

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

TAXES: In December 2016, the Nunda Township Board lowered the Town Fund Levy by \$55,400 and in March 2017 we decreased the tax burden by an additional \$100,000. This has accounted for a total reduction of approximately 15% of the Town Fund Levy for 2017. The General Assistance Levy and Cemetery Levy were also reduced by \$4,289.61 and \$9,762.00 respectively. The Road District reduced the Road and Bridge Levy by \$117,000 in December as well.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Nunda Township's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL. The monthly Nunda Board meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the Annual Township Meeting is to publish the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report along with the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report; to discuss and vote on matters of Township Business; and to allow constituents to speak on Township Government issues. All Nunda Township residents are encouraged to attend, however only registered voters can vote.

NUNDA GARDEN: We are preparing to kick off our third season at the Nunda Garden. Last year was very successful with over 2000 pounds of produce donated to local food pantries. We are always looking for groups and individuals to volunteer. Donations for seeds and supplies are always welcome and will be accepted at the Supervisor's office.

FOOD PANTRY: On Friday mornings, volunteers from The First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake run a food pantry at Nunda Township. A truck from the Northern IL Food Bank arrives at Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake with tons of food to be distributed. Please don't arrive until 9:30 a.m.

BURNING ORDINANCE: Prohibited at all times – Burning of manure, garbage, litter, etc. on any property in McHenry County, burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (i.e. residence, school, etc.), Burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (i.e. detached garage, barn, etc.). Please visit www.mcdh.info or call 815-334-4585 to view a copy of the Ordinance.

SCOUTING: We enjoy having Boy Scout & Girl Scout troops using our facilities. One benefit is that the Boy Scouts are always looking for Eagle Scout Projects. Several projects have taken place at Nunda: **Robby Barton**, Troop 550, has completed building a covered bench on Nunda Township property across from our offices on Bay Road. This bench is adjacent to the bicycle trail and will provide a place to rest or escape the weather while using the trail. **Ryan Gorman**, Troop 127, has completed building bike racks and getting bicycles & helmets donated so that Nunda Supervisor's office can host a bicycle loaner program. With our proximity to the bike path, this will be an awesome program for Nunda residents. Call the Supervisor's office for details regarding the bicycle loaner program. **Great job guys!**

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL: For those unincorporated residents whose garbage services are contracted with Waste Management by Nunda, I'd like to recap the benefits of the program:

1. Weekly service for refuse and recycling using provided carts
2. Weekly service for 1 bulk item OR 1 cubic yard of home remodeling debris
3. Weekly service for unlimited yard waste from April 1st – November 30th
4. Annual document destruction day (held at Nunda Township in October)
5. Christmas Tree pick up during January
6. Curbside leaf vacuuming occurs 3 times during a 6 week period in the fall
7. White goods pick up and electronic recycling are available for an additional fee (must be pre-scheduled and pre-paid)

For more details or a complete program brochure, please contact the Nunda Supervisor's Office. Waste Management can be contacted at 800-796-9696. (please be sure to tell them you are a Nunda Township resident)

- Lee Jennings - Supervisor

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

ROAD PROGRAM – We will be performing ditch improvements, replacing culverts, and paving roads from now until next fall, weather permitting.

With the light winter weather, we have been able to get a head start on some of the ditch work and culverts. The locations for ditch work, culvert replacement, and paving are, but not limited to Boulevard Park, Royal Woods North and South, Silver Glen Estates, Prairie Ridge, Crystal Woods, Pine Paradise North and South, Paradise Grove, Carriage House, Berian Estates, Upland Acres, Jenny Jae, Silver Creek Tr., and Fernview in no particular order. Culverts requiring replacement on roads being paved will take place prior to paving. When you see JULIE locate flags in your yards, please do not remove them. These flags locate the underground utilities. These flags can also be used as an early warning sign; we have 2 weeks to start our project from the date of the flag install, so you will be seeing us shortly after you see the flags. If you see our crews please slow down and watch carefully for workers, machines, uneven asphalt, or asphalt primer; the slower you drive over asphalt primer, the less primer will end up on your car, we recommend 10 m.p.h. and under. If you are interested in paving your driveway, please give us a call to inspect your culvert well in advance of your scheduled paving to allow time for the inspection, scheduling, and installation of a new culvert if need be.

Recycling Information –Paint recycling runs from April 1 to October 31. We do not take TV's and or monitors. Our mulch pile will be located on Pleasant Hill at the Anita Sherwood Park and is self-serve. We will be loading mulch on Saturdays only from April 1st to October 28th from 7am – 12pm @3518 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake. We will not load during the work week. Our facility has recycled 8,555 lbs. of textiles in 2016. We no longer accept ALL batteries for recycling; only car, truck, tractor, laptop, and cell phone batteries. All others can be brought to Batteries Plus, fees may apply. The big green dumpsters are for glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard. Please break down boxes. These containers are not for: carpet, wood, garbage, and other waste. Thank you for the continued interest in recycling.

