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### Upcoming Board Meetings

- November 15, 2016
- December 13, 2016

### The Township buildings will be closed:

- Veteran's Day – Friday, Nov. 11, 2016
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016
- Friday, Nov. 25, 2016
- Christmas Day – Monday, Dec. 26, 2016

### Office Locations

- **Thornton Township Town Hall**  
333 East 162nd Street  
South Holland, IL  
708-596-6040
- **Senior Center**  
1420 Huntington Drive  
Calumet City, IL  
708-596-6040 Ext. 3190
- **Senior/Youth and Family Services Center**  
14323 Halsted  
Riverdale, IL  
708-596-6040 Ext. 2000
- **The Food Assistance Center**  
15340 Page Avenue  
Harvey, IL  
708-596-6040 Ext. 3180
- **ZAP**  
16910 Westview  
South Holland, IL  
708-596-6040 Ext. 4001

## THORNTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX REFUND



For the 10th time since I became Township Supervisor, Thornton Township has been in a strong enough financial position to refund to homeowners a portion of the property taxes they've paid to Thornton Township.

I have always tried to make fiscal accountability and responsibility the cornerstone of my administration – spending wisely on programs that work and provide real value to people.

Our General Assistance Department has helped retrain and find long-term jobs for nearly 100 township residents with companies like: Ed Miniat, Walmart, Meijer Foods, Ford Motor Company and more.

Our Food Pantry provides food baskets to more than 3,000 families every month – ensuring that children won't go to school hungry and that hundreds of seniors receive the nutritional meals they require.

Thornton Township is a beacon of help for homeless veterans, troubled youth and their families in need of guidance and counseling, teens seeking educational and employment opportunities and those in need of mental health and substance abuse services.

We are investing your tax dollars to provide real value and assistance.

And, let me share with you something that proves how many recognize the contribution Thornton Township makes to helping people...

Recently, several hundred residents returned their property tax refund applications requesting that we re-invest whatever they would have received, back into the programs we provide. My most heart-felt thanks to them.

It's true that there is no such thing as a 'free lunch', but Thornton Township is the next best thing to it. So be watching for your property tax refund. It should arrive any day.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Zuccarelli  
Thornton Township Supervisor



Thornton Township Supervisor, Frank M. Zuccarelli and township staff, process thousands of Property Tax Refund checks to township homeowners. Refunds are scheduled to arrive by early November.



People working with people.

Frank M. Zuccarelli, Supervisor

Joyce M. Washington, Trustee  
Gerald "Jerry" Jones, Trustee

Norbert Cipowski, Trustee  
Stafford C. Owens, Trustee

Jacqueline E. Davis-Rivera, Clerk  
Cassandra Holbert, Assessor C.I.A.O.

Geary DePue, Highway Commissioner

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We've all had a very busy and quite often stressful summer during this time of economic and unemployment problems. But thanks to our Supervisor, Frank M. Zuccarelli, we will start fall and winter with several programs geared toward assisting our Thornton Township residents such as our Veterans' Day celebration on November 12 and our Christmas Toys and Christmas Food Baskets program.

We're hoping to see our seniors, homeless and families in need of a great hot free meal at our annual holiday dinner on Saturday, December 10 at South Suburban College Fieldhouse in South Holland.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available in our office for our residents that are confined to their homes or will be out of town, during the voting period. Please feel free to phone our office and we will be happy to mail the application to you. The completed application must be returned to the Cook County Clerk's Office by November 3, 2016.

**Early voting starts October 24 and grace period registration and voting ends November 7.** Now, the exciting news that is a first at Thornton Township. We will be an EARLY VOTING site. We are pleased to offer this because we realize that it will make voting more accessible and easier for the residents of our 17 communities that we serve. We would like you to make note of these dates and times below especially November 8, which is the General Election date. It is very, very important that we take this opportunity to vote!!!

### Early Voting runs from Monday, October 24 through Monday, November 7

This includes 2 Sundays: October 30 and November 6. Early voting hours and address are below.

- Monday, October 24 thru Saturday, October 29 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 30 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 31, thru Friday November 4 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5, . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 6. . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 7 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Thornton Township Hall, 333 E. 162nd Street South Holland, IL 60473

The Clerk's Office is open Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is **(708) 596-6040 ext.3123 or ext.3118**. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact my office. Blessings in all ways and have a safe and wonderful fall.

