

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2015



FROM THE SUPERVISOR

We have had a busy year at Nunda Township

VOTING: The next election is March 15, 2016. Nunda Supervisor's office is an early voting location and our Township Hall is a regular voting location for three Township Precincts. The McHenry County Clerk's office uses the Nunda Town Hall as a training location for election judges. Nunda Township also acts as a distribution and collection point for all Nunda Township polling locations.

SCOUTING: We have many Boy Scout troops using our facilities. Nearly every weekend was booked and there were several troops new to us this year.

FOOD PANTRY: Nunda Township hosts a food pantry run by volunteers from the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Nunda Town Hall. What a great service to our community's families in need!

WASTE SERVICES: For Nunda residents in unincorporated areas, before contacting Nunda Township, please call Waste Management, direct regarding any billing or service issues at 800-796-9696. Be sure to reference Nunda Township to ensure you get contracted rates and services. One benefit with using Waste Management is their ability to make out-dials to inform residents of weather related delays, holiday reminders, etc. In order to be included in this service please be sure Waste Management has your current phone number on file.

NUNDA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION has spent the last few years working to improve their ISO rating and effective this fall, they were able to lower Nunda's number from a class 9 to a class 4. What this means to you as a citizen is your insurance premiums for your home or business located in Nunda Rural Fire Protection district may now be lower. In some cases, we have heard of hundreds of dollars of savings from the insurance companies! Contact your insurance agent and ask them if you are eligible for a discount.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT NUNDA TOWNSHIP

ESTATE PLANNING On Nov 10th at 10:00 a.m. long-time Nunda resident Attorney John Horeled will present an estate planning seminar for residents of the township. Mr. Horeled, a practicing attorney for 39 years, works extensively in the area of estate planning, elder law and guardianships. His presentation will focus on trusts, wills, powers of attorney and HIPAA disclosures. There will be a presentation and ample time for questions and answers. Mr. Horeled graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and from Valparaiso University School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

IDENTITY THEFT On Nov 19th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. the McHenry Sheriff's Department will be holding a presentation on how to protect yourself from identity theft.

VOTER REGISTRATION On Nov 7th from 9:00 – Noon the McHenry County Clerk's office will be at the Nunda Township Hall to register any McHenry County residents to vote. If you have moved to another residence or changed your name you need to register to be able to vote in 2016 elections. Two (2) current forms of identification are needed with at least one showing a current address.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING On Oct 24th from 8:00 – Noon Waste Management will be at Nunda Township for the 1st Annual Document Shredding event. This service is for Nunda residents with a current Waste Management account.

I welcome any ideas for future events at the Township to benefit our residents.

- Lee Jennings
Supervisor



SENIORS - WE WANT YOU!
PINOCHLE AT THE TOWN HALL
MONDAY & THURSDAY 12:00 – 3:00
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
RICHIE BIESTEK 815-455-1255

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Thank you to the entire Nunda crew and our residents, vendors and other municipal & government organizations for volunteering at our 1st ever Touch-A-Truck event.



Not only did our full-time staff volunteer their entire Saturday making sure all the little truck drivers and future operators had a fun and safe time, our seasonal staff also participated. Again, thank you very much to each crew member and their families for the much appreciated sacrifice.

Nunda's new recycling center is available for Nunda residents only; no contractors or commercial operators are permitted to use these services. Electronics recycling is located in its own container. We accept computers, keyboards, mice, and other miscellaneous small electronics. **Please note, we no longer accept TV's or monitors.** This is a year round program. Also please keep in mind the paint recycling will be closed 10/31/15 for the winter.

A big THANK YOU to Tina Wagner and Barb Chutka for designing, organizing and completing a beautiful mural on the front of the Road District barn. A special thanks to all of the unnamed volunteers who helped to see this through to the end.

Help us help the community; we are looking for volunteers to drive Seniors door-to-door and for Saturday mulch deliveries to our Seniors and Veterans. Call 815-459-4410 to sign up.

WHEN THE SNOW FALLS

When clearing snow from your driveway, pile it along the right side as you face the road out front. This will eliminate the amount of snow deposited on the cleared surface when the plow comes down the road. Do not push or blow snow onto the road. This can cause a very dangerous situation. Also, it is a good idea to remove or move any rocks, posts, or other border decorations away from the edge of the road.

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This will prevent them from being damaged by a plow or doing damage to the plow. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your house it is a good idea to clear out around the hydrant. This will be extremely helpful to the firefighters in an emergency.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

Your mailbox is not only a receptacle for your mail but helps others find your house. The ones looking for you could be the rescue squad, police, fire department or out of town guests. Please put your street address on your mailbox.

