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In addition to offering information and guidance, **TOI** promotes and supports strong township government in the State of Illinois. To that end, it offers a series of continuing education programs designed to provide a sense of responsibility, assurance, dedication and unity.

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# The Township Officials of Illinois

Upcoming Events

## February

- Feb. 10 ECIHCA - Salem
- Feb. 13 TOI Closed - Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 15 Lunch & Learn Webinar - Shop Safety
- Feb. 17 Hybrid Education Event - Decennial Committee
- Feb. 20 TOI Closed - President's Day
- Feb. 24 Q&A Day

## March

- Mar. 15 Lunch & Learn Webinar - Statement of Economic Interest
- Mar. 17 Q&A Day
- Mar. 28-29 ECIHCA Spring Seminar - Decatur

## April

- Apr. 5 Lunch and Learn Webinar - Annual Town Meeting
- Apr. 7 TOI Closed (Good Friday)
- Apr. 11 TOI Q&A Day
- Apr. 11 Annual Town Meeting
- Apr. 18 Hybrid Event
- Apr. 26 Lobby Day - Springfield

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### *In Memoriam*

**Pat Jacob**

1947-2022

After a long battle with illness, TOIRMA lost a key voice of our program on December 15, 2022. Pat Jacob, TOIRMA's Administrative Assistant, passed away peacefully in hospice care in Peoria. Working up to one week before her passing many will remember her friendly voice and personality. The entire TOIRMA Team and many township officials throughout Illinois will always appreciate Pat's work ethic and dedication to township government. Prayers and well wishes to Pat's adult children, Jake and Edie. Pat will be truly missed.





Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director/Publishing Editor

# Welcoming in 2023

## **Happy New Year! 2023 is going to be a great year for Township Government.**

**T**his is an exciting issue of *Township Perspective!* The first inaugural color issue printed for you, the Township Officials of Illinois, and the first joint issue for the months of January and February. I hope that you enjoy the new format and image improvements. The goal is to present the magazine with an improved format and style to assist in locating and understanding information included. This issue is a combined issue (January and February), and we will continue to combine (July and August) with 10 issues annually in 2023. As Editor, I am committed to improving content as well. If you become familiar with an article, program, or essay that benefits the goals and objectives of the association, please forward it to our office.

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2023 is off to a great start! Remember to plan to attend our annual LOBBY DAY event scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Registration information can be found on the TOI website at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org). Also, remember to review the schedule of events for the 2023 calendar year and GET ON BOARD with TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT! The goal of the 2023 theme is to focus on the programs and services provided by Township Government statewide.

Remember to plan for Local Government Week—March 6-10<sup>th</sup>! Have the township host an event to

promote what programs and services are provided. Reach out to your local high school civics classes and promote the 2023 Scholarship Program. Invite your Legislators to the March township board meeting and discuss issues impacting the community currently as they work in the General Assembly throughout the calendar year. The goal is to promote awareness of the value township government brings to the local community and remove the negative stigma that it is duplicative, unnecessary, and of no economic value.

Times continue to change. As we enter a new biennium of the Illinois General Assembly, the call is upon all of us to work together in securing the future of township government in Illinois. We have several new legislators taking office and new committee structures to become familiar as we progress through the new legislative calendar. I look forward to working with all of you.

I wish you a year of success and prosperity. Together we can work to make local government in Illinois better.

*Jerry B. Crabtree*  
jerry@toi.org

### **SB 3789/ Public Act 102-1088 UPDATE Decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act**

TOI intended to have information available in this issue of the magazine to assist Townships and Road Districts in meeting the requirements of the 10-year report due in June, 2024. The recent legislative changes to the act have delayed our implementation of guidelines and forms to use in meeting the requirements of the report. TOI is meeting with attorneys and stake holders in completing a simplified process of compliance. An email will be sent out to membership soon with a complete guide to assist in meeting the requirements of the new law. Additionally, all of the information will be provided on our website ([www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org)). Your patience is appreciated as we finalize guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact our office.



**Brad Ruppert**

**Director of Member Services**

## Q and A Time!

With the Holidays in the rearview mirror and New Year's Resolutions in the books, we now look forward to 2023! Year three in the township calendar, we are gearing up for a busy and productive year ahead. Our 2023 Education Calendar is out and available at <https://www.toi.org/events/>. We hope our members from throughout the state will be able to join us in person or virtually to continue to educate yourselves on the policies and procedures of Township Government.

At our 2022 Fall Conference in Springfield, several of you stopped me in the Exhibit Hall or in the elevator to tell me how helpful my October 2022 Township Prospective "Question & Answer" article was. So, back by popular demand, let's give the readers what they want!

**Question:** We are raising our Town Fund levy in 2023. Will we need to do Truth in Taxation?

**Answer:** It depends. Under Illinois law, if a township or Road District expects to adopt an aggregate levy in excess of 105% of the amount of taxes extended in the prior year, it must give public notice of that fact through a newspaper ad (black box) and also hold a public hearing regarding that intent. Debt services (bonds), the permanent road fund and election costs are not included in the 105% determination.

The notice must follow a statutory form and must state the amount of property tax extended by the township during the previous year; the amount of property tax extended by the township the previous year; the amount proposed for levy for the current year; the percent increase; the date, time and location of the hearing; the amount of prior and requested debt service; and the total of all taxes to be extended and the percent change.

**60 ILCS 1/235-13; 35 ILCS 200/18-70**

**Question:** Our Highway Commissioner retired, and we went through the process of appointing his replacement. Can we raise his salary?

**Answer:** No, you cannot. Salaries are set 180 days

before the start of the term. The salary is tied to the office, not the person. Also worth noting, any yearly raises or bonuses must also be set 180 days before the term begins as well for the entire term.

**60 ILCS 1/65-20**

**Question:** When is the last day to post or publish NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING?

**Answer:** The last date to post or publish the NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING in 2023 is March 28, 2023. The notice shall set forth the agenda as approved by the township board. All elector agenda items must be submitted by March 1, 2023.

**5 ILCS 120/2.02; 60 ILCS 1/30-10**

**Question:** Are budget changes allowed by law?

**Answer:** Yes. Transfers are allowed between line items in same fund up to 10% of the amount budgeted in that fund. Contingencies may be transferred to any line item in the same fund. Budget may be amended by following original adoption procedures.

**60 ILCS 1/245-10**

**Question:** Can the board of trustees make transfers from the general town fund to the road fund?

**Answer:** Yes. Funds can be transferred from general town fund to the road fund. However, elector approval at the Annual Town Meeting must be obtained first. You cannot transfer road funds to the general town fund.

**60 ILCS 1/245-5; 60 ILCS 1/255-5; 60 ILCS 1/260-5**





## TOI 2022 Education Calendar

Education District Events	
June 8	Bloomington-Normal
July 26	Rockford
September 14	Mt. Vernon

Lunch and Learn Webinars	
February 15	TOIRMA Shop Safety
March 15	Statement on Economic Interest
April 5	Annual Town Meeting
May 17	Understanding TIFs
July 19	TBD
August 10	TBD
September 13	TBD
October 11	Township Meeting Procedures

Q&A Days	
February 24	June 9
January 13	July 21
March 17	August 11
April 11	September 8
May 12	

NEW Hybrid Events	
February 17	Decennial Committee & Efficiency Act
April 18	TBD

Professional Development Days	
June 22	TBD
August 24	TBD



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# Lunch & Learn Webinar Series

## Shop Safety with TOIRMA

February 15, 2023 | 12 PM | 60 Minutes | \$25

*Presented by Matt Knight & Sean Richardson, TOIRMA*

Join TOIRMA in learning more about Shop Safety and the recommendations in keeping your township safe.



*Matt Knight has been with Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA) since 2008. He was named Associate Director of TOIRMA in July 2020 after being a TOIRMA Loss Control Consultant for 12 years. Prior to this, he managed two grain elevators and worked for his father, who was the longstanding Highway Commissioner for Pilot Township in Vermilion County.*



*Sean Richardson has been employed by TOIRMA for 6 years and currently holds the title of Loss Control Consultant. He has an extensive background in the construction industry working for his family's steel fabrication and erection business for several years. Sean holds many certifications and training licenses and is part of TOIRMA's safety and loss prevention programs.*

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## Preparing for the Annual Town Meeting

March 15, 2023 | 12 PM | 60 Minutes | \$25

The time is NOW to prepare for the statutorily required Annual Town Meeting, April 11, 2023. This webinar explores the list of what to expect in organizing and executing the annual event in all townships. Additionally, discussing a review of what powers the electors have at the annual township event.



*Bryan E. Smith was with the Township Officials of Illinois for 35 years and retired in August 2021. He was only the third person in the Association's history to be CEO. He also spent 25 years representing Illinois on the NATaT (National Association of Towns and Townships) Board of Directors and served two terms as President. Bryan is a lifelong resident of Long Creek Township (Macon Co.) and is a former Township Supervisor and Township Clerk. Bryan has served on the Comptroller's Local Government Advisory Board, the Macon County Board, and the Macon County Mental Health Board. A graduate of Millikin University, Bryan continues to reside in Long Creek Township with his two daughters.*

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## Statement of Economic Interest: All You Need to Know

April 5, 2023 | 12 PM | 60 Minutes | \$25

In 2022, changes were made to the Statement of Economic Interest. Join Dan Bolin from Ancel Glink to go over these changes and be in compliance with the law.