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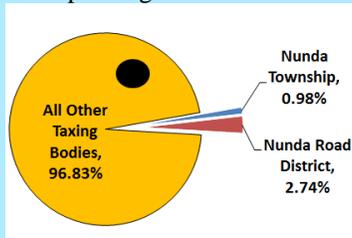
ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

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If you have an electric vehicle, please come and check out our charging stations. We have 2 car chargers located on the front of the township garages at 3518 Bay Rd. These are free to the public. We have decided to add these chargers due to their close proximity to the Prairie Path; charge while you exercise.

Duties & Responsibilities of The Road District:

There are 140,000 miles of roads in Illinois; over half are maintained by local road districts. Nunda maintains 102.5 miles of road. We monitor weather, patch roads, resurface roads, rebuild roads, maintain ditches, replace culverts, shoulder gravel, trim trees, remove dead trees, stripe roads, recycle unwanted, deliver, setup and collect election equipment to each Nunda polling place every election, sign installation & maintenance, mow ditches, plow & salt roads, maintain facility & equipment, host Touch-A-Truck, assist Sheriff's dept. in any way asked, clean-up trash & road kill, issue permits for culverts & utility installations, storm clean-up emergency response, work with and assist our municipal neighbors.



Working here at the Road District is an extremely rewarding experience meeting many wonderful people. You, the residents of Nunda Township, are the most incredible cheerleaders of the Road District. Thank you for all your help and support.

The staff here is a terrific mix of incredibly talented persons. We have said goodbye to two very talented and valued team members. Dov Isaacman recently left to become part of Althoff Industries. Dov did most of our building maintenance, sandblasting, and painting of trucks, as well as finishing all our asphalt. Josh Singer worked at the Road District since high school. He now has high school age children. He did everything at the Road District from shoulder mowing to plowing to paving. He is now the Public Works Superintendent of The Village of Prairie Grove. Good luck to both incredibly talented men. You will be hard to replace. We look forward to hearing about your new success.

- Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner



Nunda's 3rd Annual Touch-A-Truck

Is Saturday, July 22, 2017 **FREE!!!!** The sand pile and culvert slide will be back!!!! Come dressed to get sandy!! If you would like a tour of your facility or any equipment don't hesitate to ask.

Nunda Township Cemeteries

Nunda Township is home to four cemeteries which go back to 1836 when Charles McClure died and was buried in what is now known as **Ridgefield Cemetery**, located on Ridgefield Road, across from Crystal Lake Memorial Park. Ridgefield is home to the only life sized human statue in McHenry County. It is believed it is a statue of W. A. Baldwin.

According to the Association for Gravestone Studies, "The earliest settlers had their feet pointing toward the east and the head of the coffin toward the west, ready to rise up and **face** the "new day" (the sun) when "the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised" or when Christ would appear and they would be reborn." This particular cemetery doesn't really follow that tradition, which makes it quite interesting.

Holcombville Cemetery, located on Crystal Springs Road off of Walkup, was established about 1841 when George Stickney was buried. This was a true neighborhood cemetery and that is reflected in the burials. The people buried here lived in the immediate neighborhood and most are related by blood or by marriage.

McMillan Cemetery, which is located on the corner of Route 31 and Gracy Road was established sometime after 1839. This was a family cemetery and a number of McMillan and Gracy family members are buried here. This is the smallest cemetery under the direction of the Nunda Township Cemetery Board.

Prairie Grove Cemetery is the youngest of the four cemeteries, being established in 1862 when Edward Keller, son of Henry and Sarah Keller, was buried here. Also buried here are some of those who were originally buried in the Silver Lake Cemetery. Prairie Grove Cemetery is on Route 176 near Valley View Road.

(Much of the information above comes from McHenry County Illinois Cemeteries, Vol. IV. Compiled by Elaine Obenchain. (Crystal Lake, Illinois: McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, 2000.

This volume and the other three can be found in most libraries in McHenry County.)

Today, the four cemeteries are all open for future burials. Anyone who lives in Nunda Township is entitled to be buried here. The fees that are charged are all inclusive for burial and monument placement and generally are lower than other area cemeteries.

This year, a columbarium is planned for both Prairie Grove and Holcombville to address the needs of those planning on cremation. The Cemetery Board has plans for landscaping at all cemeteries in the future and that will begin in summer of 2017. The first two will probably be Holcombville and Prairie Grove.

If you are contemplating purchasing a burial site as part of your pre-planning funeral arrangements, feel free to contact the Township Supervisor's office for further information.

Have You Tested Your Water?

McHenry County Health Department is no longer servicing water tests. Nunda Township has received water test kits from McHenry Analytical Labs. However, the cost is not the same and until there is enough demand, pickups aren't currently being scheduled. Please see our website nundatownship.com for pricing information.

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

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

Rent the Hall - Picnic Area

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

Notary Public & Voter Registration

Available daily - No Charge

Voter Registration closes 28 days prior to any election.