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: CASSANDRA HOLBERT



Dear Taxpayer:

The deadline for property tax appeal filing with the Cook County Assessor's Office has now expired. If for some reason you intended on filing an appeal but missed that opportunity, you may still file your appeal with our office for the Board of Review. For filing information please contact your Thornton Township Assessor's Office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to

Friday at **(708)596-6040 ext. 3175**. Also, the staff and I would like to take time to thank the many taxpayers who visited our office during the filing period. It was truly a pleasure meeting and assisting each of you. I hope that your visit was informative and that the staff proved to be of great assistance. We also would like to thank all the people who attended any of our seminars we held this year. We made appearances in Harvey, Calumet City, South Holland, Riverdale, Dolton and other towns. It is our goal to better improve our program while helping you fully understand the assessment process. We look forward to assisting you again in the near future.

## Senior/Youth and Family Services

# My Catharsis



Over the past several months, there have been many incidents reported by the media of the ridiculous (and seemingly ever-growing) number of "police-involved shootings" of unarmed black men. These incidents are happening with such regularity that many are growing numb to both its occurrence and its ramifications. These realities remind me of a couple of quotes currently circulating on Facebook:

**"There comes a time when silence is betrayal."**

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

**"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are!"**

-Benjamin Franklin

A good friend of mine who happens to also be a renowned white psychologist responded to my posting of this Ben Franklin quote by saying: "And, ultimately, we all are affected..." Please, let that sink in. Truer words have never been spoken.

Matthew McConaughey once played a brilliant attorney speaking to a jury in the movie A Time to Kill. He asked them to close their eyes and envision his words. He, then, slowly and deliberately gave an account of a horrific assault and injury of a young black girl. He then asked the all-white jury to re-imagine how they would feel if that same victim had been white. This was, I believe, the most poignant part of the movie because it gave people a quick glimpse of another's perspective. It provided a more familiar and personal relevance. It also gave a quick and fleeting glimpse of hypocrisy of the highest order.

See, as it is repeatedly played out in real life and the movies, (despite what we might say) WE LIVE as if some people's lives are worth more consideration. WE LIVE as if they mean more. WE LIVE as if they have more value. WE LIVE as if they matter. And, conversely, WE LIVE as if some folks' lives are not worth the same amount of consideration from others and, sadly, even themselves. WE LIVE as if some folks' lives mean less. WE LIVE as if some folks have less value and matter less. And, yet, we pretend to espouse the belief apparently held by Thomas Jefferson that "we hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Even, the American Creed asserts that America is "...established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity." **How can we tolerate such apparent contradictions in our "beliefs" and how we choose to live?** This is the TRUTH. It's incredible that so many are either blind to the truth (out of ignorance) or "choose" to wear blindfolds due to a plethora of reasons. If only we valued and respected ourselves and every other equally as human beings...

The interesting thing is that our youngest children are able to accomplish this seemingly impossible feat for others throughout the lifespan; that is, until they are "contaminated" by the same fear and hate that plagues many of us.

How do we move forward? The Christian in me says to start with prayer. Though I have many thoughts on practical solutions to the matter (e.g., voter's registration, voting, economic development, community policing training, mentoring, education reform, implicit bias training, etc.), I would like to hear from the community on best strategies to bring about the requisite change.

*Please feel free to respond respectfully to this article by e-mailing me your solutions at [jweems@thorntontwp.com](mailto:jweems@thorntontwp.com). Many of your responses will be included in this section of a future edition of the Focus.*

## After School Program Hiring

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS:

- Bachelor's Degree in education or related field
- Minimum of 2 years instructing experience
- Must live in the Township of Thornton
- Must send resume to [iridley@thorntontwp.com](mailto:iridley@thorntontwp.com)

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANTS:

- Current College or High School Student at least 3.0 GPA from last SEMESTER
- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Must live in the Township of Thornton
- Must email India @ [iridley@thorntontwp.com](mailto:iridley@thorntontwp.com)

### MUST BE AVAILABLE TO WORK MON—THURS 3:00 PM—7:00 PM

Non-certified instructors (including substitute teachers) & Assistants must pass an assessment