*Dan Bolin has spent all of his nearly 15-year legal career counseling local governments at Ancel Glink. Dan earned his B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dan graduated magna cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he served as an associate editor on the University of Illinois Law Review and earned a CALI Award in Real Estate Development.*

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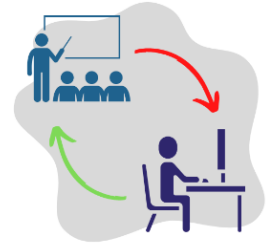
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# 2023 Hybrid Learning Events

The TOI Education Program is pleased to offer several **Hybrid Learning Events** for Township Officials and Staff. These **Hybrid Learning Events** will blend in-person instruction with the ability to participate virtually via Zoom from the comfort of home. They will focus on a singular topic over an afternoon with the ability to ask questions of a Township Attorney.



The **in-person session** capacity is limited to 25 attendees; the cost is \$25. The **online session** capacity is unlimited; the cost is \$15. The seminars are scheduled from 1pm to 4 pm to accommodate travel time.

All online registrants will receive the login link prior to the scheduled event.

Please fill in all information below and print clearly.

## February 17 - Decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act.

- \$25 In-Person Course                       \$15 Online Course

## April 18 - TBD

- \$25 In-Person Course                       \$15 Online Course

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Township Position:

\_\_\_\_\_

County/Township:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip:

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$25/person OR \$15/person, depending on course type. Refunds cannot be given for any cancellations received after the deadline to register.

Payment method: Check or Credit Card. Please make checks payable to Township Officials of Illinois.

Credit Card (Visa / MasterCard only) Card Number:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the TOI office by fax at 217.744.7419, email to [kayla@toi.org](mailto:kayla@toi.org), or mail to 3217 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702.



# 2023 Scholarship Application



Each year, since 1989, the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Fund awards funds to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities.

A total of \$359,500 has been awarded to 214 students.

Any questions may be directed to TOI at 217-744-2212 or [kayla@toi.org](mailto:kayla@toi.org).

Please mail your completed application, postmarked no later than **March 1, 2023** to:

Township Officials of Illinois  
Attn.: Scholarship Committee  
3217 Northfield Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62702

*Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989*



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# Application



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Name

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Mailing Address

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City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Township in which you reside \_\_\_\_\_

County in which you reside \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No    Illinois Resident?  Yes  No

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High School

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City

State

Zip

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA\* \_\_\_\_\_

College/University attending Fall 2023: (must be in Illinois)

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School Name

City in Illinois

Expected Major:

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**\*Please provide your *official sealed* transcript. Check with your school guidance department to verify that your transcript is official.**

## ***TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships in 2023***

Essay of not less than 500 words on *"The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future"* is attached, with signature, title, township/county of township official who was interviewed. This **MUST be an elected township official who serves on a township board in Illinois.** Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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Name	Title	Township	County
Interviewee's Signature	_____		

### **Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)**

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(If additional space is needed, please attach separate sheet(s)).

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***To be eligible, you must meet all of the following criteria:***

- Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior.
- Must be applying to attend a university/college located in Illinois. Awards may not be deferred. If you need to change schools after being awarded a scholarship, please contact the TOI office as soon as possible.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Illinois.
- Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois as a full time student.
- Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities (student government, club officer, etc.) or a commitment to civic responsibility, social consciousness and a willingness to serve the community (community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institutions, etc.)
- Must submit a 500-word essay on *The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future* that will include information gained from an interview with an **elected** township official.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, local officials or business people.
- Must submit an official high school transcript.
- Must submit a cover letter and completed application form.
- Must be mailed no later than March 1, 2023. *Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

*All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2023.*

*All scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2023-2024 academic year, awards may not be deferred.*



# TOI Scholarships

*Seven \$2,000 Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors this year. Each year since 1989, the Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities. Seven \$2,000 scholarships were given in 2022, making a total of \$359,500 that has been awarded to 214 students over the years. The scholarships are named for people who have made significant contributions to township government:*

## **The William Z. Ahrends Scholarship** *(Established 1994)*

A strong advocate of local government, William Z. Ahrends served as Rooks Creek Township Clerk in Livingston County from April 1949 to August 1990. Mr. Ahrends was inspired to organize two township officials' associations, the Town Clerks Division of TOI and the Livingston County Association of TOI. A past president of the organization, he is the only person ever appointed director emeritus of TOI.

## **The Troy A. Kost Scholarship** *(Established in 1982, first awarded in 1989)*

Troy A. Kost, Highway Commissioner of Astoria Township in Fulton County, was a dedicated public servant and an active, avid leader devoted to the principles of township government. Mr. Kost spent most of his life working for and promoting township government in several capacities and was known as "Mr. Township Government" throughout the State of Illinois.

## **The Barbara Behm Scholarship** *(Established 1991)*

Barbara A. Behm was an outstanding public official, devoted to her community and dedicated to township government. Serving as Township Clerk of Fremont Township in Lake County and later as the township's supervisor, Ms. Behm also was active with the Grayslake Fire Protection District, the Lake County Township Officials Association, and served on the organization's executive committee. Ms. Behm was also an outstanding member of the TOI Board of Directors.

## **The Carolyn Langan Scholarship** *(Established 1982, first awarded in 1989)*

Carolyn Langan was chief of the Local Government Assistance Division of the Department of Local Government Affairs (now known as the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). In that capacity, she was responsible for improving the skills of elected and appointed government officials. She was also instrumental in organizing statewide training programs that are still in use today.

## **The Delbert W. Miller Scholarship** *(Established 1993)*

Delbert W. Miller was a dedicated public servant and leader in township government serving as Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner in McHenry County. In addition, Mr. Miller served local fire protection districts and the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association. Mr. Miller spent many years traveling throughout the State of Illinois searching for ways that township government could better serve the people and TOI's membership. He was serving as TOI President when he passed away in 1993.

## **The Robert L. "Bob" Tuner Scholarship** *(Established 2008)*

This scholarship is in memory of the former Belvidere Township (Boone County) Supervisor, longtime TOI Board Member and former President of the Township Supervisors Division.

## **The George H. Miller Scholarship** *(Established 2014)*

Established on Sept. 5, 2014, by the TOI Board of Directors, this scholarship fund memorializes TOI's second "paid" leader and first executive director, George Miller, who served the association from 1979-1996 and died June 7, 2014. Known as "Mr. Township", Miller worked for the betterment of township government and for better educated officials.



Taylor Anderson

# Spring Session is Here

Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd.

The legislative calendar for the year 2023 wastes little time before it jumps into session days. Lame Duck session began on January 4 through January 7 and ends with a final day on January 10. The inauguration of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Illinois General Assembly follows on January 11, which begins the start of spring session. The General Assembly is again aiming to adjourn early this year, though the calendar is not as compact as last year. Instead of adjourning a month earlier than the normal May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, adjournment this year is scheduled for May 19, 2023, a mere two weeks early and a far cry from the nearly six weeks early adjournment date of 2022. To put that into perspective, spring session last year was around 35 days while the 2023 spring session is scheduled for around 50 days. That is in comparison to the pre-pandemic average of between 55 to 60 days for a spring session.

As mentioned above, there will be an extended Lame Duck session and it is anticipated to be very a busy one. It is expected that a bill seeking to ban assault weapons and other semi-automatic firearms will be moved during lame duck. A series of committee hearings were convened during the month of December, and it is expected that more hearings will take place during lame duck as the bill is finalized. Due to the nature of this issue, it is expected to garner quite a lot of attention and controversy, with most of the attention of legislators likely focused upon it. That said, a number of other pieces of legislation are expected to be moved during lame duck, many of which are hold overs either from spring 2022 session or fall 2022 veto session.

Lastly, we are again expecting a heavy agenda for TOI and local governments in 2023. In last month's issue we discussed the number of new legislators who will be sworn in on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Anytime the General Assembly experiences a large change over in its members we often see a corresponding increase in the need to educate lawmakers on townships and the members townships serve. TOI has already started the process of meeting with newly elected legislators to

explain the importance of townships and their services to these new legislators and we encourage township officials across the state to do the same. If you have questions on how best to do so or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to TOI and we will be happy to assist in any way possible. Happy New Year to you, your families, and your townships.

## Here are some important dates for the 2023 Spring Session:

- February 10<sup>th</sup>** Deadline introduction of Senate Bills
- February 15<sup>th</sup>** Governor's State of State/ Budget Address
- February 17<sup>th</sup>** Deadline introduction of House Bills.
- March 10<sup>th</sup>** Deadline for Bills out of Committee in Chamber of Origin.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>** Deadline House Bills Third Reading.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>** Deadline Senate Bills Third Reading.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>** *Township Officials of Illinois Lobby Day in Springfield.*
- April 28<sup>th</sup>** Deadline for Bills from Opposite Chamber out of Committee.
- May 11<sup>th</sup>** Deadline House Bills Third Reading in Senate.
- May 12<sup>th</sup>** Deadline Senate Bills Third Reading in House.
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** Adjournment.



# Bills Going into Effect in 2023

It was a busy year for the Illinois General Assembly! Over 180 bills went into effect January 1, 2023. The following is a list of bills going into effect in 2023 that are of interest to township government. For more details, visit [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov).

