

# NUNDA TOWNSHIP

## FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2014



### FROM THE SUPERVISOR

We have had an eventful year at Nunda Township. Here are some of the highlights:

**VOTING:** Nunda Supervisor's office is an early voting location and our Township Hall is a regular voting location for three Township Precincts. The McHenry County Clerk's office uses the Nunda Town Hall as a training location for election judges. Nunda Township also acts as a distribution and collection point for all Nunda Township polling locations. As more and more voters opt for early voting, the two elections held this year kept us very busy.

**NISRA:** This summer the Supervisor's office was honored to host the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association's (NISRA) Day Camp. Nearly every day this summer the NISRA kids used the Nunda picnic barn and grounds or the Town Hall for various activities. It was great to see how much they enjoyed themselves here.

**SCOUTING:** We had many Boy Scout troops using our facilities this summer and fall. Nearly every weekend was booked and there were several troops new to us this year. As they have in the past, the Boy Scouts held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at our location. What a great event!

**UPGRADES:** This summer, the Supervisor's office and out-buildings received a much needed coat of paint. Our Town Hall now has new tables and chairs to replace the old worn out/damaged ones that had far outlasted their useful life.

**FOOD PANTRY:** I am very pleased to announce that Nunda Township is hosting a food pantry run by volunteers from the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Town Hall. What a great service to our community's families in need!

**TAXES:** Nunda has just posted the tax levies for 2014/2015 tax year. There will be NO increases to our tax levies. They are all exactly the same as last year with the one exception being the Road District levy, reduced by \$30,000.

**TOWN FUND BUDGET/AUDIT:** I am proud to announce that the Town Funds were balanced for fiscal year 2013/2014 and no monies were borrowed to do so as in prior years. With some effective cost cutting measures, we are on the correct path of increasing services as well as creating some well needed savings. The 2013/2014 township Audit was recently completed and shows us to be fiscally responsible.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL:** Ah, the big question of the year... What is going on with the Garbage contracts? You may recall that in March 2014, Nunda voters passed a referendum to allow Nunda Township to contract for solid waste removal in unincorporated areas. Currently, a portion of Nunda Township is under contract for Solid Waste Removal with McHenry County. That contract will expire at the end of April 2015. McHenry County will not be renewing that contract so that Nunda Township can contract for those services. Our Requests for Proposal will be going out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and we will be accepting bids for contracts to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will keep all residents impacted by this process informed as soon as the contracts have been finalized.

**PAVING:** I would just like to thank the Nunda Road District for the wonderful work they did in paving the Supervisor/Assessor's parking area as well as creating a new ADA compliant parking space at the Supervisor's office. This was a much needed improvement as the Supervisor's office did not have a designated handicap parking space. Better yet, this was done for the cost of materials. Thanks Mike!

- Lee Jennings  
Supervisor



**SENIORS - WE WANT YOU!**  
**PINOCHLE AT THE TOWN HALL**  
**MONDAY & THURSDAY 12:00 - 3:00**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**RICHIE BIESTEK 815-455-1255**

### ROAD DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

After being here for 1 ½ years, and now being familiar with all the responsibilities of the Road District staff, I realize we have been blessed with an exceptionally talented team to carry out the many tasks we are charged with.

When something goes wrong around here, you will usually hear the word "All", a long drawn out Al, short for Al Rosio, our head mechanic, who can repair anything regardless of the circumstances or conditions.

When your pot holes get patched you can be sure that our asphalt foreman, Josh Singer was there seeing to every detail. Thank you Josh.

If the trees along your street get trimmed, the Road District Arborist, Gary Rucker, an Army veteran, was there. Gary's love of country is seen in his attention to detail.

Pride in a job well done, along with continuing education, helps these men excel at their trades. I'm proud to be associated with them, along with the rest of the crew, who serve our community with great distinction.

#### NEW RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Nunda Township Road District has expanded our recycling efforts in an effort to assist residents. The Nunda Road District Recycling Center is located on the south side of the parking lot at 3518 Bay Rd. In the summer of 2014, we purchased 3 shipping containers to organize the recycling program. There are signs posted on the containers to direct residents where to place their recyclables.

One of the containers is used for paint recycling only. Paint recycling includes latex, oil base, stains, and varnishes. We do not take asphalt patch, concrete patch or other household waste and chemicals. The paint drop off program is **not** available from November 1st - April 1st.

Electronics recycling is located in its own container as well. Electronics recycling includes: computers, key boards, mice, monitors, TV's, and other miscellaneous electronics. This is a year round program.

The final shipping container contains light bulbs, oil, and batteries. We take all types of light bulbs.

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The acceptable oils for recycling are motor oils, cooking oils, and hydraulic oils. The oil is used to heat the township garage. There is a large recycle dumpster for paper, plastic, and glass, a bin for tires, a dumpster for scrap steel, a clothing bin and after hours brush drop-off. All items must fit in the appropriate container.

