

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

FOOD PANTRY: Nunda Township hosts a food pantry run by volunteers from the First Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Nunda Town Hall. McHenry County residents in need are welcome.

SOLID WASTE REMOVAL: In March 2014, Nunda voters passed a referendum allowing Nunda Township to contract for residential waste and recycling services in our unincorporated areas. In January 2015, Nunda sent an extremely detailed Request for Proposal to the seven solid waste haulers that serve our community. We received bids from four of them. On March 12, 2015, after thorough assessment and consideration of pricing and services offered, the Nunda Township Board unanimously selected Waste Management to be the single provider of solid waste hauling services to approximately 4500 residents within unincorporated Nunda Township. The four year contract will become effective on May 1st and residents will be billed directly from Waste Management.

In addition to refuse and recycling pickup, the service and pricing will include yard waste pickup, holiday tree removal, and leaf vacuuming in the fall. If you reside in the area covered by this contract, you will be receiving a joint mailing from Waste Management and Nunda Township. Please pay particular attention to the options for cart sizes / pricing and follow the directions to make Waste Management aware of your desired Service Plan by Wednesday, April 8th. This will allow Waste Management to bring you the correct size carts during the last week in April.

Nunda Community Garden Update – We will be breaking ground soon! The Nunda Supervisor's Office, in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the U of I Extension office in Woodstock, First Church of Crystal Lake volunteers and a local Girl Scout troop will soon to plant a garden on otherwise unutilized Nunda Township grounds. This will supplement the Northern Illinois Food Bank's efforts to supply fresh vegetables to local food pantries. Our Vision is to fight hunger by engaging, educating and empowering our community. This will be a community learning project and we would like to see involvement from other groups as well. Volunteer opportunities will be available for groups and individuals. Donations for seeds and supplies will be accepted at the Nunda Supervisor's office. Please make checks payable to: **Northern Illinois Food Bank** and put **Nunda Garden** in the comment area. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please call the Nunda Supervisor's office at 815-459-4011

- **Lee Jennings, Supervisor**

Nunda's 1st Annual Touch-A-Truck Kids of all ages are invited to the Nunda Township facility at 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, on July 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., to view and climb around on your trucks and equipment. Vendors and friends of the township will have their equipment on display as well. Bring the whole neighborhood, admission is FREE. If you would like your Nunda business to participate, please contact the Highway Commissioner, Mike Lesperance, at 815-459-4410.



Nunda's Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt
3510 Bay Road – Supervisor's Office
Sat. April 4th at 11:00 a.m. - Rain or Shine
Don't Forget Baskets & Camera



ROAD DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

Snow and Ice Removal Update and Improvements – Salt brine is a salt water mixture that we inject onto the road salt as it comes off the truck. This product accelerates the activation of the road salt. This past fall, Nunda's crew built our own brine production facility. We recycle the waste water from washing our plow trucks to make the brine after it goes through a filtering process to remove any impurities. We were previously paying \$.36 per gallon for this product and paying \$.14 per gallon to have our waste water disposed of. Now, it costs us approximately \$.15 per gallon, including labor and materials, to make our own brine. When you factor in the \$.14 per gallon for not having to haul away wash bay water, our final cost to produce one gallon of salt brine is **\$.01** (one penny per gallon). Given the gallons used and our capital outlay, it will take 2-3 years to recover the investment, depending on winter conditions,

Polluted Runoff – Nunda Township Road district maintains stormwater systems along its roads and highways by managing the quality and quantity of stormwater discharge in compliance with NPDES regulations. Following all essential procedures and requirements, the Road District is working to preserve, protect, and improve Nunda Township's waters.

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and side-walks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. The polluted water flows through a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river wetland, or coastal water. This drainage discharges untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Homeowners can do their part in protecting our waters by keeping common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground with the following **Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water:**

Vehicle and Garage

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water on the pavement.

Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible.

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Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand. Dispose of the absorbent material properly. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations.

Lawn and Garden

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals only in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain.

Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off of your yard. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

Home Repair and Improvement

Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains. Protect them from debris and other materials.

Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.

When using paints, solvents, and cleaners follow directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately and dispose of the waste safely. Store contents properly to avoid leaks and spills. Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints.

Properly dispose of excess paints through a hazardous waste collection program or donate it to local organizations.

Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.

Reduce the amount of paved area by increasing the vegetation in your yard. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns.

Swimming Pool and Spa

Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.

Properly store pool/spa chemicals to prevent leaks & spills.

Septic System Use and Maintenance

Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and the septic tank pumped every 3 to 5 years. Do not drive/park vehicles on septic system area.

Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the septic system. Flush responsibly.

- Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner

McHenry County Board of Health Recognizes Nunda Road District

The McHenry County Green Awards were established in 1994 to recognize exemplary efforts and activities by our residents, businesses, institutions and organizations to increase solid waste reduction and recycling in McHenry County. These programs positively impact our community and represent examples to others of how these objectives can be accomplished. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee of the McHenry County Board of Health chose the recipients of the Green Awards based upon innovative or creative programming and/or filling a niche in solid waste recycling that wouldn't otherwise be available. **Nunda Township Road District was selected as a winner of the 2014 McHenry County Green Award.** The Solid Waste Advisory Committee appreciates Nunda Township Road District's efforts for providing several recycling opportunities for



our reliance on disposal in recycling. Their recycling shipping containers used to materials and some of the including paper, plastic, cardboard, paint, electronics, waste oil, batteries, light bulbs, clothing, scrap metal, tires and latex paint. Nunda Township Road District processes tree branches and brush into wood chips made available for residents at no cost; collects used oil that is reused to heat the township garages; installed energy efficient lighting and an electric car charging station, and accepts asphalt millings that are reused for shoulder gravel and as road foundations for their road projects. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee appreciates Nunda Township Road District's efforts to enhance Nunda Township residents' options for recycling of solid waste, which benefits our entire community.

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Nunda Road District Recycling Center



Adopt-A-Road program is open to all Nunda residents.
If you would like to participate in Nunda's Adopt-A-Road Program, please call the Highway Commissioner, Mike Lesperance, at 815-459-4410.



Assessor - Dennis A. Jagla CIAO-I

2015 is a General Reassessment year (also known as a Quadrennial). Illinois statute requires that every four years, the Assessor must review and reassess all property in their jurisdiction. Our staff will be studying the last three years of sales data to ensure that neighborhoods are valued fairly and equitably. Adjustments, if necessary, will be made as needed, per Illinois State Status. Assessment notices will be mailed out later this year.

Spring is right around the corner, and you may be thinking about adding a deck, pool or room addition to your home this season. However, don't forget to apply to your local building authority for a permit before you begin construction.

The **Illinois Homestead Improvement Exemption** allows homeowners to add certain improvements without an immediate tax liability. After the project is completed, a maximum of \$25,000 of assessed value (\$75,000 in market value) may be deferred under this program for four years, this exemption will defer any increase in the assessment of your property due to the added improvement. The Township Assessor's office initiates this program.

If you have questions regarding the homestead improvement exemption or other questions regarding your property assessment, call the Nunda Township Assessor's office at 815-459-6140 Monday through

Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For a full list of assessment exemptions, visit the Assessor's web page at www.nundatownship.com

Clerk's Corner.....

The Consolidated Election is on Tuesday, April 7th. It is the Election of Municipal, Park District, Library District, Fire District and School District officials including McHenry County College Board of Trustees.

Early voting will be available at Nunda Township starting Monday, March 23 through Saturday, April 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Closed Saturday March 23 and Friday April 3rd) Saturday April 3rd, hours will be from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Early Voters must supply valid photo ID such as a current IL Driver's License, state ID card or another government issued ID with a photograph. If you are unable to make it to Nunda, please contact the County Clerk's office for other locations around the county with early voting.

Annual Town Meeting - Nunda's Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL. The monthly Nunda Board meeting will follow at 7:30 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. All Nunda Township residents are encouraged to attend, however only registered voters can vote.

Enjoy a safe spring! **Angela Koscavage**

Have You Tested Your Water?

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

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

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

Rent the Hall – Picnic Area

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

Notary Public

Available daily – No Charge - At all Nunda Township Offices

Voter Registration

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

Township Offices

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

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

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

Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Starting 4/15/15

Supervisor
Lee Jennings

Assessor
Dennis A. Jagla-CIAO-I

Highway Commissioner
Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk
Angela Koscavage

Trustees
Thomas Palmer
Edward Dvorak
Mike Shorten
William Boltz

Contact Information
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ADDITIONAL ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

- **Roads being paved this year:** Hillside Road (Walkup to Oak Street), Covered Bridge Subdivision Phase 2, Sherwood Drive, Swarthmore Road and side streets, Squaw Creek Valley Subdivision, Shenandoah Subdivision, Nish Road, Lakeview Drive, Blue Island Avenue, Thomas Court, Forestwood Drive, Beachway Street, and Porten Road. Visit our website: www.nundaroaddistrict.com, to see when your street is scheduled for an upgrade.
- **Sand Bags:** While we always hope we won't need them, the Road District has, in stock, approximately 80,000 sandbags ready to be filled if necessary. Bags are available with a minimum one (1) day notice.
- **Thinking of having your driveway repaved?** If you live on a road maintained by the Township, please call us to come out and inspect your culvert. It makes no sense to put new pavement over a rusted out culvert. We will come out inspect the culvert and replace it if needed.
- **Mulch:** You can pick up mulch 24-7 at the recycle center. If you require a greater quantity, we can load your truck or trailer in the back of the facility on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Routine Cleanups:** Our crews will be out soon to clean up and touch up after the plow season. Mailboxes that were damaged by our plows will be repaired this spring.
- **Nunda Road District Praised:** for Assistance in clean-up efforts after tornado hit Washington, IL. For more information visit: www.nundaroaddistrict.com