HB 00568	Allows the Comptroller's Office to establish an interactive map on the Comptroller's website that provides the location and annual financial information of taxing bodies.
HB 02382	Expands access to healthy foods in eligible areas throughout Illinois by providing assistance to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers markets, and other small food retailers.
HB 02775	Aims to make it easier for low-income families to find housing by declaring that it is a civil rights violation for any person engaging in real estate transactions to discriminate based on source of income.
HB 04646	Requires that trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund be given at least 20 days of paid leave from their employer for the purpose of attending meetings of the Board of Trustees.
HB 04728	Changes how an organizational units equalized assessed value is calculated and lays out three different ways it can be calculated.
HB 04766	Designates Aug. 1 as Sweet Corn Appreciation Day.
HB 04821	Declares the Eastern Milksnake the official state snake of the State of Illinois.
HB 04986	Designates "Theatre in the Park" as the Official State Theatre of Illinois.
HB 04998	Requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to track and report data on homeless veterans using their homelessness programs. This includes the IDVA run Prince Home in Manteno.
HB05018	Creates the Cook County Housing Fund to finance a variety of housing projects, such as new construction, rehabilitation of property fees, loans to project owners, and more.
HB 05205	Changes the Highway Code to allow local municipalities, counties, and townships where excess property is located to purchase excess property from the Department of Transportation before the property is offered for sale in a public sale, by auction, or sealed bidding process.
HB 05265	Requires school districts to waive all school fees for students experiencing homelessness.
HB 05304	Reduces the vehicle registration fee for senior citizens from \$24 to \$10.
HB 05488	Allows every public middle or high school student at least one school day excused absence per school year to engage in a civic event.
SB 00062	Provides that funds held in payroll card accounts will not be considered abandoned if wages are continually deposited into the account via recurring ACH credits.
SB 03146	Changes the penalties for violations of the One Day Rest in Seven Act and provides clarifying language for workers rights during the work day.
SB 03609	Reduces the vehicle registration fees for cars and small trucks if it was manufactured in Illinois.



# 2023 TOI SCHOLARSHIPS

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## Checklist

- Cover letter
- 500+ word essay
- Application
- Recent Transcript
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Interview Township Official

## *Mail in Submission Only*

## For More Info

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kayla@toi.org  
(217) 744-2212

Find the application and full details at <https://www.toi.org/toi-scholarship/>



# Items to Consider for the New Year

Jim Donelan

Executive Director, TOIRMA

**H**appy New Year! It's that wonderful time of the year for reflection and resolutions. The year 2022 seemed to just fly by. A friend of mine once told me that, "when you're younger, you always are looking forward to what's coming, and as you get older, you start looking at your past history. This causes time to seem to go by faster." I'm not sure what he was really saying here, but I think it was a polite way of him saying I'm getting "old." Anyway, for TOIRMA we are happy to be looking forward to the New Year and all that 2023 has to offer. The following are items for township officials to consider as we begin 2023.

## Premises Inspections

While visiting townships and road districts throughout the state, our Loss Control Team—Sean Richardson and Tyler Knight—can perform premises inspections. This process helps ensure that buildings are as safe as possible, and assists in reducing injuries to officials, staff, and members of the public. The Loss Control Team makes recommendations on changes/improvements for better safety and to make sure you are operating within Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) rules. Periodically, these organization have been known to make pop-in inspections of local government buildings. Our premises inspections not only can improve safety but can help avoid unnecessary fines.

Please feel free to contact either Sean Richardson (217) 444-1384 or sean.richardson@ccmsi.com, or Tyler Knight (217) 444-1387 or tknight@ccmsi.com to request a premises inspection. We are pleased to continue helping our Members reduce risks and appreciate efforts to avoid injuries and claims.

## TOIRMA Annual Renewal Packets Due March 1, 2023

Each TOIRMA Member has a designated "TOIRMA Contact." This individual will be receiving by mail an Annual Renewal Packet from us during the month of January.

It is important for at least the supervisor and highway commissioner to review the Packet and to send back to us the requested information.

The Renewal Packets include the following:

- Comprehensive General Liability Questionnaire;
- Listing of the Values for Vehicles; Inland Marine Equipment; and Buildings/Contents; and
- Listing of Estimated Payroll.

**Your coverages are dependent on the accuracy of this information, so please review the Packet and return it accordingly.** Renewal Packets are due to TOIRMA by March 1, 2023.

If you have questions regarding the Renewal Packet contents, feel free to call Beth Eyrich for assistance at (217) 444-1139 or beyrich@ccmsi.com.

## TOIRMA "Members Only" Section—Know Your Coverage

The "Members Only" section of toirma.org is an ever-expanding resource available to members. Complementing the Renewal Packet review process outlined earlier, we have put together one-page "Know Your Coverage" documents based on frequently asked questions. This information has been designed to address common questions by Members. Also included are video summaries of each. Presently available for review are "Know Your Coverage" summaries on the following: Boiler and Machinery Coverage; Builder's Risk; Glass Breakage; Renting, Leasing, or Borrowing Equipment; Towing Coverage; Tree Removal Coverage; and Value Types. The Value Types information will help in understanding portions of the Renewal Packet.

Please take the time to visit the "Know Your Coverage" section of "Members Only" at toirma.org.

Other items available include video trainings, ordering of free safety items, newsletters, claim reporting, and other helpful resources.

Thank you for your attention to these matters in 2023, and it's okay to look both ahead and behind no matter your age. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or at jdonelan@toirma.org.

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# Meet the TOI Executive Board

**President Chris Kain** (*Assessor, Addison Township/DuPage County*), **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Craig Paulek** (*Township Clerk, Stonington Township/Christian County*), **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sherry Tite** (*Township Clerk, Wood River Township/Madison County*), **Treasurer Sherrill Knorr** (*Supervisor, Reed Township/Will County*), and **Secretary Arnold Vegter** (*Highway Commissioner, Union Grove Township, Whiteside County*) were sworn in at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference on November 14, 2022. TOI has a new Executive Board for the first time since 2017, continue reading to get to know them!



**Chris Kain**  
*TOI President*  
*Assessor*  
*Addison Township,*  
*DuPage County*

**What do you like most about township government?**  
Providing services to the residents in real time.

**How long have you been involved in township government?**  
Over 30 years.

**How long have you been involved with TOI?**  
Since 2010.

**What has been your greatest challenge in life?**  
Doing a general reassessment during the real estate downturn.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**  
Providing nonstop front-line services during the pandemic proving once again the value of what we do.

**Favorite quote/saying:**  
Township Government is truly local Government!



**Craig Paulek**  
*TOI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
*Township Clerk*  
*Stonington Township,*  
*Christian County*

**What do you most like about township government?**  
Township Government is the most accessible level of

government. If you need help with a problem, township officials are typically more available to assist you than any other level of government.

**How long have you been involved in township government?**

I was first elected as a trustee in 2005 and then clerk in 2009.

**How long have you been involved with TOI?**  
Since 2015.

**What has been your greatest challenge in life?**  
Trying to maintain balance between farming, family time, and community service.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**  
Raising 3 boys with my wife.

**Favorite quote/saying:**  
The difference between excellence and mediocrity is commitment and passion.



**Sherry Tite**  
*TOI 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
*Township Clerk*  
*Wood River Township,*  
*Madison County*

**What do you like most about township government?**  
Serving the people, being able to help people. I really have a heart

for seniors, so I am able to help several hundred seniors a year.

**How long have you been involved in township government?**  
Since 2009.

**How long have you been involved with TOI?**  
Clerks Division in 2013 and then the TOI Board in 2015.

**What has been your greatest challenge in life?**  
Losing my husband.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**  
Raising my three children.

**Favorite quote/saying:**  
It's better to ask forgiveness than permission.



**Sherrill Knorr**  
TOI Treasurer  
Supervisor  
Reed Township,  
Will County

**What do you like most about township government?**

What I like most about Township Government is that

we can actually make a difference in our residents' lives. Whether it be fixing their roads, reassessing their property or being able to provide General Assistance. We are easy to reach and will always find an answer to any question.

**How long have you been involved in township government?**

I have been involved for 17 great years. Never thought I would be a "Politician" but here I am, and I love it!

**How long have you been involved with TOI?**

I have been involved with TOI since I became Reed Township Supervisor. They have always been there to help in any way. I have been on the TOI board for about 10 years.

**What has been your greatest challenge in life?**

My greatest challenge has been to raise two beautiful and independent daughters.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**

Turning my township into one that is more proactive with the community.

**Favorite quote/saying:**

There are so many that I use but my all-time favorite is: Life is too short to be a grump! Smile and enjoy!



**Arnold Vegter**  
TOI Secretary  
Highway Commissioner  
Union Grove Township,  
Whiteside County

**What do you like most about township government?**

The closeness to the people. If the public wants something done

they can come see me and we can decide right then and there if we are going to do it without all of the red tape.

**How long have you been involved in township government?**

I was elected Highway Commissioner in 2009, but have been around it all my life as I am a 3rd generation Highway Commissioner and has been in the family since 1945. I have worked full time for the township since January of 1984.

**How long have you been involved with TOI?**

Since 2014.

**What has been your greatest challenge in life?**

Raising my 3 kids and 4 step kids.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**

Being a good father to my kids and step kids and also being a good grandpa.

**Favorite quote/saying:**

It is what it is.

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# STATE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED JANUARY 1, 2023



Public Act 101-0001 went into effect on February 19, 2019. This new minimum wage law increases the minimum wage gradually until 2025. The next increase took effect on January 1, 2023

The state minimum wage increased on January 1, 2023 from \$12.00 to \$13.00

As per the Minimum Wage Law, the definition of "employer" includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, governmental or quasi-governmental body, or any person or group of persons acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee, for which one or more persons are gainfully employed on some day within a calendar year. An employer is subject to the [Minimum Wage Law] in a calendar year on and after the first day in such calendar year in which he employs one or more persons, and for the following calendar year.

Governmental bodies are not exempt from the Minimum Wage Law, but there are reduced wages for certain part-time employees under the age of 18, as well as tipped employees.

To the right are the current wages in effect, as well as the statutorily required increases up to January 1, 2025.