## After School Program

**Grades accepted:** 3rd – 8th graders (9th – 12th graders accepted BUT program is NOT CATERED towards them)

**Program locations:** Dolton & Riverdale (transportation not provided)

**Registration:** To be determined - Call for dates & times (708) 596-6040 ext.2015 – will be held @ 14323 S. Halsted in Riverdale

**What to Bring to registration:** Legal Guardian, Child, Last four digits of SS#, Township utility bill, Valid State ID/Driver's License (must match address on utility bill), \$60 cash exact change

**What happens at registration:** Get program details, Get an understanding of expectations, Complete paperwork

**Program plan:** Tentative start date of October 24th – May 11th; Mon – Thurs; 3 pm – 6 pm; Homework Assistance; Physical development; Math & Reading focus; Social Development; Junior Achievement; Field trips bi-monthly

**Costs:** \$60 (CASH, EXACT CHANGE due at registration) for field trips and projects

# Faith, Dignity & Respect Youth Conference

In a room full of 1,200 Thornton Township juniors and seniors, untold stories filled the gymnasium at our youth conference. Their stories were only discovered through raising their hands to rapid fire questions from Cook County Judge William Hooks. When he asked, how many ever had a gun pointed at them or have been shot at, half of the room raised their hands. When he asked how many had a family member or high school friend die because of gun violence, three-fourths of the students raised their hand. It was overwhelming evidence of what students face in their lives and an opportunity for police officers to build a relationship with students.



Calia Brooks

"I learned that sometimes police officers are scared themselves," said Calia Books, 17, a senior at Thornton High School. "It was just nice having them talk with us and realizing that we have a lot in common. You hear about all these ways that we are divided but I enjoyed talking to the police officers."

The event, hosted by Thornton Township Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli and the township's Faith, Dignity and Respect Initiative, was part of a Law & Community Training Youth Conference held at South Suburban College. With support from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, students from Thornton Fractional South, Thornton Fractional North, Thornton Fractional Center, Thornridge, Thornwood

and Thornton high schools spent four-hours hearing about the lives of police officers, receiving tips about dealing with police and hearing encouraging words.

"We cannot gun down police officers, and we cannot allow police officers to gun down members of our community," said Troy O'Quin, who runs the township's general assistance program.

Police spent the day helping students understand their rights along with the rules of the law, including cyber bullying, battery, conspiracy and assault.

"Something you do as a 15 or 16-year old, might keep you from getting into college as an 18 or 19-year old," said Police Officer Luther Haynes, who works in the Englewood area.

The initiative was designed to rebuild trust between youth and law enforcement.

"You are very important to us," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor. "We just had 500 people killed in Chicago just in August and that can't happen anymore. We have to learn to live together and trust each other."

The school assembly featured a mix of skits where students played the role of police and vice versa. The day ranged from relaxed joking, thoughtful observation and law enforcement showing their love and respect to students to serious talk about the world we live in.

South Holland Police Chief Greg Baker, regional vice president of NOBLE, gave students examples of ways to stay safe in their neighborhoods.



Anahi Valdivia

"Settle issues that are in dispute with a police supervisor, police administrator or in court — not on the scene," was one of 13 tips on a magnet given to each student. "Remember that every police officer is not 'out to get you.'"

Police and court officials didn't necessarily want to scare students straight as much as educate them on the realness of life and the consequences of their actions.

"I've seen more pictures of dead bodies as a Chicago court judge than I did at the United States Marine Corp." said Hooks. "Those who think the gang life is for you when you are standing in front of a judge who is getting ready to give you a life sentence, your whole joking comes to an end. I have seen gang members cry in the courtroom and I have seen hard gang members pee on themselves when they are given a life sentence."

Various students said they found the youth conference worthwhile and received a lot more from the experience.

"What you see on social media is just one example of cops and those are the ones who are not doing their jobs right," said Anahi Valdivia, 17, a senior at Thornton Fractional North. "But we got an opportunity to see police who care about us and we had a chance to see them in a different light. We know that all police officers are not bad."

Cornelius Walker, 17, believes it's important for students to see police officers in different environments. He liked the fact they answered students' questions and told them the behind-the-scene world of being an officer.

"We need more programs like this that get students and police talking together," said Walker, a senior at Thornwood. "We know it is going to take us talking for things to change."