Assessor – Mark Dzemske CIAO-M

The preparation of the 2017 assessment roll is now well underway. I encourage every property owner in the township to continue to visit the assessment webpage to stay informed and review important information, such as sales, exemption information, monthly meeting reports, etc. All this information and more can be found at; <http://www.nundatownship.com/assessor/assessor.htm> In addition, if you have this page book marked please refresh occasionally as there are many times important notices are updated after you visit our website.

Please note 2017 is a Non-General Assessment Year. This basically means most property assessments will only be subject to change thru the equalization process. Some properties may have changes in addition to the equalization if there has been new construction, alterations, demolition, etc.

When the assessment roll is published in 2017, only the assessments that have a change other than equalization will be published.

Your township assessment team has been working diligently to complete the updating of photographs for the website. It has been a goal to have the photos that are displayed on the website to have been taken within the last 10 years. At the time of publishing of this newsletter I am happy to say this has now been completed.

Looking back at the past eleven months since I was appointed your township assessor, I am very optimistic about many of the changes that are occurring within the office. Some changes are documented monthly in the reports which are submitted to the town board as well as being posted on our website. The other changes within the office may not be readily apparent but are helping us to develop a higher quality and well supported assessment roll.

Finally, I would like to add that we are an office that listens to the taxpayers. We have heard taxpayers' pleas for lower tax bills. Lowering tax bills is a spending issue. I have prepared your assessment office budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2017 / 2018 by completing a line item by line item review of previous budgets as well as a well thought out plan for the upcoming fiscal year of operations. I believe the findings were presented to the town board in a well thought out and concise method.

I am very happy to say I have submitted a budget for fiscal year 2017 / 2018 which reflects a \$100,000 reduction in spending by the assessment office. (Although the budget has not been approved as of this date) The reduction was approved by the township board. This has resulted in a year over year of over -9% in spending. We will continue to provide the same high quality level of service that you should have come to expect and deserve.

I have always believed Nunda Township sets the standard for the way things should be done. Let your elected officials know how you feel about the direction of your township. Why not attend the township annual meeting or even a monthly township meeting?

Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Supervisor's Office

3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake

Saturday April 8th

10:30 a.m. Pictures – 11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

**Don't forget your Baskets and Camera
(Rain or Shine)**



Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District

Property owners in the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District (CLRFPD) may greatly reduce the cost of their homeowners insurance, a benefit of an improved ISO rating earned by the CLRFPD. The CLRFPD employs the Crystal Lake Fire Department, CLFD, for fire and emergency services. Last year the CLFD was evaluated and received and Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 2. The ratings are on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the best. The rating of 2 is in the top 2.4% of all 48,000 plus communities rated. Prior to this new rating, our rural district rating was 6. This improved rating of 2, could affect your homeowners' insurance rates in a very positive way. Take a few minutes and contact your insurance agent and let them know of this ISO change. One homeowner had his yearly premium reduced \$84, almost 10%. Another resident learned his insurer does not use the ISO rating to determine his insurance cost. Talk to your insurer to see if this applies to your policy. The first homeowner needed to submit two items to his insurance company; the letter from Crystal Lake Fire Department Chief Paul DeRaedt and one page of the ISO report. These items can be found on CLFD web site at: <http://www.crystallake.org/departments/fire-rescue/i-s-o-rating>. To access these, click on the link "ISO PPC Letter" and "ISO PPC Summary Report (June 2016)". Use page 23 of this Summary Report. There is also a press release if needed.

Is your property in the CLRFD? Check your tax bill and if you see "Crystal Lake Rural Fire" you are in this district. There are 5,021 properties in the district.

The CLFD does an extremely good job. This high rating from the Insurance Services Office validates years of hard work and the quality of their personnel.

Let us know if you had any success by dropping us a note at graham.firedist@gmail.com.



Township Offices

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

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

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

Supervisor

Lee Jennings

Assessor

Mark Dzemske - CIAO-M

Highway Commissioner

Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk

Angela Koscavage

Trustees

Karen Tynis

Edward Dvorak

Mike Shorten

William Boltz

Contact Information

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Conservation@Home: Bringing nature's beauty to your doorstep!



Have you heard about the struggle of pollinators like bees and butterflies, or maybe want to learn how to get rid of invasive brush, such as European buckthorn or Japanese honeysuckle? If so, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County's Conservation@Home program is for you!

Conservation@Home is a program that walks you through the steps of using simple, sustainable practices on your property. Through a one-on-one site visit, practical information is given for your situation. We provide you with a list of ideas to incorporate native plants into your yard, which leads to less chemical use and better health for your family, stormwater management, and pollinator benefits. You can also qualify for a yard sign to show your support for the local Nunda Township environment!

Visit www.conservemc.org for the Conservation@Home checklist of ideas and to schedule a site visit, or e-mail Sarah Michehl at smichehl@conservemc.org for more info. While you're at our website, be sure and check out TLC's spring sales, from rain barrels to native plants, trees, and shrubs to provide beauty and ecological function right at your doorstep. All sales benefit The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, your local non-profit land preservation organization since 1991.