ILLINOIS STATE MINIMUM WAGE CHART			
Effective Date	Regular Minimum Wage	Tipped	Minors Working < 650 hrs per year
1/1/22	\$12.00	\$7.20	\$9.25
<b>1/1/23</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$7.80</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>
1/1/24	\$14.00	\$8.40	\$12.00
1/1/25	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$13.00

## HOW TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PA 101-0001

- New employees 18 years or older may be paid up to \$0.50 less per hour for the first 90 days of employment (training wage).
- Employees under 18 years of age who work less than 650 hours per calendar may be paid at the rates on the chart above but are not eligible for the "Training Wage" reduction.
- Beginning January 1, 2020 if a worker under 18 years of age works more than 650 hours for the employer during any calendar year, they must be paid the regular (over 18) wage.
- Tipped employees may be paid 60% of the hourly minimum wage
- Certain employees must be paid overtime, at time, and one-half of the regular rate, after 40 hours of work in a workweek.

For questions, please review the FAQ's on IDOL's website at [www2.illinois.gov/idol/FAQs/Pages/minimum-wage-overtime-faq.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/idol/FAQs/Pages/minimum-wage-overtime-faq.aspx).



# Local Government Week in Illinois Gives Township Government an Opportunity to GET RESIDENTS and COMMUNITIES Involved



**A**nually in Illinois, the first full week of March (March 6-10, 2023) is designated as Local Government Week. Townships that want to get residents more involved in observing what they do or how they can become more involved have a great opportunity to make this a reality.

We encourage you all to plan an event(s) and support this annual event.

In Illinois, Townships always focus attention on the continued efforts providing strong efficient local government services. Local Government Week provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by those who serve an elected position in township government.

The association encourages you to invite schools, civic groups, business leaders, and local politicians to participate in activities planned for this annual week of recognizing TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT!

Host an open house. Work with local civic classes to promote the importance of understanding what local government is and how it contributes to the community. Promote the scholarship program provided by the association and how it can promote efficient and effective understanding of government at the most local level, the township level.


The Association welcomes an opportunity to highlight

what you are doing in your township to celebrate LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK in 2023. The past two years have been so hard on public participation with government activities. We encourage you to think outside of the box and let us know what you have accomplished.

## **SOME GENERAL IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS**

- Encourage your high school to promote local government with their civic classes.
- Have a Township Flag contest if you do not already have a township flag.
- Have a LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK Poster contest at your local schools.
- Encourage your teachers and their students to attend a township board meeting.
- Encourage a high school senior (that is a registered voter) to apply for the moderator position at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 11, 2023.
- Invite your local legislators to the March Township Board meeting and have the press cover the story.
- Offer an open house at your Township Office.
- Encourage your local media to cover the week's activities and even highlight the Township Board.

If your township holds any events or celebrations of Local Government Week, please submit pictures to Associate Editor Kayla Jeffers at [kayla@toi.org](mailto:kayla@toi.org).



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# The New Year is Here

President, Township Supervisors of Illinois  
Supervisor, Blackhawk Township, Rock Island County

Well, where do I start? Let's recap for a minute. TOI's 115<sup>th</sup> Educational Conference! The Conference was a success. Thank you, to all of you that attended. There was something there for everyone. Thank you to Jerry, Brad, the TOI staff, and the Conference Committee. There is a lot of backstage planning with the production of a Conference that size. I would also like to thank TOI's Past President Danny Hanning for his leadership and direction getting us through these last few unprecedented years. A big thank you also to Sherrill Knorr for her tenure in leading TSI, in fact a shout out to all the Division Presidents for getting us through those years!

There were many awards that were presented at this year's Conference. If you have not made the Awards Breakfast, make sure to mark that down for the next Conference. I had the honor of accepting The Bob Turner Award! I had the pleasure of knowing Bob and his son—great people! I promise to continue with the dedication and perseverance that Bob and all the recipients before me have displayed. If you haven't read about the Conference yet (in the December issue of *Township Perspective*) make sure to check it out.

This is the first issue of the new *Perspective*! The Jan/Feb is a combined issue. Supervisors, we do slow down a bit in these months although there are some things to remember. Real Estate Property Exemption needs to be completed and filed with your Supervisor of Assessments. This keeps the tax-exempt status of the property owned by the Township. Also, on or before February 1, 2023 the Economic Interest Statement Names are due to the County Clerk. This is the list of names and addresses of the people who must file Economic Interest Statements. Forms are mailed out by the County Clerk and must be completed by the township officials and returned by May 1, 2023. Always remember to check out the Township Calendar, it's a great tool to keep you on track for the year. There is a plethora of information always available right at your fingertips. If you haven't used the Township Officials

of Illinois website, you are definitely losing out! The *Laws and Duties Handbook* is another great source. I personally resource these constantly.

## The 2023 TSI Educational dates have been set:

- Zone 4 Mt. Vernon, June 16th
- Zone 1 Rockford, July 14th
- Zone 3 Bloomington, July 28th
- Zone 2 Rock Island, August 11th

Just a reminder that this year our educational events are for both Supervisors and Trustees. We should be working together as a common thread. I am hopeful that these events will strengthen us as Township Officials. So, Supervisors, round up your Trustees or... Trustees gather your Supervisor and ride together! Hope to see many of you at one of these events.

Our Re-organizational meeting will be held on February 20, 2023 in Bloomington. We do currently have vacancies in every zone. If you are interested in becoming a Director on the Township Supervisors of Illinois Board, you can contact me or any of our Board members. We should have our website up-to-date sometime after the new year.

These couple of months are normally the busiest for our Road Districts. Usually, many hours behind the wheel keeping our roads safe for travel. Remember to give them plenty of room when you see them out on the roadways. Many of us don't realize the toll that those hours take on the body! Remember that old saying... Walk a mile in your shoes and it's just a mile—walk a mile in someone else's shoes and well... you'll probably have sore feet!!

That's it for now...

From all of us at TSI to all of you—Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!





Pam Bruner

# New Year, New Board

Vice President, TOI Clerks Division

Township Clerk, Cordova Township, Rock Island Co.

## *We preserve the history of our Township as it happens*

**H**appy New Year! The newly elected Clerks TOI Board is ready to hit the ground running with our first meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Springfield. The following is a list of the elected officers:

**President** Katy Dolan Baumer, Hanover/Cook

**Vice President** Pam Bruner, Cordova/Rock Island

**Treasurer** Suzanne Fisher, Oquawka/Henderson

**Secretary** Marsha Kay Johnston, Bruce/LaSalle

**Directors District 1** Kathy Brown, Monticello/Piatt and Bryan Smith, Long Creek/Macon

**Directors District 2** Karen Wilson, Blackhawk/Rock Island and Jewel Ward, Washington/Tazewell

**Directors District 3** Linda Eades, Barr/Macoupin and Sherry Tite, Wood River/Madison

Please keep in mind that you can contact any of these Board members to answer questions you may have about your clerk duties as well as ideas you may have about education sessions you would like to see at upcoming education events be it in person or online. Contact information is in the 2021-2025 Directory of the Township Officials.

With the beginning of the new year, it is a time to reflect on the goals we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Is this the year that you tackle the mountain of boxes that contain your Township's documents? If you were unable to attend conference and missed the training on Records Management, I would encourage you to visit [www.ilsos.gov](http://www.ilsos.gov). Click on Departments tab located at the top of the page, then drop down to Illinois State Archives, then to State and Local Records Management and click to display a drop-down list of contents. Remember, if you receive a FOIA request and you have the records stored you must supply them. Go through the process and eliminate State approved documents that can legally be destroyed

after receiving your approved Record Disposal Certificate.

Make sure to fill in that new calendar with all your meeting dates and times. This is also a great time to print off the Township Calendar in the back of the Perspective, so you have a check list so you don't miss an important deadline.

January is the time to update the information on your Statement of Economic Interests (SEI). The County sends a notice by email for the Clerk to fill out with the names, emails, and addresses of all Township Officials and other individuals that need to file a SEI. After filling out/updating, this is sent back to the County before February 1, 2023. This is also a good time to start setting document copies aside for the annual audit.

February is the time to begin preparing the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) agenda. This is a good time to ask Trustees, Supervisor, Highway Commissioner, or Cemetery Sexton or Manager if they have surplus items that need to be added for disbursement. The agenda must be approved in March for the April ATM.

If you have a question or suggestion, please send it to me. Email me at [clerk@cordovatownship.com](mailto:clerk@cordovatownship.com), write me at PO Box 311, Cordova, IL 61242, or call 309-533-1307.

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Arnold Vegter

## Reflecting on 2022!

President, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois  
Highway Commissioner, Union Grove Township, Whiteside Co.

As I sit down to write this article, Christmas is behind us and New Year's Day is just a day or two away. When I reflect back on 2022, the first thing that comes to mind for us Highway Commissioners is the winter storm that hit us on December 22. In my area, we only had two inches of snow, but we sustained winds of 30 miles per hour with it gusting to 50 miles per hour which made for zero visibility. I have been plowing snow for 40 years, and it was one of the worst storms for visibility that I can remember. We only plowed during daylight hours, because after dark you couldn't see a thing. I live out in the country, where, when the wind blows that strongly, you don't see much. Along with the extreme cold that came along with it, it made for some very dangerous conditions! In my area, the local Highway Commissioners did a wonderful job of handling the storm with very few problems reported despite the severe cold and white out conditions.

In my reflecting, I also think back to how the landscape of our job has been affected by the worldwide inflation rates. We have to pay much more than usual for our materials and parts to repair equipment, if the parts are even in stock. It makes it very hard on our budgets as well as on our ability to get the job done

in a timely manner and the way that we like to do it. Production slowdowns have also made it very hard to get new equipment, especially trucks. If you order a new truck, you get an estimate of 18-24 months for delivery. I have heard stories of it even taking longer than two years to get a new vehicle. It doesn't sound like anything is going to change anytime soon. This could be the new normal.

