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SUMMER EDITION

There Are Two Ends of a Telescope



There are two ends of a telescope. If you look through the correct end, the telescope magnifies what you're looking at – bringing it closer so you can better determine the facts of what you're trying to see. If you look through the wrong end, objects are moved further away and you can't fully appreciate the fine points of what you wish to observe.

Unfortunately, many in Illinois have been looking at township government through the wrong end of a telescope. Chief among them is the Chicago Tribune who recently drafted an editorial once again calling for the elimination of Township government.

They claim township government is duplicative and antiquated and taxpayers could substantially reduce their property taxes, simply by abolishing township government and turning their responsibilities over to municipal or county governments.

But the Tribune really needs to just once, turn their telescope around and look through the correct end. If they did, they would clearly realize a number of fine details and how 'out-of-focus' their opinion is.

Township government is the closest to people – helping thousands of residents every week to improve the quality of their lives.

Here in Thornton Township, we provide food to more than 3,000 families each month; helped move 300 individuals from General Assistance to full time employment; provide medical screenings and transportation services to thousands of seniors every month; helped dozens of residents who hadn't finished high school to obtain their G.E.D. – to advance their education and obtain a good job; created summer jobs for more than 100 high school students who provide lawn maintenance for seniors no longer capable of performing yard work and much more.

More importantly, we do all this and more for seven cents. That's right, only seven cents of your property tax dollar goes to Thornton Township to provide these services. And in addition, we've also refunded more than \$4 million in property taxes to homeowners by never forgetting that we're responsible for other people's money – yours.

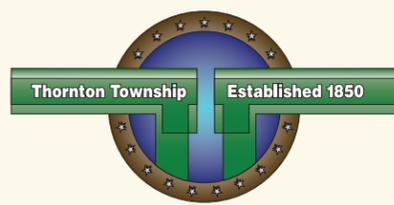
The legislation in Springfield that would abolish township government calls for the local county to assume the duties and to charge up to 90% of cost of township services – 90%! So where is the tax savings?

I urge every resident to call their state representative and senator. Tell them not to look at township government through the wrong end of a telescope. Tell them to look at the facts.

In Thornton Township, we're doing more for less.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Zuccarelli
Thornton Township Supervisor



Upcoming Board Meetings

- Tuesday August 20, 2019
- Tuesday September 10, 2019
- Tuesday September 24, 2019
- Tuesday October 8, 2019
- Tuesday October 22, 2019

Until further notice board meetings will be held at the ZAP building 16910 Westview in South Holland

The Township buildings will be closed:

- Labor Day – Monday September 2, 2019
- Columbus Day – Monday October 14, 2019

Office Locations

- **Thornton Township Hall**
900 East 162nd Street
South Holland, IL
708-596-6040
- **Senior/Youth and Family Services Center**
14323 Halsted
Riverdale, IL
708-596-6040 Ext. 3170
- **The Food Assistance Center**
15340 Page Avenue
Harvey, IL
708-596-6040 Ext. 3180
- **ZAP**
16910 Westview
South Holland, IL
708-596-6040



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Lots of folks have asked me, what does the Clerk's Office do? Township Clerk's Office deals with vital duties in our township. Township Clerk keeps all township minutes of meetings and records closed sessions. The Clerk serves as the local election authority, accepts petitions regarding township elections and referendums. Register to vote, it's so important and vital to our continual growth. The Clerk is the Clerk for the township board, ex-officio Clerk for the Highway Comm., and the Clerk for all the town meetings and township Board meetings. The Clerk's office also goes in many Senior Homes and registers them to vote. Many questions come to my office from the residents of our 17 towns that make up Thornton Township. "Who do I call for Food Pantry, Transportation?" "When are you doing the day in the park in my town?", Special events info such as Taste of Thornton Township and how they can volunteer for many of our events. Our office is always open to questions, comments and suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you and

continuing to assist our residents in all ways.

The Township/Clerk's Office has been so Blessed with our continued partnership with Comcast and Brookfield Zoo. So many of our residents have enjoyed our relationship year after year. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Picnic on August 11th, and The Taste of Thornton Township on August 24th

Our 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.

