors was outstanding. We at the highway department witnessed & assisted in helping those in need.

Upcoming Events: The Grant Township Fall Festival is on Sunday, October 4th & the Car Show will again be at the Highway Department. It was such a success last year (its debut) that it will return this year! Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Our first Electronics Recycling Event in May was a success. As promised, 2nd Electronics event will be October 17th, 8:30-11:30am. The flyers for this events are on our website: granttownshipcenter.org.

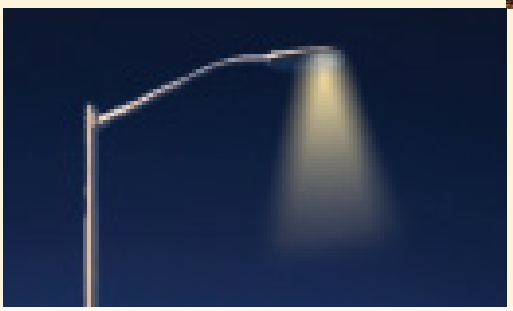
The Highway Department office hours are 7:00am – 3:00pm Monday - Friday (excluding holidays). It is a pleasure to serve this community. I am dedicated to work with residents and to serve the community. Thank you for your support.

Jim Smak – **Grant Township Highway Commissioner**
(847)546-7623 | highway@granttownship.net

EARTH FRIENDLY LEAF REMOVAL OPTIONS

- Reduce/Reuse -
  Use a mulching mower for leaves.
- Recycle-
  Compost natural resources
- Groot Yard Waste Pickup
  (Unincorporated Grant Township)





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, 11/1, the clocks are to be set back 1 hour. As the days get shorter & to ensure safety for our residents, please report burned-out streetlights in unincorporated Grant Township at (847)546-7623. Leave a message with street address of that streetlight.

BRUSH PICKUP GUIDELINES - THROUGH OCTOBER

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. NOT by a tree service. 2) Brush should be stacked neatly with the stump/cut side to the road. Piles are not to exceed 4' x 6'. 3) Branches should not be more than 6" in diameter & we ask to keep branches as long as possible.

Brush pick up is on Thursdays & Fridays. It is imperative your brush is out by the road on Wednesday evening. The crew has a specific route they follow to get through the entire Township. Your brush will NOT get picked up until the following week if it is not out by the road once the crew passes through.

Email us at highway@granttownship.net or call (847)546-7623 & give your address of where the brush needs to be picked up & 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 Grant Township homeowner use at the Highway Department at 26535 W. Molidor Rd., Ingleside, IL.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

With summer ending, here are a few reminders to keep in mind while helping to maintain the safety of students:

NO PHONES ALLOWED IN SCHOOL ZONES

SCHOOL ZONES AND CROSSWALKS

Be vigilant, keep your eyes on the road & avoid distractions. Adhere to the speed limit, especially in the school zones when children are present.

SCHOOL BUSES

It is illegal to pass a school bus from any direction when the lights are flashing and the stop arms are out.



STREET SWEEPING

Week of October 19th for all Grant Township Roadways (in unincorporated areas – not village, county or state roadways).



OPEN BURN GUIDELINES

Allowed Under Ordinance - Recreation wood-burning fires that are no larger than 3'x 3' x 3' if used for warming, cooking & other recreational purposes.

Restricted Under Ordinance – Burning woody yard waste is permitted annually November 1st - March 31st. Woody yard waste generally consists of sticks, branches & tree limbs.

Call the Lake County Open Burning Hotline: (847)377-2999 to report suspected open burning violation occurring in unincorporated area.



WHO TO CONTACT FOR ROAD CONCERNS

Unincorporated Grant Township:
Grant Township Highway Dept.
(847)546-7623
email: highway@granttownship.net

County Roads- Big Hollow, Wilson & Chain O' Lakes Bike Path:
Lake County Dept. of Transportation
(847)377-7400
email: dot@lakecountyil.gov

State Roads – Rte. 12 & Rte. 59:
IL Dept. of Transportation (IDOT)
website: idot.illinois.gov (847)705-4000

Village Roads:
Fox Lake (847)587-2151
Volo (847)740-6982
Lakemoor (815)385-1117

Non-Emergency Sheriff:
(847)549-5200

WHEN THE SNOW FLIES

The Township begins plowing streets when snow is more than 1" deep & freezing temperatures indicate there will be melting.

Many state & county roads in & around unincorporated Ingleside are cleared by state or county crews. Major roads & intersections are cleared 1st, then primary collector streets, then cul-de-sacs & dead-end streets.

There are several ways to help keep the Township safe during the winter.

