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MILTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

LOCAL SERVICES FOR YOU

Milton Township is dedicated to meeting the needs of all 120,000 residents across its nine communities, including all of Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. We address a wide range of needs, including financially assisting those in need, conducting property tax assessments, and maintaining infrastructure in unincorporated areas. In addition to these core responsibilities, Milton Township offers a variety of services such as mini-DMV service, free notary services, senior programs, emergency preparedness training, a medical lending closet and so much more. Join us in celebrating enhanced communication and expanded services -local solutions delivered efficiently.

Supervisor Higgins-Beard, Trustee McGowen, Trustee McGrath, Trustee Pitts, Trustee Siemer, Clerk Bailey, Highway Commissioner Drew, Assessor LeVan, and the entire Township Staff, are here to serve you!

Extraordinary
WITHIN
THE ORDINARY



HELPING A VETERAN FIND PERMANENT HOUSING

Milton Township had the honor of assisting a local veteran, we will call John, who was experiencing homelessness after serving our country. With the support of the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, John was temporarily staying in a hotel with his dog while facing challenges to meet his basic needs. Through our Milton Township General Assistance program, we provided financial assistance as he applied for Social Security Disability benefits. Thanks to collaboration with community partners, stability was brought to his life during this tough time. Eventually, he received a housing voucher from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, allowing him to secure permanent housing in DuPage County.

TIMELY RESOURCES

Community Emergency
Response Team Training
Fall Class Sign up Deadline:
Sept 8th

Vaccine Clinic: Sept 28th
12:30 - 5:00 pm.
@ Township Hall
Call for Appointment
No Insurance Needed

Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program opens
October 2nd - (630) 668-1616

Milton Township Highway
Dept. Recycle Event: Oct 3rd



CELEBRATE THROUGHOUT 2026



From local food drives to visiting active-duty military members, what began as a simple idea to inspire community service is now coming to life before our eyes, and it's not over yet!

Join Milton Township as we continue to honor our nation throughout 2026, with residents and community members carrying out acts of service that foster unity and create a positive impact.

No act is too big or too small. We want to hear about your act of service by using the #Milton250Acts on social media or by submitting at www.miltontownship.net.

Those who complete an act of service will receive a 250 Acts of Service Certificate!



#Milton250ACTS

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Milton Township Supervisor

ELIZABETH "BUFFY" HIGGINS-BEARD

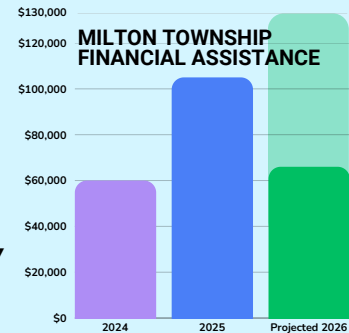
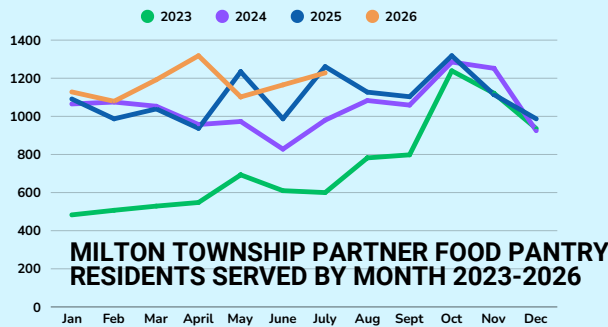
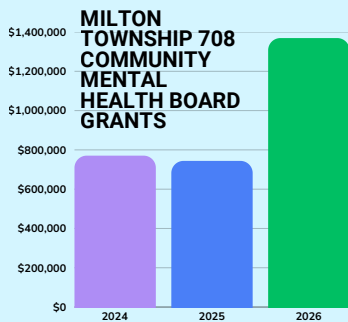
HAPPY 176TH MILTON TOWNSHIP



Celebrating America's semisequicentennial allows us to reflect on Milton Township's commitment to accessibility, responsiveness, and resourcefulness.

In the past six months, we've met local needs through our services. The 708 Mental Health Board has begun a capacity building project to further strengthen grant recipients. Our Community Emergency Response Team has been deployed for over 72 days, ensuring safety and training others. We've worked to meet the need for financial assistance for emergencies and short-term assistance to low-income residents.