Thornton Township Presents It's 18th Annual TASTE of Thornton Township Celebration

Thornton Township will host its 18th Annual Taste of Thornton Township Celebration Saturday, Aug. 24 returning to the South Suburban campus, 15800 S. State St. in South Holland.

The event features a one-day family atmosphere where more than 1,500 people are expected to attend. The headliner will be Heatwave, which is an international funk and discoband formed in 1975. The most popular line-up featured Americans Johnnie Wilder Jr. and Keith Wilder (vocals) of Dayton, Ohio; Englishman Rod Temperton (keyboards); Swiss Mario Mantese (bass); Czechoslovak Ernest "Bilbo" Berger (drums); Jamaican Eric Johns (guitar); and Briton Roy Carter (guitar). Keith Wilder passed away in 2017 but the bands continues to tour internationally. Some of the opening acts include the Chicago Boyz Acrobats, Visions of Santana, Tina Turner impersonator, Bobby Womack impersonator, Youth Mexican Dance Group and Past Life.

"The Taste is one of our largest events and brings people throughout Thornton Township in one place to enjoy great live music, food and family entertainment," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor.

In addition to a variety of food vendors and a large selection of crafts, the township will be giving away free book bags with school supplies, free back to school haircuts

for kids, a petting zoo, carnival rides and bingo. An antique Classic Car & Motorcycle show sponsored by 94 Nissan and Napleton River Oaks Car Dealership will take place that day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"This event has something for everyone of all ages," said Tui M. Muse, chairman of the taste. "We continue to make the Taste one of the largest and best events in the southland. I think people will be excited about all the new features we have brought in this year."

A variety of food will be offered including Ribs, hot dogs, hamburgers, catfish, jerk chicken, turkey legs, Italian sausage and beef, nachos, Chinese food and vegan food, cheesecake, snow cones, Italian ice, specialty teas, and more said Delia Medina, event planner for Thornton Township.

"This event is for the community to come together and enjoy food, entertainment, family and friends," said Joyce Washington, Thornton Township trustee. We appreciate our great community. This year's Taste of Thornton Township will have a variety of entertainment for attendees from as far as Chicago, Indiana, and local residents."

We would like to thank all our sponsors Gift of Hope, District #205, 94 Nissan, Burger King, Fifth-Third Bank and Excel Printing and Mailing.



Thursday, August 15, 2019
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for
an evening of
special entertainment
and dinner!

\$5 for township residents
\$10.00 for Out-of-Township guests

For more information contact
Special Service Department at (708) 596-6040
Beverly Ext. 3164, Mona Ext. 3175
or Cristal Ext. 3125



Thornton Township Senior Services

HEALTH & INFO FAIR



AUGUST 19TH
FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Thornton Township Senior Services
1420 Huntington Dr,
Calumet City, IL 60409

Register now, space is limited!
For more information call (708) 596-6040 x 3170

Thornton Township Hosts 3rd Annual Basketball Tournament

Police, village employees and teenagers from various communities will team up together in the third annual Taste of Thornton Township Basketball Tournament. The one-day, double elimination event, which takes place on Friday, Aug. 23, features teenagers, government employees and police officers playing on the same team for the pride of their town or village and focusing on working with each other. Doors open at 4:30pm and tip off starts at 5pm. Lansing Police Department and teens won the tournament the first year. Markham Police Department won last year. Typically, communities have police officers and kids playing against each other in a basketball tournament; however, Thornton Township officials decided the alternative made more sense.

“Last year was an incredible success and people really understood that kids and police officers should be playing together instead of opposite team,” said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor. “We felt like it brought the community together even more and those are the kinds of programs that we support at Thornton Township. This year we are looking to make it even bigger.”

The five-on-five basketball tournament, which will once again take place at South Suburban College, is an extension of the Faith, Dignity and Respect Initiative. The program’s goal is to help communities along with police officers and teenagers work together.

“When teenagers are able to see police officers out of the uniform and have meaningful interactions with them that carries a lot of weight when they eventually see them in uniform,” said Ernst Lamothe Jr. Thornton Township communication manager, who oversees the basketball tournament. “Every police officer we talked with last year saw the tournament as an important way to interact and reach teenagers. That feedback reinforced our belief that we need to continue holding these tournaments. They really saw it as a unifying event.”