Legislatively, 2022 was not a bad year. Let's hope that that continues into 2023. Thankfully, the lame duck season went well with only a few minor hiccups. Let's hope that when the new legislators are seated, it continues to go well for Township Government and the new general assembly understands the Township form of government.

Have a Happy New Year of 2023 wishing everyone good health and prosperity in 2023.

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# Thank You! New Year Opportunities

President, Trustees Division  
Trustee, Long Creek Township, Macon Co.

**C**ongratulations to all new TOI officers and directors. Well, what a great conference! It was amazing to the number of Exhibitor Booths this year, and to see the Township Officials who stopped by the Trustee's booth. We had 104 trustees signed up to attend the conference. 75 attended the annual meeting, our first one in two years! I would like to thank all the new board members who stepped up, accepted the nominations, and were elected to the board.

Also, thanks to our speaker attorney Jason Brokaw. Thank you to Bob Dyer, Trustee, Aroma Twp./Kankakee Co.) for his help. To all trustees who helped, thank you. Our first board meeting was January 14 to start planning 2023.

TOI Education Schedule, Supervisors & Trustee's Joint Events (bolding to indicate TSI/Trustee Events)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

<i>June 8</i>	<i>Bloomington-Normal</i>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>Drury Inn, Mt. Vernon</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Radisson, Rockford</b>
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Rockford</i>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Doubletree, Bloomington</b>
<i>August 16</i>	<i>Mt. Vernon</i>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Bally's, Rock Island</b>
<i>September 14</i>	<i>Southern IL</i>

Hope you take advantage of educational events this year. To all have a prosperous 2023!

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# Do and Be the Best!

CIAO-I Multi-Township Assessor  
Meriden, Ophir, Troy Grove Twp., LaSalle Co.

I had to say goodbye to my MTAD Treasurer, Sandra Kofoed. Sandra served for many years as the Treasurer on the Meriden, Ophir & Troy Grove Multi Township Assessing District and 21 years as Meriden Township (LaSalle Co.) Supervisor.

Multi-Township Assessing Districts Boards consist of the Supervisor and Clerk from each Township in the District. This District has been in place since 1994.

In the October 2022 issue of *Township Perspective* is an article by Gary Twist. He wrote about how Knox County Multi-Township Districts make it work by having a North and a South District, and each District having 10 Townships.

Becoming a Multi-Township Assessing District takes planning and cooperation by the Townships and County Assessor. If this may work for your Townships, please talk to your County Assessor. Currently Townships under 1000 population are *required* to become a Multi Township Assessing District.

## What does a County Association do? Do you have a Township Association in your County?

LaSalle County has 37 Townships with 282 Township Officials. The County Association Board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President, with up to 20 Directors. There are 3 classes of members: Active, Associate, and Honorary. Committees include Legislative, Nomination, and Bylaws, or any other Special committees appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Association's objective is to be: A non-political,



President R.E. Larkin, Ophir Twp. Supervisor congratulating Sandra Kofoed, Meriden Twp. Supervisor for serving on the Meriden, Ophir & Troy Grove Multi Township Assessing District for many years as the Treasurer and 21 years as Meriden Township Supervisor.

non-profit organization to promote a more friendly understanding and a closer cooperation of the various township officials of LaSalle County, thereby increasing our efficiency as public officers, to serve and to cooperate further the best interests of the people, we in every way mean to bring about a higher standard of efficiency by maintaining, as nearly as possible, a one hundred percent membership of LaSalle County Township Officials with the Township Officials of Illinois.

Remember to get signed up for your 2023 Classes! Registration was open Dec. 13, 2022, and a lot of the classes are *already FULL!*

**2023 IAPI State Conference, March 26-31, 2023 will be held in Bloomington.**

If you have an idea for an article, please let me know. You can email me at [dlane@udnet.net](mailto:dlane@udnet.net), or regular mail to Box 54, Troy Grove, IL 61372 or call me at cell 815-343-2127.



LaSalle County Township Officials Christmas Party/ Meeting was held on December 1, 2022. Elected for the Board is: (1<sup>st</sup> row) Secretary Amy Victor, Vice President Marsha Johnston, President Deb Lane, Treasurer Connie Guerrero, and Directors Sue Calkins, Karen Breckenridge, Tim Aussem. (2<sup>nd</sup> row) David Myer, Stuart Anderson, Glen Nelson, Ron Vaughan, Ken Thompson, Henry Araujo Sr., Glenda Edwards, Randy Baumrucker, Ed Hettel, Bill Stack, Gregg Olson, Bob Miller, and Steve Pillion. (Not present Lisa Grubar, Linda Hannen, Jim Swanson, and Beth Mannon.)





Steve Judge

# Red Light Violations

Judge Law, LLC

## RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS UPHELD AS NOTICE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLIED WITH MUNICIPAL AND STATE CODES

This month's column discusses the recent Third District Appellate Court decision in *Kennedy v. City of Chicago*, 2022 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 210492, affirming the trial court's finding that the City of Chicago red light violation notice properly complied with Municipal and State Codes and was enforceable.

### Red Light and Speed Camera Statutory Authority

Since their inception, red light and speed cameras have been controversial topics in Illinois. Such devices and the resulting violations issued have been challenged for various reasons including the argument that they are unconstitutional. Under the Illinois Vehicle Code, municipalities may enforce red light and speed violations through the use of automated camera systems.

Red light cameras are addressed under 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6, which provides that automated traffic law enforcement systems consist of any device with one or more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a red light signal to produce recorded images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red signal indication in violation of Section 11-306 of the Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance. 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6.

Speed cameras are addressed under 625 ILCS 5/11-208.8, which provides that automated speed enforcement systems consist of a photographic device, radar device, laser device, or other electrical or mechanical device or devices installed or utilized in a safety zone and designed to record the speed of a vehicle and obtain a clear photograph or other recorded image of the vehicle and the vehicle's registration plate or digital registration plate while the driver is violating Article VI of Chapter 11 of the Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance. The statute defines a "safety zone" as:

"an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the nearest property line of any public or private elementary or secondary school, or from the nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district that is used for educational purposes approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, not including school district headquarters or administrative buildings. A safety zone also includes an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park district

used for recreational purposes. However, if any portion of a roadway is within either one-eighth mile radius, the safety zone also shall include the roadway extended to the furthest portion of the next furthest intersection." 625 ILCS 5/11-208.8.

Both statutes require that the recorded image display the time, date, and location of the violation. *Id.* Recorded images may consist of two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic images, or a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly identifying the registration plate or digital registration plate number of the motor vehicle. *Id.* Any municipality or county providing a recorded image of the violation must make the recording available online. 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6-208.8.

### Red Light Violation Notice Provision

The notice provision varies slightly between a red light violation under 208.6 and a speed violation under 208.8. As the subject of this case called into question the notice provision of a red light violation, we will focus on the requirements under 208.6 which provide that the notice **shall** include:

- (1) the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
- (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;
- (3) the violation charged;
- (4) the location where the violation occurred;
- (5) the date and time of the violation;
- (6) a copy of the recorded images;
- (7) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the requirements of any traffic education program imposed and the date by which the civil penalty should be paid and the traffic education program should be completed;
- (8) **a statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of a red light signal;**
- (9) **a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty, to complete a required traffic education program, or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability;**
- (10) a statement that the person may elect to proceed by:
  - (A) paying the fine, completing a required traffic education program, or both; or
  - (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or by administrative hearing; and

(11) a website address, accessible through the Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of the violation. 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6.

Plaintiffs filed a class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago alleging that the notice of the violations was “void ab initio”, having no legal effect for failure to properly comply with the notice provision. *Kennedy*, 2022 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 210492.

Pursuant to the Illinois Vehicle Code, the City of Chicago enacted its red light camera program under Chicago Municipal Code § 9-102-020(a). *Id.* The Chicago municipal Code mirrors the notice requirements provided by the Illinois Vehicle Code under 11-208.6.

Plaintiffs contend that the City’s notice fails to comply with requirements No. 8 and No. 9 under 208.6 and the Municipal Code:

“(8) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation and (9) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty \*\*\* or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability and may result in a suspension of the driving privileges of the registered owner of the vehicle, respectively. See *id.* § 11-208.6(d)(8), (9).

While the City’s notice did not contain the exact phrases as worded in No. 8 and No. 9, it did contain similar statements regarding the failure to respond. *Kennedy*, 2022 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 210492. The City notice states:

“[D]o not ignore this notice. If you fail to respond, the City of Chicago will conclude that this billing is correct and take further enforcement action. If you fail to pay or contest this violation a determination will be entered against you. If the fine is not paid within 25 days of a determination, a penalty will be assessed in an amount up to the fine amount and the determination will be final. Failure to timely pay \*\*\* may subject you to further enforcement including vehicle immobilization.” *Id.*

However, when compared to section 208.6 of the Vehicle Code, the notice omits the words “evidence” or “admission of liability”. *Id.* Among other arguments, the City argued in its motion to dismiss that the notice substantially complied with the Vehicle and Municipal Codes and the provisions were simply directory, not mandatory. *Id.* The circuit court granted the City’s motion to dismiss finding that the City “substantially complied” with the requirements under the Vehicle and Municipal Codes. *Id.* However, the court noted that the use of the word “shall” in the Codes suggested that the required information was, in fact, mandatory, not just directory. *Id.* Nonetheless, the notice satisfied the general notification requirements of the provisions and plaintiffs failed to allege that they were in any way prejudiced by the lack of the City’s strict compliance with the provisions. *Id.*

**No Prejudice Due to Lack of Strict Compliance**

Noting that the circuit court did not go far enough in its analysis that “shall” is generally a mandatory obligation, the Appellate Court discussed in length whether the Code is

mandatory or directory. *Id.* The Appellate Court discussed the Illinois Supreme Court case of *People v. Robinson*, 217 Ill. 2d 43 (2005), which clarified two legal doctrines:

- 1) The mandatory-permissive dichotomy—which is not implicated here—refers to whether a particular function of a governmental official is required or optional;
- 2) (T)he mandatory-directory dichotomy—which is at issue here—denotes whether the failure to comply with a particular procedural step will or will not have the effect of invalidating the governmental action to which the procedural requirement relates. *Id.* (quoting *Morris v. County of Marin*, 18 Cal. 3d 901, 908 (1977)).