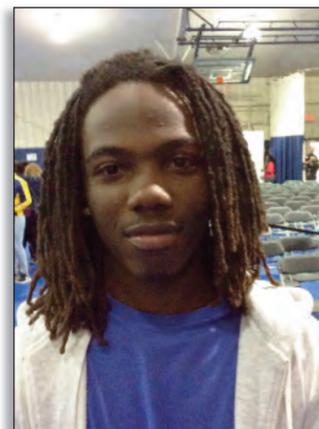
The initiative for the Faith, Dignity and Respect was inspired out of the tragedy of the South Carolina nine, a mass shooting at African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston a year ago.

"They didn't meet violence with violence," said Zuccarelli. "Instead of seeing people throw rocks, they did prayer vigil and peace marches and I was touched by what I saw."

Thornton Township officials plan to organize various events throughout this year and next year to continue the momentum of reaching out to young people.

"We all want peace in this world," added Zuccarelli. "We want a nice place to sleep at night, we want to have food, have a nice car, maybe someday be married and have children and have good schools in our community."

**To watch a video of the event, log onto YouTube and type Thornton Township Youth Conference and click on the subscribe button underneath**



Cornelius Walker



# August 31, 2016

THORNTON TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES

# Hispanic Heritage Month

**J**uan Carlos Linares stood out looking at the crowd of adults and children empowering them to learn more about their rich Hispanic culture and become active in social issues and elections.

"Our Hispanic population can do so much to better the quality of life for ourselves and our children," said Linares, guest speaker at the annual Thornton Township Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. "We have a great history and culture, and it's important for us to take a larger role in the future. And Thornton Township does a great job of community building and offering great programs and services to many people in the south suburbs."

The event, hosted by Thornton Township Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli and the Human Relations Commission, featured authentic food, culture, history, music and dancing at the township hall.

Linares, executive director of the Latin United Community Housing Asso-

ciation, and his wife, Monica Torres-Linares, spoke to the crowd about the importance of social justice, environmental health and affordable houses. His organization LUCHA serves more than 7,000 families each year helping them with housing, financing, legal questions and best practices for neighborhood development.

"I have a passion for the quality of life issues that affect so many people," said Linares. "This is a time where people are struggling and they need guidance and help from affordable housing to residents who have to deal with the environmental impact of power plants shutting down in their neighborhoods without companies cleaning up. It leaves residents open to poor water quality and pollution."

The event also featured Mexican Folklore dancers, magicians, the Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Marimba Ensemble and a special tribute to Lionel Valencia, a community

advocate. Zuccarelli said the event was an opportunity for people to celebrate various cultures and bring people together for a family-friendly program.

"Every year we try to provide a quality Hispanic Heritage event and the community really does seem to embrace the celebration," said Oscar M. Canales, a member of the Thornton Township Human Relations Commission who served as master of ceremonies for the event. "This year was incredible and I felt we represented so many different Latinos with this event."

Creating a variety of diverse programs and celebrating cultures has been one of the main initiatives of the Human Relations Commission and Thornton Township.

"We have to celebrate the many cultures we have in this country. We have to appreciate the variety of cultures that make our communities great," said Zuccarelli. "Thornton Township strives to give our residents a

variety of fun and educational programs throughout the year."

Linares, whose father is Guatemalan and mother is from Peru, said he grew up seeing poverty in their countries as well as income inequality in the United States. He wanted to devote his future career to helping others. He chose to speak at the Thornton Township event because he believes information must be spread throughout the county about essential issues not just in Chicago.

"Cook County is the second largest county in the United States and we often don't focus on the areas that are outside of the city," said Linares, who is also chairman of the Illinois Advisory Committee on the U.S. on Civil Rights. "That is why it's important for these kinds of events to happen in the south suburbs and other surrounding municipalities."

Thornton Township is the largest township in Illinois and is made up of all or part of 17 south suburban communities.



# VETERAN'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**SEAN BAUMGARTNER**

General Manager of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Thornton Township Hall 333 East 162nd St., South Holland, IL

**For more information call 708-596-3168, ext. 3168.**

Lunch will be served immediately after the solemn Memorial Service.



## Don't Miss These Upcoming Holiday Activities!

**Spirit of Thornton Township**

Saturday, December 3

**Thornton Township Holiday Dinner**  
co-sponsored with South Suburban College

Saturday, December 10

For more information call  
**708-596-6040**



## SENIOR SERVICES

### Senior Law Enforcement

**W**alter and Rosemary Adams understand the world can be a dangerous place. They wanted to make sure they are armed with as many facts as possible to make themselves safe. The couple participated in a six-week Tom J. Dart Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy, hosted by Thornton Township Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Dr., in partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

"I just want to be informed and know what I should be looking out for," said Walter Adams, 60, from Calumet City. "You can never have too much information."