The basketball tournament will be the opening act to the 18th annual Taste of Thornton Township. There will be a DJ, free catered food and giveaways.



SAVE THE DATE

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Saturday, September 28th, 2019
10:00 am at the Township Senior Center in Calumet City.

For more information call 708-596-6040 ext. 2011

Thornton Township presents the...

2ND ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY
August 24, 2019

1:00pm-4:00pm
South Suburban College
15800 S. State St | South Holland, IL 60473

New Feature
Stock and Custom Motorcycles

FREE admission to the Public
For More Information call 708/596-6040 x2011

\$20
Registration Car Show Fee
Registration deadline 3p
Call George 708-935-8184

Come for the Car Show & stay for the Taste of Thornton Township featuring...

- Free Music - Headliner "Heatwave"
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Supervisor

Family Day

Sunday, Aug 25
5pm - 7:30pm

Iron Oaks
20000 Western Ave.
Olympia Fields, IL

FREE EVENT
 Songs * Worship * Interactive Lessons
 Games * Giveaways * Prizes
 Free Catered Food

For more information, call 708-339-5800
www.thepentecostals.online

Big Things Are Happening At South Suburban College



Register Now for Fall Classes

A Free Class is available to qualified applicants during the fall term

Fall Registration is in progress at South Suburban College (SSC). The 2019 Fall Semester begins the week of Monday, August 19th for both credit and non-credit classes at the college's Main Campus and Oak Forest Center. The class schedules are available online at www.ssc.edu. Prospective students are encouraged to register soon to secure their preferred schedule.

The fall semester is an excellent opportunity for students to begin or resume pursuing their college goals at a convenient, affordable institution that is focused on student success. Prospective SSC students should get started with the Online Application at www.ssc.edu. Once the application process is complete, new students will receive an SSC email account and a Self Service Username & Password via email which will allow access to student information and class registration.

SSC also offers a Free Class to first time credit students residing in District 510 and in Lake County, IN. Residents may take the Free Class during a fall or spring semester (high school students may also utilize the Free Class during the summer semester before or after their senior year). The Free Class applies to tuition only, and does not apply to courses of more than 5 credit hours. The Free Class cannot be used with State or Federal Financial Aid, Other Special Tuition Programs or Employer Subsidy Programs.

For more information, please visit www.ssc.edu or contact the Admissions Office at **(708) 210-5718**. *Para Información En Español Llame: (708) 210-5740*. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. The Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois

SSC is a community college located in South Holland, Illinois serving 21 communities including parts of the Chicago Southland and northwest Indiana. SSC provides a variety of support services and leadership opportunities to its students in addition to a wide range of academic program options. For more information about SSC, please visit www.ssc.edu.

Highway Construction Careers Training Program Graduates Are Recognized At South Suburban College

When Jacob Mora, 22, received his Highway Construction Careers Training Program Certificate last week at South Suburban College's HCCTP Graduation, he looked for his mother who he found smiling from ear to ear in the audience. Chasity Winiecki, 44, had plenty of reason to be excited for her son as she knew his future was bright. After all, she was already enjoying a rewarding career at Judlau Contracting, Inc. in Homer Glen since she completed the program herself in 2018.

"I'm so proud of Jacob—I can't believe he's following in my footsteps," said Winiecki, who is currently in a two-year apprenticeship as a laborer. "I know he learned an amazing amount of stuff and I know the money is great. And I absolutely love the work!"

The Dyer, IN duo are the first mother and son to graduate from HCCTP at SSC since the program started back in 2014. Since that time, 223 of 324 students have completed the free 12-week program which is the largest of the 12 community colleges in Illinois that offer HCCTP.

HCCTP was implemented to increase the number of minorities, women, and disadvantaged individuals working on IDOT highway construction projects. The training consists of an intensive program to teach the skills necessary for acceptance into the highway construction trades and provide opportunities for careers with high wage potential. Career opportunities include cement mason, electrician, pipefitter, carpenter, laborer, and equipment operator. The requirements for admittance include: valid driver's license, 18 years or older, high school diploma/GED, and completion of assessment testing.