Inspect your mailbox regularly. This is the property owner's responsibility. If the mailbox or the post is not in good condition, snow from the plow blade could damage the mailbox and interrupt your mail service.

The following regulations comply with the national Safety Council and Federal Highway Administration regulations:

- Mailbox must be properly installed so as to allow for convenient servicing by the letter carrier.
- The use of a group mailbox stand (i.e. number of mailboxes on one support) is encouraged where possible. This helps letter carriers speed up delivery and helps avoid damage by snowplows.
- Only United States Postal Service approved mailboxes may be used,
- Without curb, mailboxes should be installed 12 inches off the roadway; with curb, they should be installed 6-8 inches off the roadway.
- The bottom of the mailbox should be 40-44 inches above the pavement surface.
- The ideal mailbox support is an assembly which, if struck, bends or falls away from the striking vehicle instead of severely damaging the vehicle and injuring its occupants. Mailbox supports no larger than 4 inches by 4 inches or 4 ½ inch wood posts, or 2 inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24 inches in the ground, should safely breakaway if struck by a vehicle.
- The use of heavy metal posts, concrete posts, and miscellaneous items of farm equipment such as milk cans filled with concrete is not permitted. **A brick, stone or any cement structure of a permanent nature is strictly prohibited.**

If you have a special mailbox of some kind, a custom built box, or a special-order type purchased from a retailer, we urge you to replace it for the winter with a standard rural plastic or steel mailbox.

If your mailbox is damaged directly by a township plow, the township will replace mailboxes with a standard rural plastic mailbox unit and posts will be replaced with a 4x4 wooden post. If your mailbox is damaged or knocked down by the snow coming off of the plow (the windrow), it is the homeowner's responsibility to make the repairs.

- Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner

Clerk's Corner – Angela Koscavage

Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed Deputy Clerk, Cate Williams. Cate is long time Nunda resident and very active in the community. The Deputy Clerk serves to fulfill the duties of the Clerk in the instance he/she is not available or incapacitated.



NUNDA GARDEN
Supporting Local Food Pantries

FALL HARVEST EVENT

Over a 1,000 pounds of food have been harvested in our first year!! Help us celebrate

such a prosperous first year! Join us along with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Master Gardeners from the U of I Extension office in Woodstock for a fall harvest gathering on Thursday, October 22nd from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Supervisor's office. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

Volunteer opportunities are always available for groups and individuals. Donations for seeds and supplies will also be accepted at the Nunda Supervisor's office. For more information visit us at [facebook.com/NundaGarden](https://www.facebook.com/NundaGarden), NundaGarden@gmail.com or by calling the Nunda Supervisor's office at 815-459-4011.

Special thanks to Mary Laurx of Laurx Design for donating her time & talent in creating the beautiful new garden logos.



After Nunda Township partnered with McRide, Nunda residents have become some of the most active users of the McRide program. For more information visit www.nundaroaddistrict.com under services, for McRide transportation information. To register and schedule a ride call 1-800-451-4599.



ATTENTION unincorporated Nunda residents that are Waste Mgt. customers. Waste Mgt. will be conducting leaf vacuuming on alternating weeks for each half of the township (divided by Route 31) using the following schedule:

FIRST PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 19th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Oct 26th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 2nd all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Nov 9th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 16th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Nov 23rd all areas **EAST** of Route 31.



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, pick up will conclude on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Leaves must be raked to no more than three (3) feet from the edge of the road. We cannot give specific days of pick up only the week of pick up as specified above.

Christmas trees will be picked up during the month of January. If the Christmas trees are clean (no finsel, garland or bagged) Waste Mgt. will be delivering them to the Nunda Township Highway Dept for recycling. If the trees are not clean, they will be disposed of as refuse.



Assessor - Dennis A. Jagla CIAO-I

Current real estate trends indicate that property values are beginning to recover from the downturn of several years ago. Nunda Township property owner should be receiving their 2015 assessment notices very soon. Notices will also be published in the Northwest Herald Newspaper.

Assessment Relief for Nunda Township Property Owners

General Owner Occupied Homestead Exemption: Lowers the equalized assessed value of owner occupied homes by \$6,000.

Regular Senior Citizen Exemption: For seniors over 65 years of age this exemption lowers the equalized assessed value by \$5,000.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze: This exemption freezes assessments on your property for seniors over 65 years of age with a total house income of \$55,000 or less.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption: This exemption defers for 4 years any increase in the assessment of your property due to an addition or improvement to your home. A maximum assessment exemption of \$25,000 is available.

