

# NUNDA TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2017



## FROM THE SUPERVISOR

### New Board Members:

I would like to welcome Joni Smith as our newly elected Nunda Township Clerk and Tim Parrish and Rob Parrish as newly elected Nunda Township Trustees.

### A Taxing Situation:

Everyone is concerned with the high property taxes in McHenry County and unfortunately we are seeing more and more of our citizens leave the area, especially the retired seniors, due to the high taxes. We all need to look closely at our tax bills and see just where our tax money is being spent. Here are some taxing basics.

Tax levies are amount of your tax bill going to each specific taxing body. This is generally their operating costs needed to provide their service. Anything left over may go towards increasing their reserves or toward a long-term capital project.

There are primarily two means of a taxing body to lower your tax bills, either by lowering their tax levy or via a tax abatement. These both have different purposes and consequences. Once a tax levy is lowered it is difficult to recoup if needed for an increase in operating costs, so this needs to be done very judiciously. A tax abatement is a once a year opportunity for the taxing body to give back to the taxpayer without adversely affecting their levy.

Here at Nunda Township, we lowered both the Town Fund and Road District Levies by 5% in 2017. Additionally, we also gave a tax abatement of \$100,000 (9.5%) from the Town Fund bringing us to 14.5% total reduction for the Town Fund. While we carry a very small reserve balance (less than 3 months of operating expenses), I feel that this is appropriate.

We have also heard that McHenry County itself is aiming for a 10% overall reduction as well. I certainly commend them for those efforts.

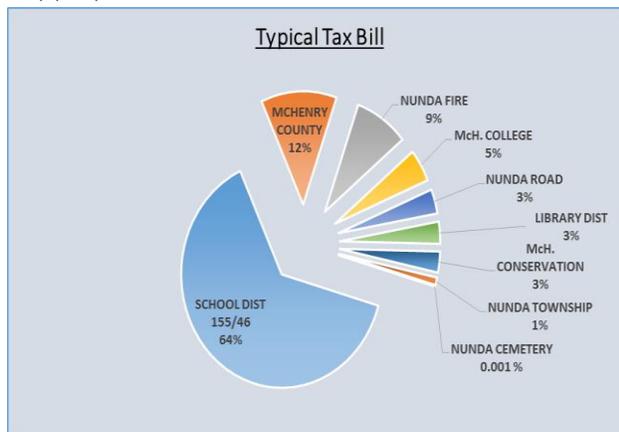
### Leaf Vacuuming:

Last year Mother Nature seemed very reluctant to have the trees let go of their leaves. This year may be the opposite as we are starting to see some leaves falling already. When we set the leaf vacuuming schedule with Waste Management we are doing so almost two months out. This timeframe is required to allow us time to get the dates published in our newsletter and for WM to schedule their staff and equipment. They are also performing this same work in other areas as well, so we need to stick to the schedule once it is set. Our contract covers a six-week period for leaf vacuuming and we alternate the west vs. east sides of Route 31 each week because of the size of the township. This should allow us to maximize the amount of leaves being picked up. We cannot tell you the specific day that your leaf pickup will be because the amount of leaves can change dramatically from one week to the other. Please pay attention to the schedule and have your leaves ready by Monday morning of your week.

- Lee Jennings  
Supervisor



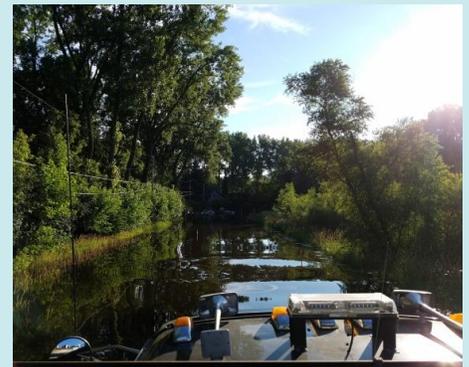
**SENIORS - WE WANT YOU!**  
**PINOCHLE AT THE TOWN HALL**  
**MONDAY & THURSDAY 12:00**



## ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

### FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

In July of 2017 the Fox River flooded many of our neighbors and roadways. Nunda Township Road District filled over 100,000 sandbags with the help of many neighboring Townships and Municipalities, and over 1,170 **Volunteer** hours. Four volunteers worked nearly as much as our staff and deserve special recognition; Ed Reilly of McHenry, Dan Curtiss of Harvard, Greg Tricker of McHenry, and our Supervisor Lee Jennings. We greatly appreciate your help in making the sandbagging operation another huge success in protecting homes. We have 80,000 empty sandbags back in stock ready for the next event, but fingers crossed there will not be another. This historic flood lasted over a 2-week span and our cleanup efforts lasted a month and a half. If you still have any sandbags to be picked up, please call our office at 815-459-4410. Sandbags must be out in the street for our crews to pick up. Try to stack them up causing the smallest amount of impact to the motoring public as possible. We have created a video to show the extent of the flooding. This video is located on the Road District's website at [www.nundaroaddistrict.com](http://www.nundaroaddistrict.com) in the "news" section on the home screen.