Our Recycling Center is available for Nunda Residents only; no contractors are permitted to use these services.

Electric car charging stations have been installed outside the Road District office at 3518 Bay Road for the motoring public's convenience. You will need a SemaCharge App on your smart phone to pay for charges. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our new charging station has twin units so two residents may charge at once. Bring your bike and enjoy the trail that goes right past the Road District, while your car charges. A state grant is paying for 1/2 of the unit and installation.

To our friends on the non-dedicated streets, thank you for your patience as our office staff continues to sort through the constant changes pertaining to your MFT funds. Also, thank you for patience as we work together with the McHenry County DOT and the Transportation Committee toward getting all your roads paved.

The Road District is once again collecting non-perishable food items for the holiday season to be distributed on or about December 13. Please drop-off items at our office located at 3518 Bay Road in Crystal Lake.

If you burn leaves, **DO NOT** burn them on asphalt (driveway or road). Doing so burns the oils out of the asphalt, weakening it and eventually causing a pot hole. Burning on the road is a public safety issue and against the law. Complete details of the Open Burning Landscape Waste Regulations Ordinance may be found at [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or by calling 815-334-4585.

The salt shed is full and the Nunda Township Road District is ready to keep our roadways safe. Nunda Township Road District has been working to decrease our dependence on road salt. We treat our salt with the use of Supermix, a pre-wetting agent that enhances the ability of the salt to melt the ice. (see insert for more info on winter readiness.)

- Mike Lesperance  
Highway Commissioner

# McRIDE NOW AVAILABLE IN NUNDA TOWNSHIP!

Nunda Township Supervisor's Office has joined with Nunda Township Road District to expand Nunda's current bus program. Nunda Residents now have access to McRide, a community bus service made available through the partnership of McHenry County, Pace Suburban bus; the cities of Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock and Lakewood; and the Townships of Dorr, Greenwood, McHenry and now Nunda. McRide provides curb-to-curb service with wheelchair lifts. Seniors and people with a disability will receive discounted fares on McRide. To schedule a trip with McRide please call 1-800-451-4599; (TTY 1-888-454-4724) one day before you need a ride. Complete McRide information and brochures are available on the McHenry County Website at <https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/home> from there, choose "connect me to" and select McRide

We hope you enjoy and take advantage of this wonderful service. The McRide program is an additional program available to residents, the existing bus program is still in place.



## Clerk's Corner.....

We would like to welcome newly appointed Trustee William Boltz to the Board effective November 13th. Bill has been very active in his neighborhood and has attended Nunda Board Meetings regularly for the last year. He will be a great asset to the Township.

Don't forget Nunda's Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL.

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 approve the sale of Township Equipment; 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.

The regular monthly Nunda Township Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (Except in April which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

Happy Holidays to all, keep warm & safe!  
- Angela Koscavage, Clerk

## Nunda Community Garden

The Supervisor's Office is currently working with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the U of I Extension office in Woodstock and First Church volunteers to create a garden for the needy on our Nunda Township grounds. This will supply fresh vegetables to local food pantries in order to support our community's families in need. We are hoping to make this a community learning project and 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 also 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.



## Assessor - Dennis A. Jagla CIAO-I

The Nunda Township Assessor's office published its assessment roll on September 5, 2014. Assessments for 2014 decreased by a little over 3%. Since 2009 assessments have gone down by approximately 28%.

New for 2014 - The Nunda Township Assessor's web page has recently been updated to allow users to search for recent sales in their subdivision.

### Assessment Relief for Nunda Township Property Owners

#### General Owner Occupied Homestead Exemption:

Lowers the equalized assessed value of owner occupied homes by \$6,000.

Regular Senior Citizen Exemption: For seniors over 65 years of age this exemption lowers the equalized assessed value by \$5,000.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze: This exemption freezes assessments on your property for seniors over 65 years of age with a total house income of \$55,000 or less.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption: This exemption defers for 4 years any increase in the assessment of your property due to an addition or improvement to your home. A maximum assessment exemption of \$25,000 is available.

In addition to the above mentioned programs, property owners who experience damage to buildings due to fire or other non-willful destruction may be entitled to a reduced assessment for as long as the building is uninhabitable or unfit for occupancy or for customary use.

For additional information on any of the above programs or any questions regarding assessments visit our updated web site at [www.nundatownship.com](http://www.nundatownship.com) or contact our office at 815-459-6140.

### Veterans Assessment Relief

Disabled Veterans Standard Addition: Veterans with a service-connected disability can receive a reduction up to \$5,000 in the property's equalized assessed value.

Disabled Veterans Exemption: Up to \$70,000 in assessment reductions are available for specially adapted housing. File with the Illinois Dept of Veterans' Affairs

Returning Veterans Exemptions: Exempts \$5,000 from assessed value for one year only.