Our partner, 501(c)3 Milton Township Food Pantry, continues to adapt to rising hunger, now serving over 1100 individuals monthly and adding evening hours. This important work is only possible through our volunteers, your support, and our new increased community partnerships.



The outreach does not stop there, with excellent work resulting in the stories enclosed: what we've dubbed the "extraordinary within the ordinary," protecting seniors from fraud, enhancing a remnant prairie, expanding transportation options, and celebrating America's 250. We can all make a difference; I hope you'll tell us how your #MiltonActs did so by following the details on the cover of this newsletter.

MILTON TOWNSHIP S.A.L.T. (SENIORS & LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER) REPORT: TWO SCAM CASES RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT SUMS FOR ELDERLY FRAUD VICTIMS

Arnold H. Shifrin, a dedicated community member, recently shared that Glen Ellyn Police Chief Phil Norton updated him on the case he reported regarding an older woman who was misled into believing she was donating to the Democratic Party and suffered unauthorized account withdrawals. As Arnie had described, she thought she was making a single donation to the Democratic Party, when in fact her account had incurred numerous fraudulent withdrawals of large amounts by an individual not associated with the Democratic Party. Thanks to Arnie's vigilance, half of her funds were recovered.

Additionally, Connor McCarthy from the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office provided an update on another case reported last year by S.A.L.T. This case involved a widow who lost \$21,000 to contractor fraud, and she expressed joy at having recovered the funds, which will allow her to purchase a marker for her late husband's grave.



The teamwork between community members and local law enforcement, including Corporal Terri Albright and Deputies Christopher Jordan and Jeff Carpenter, was crucial in these investigations.

Unfortunately, such fraud cases targeting the elderly are becoming more common, which leads us to encourage our senior residents to **attend our monthly SALT meetings held every second Monday of the month at the Glen Ellyn Police Department from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**



STICKER RENEWAL & TEMPORARY PLACARDS

Skip the lines at the DMV and renew your vehicle registration at Milton Township in minutes. Walk-in with your old registration, driver's license, and payment – a \$5 processing fee will be added. Then, walk out with your new vehicle sticker; it is that easy. Coming soon tap to pay - **for now cash or check.**



TRUSTEE SIEMER: MODERNIZATION OF FINANCIAL PROCESSES

One of the keys to good local government is the ability to be transparent and accurately report our financial activities. Over the past year we have greatly improved our financial reporting and analysis. By using electronic bill pay and checks, we have streamlined the approval process, dramatically reduced the number of physical checks each month, improved transparency and made our accounting processes more secure. We still have work to do, but we have come a long way already.



Milton Board Meetings
SCAN TO LEARN MORE



TRUSTEE MCGRATH: WE ARE HERE FOR EVERYONE

At our last township meeting, a resident speaker highlighted the vast range of services Milton Township offers. I'm always proud when residents recognize the hard work of our outstanding staff and volunteers. From the Highway Department's year-round efforts to the demands on the Food Pantry and the services of over 20 human services agencies supported by the Milton Community Mental Health grant, our Township plays a crucial role in supporting the community. We strengthen the local economy, improve property values, support seniors and families, and engage with various organizations, making Milton a wonderful place to live in both visible and invisible ways.



TAX YEAR 2026 ASSESSMENT CLOSURE AND APPEAL INFORMATION

The Assessor's Office anticipates closing our books for Tax Year 2026, payable in 2027, in mid to late September. The official closing date will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Property owners are encouraged to visit www.miltonassessor.com for updated information and important notices.

Closing Details:

- The closing of the books will begin the statutory 30-day period during which property owners may appeal their property assessment.
- Appeals must be submitted within that 30-day period in accordance with all applicable requirements and procedures.



Please continue to monitor the Assessor's Office website for the official closing date and additional guidance regarding the appeal process.



MILTON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES NEW STANDARD OF SERVICE THIS SUMMER

The Milton Township Highway Department has made significant improvements throughout the summer.

Consistent Updates for Residents: The Highway Department ensures that residents stay informed about ongoing projects and the status of cleanup efforts following storm damage in the unincorporated areas they serve.



Residents can find updates on the highway department's website (www.miltonhighway.org), via the MLIL App, and on their Township social media pages.

Efficiency: This summer, the MHTD has cleared 80 miles of unincorporated roadways affected by the recent storm damage, along with 2 major drainage projects.

