

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2016



FROM THE SUPERVISOR

It is with great pride and sense of accomplishment that I announce that Nunda Township is now **Debt Free!**

When our Road Commissioner Mike Lesperance and I were elected a little over 3 years ago the township owed a combined debt of almost ¾ of a million dollars. The Town Fund/General Assistance (GA) Fund had been borrowing money annually to pay its bills. Now, the Town and GA funds are financially solvent and building much needed reserves. The Road District, while certainly more financially stable, owed over \$600,000 on a Debt Certificate for the construction of the Township Garage. The Road District also owed approximately \$90,000 on vehicles and equipment.

All of our Nunda Township offices have worked very diligently to become Debt Free. The Supervisor's office went through every expense and reduced or cut every place possible including reduction in staff. We also worked with the Assessor's office to reduce staff costs. We switched insurance carriers and reconfigured our policy to reduce costs and increase the employee paid portion. The Road Garage debt was refinanced, knocking nearly \$50,000 right off the top. By accelerating payments that loan was recently paid off (nearly three years early saving tens of thousands of dollars in interest). The Road District has: updated its fleet of trucks by purchasing newer gently used ones and making sure they are fully reconditioned rather than buying new, they now have their own asphalt paver/crew so only the larger jobs have to be contracted out, a new in-house brine plant that is used to lower salt costs and built larger storage facilities enabling the purchase of salt at lower rates. Each office has and will continue to do as much work in-house as possible in order to keep costs down.

VOTING AT NUNDA TOWNSHIP: Because of the large turnout expected for the presidential election, we encourage early voting which will begin at Nunda on October 24th through October 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and again on November 1st through November 7th (excluding Sunday) from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Hours on Saturday November 5th will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Early voting at McHenry County Clerk's office begins September 29th – October 21st from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Not sure of your precinct/polling location for the General Election on November 8th? Visit McHenry County Clerk's page for precinct finder and sample ballots.

NUNDA GARDEN: The Nunda garden continues to grow. In 2015 over 950 pounds were harvested. This year we have far surpassed that amount. Volunteer opportunities are always available for groups and individuals. Donations for seeds and supplies will also be accepted at the Nunda Supervisor's office. Visit us at [facebook.com/NundaGarden](https://www.facebook.com/NundaGarden), NundaGarden@gmail.com or by calling the Nunda Supervisor's office.

IDENTITY THEFT/FRAUD: The McHenry County Sheriff Department will be giving a presentation on how to protect yourself from ID Theft, Fraud and Scams at 10:00 a.m. Nunda Township Hall on Thursday, October 20th. Free to all in McHenry County.

SCOUTING: We have many Boy Scout & Girl Scout troops using our facilities. Several Eagle Scout projects have taken place at Nunda: Ryan Gorman, Troop 127, has nearly completed building a bike rack and is getting bicycles & helmets donated so that Nunda Supervisor's office can host a bike loaner program. With our close proximity to the bike path, this will be a great benefit to Nunda residents. Scout Ryan Foster, Troop 550, designed and installed an irrigation system for our Nunda Garden. It has helped tremendously and freed up **a lot** of volunteer time.

We at the township will continue to find new and creative ways to save money and improve services for Nunda residents.

- Lee Jennings
Supervisor



ROAD DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Procedures for resurfacing of Nunda Roads: When a road is scheduled for resurfacing, there are several things we try to address before the asphalt goes on the road. First, we check the local G.I.S. maps to be sure the roads we plan to work on are within the right of way. The right of way is the road district's property. Generally the right of way is sixty feet wide. Asphalt is usually between 18'-24' wide and if in the center of the R.O.W., leaves approximately 18'-21' of shoulder or ditch line on each side of the road. Each landowner generally maintains the land between his property line and the edge of the paved road. This is very much appreciated. Thank you. Please avoid installation of any hard scape, plants, trees, sprinkler lines, etc., in the right of way.

Next, we check all culverts for life expectancy, and if they will not last another 20 years, they are replaced. Any culverts that are not replaced are cleared both inside and at each end. Anything obstructing the flowline of a culvert reduces its capacity to efficiently move water.

The next step is to make sure storm water flows through the ditches. Our ditching crew uses a grade laser which determines an elevation on your culvert as well as your neighbor's culvert. The ditch slope is then calculated and the culverts are connected via the ditch in a straight line, thus allowing any water to move freely and ditches to dry up as quickly as possible.

The crew then spreads grass seed and installs erosion control matting. We do not water. (It would be most helpful if you are able to water these areas daily.) Be sure to water either early or after the sun has set.

We then grind out all areas of loose or unstable asphalt unfit for overlaying and mill driveway ends about 2" deep to allow for a smooth transition from your driveway to the road. In a curbed area more extensive milling is required. The next step is to spray tack (tar) on the old pavement to create a bond with the new asphalt.

Then the part everyone wants to see – a new surface. This is the quickest of all the steps. The areas needing patches are filled first and then the overlay is installed. The longer we keep heavy traffic off the new pavement the better, so we try to coordinate with the garbage haulers.

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The last step is shoulder gravel and striping. Shoulder gravel is an important part of the road structure as it protects the edge of the asphalt from damage when anyone pulls off the side of the road. Top soil is not an acceptable substitute as it is soft when wet and has little structural value.

Several residents have called in asking about road work being done on their road and why they haven't been notified beforehand. It is very difficult to give a definite time line for road work due to weather condition and sub-contractors' schedules. Unexpected emergencies that come up take priority over routine maintenance. If you check the road resurfacing list in each Spring Newsletter, you will know if we're planning to be in your neighborhood that season.