Mora earned his GED from Merrillville High School, said the program was perfectly

suited for his situation. "I love to work hard, and if you love to work hard you're going to get the most out of this program. I learned a lot of different skills in a short period of time. I highly recommend it." Mora is currently seeking a pipefitter or elevator constructor apprenticeship opportunity.

Chasity added, "People questioned me when I first told them about the program but I'm here to tell you that it's for real!"

While job placement is not a guarantee upon HCCTP completion, 7 of the college's current 10 graduates have already earned jobs or apprenticeships with their new-found skills. SSC will be offering its next HCCTP course this fall at the college's Oak Forest Center. Orientation and Assessment Testing will be August 20-22nd with the program set to begin on September 16, 2019.

All candidates must have a valid driver's license with them to attend orientation. For more information please visit www.ssc.edu/hcctp, call **(708) 596-2000, ext. 3219**, or email hcctp@ssc.edu. *Para información en Español llame (708) 210-5740*. All orientation and assessment testing will be held at the Oak Forest Center. The Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452.



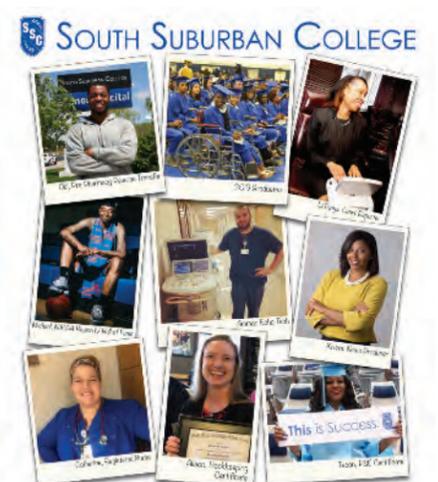
Jacob Mora recently joined his mother Chasity Winiecki as a HCCTP Graduate of South Suburban College at the May 17th ceremony held at the college's Oak Forest Center.

South Suburban College launches new marketing campaign

South Suburban College is looking for success stories.

The community college located in South Holland, Illinois serving 21 communities including parts of the Chicago Southland and northwest Indiana, provides a variety of support services and leadership opportunities to its students in addition to a wide range of academic program options. Success at SSC is reflected in the faces of students of all ages, backgrounds and goals, and the college's new campaign – **This is Success** – will highlight those stories ranging from traditional Associate Degree and transfer successes; short term certificate and career programs leading directly to the workforce; Adult Education including GED and English as a Second Language program completers; and much more.

For more information about SSC's programs and services please visit www.ssc.edu/success, or email news@ssc.edu to share your success story today!



This is Success.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Thornton Township's STEM Program

Thornton Township offered a free STEM program for residents, 7 to 13-years-old. Hundreds of township children took advantage of the first-year initiative. STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, is a program designed to group together these academic disciplines, addressing education policy and curriculum choices in schools and stimulate competitiveness in science and technology development. It has implications for workforce development, national security concerns and immigration policy. Another level includes the arts such as humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design and new media.

"Our principal objectives were to foster a learning environment throughout the educational school year and summer months that focused on enriching the lives of our students and their families culturally, socially, scholastically, and physically," said Dr. Jerry Weems, director of Youth & Family Services for Thornton Township. "By offering structured, creative, active, and integrative programming we can position our students to the next level and prepare them for the future."

For educators, there is now a greater need for STEM concepts to integrate with the

arts across the wider curriculum. Future employees must be ready for changes in Business & Industry, that will require them to have multiple areas of expertise or at least appreciate how a range of skills fit together.

"We received incredible feedback from parents and students about the program," said India Blakely, youth program coordinator for the STEM program. "You could see this was something that the community wanted. Our team brought knowledge and experience to significantly help the wonderful residents of Thornton Township grow."

STEM education in schools provides students with the opportunity to learn creatively, using 21st century skills such as problem solving. This education also points in the direction of connection, care, community and culture.

"Our target population is primarily lower and working class African-American, Latino, and Caucasian students from pre-K through high school," said Weems.

The township partnered with Law & Civics Reading & Writing Institute, 29th District Representative Thaddeus Jones, Illinois Math & Science Academy, Jones Foundation, and South Suburban College.

The STEM Staff had a great time providing students with this unique free STEM summer camp. Here are a few students talking about their experience.