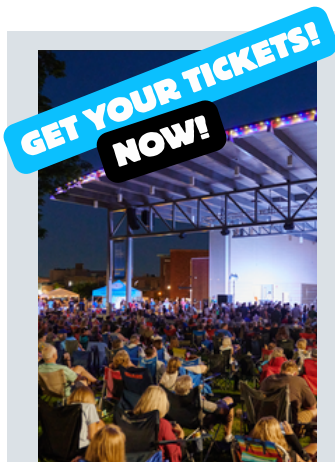
Community Connection: The Highway Department has hosted a touch-a-truck event that allowed residents to meet the staff and ask questions. The Highway Commissioner makes it a priority to attend monthly township board meetings to connect with residents.

SAVE THE DATE! Milton Township Highway Department Recycling Event on Oct 3rd at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Located at 23W040 Poss Street, Glen Ellyn IL. Recycle materials like paint and electronics at a minimal cost. Free paper shredding for sensitive documents will also be available. Further information is available, please contact the Highway Department at 630-682-4270.



Milton Township Food Pantry ANOTHER SEASON OF GROWTH

The **Milton Township Food Pantry (MTFP)** is experiencing another season of growth, thanks to expanding community partnerships and increased volunteer support. Director Dave Sezonov shared his excitement about the on-site garden and partnerships that provide fresh produce, including green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, and kale, on a weekly basis. Over the past year, MTFP has significantly increased its number of volunteers and expanded pantry hours to meet the growing needs of the community. Our thanks to Gardenworks and Hope's Garden, a collaborative work program run by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, COD, & JUSTDuPage.



**GET YOUR TICKETS!
NOW!**

MILTON TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER CONCERT

ATTENTION ALL ROCK MUSIC LOVERS!

Listen to good music with a cause.

When: September 11th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: Memorial Park

225 Karlskoga Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187

Who: Sins N' Roses & Elimintor

Why: Help Support the MTFP! \$1 donated
= up to 8 hungry individuals served



UPCOMING COLDER MONTH PANTRY NEEDS:



Cannot Attend? Please consider donating to the 501(c)3 Milton Township Food Pantry! They are currently in need of canned soup, paper goods, and baby wipes. Drop off at the Milton Township office. All monetary donations are appreciated and tax-deductible (as applicable under state law). Donations can be made using the QR code to the left.

SPENDING SUMMER WITH OUR RESIDENTS!



National Night Out

Milton Township participated in four local National Night Out events to engage with residents from each town. We enjoyed sharing insights on current township services and appreciated hearing from those who had feedback!



Wheaton & Glen Ellyn 250 Parades

Red, white, and blue and neighbors joyfully together, is what we saw as we proudly passed out candy and bubbles during the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Parades. Happy 250 America!



Cream of Wheaton

We started the summer off right at the Cream of Wheaton meeting with residents, answering questions, and kicking off our America 250 celebrations!



Growing Opportunity for Milton Township Children & Families - CMHB:

With support from the Milton Township Community Mental Health Board, the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC) expanded its summer program from part-time to a full, five-day-a-week schedule, benefiting over 200 children. This change provided families with consistent programming and a safe environment.

This support led to a community event on July 30, where children showcased projects about local heroes and learned about gratitude and connection. Throughout the summer, campers developed essential social-emotional skills, demonstrating the significance of mental health and social development in strengthening the community.



The Power in Preservation - MTCA:

Supervisor Higgins-Beard stated "We hope the community enjoys our remnant prairie and can learn some of the history of the area due to our renewed efforts." This statement comes after the MTCA has carried out improvements such as organized volunteer days to restore St Stephen prairie in Carol Stream by removing non native plants in the prairie. The MTCA also completed a recent prairie burn at St. Stephen Cemetery aimed to reduce wildfire risk, promote native vegetation, and improve soil health.

Interested in Volunteering to Help Restore Gravestones and Prairie lands?

Contact (630) 668-1616.



Questions about the Milton Township/Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement District?

We recently hosted our first public forum featuring an "Ask the Expert" presentation on Mosquito Abatement. Thanks to Clarke Mosquito for sharing valuable insights on surveillance, larvae reduction methods in storm sewers, and adulticide fogging.



Missed the presentation? Catch the video on our website's home page - www.miltontownship.net.