Riverside Dr – Orchard Heights



Whippoorwill Dr. – Bay View Beach

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## ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

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**ROAD MAINTENANCE:** Our road crews have been trying to complete as many projects as possible despite the nearly 2 month delay due to the flood. There are many roads still planned to be ditched and paved this year. If we are lucky enough to have nice weather through Christmas, we should be close to finishing all work planned for 2017.

### TREE TRIMMING

The Emerald Ash Borer has had a large negative impact in McHenry County. Our tree crew has been working to remove the dead Ash trees from our right-of-ways. In the winter months, we will have our tree crew out 3-5 days a week to continue our tree trimming program. They will be trimming sight lines at street corners, sight lines on signs, and pushing back over grown hedges and trees. If our tree crew removes a tree, they will grind the stump and replace with dirt and seed at a later date.

### RECYCLING

The Nunda Recycle Center is for Nunda residents ONLY. Our paint recycling program will be closed October 31<sup>st</sup>, and will re-open April 1, 2018. Paint can be recycled at various locations, such as Ace Hardware and Sherwin Williams for a fee. We are issuing red "N" stickers for vehicles of Nunda residents for access to the Recycle Center. This will help us patrol for illegal dumpers without repeatedly asking our residents for ID's. If you show a proof of residency at the Road District office, we will issue you a sticker.

### RESIDENT'S PROPERTY

Please make sure your personal property is out of the right of way. Any personal belongings and landscaping in the right of way will not be replaced if damaged by the plows.

Inspect your mailbox regularly. If your mailbox or the post is not in good condition, snow from the plow blade could damage the mailbox and interrupt your mail service. If you have a special or custom mailbox, we urge you to replace it for the winter with a standard plastic or steel mailbox.

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

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS ROAD** is presently under reconstruction to be completed this fall. Thank You to McHenry County Council of Mayors, Village of Bull Valley, I.D.O.T., and Michael Plant from "down under"; a Baxter and Woodman engineer, and most of all THANK YOU to the Nunda Residents for your patience.

*-Mike Lesperance - Highway Commissioner*

## Clerk's Corner – Joni Smith

### Are You A Registered Voter?

Have you moved recently? You may want to check with the McHenry County Clerk's office to ensure you are registered.

Early Voting for the 2018 General Primary on March 20th begins on Monday March 5, 2018 and continues through Monday March 19th, 2018. Visit the McHenry County Clerk's web site to obtain information on all of the early polling times and locations.

### Here Come the Candidates

If you are a candidate seeking office in the 2018 General Election, visit the Illinois State Board of election's website at [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) for details. The Illinois State Board of Election's site provides a lengthy booklet with all the necessary steps and forms each candidate must provide.

**NUNDA GARDEN:** This year, the Nunda Garden at Nunda Township had 20 families from the Crystal Lake Food Pantry learn to grow their own food at the garden. The program is a collaborative effort and is called Garden Connect.

The Northern Illinois Food Bank provided plants and seeds. Gardening instruction is provided by the University of Illinois Master Gardeners. The McHenry County Department of Health provided health education information. The goal of the program is to encourage individuals and families to participate in more physical activity and improve their eating habits for better health.



**FOOD PANTRY:** Nunda Township continues to host a food pantry run by volunteers from the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the Nunda Town Hall. What a great service to our community's families in need!



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

#### FIRST PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 23rd all areas **EAST** of Route 31  
During the week of Oct 30th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

#### SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 6th all areas **EAST** of Route 31  
During the week of Nov 13th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

#### THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 20th all areas **EAST** of Route 31  
During the week of Nov 27st all areas **WEST** of Route 31.