"I enjoyed all our interesting field trips like the one we took to the Sci Tech Museum that taught us more about STEM technology and seeing all the exhibits. It taught me a lot that I will always remember."

– **Tyra Dukes, 13**
eighth grader from South Holland



"The staff here has been incredible. You can tell they really care about us and they want us to learn as much as possible. There were so many projects that I never did before. We built a bike and used tools and it was great."

– **Harmony Powell, 13**
seventh grader from South Holland



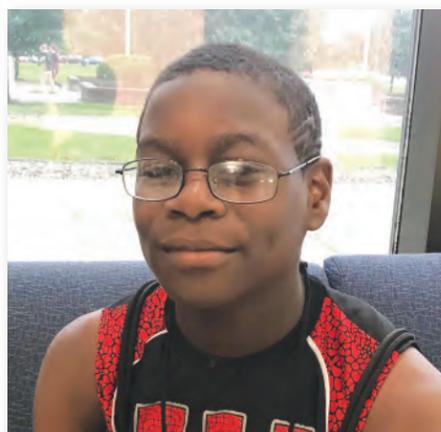
"They made this camp both educational and fun. They taught us the new math and science. A camp like this is important because you never know what kind of new information you can learn. Some kids need a little extra help and a camp like this can benefit them."

– **Taurus Washington, 11**
fifth grader from East Hazel Crest



"We made volcanoes and learned what can happen when you put different oils and materials inside of it. We worked together, and I met so many people."

– **Cynia Haygood, 8**
fourth grader from Chicago



"We got to tour South Suburban College and learn a variety of technical skills. We even learned how to make musical beats from the staff. There was something new everyday and I really enjoyed it."

– **Frederick Osbourne, 13**
eighth-grader from Riverdale



"Science and math are so important in your life. Between going on field trips and learning all about biology and other sciences I had a great experience. It makes you feel smarter that you can understand everything."

– **Ryan Matthews, 8**
third-grader from Dolton



Special Services Prom Night

Thornton Township held its Special Service Prom where attendees got dressed up, brought dates and were treated to a full dinner. The township holds a prom for people with disabilities every other year. The event took place at the St. Michael Serbian Hall in Lansing.



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AUGUST 23
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Doors Open at 4:30pm | Tip off at 5:00pm
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SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH 9AM-7PM
SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE
PRESENTED BY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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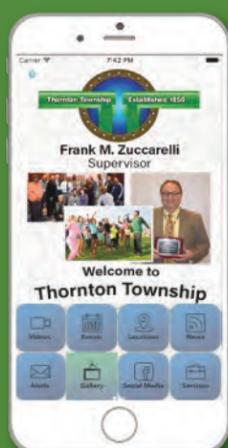
Thornton Township Mobil App

The official Thornton Township App gives residents easy access to information, news, GPS direction to the local facilities and much more. Also, receive alerts for any emergencies, news and updates.

With this app you can:

Get the latest news, View pictures, Get GPS directions to our locations, Watch videos, Receive push notifications and more...

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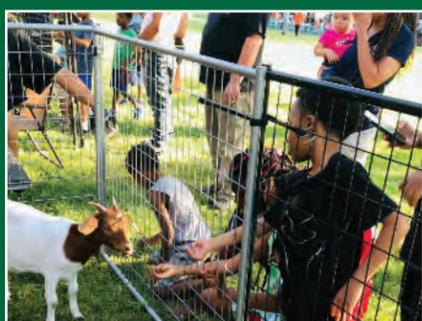
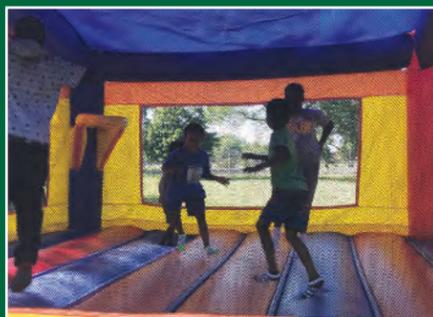
Days *in* the Park

Thornton Township hosts a different picnic at least once a week in all 17 municipalities throughout the summer. The event was the brainchild of Thornton Township Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli who saw an opportunity that was needed.