Do Not Wait Until It Is Too Late - CERT:

Natural disasters can be scary, and recent storms in Milton Township remind us how important it is to be prepared.

Join our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to learn essential skills such as disaster medical operations, damage assessment, and search and rescue. The four-week evening class starts on September 9. Gain hands-on safety training and have fun! Apply at www.miltontownship.net.

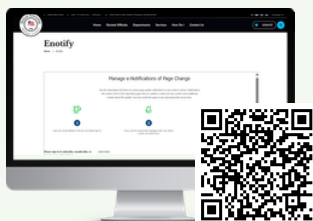
CERT members volunteer at local events like concerts, parades, festivals, 5Ks, and fireworks. CERT recently played a key role in safety during the Big Boy steam train's visit to West Chicago for America's 250th celebration.



New & Improved Ride DuPage:

The Milton Township Ride DuPage program now provides transportation for unincorporated residents aged 65 and older, as well as individuals of all ages with disabilities, traveling within DuPage County. In partnership with Pace, the service now operates with extended hours, curb-to-curb seven days a week, 24 hours a day, with a fare of \$2 per ride plus \$1 per mile. Participants must register, and those under 65 need a current RTA Reduced Fare or Ride Free Permit (apply at MT). Reservations are required 24 hours in advance and can be made up to 7 days in advance. Applications are available on the website or in person. For more details, call (630) 668-1616.

MILTON TOWNSHIP IS MAKING A GREATER EFFORT TO "GO GREEN." DIGITAL NEWSLETTER SIGN-UPS NOW AVAILABLE!



SCAN TO SIGN UP

To support sustainability and save tax dollars, we are **now offering digital notification sign-ups!** Our new website lets you sign up for notifications based on your interests in certain webpages, so you can receive alerts by text or email whenever important information is updated.

Get e-notified of our upcoming digital Newsletter; households that subscribe digitally will not receive a mailed copy. However, print copies will always be available for pickup at the Township. Stay informed and go green with us!



Weeds: The Milton Township Weed Ordinance requires that residential properties in unincorporated Milton maintain grass and weeds at a height of no more than eight (8) inches. Dead and overgrown bushes are also prohibited in the Township right of way. To report violations, residents can use our website (www.miltontownship.net) or the MT.IL app to submit concerns anonymously. We'll investigate the property, allow time for correction, and if the owner fails to comply, Milton Township helps correct the issue at the owner's cost. Questions? Call (630) 668-1616

CALENDAR: FALL 2026

SEPT

- **Sept 3:** 708 Board Mtg.
- **Sept 7:** Labor Day - Township Closed
- **Sept 14:** S.A.L.T. Mtg.
- **Sept 17:** Cemetery Authority Mtg.
- **Sept 17:** Township Board Mtg.
- **Sept 25:** Senior BINGO - Wheaton VFW @ 12:00 p.m. (lunch served)
- **Sept 28:** Vaccine Clinic

OCT

- **Oct 1:** 708 Board Mtg.
- **OCT 2:** LIHEAP Opens
- **Oct 3:** MTHD Recycle Event
- **Oct 13:** S.A.L.T. Mtg. (Tuesday)
- **Oct 15:** Township Board Mtg.
- **Oct 23:** Senior BINGO - B.R. Ryall Y.M.C.A @ 2:00 p.m.

NOV

- **Nov 5:** 708 Board Mtg.
- **Nov 9:** S.A.L.T. Mtg.
- **Nov 16:** Senior BINGO - B.R. Ryall Y.M.C.A @ 12:00 p.m.
- **Nov 19:** Cemetery Authority Mtg
- **Nov 19:** Township Board Meeting
- **Nov 26 - 27:** Thanksgiving Closure

DEC

- No Dec. 708 Board Meeting
- **Dec 14:** S.A.L.T. Meeting
- **Dec 17:** Township Board Meeting
- **Dec 24:** Early Closure Day
- **Dec 25:** Holiday Closure

Meetings Times & Locations

708 Mental Health: Township Main Office @ 6:00 p.m.

SALT: Glen Ellyn Police Dept @ 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Commission: Township Main Office @ 4:00 p.m., meets monthly Apr-Sept

Township Board: Township Main Office @ 5:45 p.m. Bill review and agenda 6:00 p.m.

Our online calendar is updated with any changes regularly.



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