The Appellate Court further clarified that while the word “shall” typically denotes a mandatory obligation under the mandatory-permissive dichotomy, such is not the case with the mandatory-directory dichotomy. *Kennedy*, 2022 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 210492 (citing *Robinson*, 217 Ill. 2d at 54).

There is a presumption that procedural demands to government officials are directory. *People v. Geiler*, 2016 IL 119095. Such a presumption is only overcome when (1) there is negative language in the statute specifying a consequence of noncompliance or (2) the right the provision is designed to protect would be generally injured if the statute were directory. *Lakewood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, LLC v. Department of Public Health*, 2019 IL 124019. Applying this test, the Appellate Court found it was clear that this presumption was not overcome. *Kennedy*, 2022 IL App (1<sup>st</sup>) 210492. For one, the Illinois Vehicle Code does not provide any negative consequences for the City’s failure to comply. *Id.* Second, the plaintiffs cannot show that prejudice would generally occur due to the City’s lack of compliance. *Id.* In this case, the plaintiffs fail to allege any prejudice due to the City’s lack of strict compliance with the notice provisions. *Id.*

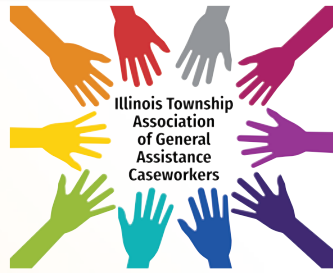
**Conclusion**

The purpose of the City’s notice is to let the accused know of the charges and the options that the accused has to resolve the matter. In the Appellate Court’s opinion, the City substantially complied with the Code, fulfilling this purpose. *Id.* Despite plaintiffs’ allegations to the contrary, the court held that a reasonable recipient of such a notice would understand that the included photograph(s) of the violation would be used as evidence against the accused in court or a hearing. Additionally, a reasonable person would understand the negative consequences of ignoring the notice as it states that such a failure to pay or contest the violation means that “a determination will be entered against you” and “may subject you to further enforcement.” *Id.* As a final point in affirming the circuit court’s dismissal of the complaint, the Appellate Court pointed out that even if prejudice might occur in some hypothetical situations, that is still insufficient to establish prejudice due to the City’s lack of strict compliance in this specific case. *Id.*





Lakeela Jennings



President, ITAGAC

**H**appy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and spend some time with your loved ones! I hope we are all ready to step into 2023 with some great ideas and more ways to accommodate the needs of our communities.

After many years of service, President Mary Jo Imperato, Hanover Township, stepped down. Mary Jo was amazing and has done so much for the General Assistance Caseworkers throughout Illinois. At the TOI conference in November 2022, The General Assistance Caseworkers Association board had an election of officers. Our newly elected officers are as follows; **President Lakeela Jennings**, Thornton Township, **Vice President Kindra Cunningham**, Fondulac Township, **Secretary Mary Jo Imperato**, Hanover Township, and **Treasurer Angela Scaggs**, Troy Township. I'm aware that I have some big shoes to fill as president, I hope that I can be as of great service as Mary Jo has been. We are all excited for this transition—we're ready to move forward and accomplish amazing things for the ITAGAC Association in the upcoming years.

I've worked with Thornton Township for almost 8 years in the General Assistance Department. I started off volunteering for the township Food Assistance

Center—that eventually led to getting hired. During this journey, I've worked with agencies such as The Salvation Army and Homelessness Alliance Group through Illinois. I enjoy what I do, I love giving back and finding ways to serve the community. I have lived in the South Suburban Community for a little over 20 years. I think it's incredible that this association can provide the knowledge and the help that we do. I'm so honored to be of my best service and assist where there is a need.

I am pleased to announce we will be continuing with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference in April. Stay tuned for more info and dates of each workshop. You can also find information on the General Assistance Caseworkers page of the TOI website at [www.TOI.org](http://www.TOI.org).

The Association is accepting new memberships. Please consider joining the General Assistance Caseworkers Association for an annual fee of \$50 for two caseworkers and \$100.00 for three or more caseworkers. The fees cover the cost of educational workshops, quality trainings and resources, and supports the annual Township Illinois Association conference.

Thank you for working vigorously to assist residents in need.

To become a member, please mail payment to:

Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers  
c/o Angela Scaggs, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois 60404

- Yes, we want to be a member. My \$50.00 check is enclosed for 2 caseworkers.
- Yes, we want to be a member. My \$100.00 check is enclosed for 3 or more caseworkers.
- No, I do not wish to join, but please keep me on your mailing list.

Name	Township
Address	City, Zip
Email	Phone Number





Pamela Mahn



Treasurer, ITASCSC  
Director, Senior Services, Oak Park & River Forest Townships

### ITASCSC Informational Booth & Educational Sessions Knocking the Ball Out of the Park!

**O**ur members were so glad to be back in person at the TOI conference this year! We had many visitors to the ITASCSC booth and rave reviews on our reusable drinking straws. We spoke to many staff and elected officials from Townships across the state and had more than forty inquiries for more information on becoming a member of ITASCSC!

We hosted two educational sessions for conference attendees—the first session was an abridged version of a housing forum hosted at Concordia University earlier this year. Housing for All Ages: Aging in Community Creatively was well attended and covered a wide array of topics. The second was Dementia Live—an immersive training for attendees to gain a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with dementia.

#### Housing panelists covered:

- various options for different types of housing to consider as we age
- building engagement in naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC's)
- things to consider when hiring a handyman
- making home modifications to adjust for changing mobility needs as we age

Betsy Burton Kelly, the Senior Outreach Coordinator for River Forest Township, introduced attendees to the concepts of Missing Middle Housing, Home Sharing, Cohousing, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Missing Middle Housing is ensuring that communities have a diverse array of housing options all along the spectrum of affordability that fit seamlessly into existing residential neighborhoods. These housing types include cottage courts, duplexes, fourplexes, and multiplexes. Ideal offerings would bring diverse age ranges together and ensure walkability, access to local retail, and ease of use for local transportation options.

Betsy then covered the Home Sharing Pilot underway in River Forest which will match seniors who have homes in River Forest with rooms to share with others who are seeking safe and affordable housing options. While home sharing can help both individuals financially, it can also decrease social isolation that can impact physical and psychological health!

**In the Home Sharing model, residents share common areas with the homeowner, but have their own private space as well. In the arrangements made between the home sharing partners, there may include some assistance or expectations of mutual support (i.e. chores, shopping, etc.), household policies, rent, shared costs, and responsibilities.**

Cohousing is another option available in communities. This option includes physical spaces which have shared common areas including gardens, dining, and kitchens to bring residents together and foster interaction and connection.

Accessory Dwelling Units were the final type of housing discussed and likely the one type of housing with so many names! Whether you've heard them called in-law or mother-in-law units, carriage houses, granny flats, guest houses, or secondary dwellings—they are all secondary houses or apartments with their own living area, kitchen, and separate entrance from the main home on the same property. They can be a great option for family members to have private living spaces while living near one another—or they can be used as an opportunity for additional income. It is important to check with your local zoning ordinances which may limit the size and style of new units; others may require property owner live on the premises. Be sure to do your homework before you build!

Ruth Reko, from Arbor West Neighbors, shared information about her Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORCs) with their initially spontaneous

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get-togethers prompted by COVID-19, turning into regular, ongoing check-ins including happy hour, singing, and social engagement. Ruth also provided an overview of the Village Movement and stressed the importance of staying engaged as we get older—whether it's in our home, building, or community!

Tony Roeder from Marion Street Services talked about seeking creative solutions to modify the inside of your home, adding rooms, or adding an ADU unit to a home/property for a family, friend, or caregiver. He shared a story about a couple who contacted him to consider options due to increased limitations in mobility and not having a bathroom on the main floor of their home. He discussed how they worked to creatively convert a closet space into bathroom space for the homeowners and do it in a way that will allow it to be converted back if needed.

A big thank you to our panelists for all the great information and to the attendees for all of the great discussion!

Our second educational session was a **Dementia Live presentation by Melise Oakley and Lisa Phillipson from Hospice of Southern Illinois**. This

was an interactive session for attendees to learn what it's like to live with dementia. This program is provided through the AGE-u-cate Training Institute and is described on their website as “a high impact, dementia simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change.”

Melise and Lisa were so engaging and provided such great information—thank you! A special thank you to the attendees who jumped right in to learn in this hands-on fashion! Many reported it was a life-changing experience. If you would like to bring a Dementia Live training to your community or train your team, please reach out to the AGE-u-cate Training Institute by calling (817) 857-1157 or go online to [Ageucate.com](http://Ageucate.com) to find a trainer in your area.