In addition to the above mentioned programs, property owners who experience damage to buildings due to fire or other non-willful destruction may be entitled to a reduced assessment for as long as the building is uninhabitable or unfit for occupancy or for customary use.

For additional information on any of the above programs or any questions regarding assessments visit our updated web site at www.nundatownship.com or contact our office at 815-459-6140.

Veterans Assessment Relief

Disabled Veterans Standard Addition: Veterans with a service-connected disability can receive a reduction up to \$5,000 in the property's equalized assessed value.

Disabled Veterans Exemption: Up to \$70,000 in assessment reductions are available for specially adapted housing. File with the Illinois Dept of Veterans' Affairs

Returning Veterans Exemptions: Exempts \$5,000 from assessed value for one year only.

Veterans should contact:

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

1301 Sunset Ridge Rd. Rt. 14

Woodstock, IL 60098

815-338-9292

Or

833 South Spring Street

P.O. Box 19432

Springfield, IL 62794-9432

Phone: 217-782-6641

Fax: 217-524-0344

NEW TEMPORARY HOURS FOR ASSESSOR

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. STARTING 10/1/15



Have You Tested Your Water?

Pick up a water test kit, at the Supervisor's office, any day during regular business hours and drop off samples to be tested on any Tuesday (excluding holidays) between 7:30 - Noon. Fees billed by McHenry Co. Health Dept. During the months of April and August the cost for a standard water test is reduced to \$18.00.

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, at no cost, and sent with your application. Make sure to bring State ID.

Rent the Hall – Picnic Area

The Nunda Town Hall or the Picnic/BBQ Area is a great place to host your next event. Call for availability 815-459-4011.



Notary Public

Available daily – No Charge



Voter Registration

Registrar available daily. Registration closes 28 days prior to any election.

Township Offices

Assessor's Office 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F

Supervisor Office 3510 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:30 – 4:00 M-F

Road District 3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 5:00 M-F Saturdays by Appoint.

Supervisor

Lee Jennings

Assessor

Dennis A. Jagla-CIAO-I

Highway Commissioner

Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk

Angela Koscavage



Trustees

Thomas Palmer

Edward Dvorak

Mike Shorten

William Boltz

Contact Information

Supervisor: super@nundatownship.com - 815-459-4011

Assessor: assessor@nundatownship.com - 815-459-6140

Road Dept: highway@nundaroaddistrict.com - 815-459-4410

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Postal Customer

SNOW PLOWING PRIORITIES

Since all streets cannot be cleared at the same time, there is a priority schedule which generally applies to all township maintained roads. Major roads and intersections are cleared first, then primary collector streets, followed by feeder streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

Priority is given to all principal township maintained roads so they will be cleared in time for morning and evening rush hours. Principal roads are: **West** – Bull Valley, Draper, Crystal Springs, Hillside, Oak, Terra Cotta, Pleasant Hill, Bay and Edgewood. **East** – Crystal Lake Ave., Terra Cotta Ave., Smith Ave., Valley View, Rawson Bridge, Sherman Blvd., Behan, Dowell, Lily Lake, Nish, Wright and Barreville.

In years past, all municipalities and townships that plow the roads have had a problem with vehicles parked on the roads during and after a snowfall, before cleanup could be completed. This prompted the McHenry County Highway Commissioners Association to standardize all of the townships’ parking ordinances, thus making it easier for the Sheriff’s Department to enforce. Ordinance #120608-1 states in part:

Parking of any motor vehicle in excess of 72 hours, or at such times when there is snowfall of 2 inches or more, until such snow is cleared from the roadway, or of any camping trailer or boat and/or boat trailer or other trailer, or motor vehicles in excess of gross weight of 8,000 pounds for more than 24 hours is prohibited on any McHenry Township road, street or highway. The official definition of road, street or highway, as contained in 605 ILCS, shall apply hereto, Nunda Township roads, streets, or highway, hereinafter known as “roads”.

If you normally park along the road, it is a good idea to make other arrangements during the snow season, or at least when snow is in the forecast. By doing so, you may avoid being ticketed and towed. Your cooperation will make it possible to clear the entire roadway, benefiting you and your neighbors. *Thank you!*

Things to keep in your vehicle:

Ice Scraper/snowbrush, Jumper cables, Bag of kitty litter or sand, Boots and extra gloves. A flashlight and extra batteries, First Aid Kit & fire extinguisher and the most important item is a cell phone and a backup power supply