- Clear your sidewalk. This is helpful for children trying to get to school safely.
- Pile snow along the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) so the plows won't push it back in your driveway.
- County ordinance prohibits pushing/blowing snow from your property onto roadway.
- Please do not park on any Township maintained roads for 24 hours after 1" of snowfall. This is enforced by the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Vehicles parked along the road will be ticketed or towed.
- Make sure your mailbox & post are secure.
- Adopt a fire hydrant & keep it clear of snow. It's there to protect you.
- On garbage/recycling day, please keep the containers on your driveway so the plows can clear the street.

From the Assessor

Every year, Lake County and its 18 townships receive their Equalization Factors from the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) Sales Ratio Studies. In 2022, there were 460 qualified sales in Grant Township. In 2023, there were 332 qualified sales. In 2024, there were 335 qualified sales. And in 2025, there were 359 qualified sales. So, activity is up a bit, but we still have not seen a drop in median home prices. Values are still experiencing growth in Grant Township. We will continue to navigate the housing market and stay up to date for you. Based on state statutes, we are required by law to value property based on the prior 3 years' sales ratios. Even if the market were to take a dramatic turn in either direction, it would be years before our valuations would reflect that. We are required to value based on factual evidence, not assumptions or personal hardships.

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: How does the Assessor determine market value?
A: The main determinant is a normal sale, also known as an arm's length transaction. We will look at the prior 3 years sales (2023, 2024, 2025). 2022 sales will drop off the sales ratios and be replaced by 2025 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. These are called unqualified sales.

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?
A: The job of the Assessor is to determine what the market value of a parcel is worth. Taxes are figured by others.

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 2026 assessment.

Feel free to call us at 847-546-8880 to answer any of your questions or concerns.

Lisa M. LaMantia, **CIAO-I**
Grant Township Assessor
llamantia@granttwpassessor.com



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 2026 PROPERTY TAX STUDY

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR), in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, conducted a study to evaluate the property tax system in Illinois, as required by Public Act 103-1002. The property tax study was introduced in Senate Bill 3455 in the 103rd General Assembly. The Lake County Township Assessor's Association (LCTAA) is proud to have taken part in this study, and our recommendations to IDOR on how to improve the property tax system in Illinois have been included. The study can be found at: ***https://Tax.illinois.gov***

LAKE COUNTY CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICER (CCAO) TRANSITION

I would like to recognize Robert "Bob' Glueckert for his 7 years of service as Chief County Assessor. It has been a pleasure working in collaboration with him and his team. He was appointed on May 14, 2019, and retired on July 14, 2026, with Special Recognition honoring his service from the Lake County Board.

Nathan Herbst was appointed as Chief County Assessor for a 4-year period beginning July 15, 2026. Nathan Herbst is a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer, served as a member of the Lake County Board of Review member from 2021 to 2022, has served as the Chair of the Board of Review since 2022, and has received the requisite certification of the Statewide Supervisor of Assessments



The 2026 property assessment blue notices for Grant Township will be mailed to all property owners. Our 2026 township equalization factor is 1.0578%. Only changes other than the township equalization factor will be published on Thursday, August 13th in the Lake County Journal. After assessments are published, a property owner has 30 days to appeal their assessment. The last day to file an appeal is Monday, September 14th.

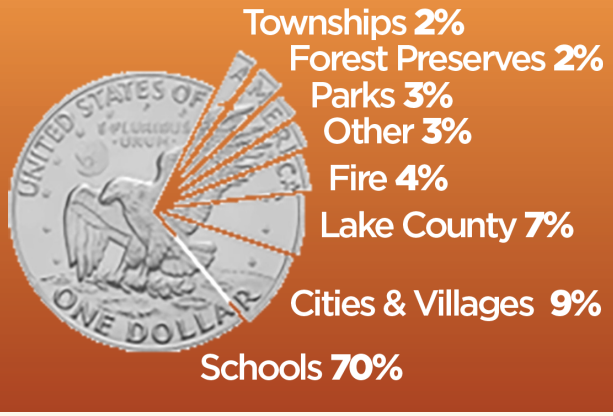
APPEAL INFORMATION

Property owners that decide to appeal must do so electronically. Individual owners or individual taxpayers may represent themselves **OR** retain an Illinois licensed attorney to represent them before the Board. 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.

6 REASONS TO APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT:

1. **Factual error** - review your property characteristics, available at ***IMSLake.org*** to check for any errors
2. **Recent Purchase of Property** - if you purchased your home in 2026
3. **Recent Appraisal**- a recent real estate appraisal as of the January 1, 2026, lien date
4. **Recent Sales Comparables** - you will need to populate a grid of comparable sales at ***IMSLake.org***
5. **Equity of Assessment Comparables** - you will need to populate a grid of equity comparables at ***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 if you have questions regarding the valuation of your property, or how to appeal.