### Veterans should contact:

#### Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

1301 Sunset Ridge Rd. Rt. 14  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815-338-9292

Or

833 South Spring Street  
P.O. Box 19432  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
Phone: 217-782-6641  
Fax: 217-524-0344



## 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 billed by McHenry Co. Health Dept. 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

## 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 by Appoint.

**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**  
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



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### Drive Safely this Winter!

Follow these few common sense tips to help keep you safe while driving this winter:

- Do not tailgate a snow plow. When you approach a snow plow from behind, allow more distance between you and the plow truck, they may be spreading salt.
- Do not use cruise control when the pavement is wet, icy or snowy
- Remove all the snow and ice from your car and wait until all windows are defrosted and clear of ice and snow before driving.
- Use your headlights at all times in inclement weather
- Begin braking early and gently, this will help determine how much traction you have.

### Things to keep in your vehicle:

Ice Scraper/snowbrush, Jumper cables, Bag of kitty litter or sand, Boots and extra gloves. A flashlight and extra batteries, First Aid Kit & fire extinguisher and the most important item is a cell phone and a backup power supply

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blood Drive in Honor of James Frederick Smith

Friday, January 2, 2015

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nunda Township Town Hall

To make an appointment,

please call 1-800-REDCROSS, or schedule online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

(Sponsor code: James2015)

Donor appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome.

(For James' story visit [www.nundatownship.com](http://www.nundatownship.com))



**American  
Red Cross**

# MORE ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

## MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

Your mailbox is not only a receptacle for your mail but helps others find your house. The ones looking for you could be the rescue squad, police, fire department 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.



The following regulations comply with the national Safety Council and Federal Highway Administration regulations:

- Mailbox must be properly installed so as to allow for convenient servicing by the letter carrier.
- The use of a group mailbox stand (i.e. number of mailboxes on one support) is encouraged where possible. This helps letter carriers speed up delivery and helps avoid damage by snowplows.
- Only United States Postal Service approved mailboxes may be used,
- Without curb, mailboxes should be installed 12 inches off the roadway; with curb, they should be installed 6-8 inches off the roadway.
- The bottom of the mailbox should be 40-44 inches above the pavement surface.
- The ideal mailbox support is an assembly which, if struck, bends or falls away from the striking vehicle instead of severely damaging the vehicle and injuring its occupants. Mailbox supports no larger than 4 inches by 4 inches or 4 ½ inch wood posts, or 2 inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24 inches in the ground, should safely breakaway if struck by a vehicle.
- The use of heavy metal posts, concrete posts, and miscellaneous items of farm equipment such as milk cans filled with concrete is not permitted. **A brick, stone or any cement structure of a permanent nature is strictly prohibited.**

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 what was damaged. Mailboxes are replaced 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.

## 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 blow 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 hit by a plow and being damaged 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.

## 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 McHenry 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!***

# Nunda Township Road District Staff

**"Here To Serve"**



Top row left to right: Cathy Plodzien, Dov Isaacman, Eric Chesler, Josh Singer, Mike Lesperance, Cory Scott, Jason Kolota, Brad Schuster, Dennis Parkin – Bottom row left to right: Dennis Tyk, Eric Konieczski, John Fuller, Al Rosio, Gary Rucker, Casey Coss

## VILLAGE OF BULL VALLEY

P.O. BOX 553, BULL VALLEY, IL 60098

November 24, 2014

### Via U.S. Mail

Nunda Township Highway Department  
Attn: Mike Lesperance  
Highway Commissioner  
3518 Bay Road  
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012



Dear Commissioner:

On behalf of the Village of Bull Valley, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to your agency for participating in the Surface Transportation Program (STP) that repaired Bull Valley and Country Club Roads this year. As a result of the City of Woodstock, Dorr and Nunda Townships and the Village of Bull Valley working together this project became a reality.

On October 14, 2014, the McHenry Council of Mayors awarded Bull Valley \$3 million dollars in federal grant money to repair the west portion of Bull Valley Road and all of Crystal Springs Road. As a result of your suggestion to update the road designation and Nunda's participation in the grant, Crystal Springs Road from Walkup Road to Country Club Road will be repaired in the near future.

Your dedication to fixing the roads we share in Nunda Township and your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Richard H. Vance  
Village Administrator

Tina Wagner has contacted the Road District in an effort to refurbish the mural on "Graffiti Bridge". However, the Road District is in the process of trying to get the bridge reconstructed. Tina, who spear-headed the original mural on the bridge, has agreed to consider an alternate project - It has been suggested by the Highway Commissioner that she do a mural on the front of the Road District Barn. So, let the creativity begin! The mural size will be 30 feet wide and 12 feet tall. Please submit artwork to Tina at: [artwork.1@hotmail.com](mailto:artwork.1@hotmail.com). A winner will be selected and announced in the Spring. The artwork selected will be created in the Summer of 2015, and many hands will be needed. We are looking for high school students to seniors to be a part of this creative process! Please let us know if you would be interested in joining us... Submit your artistic ideas to the above e-mail address. A cash prize of \$200.00 will be provided to the winner.