The six session classes took place at the senior center. The sessions ranged from personal safety, home protection, identify theft and telemarketing scams to seniors learning about law enforcement agency operations such as 911 vs non-emergency calls, K-9 demonstrations and an overview of the Gang Crime and Narcotic units.

Police officers went in-depth explaining to seniors a variety of financial con games and scams aimed at them, while also going into different types of elder abuse. They discussed protecting themselves and their families whether they are at home or out in the community shopping, walking and taking public transportation.

"Seniors are interested in learning different things. They care about knowing what is happening so we want to give them a chance to learn important aspects of their safety," said Paula Laven, senior services coordinator. "We had great attendance in our first class and we want to keep it going."

The Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy is an informational program designed to give Cook County seniors an overview of the responsibilities of law enforcement. Seniors also learned how crime scene processing is accomplished and the work of specialized units such as investigations, evidence and record property and the Polygraph program. In addition, seniors learned how kids are recruited into gangs, the different types of gang identifications and tips on how to keep kids away from that type of activity. The goal was to foster better communication between senior citizens and the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and to promote awareness of the entire criminal justice system.

"We really live in a different time and you have to be aware of your surroundings," said Jonathan Mobley, Cook County Deputy Sheriff. "You still have seniors who leave their car doors or garage doors open and that can be an entry way for any thief to come into the house. We want to give seniors all the information they need to keep themselves safe."



### Senior Health & Information Fair

**T**he Thornton Township Senior Department held a health fair this summer to help seniors understand the way their body works and maintain wellness.

Over 75 exhibitors and community-based organizations were on hand to distribute out-reach materials and educate the community about a variety of health and social issues affecting underserved populations.

Attendees met with professionals in: advanced directives/health care proxy, advocacy, consumer protection, disaster preparedness, disease prevention & management, early intervention, financial management, fitness/weight loss, food stamps/SNAP program, healthy eating, healthy parenting, HIV prevention, mental health, managed care, natural products, reproductive health, safety prevention, senior services, skin, hair & dental care, substance abuse, tobacco education, veteran services, violence prevention and youth empowerment.

In addition, free health screenings were offered.



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## Senior<sub>RX</sub>



### Blood Pressure Screenings

Daily 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thornton Township Hall  
Calumet City Senior Center  
and Riverdale Senior Center



### Cholesterol and Glucose Testing

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am - 3:45 pm  
Thornton Township Hall

Two hour fasting is required and results are given within three minutes. There is a nominal fee to help cover the cost of materials.



### Senior Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.)

This free program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Insurance and provides counseling to seniors. This public service is designed to help answer questions, and organize and assist in the filing of insurance papers to Medicare and supplemental insurance companies. The service also provides assistance in comparisons of supplemental insurance plans and affordable Med D drug plans. Now serving you at three (3) locations.



## Senior<sub>TRANSPORTATION</sub>

The Thornton Township Senior Transportation Program operates a curb-to-curb service for township seniors age 60 and older. Our service complies with all American With Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Service is available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday to any point within the township and designated medical facilities only.

**Appointments are made on a first call, first serve basis.** Medical appointments are given priority status. Residents are asked to call the township dispatch office with any changes to your appointment.

Suggested donation for each one-way ride is \$1.00. An Exact Fare Only Policy is also in place to avoid the bus drivers from having to handle money on the busses.



To schedule a ride, call  
**708-339-9980**



For further information on the program, call  
**708-596-6040, Ext. 4011**

### Senior Transportation Schedule

The following is a list of the only major medical facilities outside the township that riders may be transported to.