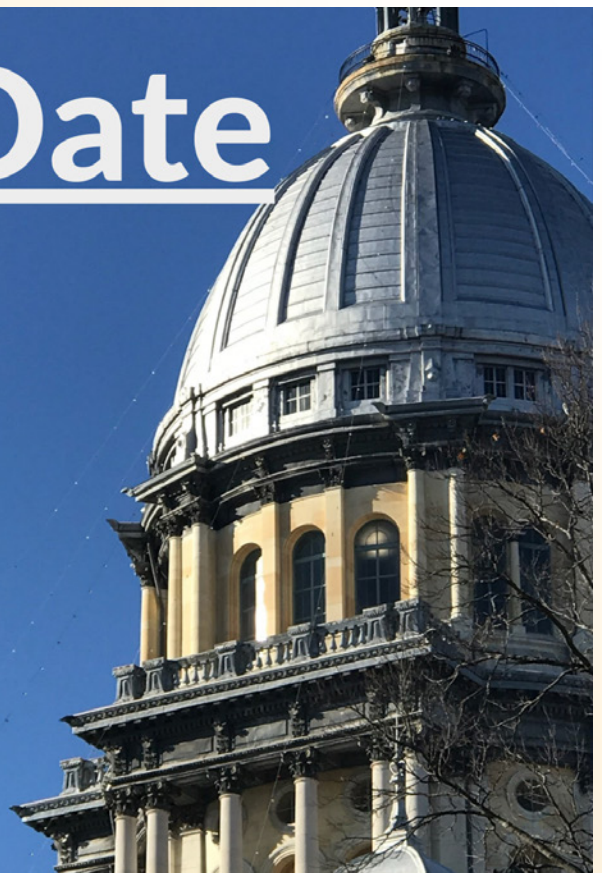
*For more information about the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services Committees, **visit us at [www.itascsc.net](http://www.itascsc.net)**. If your Township is not a member of ITASCSC, don't hesitate to complete a membership application (available in the Forms section on the website) and submit it with your payment. Get access to member-only resources and the opportunity to work alongside a great network of professionals serving older adults!*

# Save the Date

## 41st Annual Lobby Day

April 26, 2023

Look for registrations online at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org)





# Scenes from ITASCSC Educational Sessions



*Dementia Live Course attendees and presenters.*



*Dementia Live Course attendees and presenters.*



*Panelists Anthony Roeder, Marion Street Services; Betsy Kelly, River Forest Township; and Ruth Reko, Arbor West Neighbors*



*Dementia Live Course attendees and presenters.*



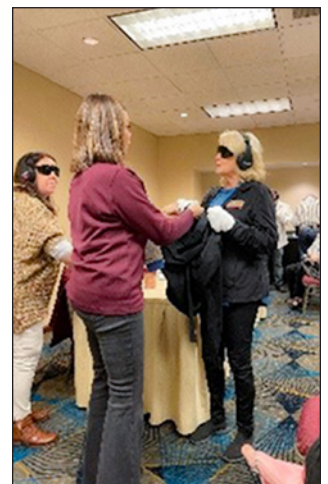
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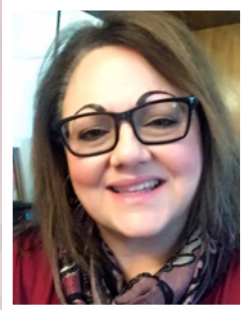


*Ruth Reko  
Arbor West Neighbors*



*Dementia Live Course attendees and presenters.*





Tina Houdek

President, AITCOY

# A Message from the President

It was so good to see everyone in person at the TOI Annual Education conference. Many familiar faces and many new faces. With that being said, AITCOY is looking forward to a year of further advancing our mission; to advance the professional identity of Township Committees on Youth by providing leadership, professional training, community education, and networking to enhance the quality of life for youth and families in the Townships throughout Illinois.

With 2023 here, I wanted to remind you that AITCOY membership is now open. Please consider joining. If you are interested in youth and family related topics, AITCOY offers many benefits to their members. You can become a member regardless of whether your Township has a youth division. We are invested in continuing to grow our membership. As a reminder, membership benefits include the following:

- Access to Professional Development Workshops, in-person and virtually.

- Networking Opportunities.
- Access to our Website and Marketing Opportunities.
- Best Practices and Technical Assistance in Youth Programs and Services.
- Township Awards presented at the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference.

Please see the next page for the membership form. This year we are continuing to offer an early bird rate as an incentive for all members, current and new. Also, membership forms can be found on our website at [www.aitcoy.org](http://www.aitcoy.org). Your continued membership and support is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, stay warm and continued best wishes in 2023.

Warm regards,  
Tina Houdek, Director  
Department of Youth and Family Services  
Hanover Township, Cook Co.

## Did You Know?

*Did you know that February is not only known for Valentine's Day; it is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month? That's right, the month celebrating love provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on what love is and isn't, as well as what you can do about dating violence.*

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines dating violence as "physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, including stalking." It goes by many names: dating violence, relationship abuse, and domestic violence, just to name a few. Whatever you call it, there is a good chance that you or someone you know has experienced it. It is a call to action for young people and those who support them to have meaningful conversations about healthy relationships and to talk about what to do in unhealthy and abusive relationships.*

*Young people experience violence at alarming rates. According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey:*

*One in four women first experienced intimate partner violence prior to the age of 18.*

*Over 71% of women and over 55% of men first experienced intimate partner violence (sexual or physical violence, and/or stalking) under the age of 25.*

*Over 80% of women and over 70% of male rape victims experienced their first completed or attempted rape under the age of 25.*

*Sexual violence is usually committed by someone the survivor knows. Over 28% who experienced sexual violence under the age of 18 were raped by a current or former intimate partner.*

*Youth who experience sexual violence as children or teens are more likely to experience sexual violence in adulthood.*

*A healthy relationship requires open communication, safety, trust, and respect. Teaching children and young people about healthy relationships and consent should start early with age-appropriate messages through childhood and teen years.*

*Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>*



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

## 2023 Membership Information Form

**\*For your convenience, you can join on our website at [www.aitcoy.org](http://www.aitcoy.org)\***

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Township & County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate a designated representative to AITCOY. You may also indicate an alternate if desired:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title

Please answer the following questions:

1. I am interested in hosting a quarterly business meeting.  Yes  No
2. A workshop topic I would like to see presented at a quarterly business meeting would be:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have a Committee on Youth?  Yes  No
4. What types of youth services do you offer?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate membership category:

- Regular Member  Associate Member  
(associated with a Township) (non-voting, not associated with a Township)

Annual Member Dues for 2023: **Early Bird thru 3/31/23 \$70.00**  
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Please make check payable to AITCOY.

Mail check and this form to:  
Richard Lyon, LCPC  
AITCOY Treasurer  
Maine Township  
1700 Ballard Rd.  
Park Ridge, IL 60068  
(847) 297-2510 x 272  
[rlyon@mainetown.com](mailto:rlyon@mainetown.com)

# Spooky Fun for All at Lockport Township's Truck or Treat

Lockport Township hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Truck or Treat Event in the late afternoon on October 27, 2022. This event shows what a township can do with lots of love, dedication, and a creative spirit! This year was the biggest turnout ever!!

Over 400 children came dressed for fun in their favorite costumes of many kinds and colors. Over the years, this event has morphed into even more of a family outing including siblings, parents, and grandparents adding to the excitement by wearing their own cute and creative Halloween costumes or accessories.

Beginning in the parking lot that surrounds the building, over 17 trunks provided various treats and novelties to ghosts, goblins, space creatures, witches, Supermen, Chewbaccas, scarecrows, Cowardly lions, more witches, and dozens of other delightful creatures. There was even one little Trick or Treater dressed as the Cyclone in the *Wizard of Oz*! Food trucks were on hand in case anyone got hungry for something more solid and, inside in the Community Room space, guests were “treated” to a visual display beyond compare, “Trick or Treat Alley”.

Each year there are different themes. This year, a “Fortune Teller Room” had a fortune telling booth and a haunted cave complete with spiders, webs, and a skeleton mixing magical potions. The “Avatar Room” was decorated with palm trees, willow trees, plants, and bushes painted with fluorescent paint and highlighted with black light creating a magical glowing jungle. The large township Community Room itself became the place for games, a duck pond, and mini golf. The best part is that each trunk, themed room, or game, gave a treat to each child. There was also a cotton candy machine, ice cream treats, and a costume contest!

The architects of this amazing event are members of the Assessor's Office. Mary Ann Williamson, the Township Assessor, and her staff, including Stephanie Flores, the Event Coordinator, planned and created every part of this year's Truck or Treat. For 6-8 weeks they worked to put together one of their most successful events ever! We can say without hesitation, “A good time was had by all!”



Attendees inside the Lockport Township Community Room for Trick or Treat.



Attendees at the Truck or Treat event at Lockport Township.





Attendees inside the Lockport Township Community Room for Truck or Treat.



Attendees at the Truck or Treat event at Lockport Township.



This group went all out on their group Wizard of Oz costume! Featuring The Wicked Witch of the East, The Cowardly Lion, Dorothy, The Scarecrow, Glinda the Good Witch, and the cyclone!

**On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Frankfort Township (Franklin Co.) Assessor Greg Woolard retired after 18 years of service.**



Pictured L to R: Trustee Tim Grigsby, Highway Commissioner Jim Edwards, Trustee Tim Weaver, Township Supervisor John Gardner, Jr., Township Clerk Marian Smith, Trustee Dan Wells, Assessor Greg Woolard.

Not in the picture: Trustee John Odle.