Please visit our website to see when your road is scheduled to be worked on or call the Road Dept. office.

GREAT NEWS for Bayview Beach residents, Nunda Road District has recently obtained permits to allow us to demolition the abandoned house located at the corner of Wildwood/Bayview. This eyesore will be gone soon!

WHEN THE SNOW FALLS

When clearing snow from your driveway, pile it along the right side as you face the road out front. This will eliminate the amount of snow deposited on the cleared surface when the plow comes down the road. Do not push or plow snow onto the road. This can cause a very dangerous situation. Also, it is a good idea to remove or move any rocks, posts, or other border decorations away from the edge of the road. This will prevent them from being damaged by a plow or doing damage to the plow. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your house it is a good idea to clear out around the hydrant. This will be extremely helpful to the firefighters in an emergency.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

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

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

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

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

- Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner

Clerk's Corner – Angela Koscavage

Sure You Are A Registered Voter?

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

Early Voting for the 2016 General Election in November begins on Thursday, September 29, 2016 and continues through November 7, 2016. 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 2017 Consolidated Election, visit the Illinois State Board of election's website at www.elections.il.gov for details. Nunda Township will not be providing packets. The Illinois State Board of Election's site provides a lengthy booklet with all the necessary steps and forms each candidate must provide.

FOOD PANTRY: Nunda Township hosts a food pantry run by volunteers from the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Nunda Town Hall. What a great service to our community's families in need!

ESTATE PLANNING: On Tuesday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m. long-time Nunda resident, Attorney John Horeled will present his second FREE seminar on estate planning for residents of the township. His presentation will focus on trusts, wills, powers of attorney and HIPAA disclosures. There will be ample time for questions and answers.



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 17th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Oct 24th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 31st all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 7th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 14th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 21st all areas **EAST** of Route 31.



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, leaf vacuuming will conclude on Saturday, November 26, 2016.

*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.*

Document Destruction: Will be held Saturday, October 29th 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 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.

Assessor – Mark Dzemske CIAO –M

The 2016 Assessment Cycle is well underway and should be completed by November 1st, 2016. (Note the filing deadline for appeals has closed as of September 1st, 2016) Please remember to visit the Nunda Township Assessors' web page which is a valuable resource for keeping you up to date on the assessment office activity as well as keeping you posted on important dates to remember.

In addition, the web page contains Nunda Township sales activity which is useful in checking your assessment against verified sales activity. While on the assessment page take a minute to review some of the monthly reports that are provided for those of you that cannot make it to the township monthly meetings. The web page of course also includes information on exemptions and some useful links.

For those of you who prefer to visit the office you are always welcome. We are sure when you stop by the office you will have a positive experience. We have a very qualified team of employees who will be sure to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

As 2016, 2017, 2018 are non-general assessment years*, our data collection team will be spending a great deal of time updating property photos and property condition in preparation of the 2019 general assessment year**. Please remember it is important to all property owners in the township for each property to have current and accurate information recorded as this is the foundation for accurate and supportable property assessments.

I know we have all experienced tax bills that have put strains on our family budgets, I would like to remind everyone the purpose of the assessment is simply for the apportioning of the tax burden. We all must be sure to actively monitor our taxing bodies proposed levies and be sure to communicate with the taxing authorities our positions on proposed levies. I believe Action Changes Things.

Ask yourself, is it time to act?

*Non-General Assessment Year – The assessor shall list and assess property that become taxable and is not upon the general assessment, also list and assess new or added buildings and list and remove buildings or improvements that have been destroyed or removed.

**General Assessment Year – The assessor or deputy shall view and determine the value for the property as of January 1st.

Have You Tested Your Water?

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

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

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

Rent the Hall – Picnic Area

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



Notary Public

Available daily – No Charge



Voter Registration

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

McRide

For more information visit 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 Appoint.

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Trustees

William Boltz

Edward Dvorak

Mike Shorten

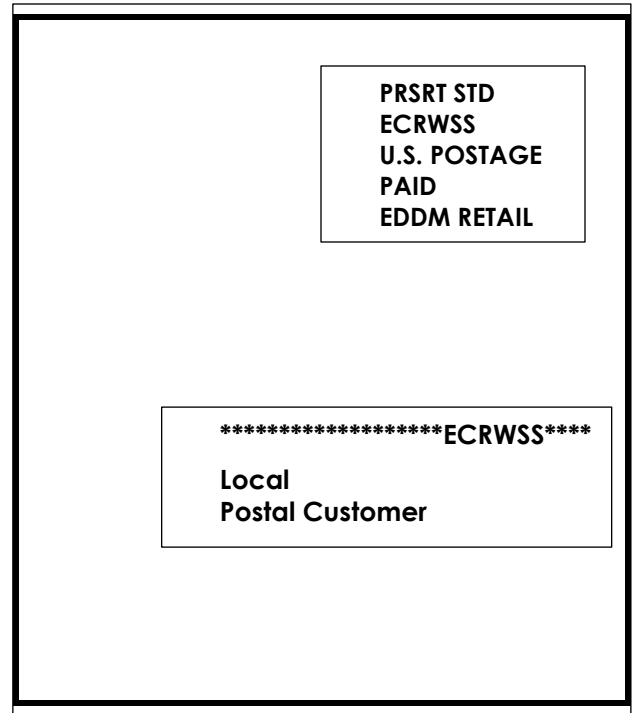
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Road Dept: highway@nundaroaddistrict.com - 815-459-4410



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 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 10/31/16 and reopen in the spring. No TV’s or monitors are accepted at the Nunda recycling center.