- **DaVita Comprehensive Renal Service**, 222 Douglas, Hammond
- **Governors Highway Clinic**, 17901 Governors Highway, Homewood
- **South Suburban Hospital**, 17800 Kedzie, Hazel Crest
- **MetroSouth Medical Center**, 12935 South Gregory, Blue Island
- **St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center**, (North) 5500 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
- **Hammond Clinic**, 7905 Calumet Avenue, Munster
- **Community Hospital**, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster

### Shopping is also provided to the following locations on these specified days:

- **Monday:** Halsted Street Shopping Area (Homewood)
- **Tuesday:** Jewel, Walt's & Aldi's (South Holland), Ultra Food & Walmart (Lansing) 2:00 pm Return
- **Wednesday:** River Oaks, East & West (Calumet City) 2:00 pm Return
- **Thursday:** Super Walmart & The Landings (Lansing)
- **Friday:** Food 4 Less (Dolton), Almar Plaza (Dolton), and Pete's Fresh Market (Calumet City)

All township bus drivers have CDL (Commercial Drivers Licenses) and must comply with all IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) regulations and guidelines.

\*Funds (in whole/part) for this program were provided through an award from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging under Title III of the Older Americans Act, as administered through the Illinois Department on Aging and Federal Administration on Aging. Thornton Township does not discriminate in admission to programs or activities or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights



### 55/Alive Mature Driving Course

This is a 2-day instruction course that refines existing safe, defensive driving techniques.

55/Alive teaches preventive measures to use when driving that saves lives. Upon completion, a certificate is provided that will entitle participants to receive a car insurance premium discount.

This course is currently offered at the Senior Center in Calumet City.

For upcoming dates call:  
**708-596-6040, 3190**

\$15 for AARP members  
\$20 for non-members



### Income Tax Service

Thornton Township, in conjunction with A.A.R.P., assists persons 65 years of age and older with federal and state income tax preparation. This service is provided every Friday beginning on the first Friday of February through the end of the tax season in April.



### Senior Committee on Aging

This committee meets monthly to advise the township of the needs and concerns of their senior community.

They also serve as volunteer coordinators for luncheons and special township events. A list of members is available at either the Township Hall or Senior Center.



### Exercise Class

This class provides light to moderate aerobic workouts to aid seniors in maintaining health and fitness.

A certified instructor currently conducts this class

**Monday and Friday**  
Senior Center  
Calumet City

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
Thornton Township Hall  
in the lower level

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
class is scheduled at the  
Senior Center in Riverdale

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## SENIOR SERVICES

**Senior Luncheon Program**

Thornton Township senior citizens, 60 years of age and older, are entitled to attend one luncheon per week at your designated town luncheon site. There are currently thirteen luncheon facility sites located throughout the township. There is a nominal fee charged per meal. The luncheon program is designed to provide a place to meet new friends in a social setting, eat a nourishing meal and to keep you informed of current information affecting seniors. Proof of residency and age are required when you sign up. For information call **708-596-6040, Ext. 3170 or 3190.**

**Tuesday**

- Harvey: Ascension Church, 15234 Myrtle
- Lansing #1: Eisenhower Center, 2550 178th Street
- Lansing #2: Thornton Township Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Drive
- Hazel Crest, American Legion Hall, 17034 Park Avenue

**Wednesday**

- Dolton: Park Fieldhouse, 721 Engle Street
- Riverdale: Thornton Township Senior / Youth & Family Center, 14323 S. Halsted
- Homewood: Freedom Village, 935 Maple

**Thursday**

- Calumet City #1: Thornton Township Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Drive
- Calumet City #2: Downey Park, Stewart Ave & Jeffery Ave
- South Holland: Thornton Township Hall, 333 E. 162nd
- Burnham: Village Hall, 13925 Entre Ave

Lunch & Movie Days are open to all senior Township residents. Call **(708) 596-6040, ext. 3170** for movie dates and listings.

**Wednesday Lunch & Movie Day Location:**

- Thornton Township Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Drive, Calumet City

**Thursday Lunch & Movie Day Location:**

- Thornton Township Senior/Youth & Family Services Center, 14323 Halsted, Riverdale

**Pinochle Club**

Every Tuesday 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Calumet City Senior Center

**Bunco Club**

Every Thursday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Calumet City Senior Center  
*Pinochle & Bunco: \$3 per person*

**Bingo**

1st Wednesday Every Month  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Calumet City Senior Center  
*\$5 per person*

**Bid Whist Club**

FREE Every Tuesday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Riverdale: Thornton Township Senior/Youth & Family Center

**Senior Trips****Senior Casino Trip**

Monday, November 7, 2016

Departure from  
Thornton Township Senior Center  
is 8:00 am

Departure from the casino  
is 2:00 pm  
*The cost is \$28.00*

Due to the popularity of these trips,  
seniors are requested to reserve  
tickets in advance.