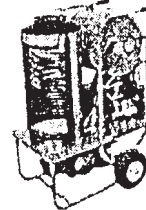
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	\$25,000 Deductible			\$15,000 Deductible		
	ADMIN FEE	PREMIUM	TOTAL COST	ADMIN FEE	PREMIUM	TOTAL COST
0 - 499	\$42	\$115	\$156	\$42	\$229	\$271
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1,000 - 1,999	\$125	\$218	\$343	\$125	\$435	\$560
2,000 - 3,499	\$167	\$275	\$442	\$167	\$550	\$717
3,500 - 4,999	\$208	\$367	\$575	\$208	\$733	\$942
5,000 - 9,999	\$250	\$435	\$685	\$250	\$871	\$1,121
10,000 - 24,999	\$313	\$527	\$840	N/A	N/A	N/A
25,000 - 49,999	\$365	\$619	\$983	N/A	N/A	N/A
50,000 - 74,999	\$417	\$688	\$1,104	N/A	N/A	N/A
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100,000 - 124,999	\$625	\$1,146	\$1,771	N/A	N/A	N/A
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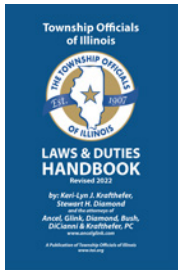
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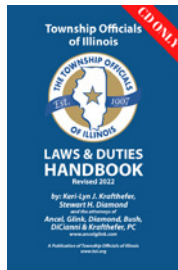
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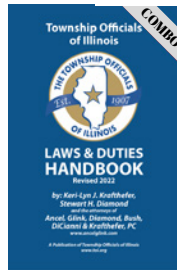
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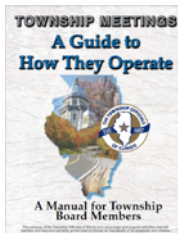
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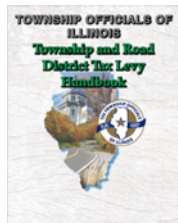
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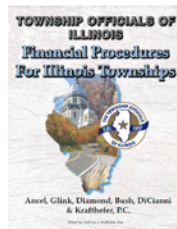
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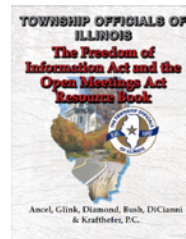
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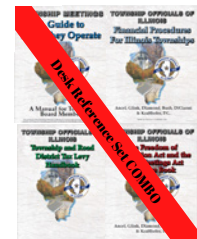
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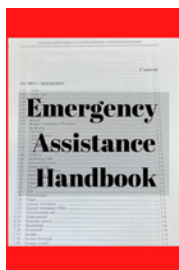
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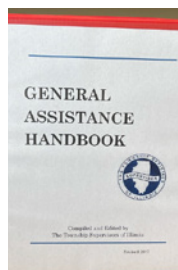
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## IN MEMORIAM



**Henry "Hank" Charles**, 86, of Pleasant Plains died December 5. He was currently serving as Trustee of Gardner Township (Sangamon Co.). Hank served on the TOI Board of Directors 1989-1991.

**Terry Clerk**, 74, of Standard City died December 22. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Nilwood Township (Macoupin Co.).

**Melinda Conner**, 62, of Walnut died November 17. She was a former Trustee of Ohio Township (Bureau Co.).

**Susan DeBlock**, 76, of Viola died November 3. She was currently serving as Trustee of Green Township (Mercer Co.).

**Gerald Duerst**, 83, of Durand died November 12. He was a former Trustee of Laona Township (Winnebago Co.).

**Doris Jean Goldner**, 77, of Henry died November 26. She was a former Township Clerk of Henry Township (Marshall Co.).

**Donald Gustafson**, 87, of Belvidere died December 20. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Bonus Township (Boone Co.).

**Bernard "John" Hopwood**, 79, of Lee died November 30. He was a former Supervisor of Milan Township (DeKalb Co.).

**David Hoover**, 78, of Pittsfield died November 25. He was a former Supervisor and Trustee of Hardin Township (Pike Co.).

**John Johnson**, 87, of Lacon died December 20. He was a former Supervisor of Lacon Township (Marshall Co.).

**Russell Koster**, 96, of Sterling died November 22. He was a former Supervisor of Jordan Township (Whiteside Co.).

**Dale Lascelles**, 82, of Ipava died December 2. He was a former Supervisor of Pleasant Township (Fulton Co.).

**Larry Lenz**, 84, of Strasburg died December 9. He was a former Trustee of Richland Township (Shelby Co.).

**James Olson**, 72, of Alexis died November 13. He was a former Trustee of Spring Grove Township (Warren Co.).

**William Pence**, 89, of Lomax died December 6. He was a former Supervisor of Lomax Township (Henderson Co.).

**Joan Pierce**, 81, of Bourbonnais died December 19. She was a former Township Clerk of Bourbonnais Township (Kankakee Co.).

**Alva "Butch" Shehorn**, 76, of Texico died November 26. He was a former Trustee of Field Township (Jefferson Co.).

**Donald Simon**, 92, of Princeton died November 29. He was a former Supervisor of Dover Township (Bureau Co.).

**Jesse Slager**, 74, of Hopedale died December 11. He was a former Supervisor of Hopedale Township (Tazewell Co.).

**Jerry Stewart**, 70, of Wilmington died December 7. He was a former supervisor of Wilmington Township (Will Co.).

**Mark Trimble**, 68, of Boody died December 13. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Blue Mound Township (Macon Co.).

**Donald VanMiddlesworth**, 90, of Canton died December 21. He was a former Trustee of Orion Township (Fulton Co.).





**Pam Bruner**

# Personal Perspective

**Township Clerk, Cordova Township, Rock Island Co.**

*I was born and raised in Camanche, Iowa. I moved to Illinois in 1993 when I married my husband Dean. We will be married 30 years this year. We have 2 beautiful children, Samantha and Dillin. Samantha recently received her master's in creative arts tech in December at Illinois State University. Dillin is currently working on his baking diploma at DMAC in Newton, Iowa. I started working with the Township in 2004 when I was hired to be the Civic Center Manager. In 2011 I added the position of Cemetery Manager and in 2016 I gave up those positions to become the Township Clerk.*

## **What do you most like about Township government?**

I like the fact that we are the sector of government closest to the people. I love when the local community comes in with a concern and we can help them solve the issue or direct them where they can get help.

## **What makes your Township unique?**

Our Township is unique because we are a small Township but have a very lucrative tax base with a nuclear power plant and a 3M facility and several large-scale family farm operations.

## **How has it changed/or how has your perception of township government changed over this time?**

My perception of Township government has changed in the sense that I always believed you can't change anything in government. I have come to correct myself on this. You can get involved and you can have a part in changing things for the better. You can work to get on committees and voice your opinion on issues that affect Township government. You do have a voice if you choose to use it.

## **What is your favorite place in Illinois?**

My favorite place in Illinois is Galena. I love to visit the shops and the historic locations. So much to do and it is truly a beautiful setting in the rolling hills.

## **What has been your greatest challenge in life?**

My greatest challenge in life is living with dyslexia. I was not told until I was in my senior year at college, and it really connected a lot of dots for me. I went through a reading program when I turned 50 and I truly feel that is when I learned to read. Until that point, I never read for enjoyment.

## **What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?**

My greatest accomplishments are graduating with a BS in Public Relations from Northwest Missouri State University and becoming the Director of Dyslexia Reading Solutions for Children in the Quad Cities.

## **What piece of advice would you give your 20-year-old self?**

I would tell myself to not sweat all the small stuff and to forgive others more easily.

## **I wish I could talk to:**

My grandparents. I really miss their stories about life.

## **Favorite way to spend free time:**

I have many hobbies I enjoy in my spare time. I like sewing and paper crafting, 3D diamond painting, and watercolor.

## **I most enjoy reading:**

Human interest stories, mysteries, and self-help.

## **If funds were unlimited, what would you like to do for your Township?**

I would love to build an outdoor roller rink for the community.

## **What would you like for people to know about Township government?**

I would like them to know they have a voice, and they should get involved because they can make a difference.

## **How would you like to be remembered?**

I would like to be remembered as someone who is passionate about Township government. Someone who isn't happy with how the State is doing but am aware of what positive things I can do for my community. Someone who has a voice to help dyslexic children learn to cope with the daily challenges and help them realize that they are not stupid, just different, and have talents to share with the world they live in.

## **What do you wish you were better at?**

I wish I had an ounce of athletic ability.

## **What did you want to be when you were younger?**

I wanted to be a police officer. I really wanted to be able to help people.

## **If I won \$1 million, I would:**

I would help with scholarships for students who struggle in school. Every child deserves the chance to succeed at what they want to do.

## **First job and how much I made:**

My first job was at Tony's Taco House, and I made \$1.50 an hour.

## **People would be surprised that I'd really like to try:**

Learning how to restore headstones. There are so many beautiful stones in our cemeteries that need some TLC.

## **My advice for state/national government is:**

Stop with the self-serving politics. We are intelligent human beings that want to live in safe communities for a reasonable cost. Listen to the communities you represent. You are in office to serve your community and it is a privilege to do so. If you serve your community well the personal goals will happen.



# ICE AND SNOW — take it slow.

Slips and falls tend to be the most frequent types of work injuries, and the winter months only increase them.

No matter how well snow and ice are removed from parking lots and sidewalks — or appear to be removed — be aware of the dangers and learn to walk safely on slippery surfaces.

- Assume that all wet, dark areas of pavement are slippery or icy and require caution.
- Wear shoes or boots with traction. Footwear made of non-slip rubber or neoprene are best. Smooth soles and heels — the worst.
- Your weight shifts when entering a vehicle, so use the vehicle for support whether getting in or getting out.
- Walk in designated walkways. Traveling along a grassy edge for traction on a hilly driveway or sidewalk is a safe option. A shortcut over snow piles or frozen areas is inviting an accident.
- Walk like a penguin — feet pointed out slightly, bend somewhat, walk flat-footed, and extend your arms from your sides. A few minutes of feeling goofy are worth several weeks to recuperate from a fall.
- Go slow, keep your hands out of your pockets, and wear a bulky coat that will cushion a potential fall.
- If you feel yourself beginning to fall, try to relax your muscles and avoid landing on your knees, wrists, or spine. Falling on a fleshy part of your body such as your side will lessen the chance of injuries.

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