#### **LEAVES NEED TO BE READY BY MONDAY MORNING OF YOUR WEEK**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, leaf vacuuming will conclude on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

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



**Landscape pick up ends 12/2/17. Will resume Spring 2018**

**DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION:** Will be held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Supervisor's office. Documents are not shredded onsite, but are locked in secure totes for transportation to shredding facility. Please remove any paperclips or binder clips from your documents. This event is provided by Waste Management for Nunda residents only.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP:** Curb side Christmas tree pick up for unincorporated Nunda Waste Mgt. customers will occur during the month of January. If the Christmas trees are clean (no tinsel, garland or bagged) they will be delivering them to the Nunda Township Highway Dept. for recycling. If the trees are not clean, they will be disposed of as refuse.



Home of the Sparrow is a local, non-profit organization that serves homeless women and children in northern Illinois. Our mission is to provide Hope, Opportunity and Support that empowers women and children, as they journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

We accomplish our mission by providing a range of programs and services that address the core issues of homelessness, including a transitional shelter and housing programs, combined with case management, counseling and educational programs that focus on self-sufficiency. In the past year, Home of the Sparrow served over 830 homeless women and children, where 65% of our residents are children.

We are proud that all of the new proceeds from our Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores directly support our programs and services.

Volunteers are needed in our Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores! Volunteer duties include accepting and sorting donations, pricing and displaying merchandise, sales assistance,

customer service, testing electronics, silk floral arranging, holiday decorating, and so much more. After the first month, volunteers who work a minimum of 4 hours a week receive a 30% discount! Please complete our online Volunteer Application at [hosparrow.org](http://hosparrow.org) or call our Volunteer Coordinator at 815-271-5444.



### Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

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

### Rent the Hall – Picnic Area

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



### Notary Public

Available daily – No Charge



### Voter Registration

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

### McRide

Nunda Township provides the McRide service for our residents. For more information visit [www.nundaroaddistrict.com](http://www.nundaroaddistrict.com) under services, for McRide transportation information.

Call 1-800-451-4599 to register and schedule a ride

## Township Offices

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

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

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

**Supervisor**

Lee Jennings

**Highway Commissioner**

Mike Lesperance

**Assessor**

Mark Dzemske – CIAO -M

**Town Clerk**

Joni Smith



**Trustees**

Karen Tynis

Rob Parrish

Tim Parrish

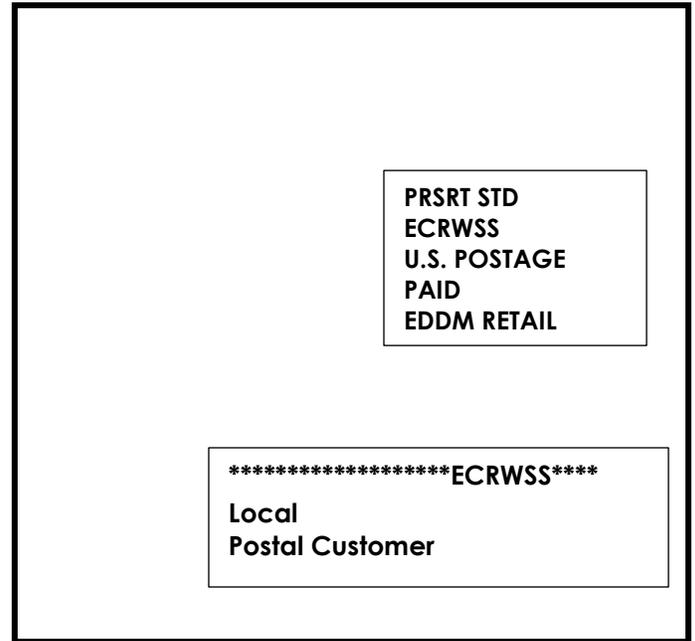
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**Contact Information**

Supervisor: [super@nundatownship.com](mailto:super@nundatownship.com) - 815-459-4011

Assessor: [assessor@nundatownship.com](mailto:assessor@nundatownship.com) - 815-459-6140

Road Dept: [highway@nundaroaddistrict.com](mailto:highway@nundaroaddistrict.com) - 815-459-4410



**SNOW PLOWING PRIORITIES**

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

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

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

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

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

**Things to keep in your vehicle this winter:**

Ice Scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, bag of kitty litter or sand, boots, extra gloves, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit & fire extinguisher and the most important item is a cell phone and a backup power supply.



**REMINDER: Paint recycling will close 10/31/17 and reopen in the spring. No TV’s or monitors are accepted at the Nunda recycling center.**