**Information and Referral Program**

Senior citizens can obtain forms and receive current information regarding Medicare forms, Social Security forms, legal services, housing, Illinois Living Will Act forms, and Illinois Statutory Short forms such as durable power of attorney for health care and property.

Other information affecting local seniors will also be disseminated as the information becomes available. Now serving you at three (3) locations.

**Benefit Access Application (BAA)**

*Formerly Circuit Breaker*

A program providing assistance with license plates and bus fares for qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities. Assistance in preparing your claim is available beginning annually in mid-February. Call for information or to make an appointment.  
**708-596-6040, Ext. 3170, 3190 or 2000.**

Now serving you in three (3) locations.

**State of Illinois Identification Card**

Twice a year, Thornton Township in conjunction with the Secretary of State's Office, offers seniors 65 years of age and older an opportunity to get their I.D. card at the township. Call for information and requirements.  
**(708)-596-6040, Ext. 3170 or 3190.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Thornton Township Senior Center  
1420 Huntington Drive, Calumet City, IL**

Tickets for events are sold on a first come – first serve basis.

**For more information call  
(708) 596-6040, EXT. 3190**



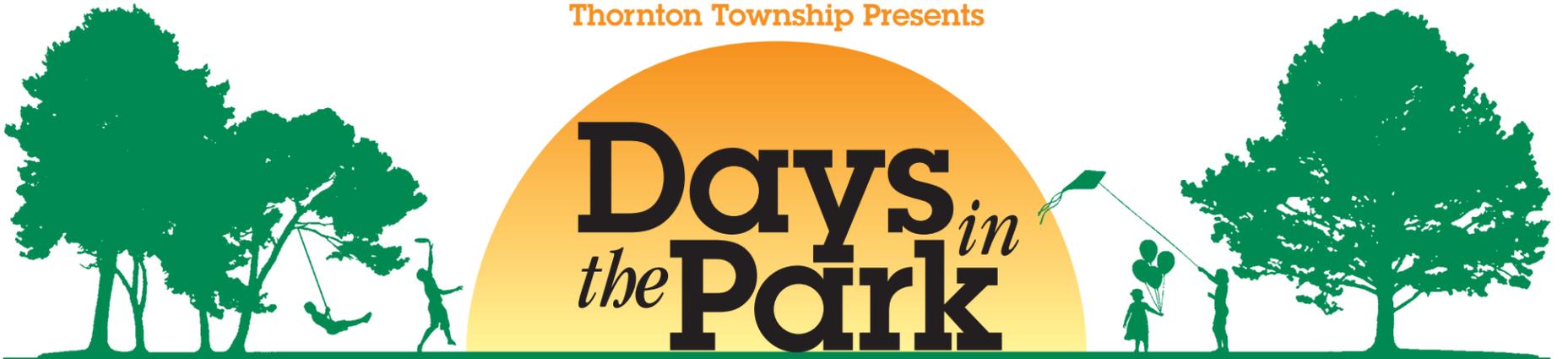
**Monday,  
November 21, 2016  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

\$15 per person for Township residents  
\$20 Per person for out of Township residents

**SENIOR  
NEW  
YEAR'S  
PARTY**

**Monday, December 19, 2016  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

\$15 per person for Township residents  
\$20 Per person for out of Township residents



# Days *in* the Park

It was another successful summer of Days in the Park. Thornton Township hosted several picnics at different parks that were free and included giveaways for student, a catered meal and raffles.



## 2016 RECAP

The 15th annual Taste of Thornton Township once again brought families and friends together and offered something for everyone to enjoy. The event was Saturday, August 20, and has been entertaining south suburban and Chicago area residents for years. This year featured more than 60 local vendors, food and crafts, free kids' rides, bingo and live music with headliners Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes.

"This was a great community event that really brings people together," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor. "When you have a festival that brings families from all over our area to the township for a full day, people really appreciate it. What I like about this event is we have local businesses supporting us so it's another way we are working together to put on a great Taste of Thornton Township for everyone." We would like to thank all our sponsors who helped support the event. This includes Burger King, Excel Printing & Mailing, Ma'Dear Home Services Inc., MB Financial Bank, Nicor Gas, School District #205 and First Merchant Bank