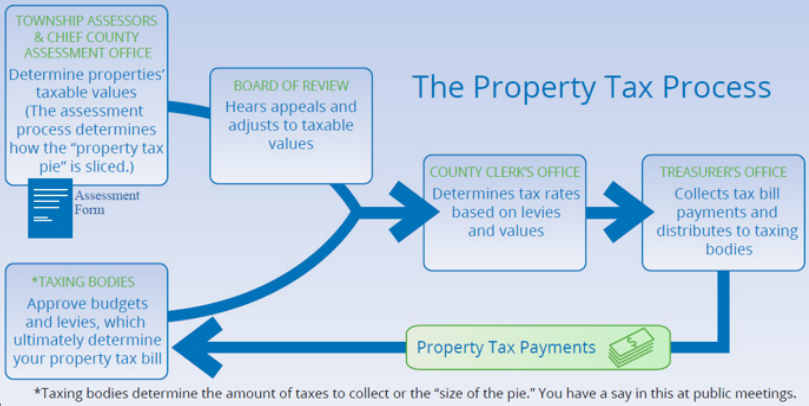
WHAT IS THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW (PTELL)?

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) limits the amount of tax extensions (total taxes billed) for non home rule taxing districts. Although the law is commonly referred to as "tax caps," use of this phrase can be misleading. The PTELL does not "cap" either individual property tax bills or individual property assessments. Instead, PTELL allows a taxing district to receive a limited inflationary increase in tax extensions on existing property, plus an additional amount for new construction, and voter-approved rate increases. Increases in property tax extensions are limited to the lesser of 5 percent or the increase in the consumer price index for the year preceding the levy year. For your taxes paid in 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026, the PTELL increase limitation was 5%, 5%, 3.4%, and 2.9% respectively. **For your taxes payable in 2027, this limitation will drop to 2.7%.** But we still won't see a decrease in taxes unless we see a decrease in spending. **The primary driver of real estate taxes is the spending by taxing bodies.** When these bodies increase spending, taxes rise; conversely, when they decrease spending, taxes fall.

Your taxing bodies are working on their budgets right now. They are required by law to file their 2026 levy with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. The County Clerk then calculates your tax rate, which will be used to determine your 2026 tax bill, payable in 2027.

What can you do? YOU have a say in this at public meetings. I encourage all Grant Township residents to go to the regular meetings of your taxing bodies. See what's going on. Ask about their budgets. Ask where savings can be made. Get involved!

Grant Township is doing our very best to help you in any way that we can. We are only about 2% of your tax bill. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.



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Sign up for the Township's ENewsletter (ENews) for Grant Township's (along w/ Lake County's & nearby communities') updates/events/services. ENews is published every other Wednesday. Go to ***granttownshipcenter.org/documents/*** & click on the ENews Signup button & fill out & submit. Or stop by our office or call (847)740-2233.

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From the Clerk



I hope you had a wonderful summer. It is almost Election time! The General Election is Tuesday, November 3. I'd like to inform you on important information & help answer some of your questions regarding this election.

WHAT WILL BE ON BALLOT? Important races such as Governor; State Representatives; Congressmen; US Senators & various Lake County seats: Board Members, Clerk, Treasurer & Lake County Sheriff. There may be several taxation referendums also on the ballot. For registered voters, you may check what's on your ballot at the Lake County Clerk's Office website page: ***lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters*** & enter your information. It provides you a copy of your Voter Registration, closest polling location, what is on the ballot & much more.

HOW TO VOTE? You can vote during Early Voting (Starts 40 days prior to Election Day) or on Election Day at any polling place in Lake County. Go to ***lakecountyil.gov/4321/Voting-by-Mail*** to apply for Vote By Mail. (The 1st day to apply is August 5 & last day October 29.) The mailing of these ballots starts on September 24th.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE? There are many locations you may choose from to register to vote up until October 6 (registration available while voting early or on Election Day). You will need two forms of identification. You can also register or update existing registration online until October 18 at ***ova.elections.il.gov/***. The locations are the County Clerk's Office; City, Village & Township Offices; Schools & Public Libraries. If you are not registered, have moved or changed your name & want to speak to someone please contact the Voter Registration Department at (847) 377-2410 for registration information.

WHERE TO VOTE? You can vote at any polling place throughout Lake County or at the County Building in Waukegan. For a complete list of polling places visit: ***lakecountyil.gov/163/Elections***

WANT TO BE A PAID ELECTION JUDGE? Contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at (847) 377-2408 Monday - Friday between 8:30am-5:00pm or online at: ***lakecountyil.gov/326/Election-Judges***. It is a rewarding experience and our community will thank you for your involvement.

Please exercise your right to vote. I will update you with more information about this election via our ENews. As your Township Clerk, please email me at ***jmartini@granttownshipcenter.org*** or call (847)740-2233 if you need any further assistance.

Judy Martini, – **Grant Township Clerk**