"We started this event more than a decade ago because we saw a need to bring people together. Our lives can be so busy that we don't take a moment to just sit down and talk to our neighbors as much as we used to. We believe by bringing people into their neighborhood park to sit, talk and eat it would begin to bring back that greater sense of community," said Zuccarelli.

All Days in the Park include free food, live music and family-friendly activities. "Days in the Park allows residents to come together as a community and enjoy each other's company. It is also an opportunity to just celebrate some of the beautiful parks that we have within Thornton Township," said India Blakely, who helps coordinate the event.

The Days in the Park ran May through August. "People get excited when we bring the event to their specific community. It's just a wonderful opportunity to fellowship, get to know people you didn't know before, get together with friends or just reacquaint with someone that you haven't seen in some time," said Larry Lawrence, who helps coordinate and host all of the Days in the Park picnics.





Senior_{RX}



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_{TRANSPORTATION}

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

class is scheduled at the Senior Center in Calumet City

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

Tuesday, Wednesday 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
- 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

A variety of one day trips are sponsored each month from February through November to theaters, professional sporting events, Museums, or Casinos. 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 Event

Botanic Garden Trip

August 16th

Leaving the Senior Center at 9:00 am and Returning at 3:00 pm

Thornton Township Senior Services
1420 Huntington Drive, Calumet City, IL

Register now, space is limited!
(708) 596-6040, EXT. 3170

SENIOR SERVICES

Calendar of Events

Calumet City, 1420 Huntington Drive • Riverdale, 14323 South Halsted

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Senior Exercise 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Calumet City)</i></p> <p>Line Dance Class 10:45-12 noon <i>(Calumet City)</i></p>	<p>Senior Exercise 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Bidwhist 11:30-3:00 pm <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Pinochle Club 12:00-3:00 pm <i>(Calumet City)</i></p> <p>Foot Doctor by Appt. Only 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Calumet City)</i> 1st. Tuesday of each month</p>	<p>Senior Exercise 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Sr. Counseling & Support Group 9:00-11:30 pm <i>(Calumet City)</i></p> <p>12:30-3:00 pm <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Movie* 1:00 pm <i>(Calumet City)</i></p> <p>Smiling Seniors 1:00-3:00 pm <i>(Calumet City)</i> 1st. Wednesday of every month</p>	<p>Senior Exercise 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Movie* 1:00 pm <i>(Riverdale)</i></p> <p>Bunco Club 1:00-3:30 pm <i>(Calumet City)</i></p>	<p>Senior Exercise 9:30-10:30 am <i>(Calumet City)</i></p> <p>Advanced Line Dancing Class 10:45-12 noon <i>(Calumet City)</i></p>



For more information call: (708) 596-6040

\$3.00 Pinochle • \$3.00 Bunco • \$1.50 Senior Luncheon

Blood Pressure Done Daily

Senior Luncheon Sites

Senior Citizens, 60 years & older, Must have a Thornton Township I.D. *Indicates Movie Day for Township Residents 60+

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Ascension Church 15234 Myrtle Harvey, IL</p> <p>Eisenhower Center 2250 178th Street Lansing, IL</p> <p>Calumet City Sr. Center 1420 Huntington Dr. Calumet City, IL</p> <p>American Legion Hall 17034 Park Avenue Hazel Crest, IL</p> <p>Gloria Taylor Luncheon 15335 Broadway Harvey, IL (2nd Tuesday of each month)</p>	<p>Dolton Park Field House 721 Engle Street Dolton, IL</p> <p>Riverdale Senior Center 14323 Halsted Riverdale, IL</p> <p>Freedom Village 935 Maple Homewood, IL</p> <p>Calumet City Sr. Center 1420 Huntington Dr. * Calumet City, IL</p>	<p>Calumet City Sr. Center 1420 Huntington Dr. * Calumet City, IL</p> <p>Downey Park Stewart & Jeffrey Avenue Calumet City, IL</p> <p>Riverdale Senior Center 14323 Halsted * Riverdale, IL</p> <p>Burnham Village Hall 13925 Entre Burnham, IL</p>

World's Largest Steppers' Family Day Cook-Out & Bar-B-Que

Thornton Township once again hosted its annual World's Largest Steppers' Family Cook Out and BBQ. The eighth annual event took place at the Green Lake Forest Preserve, 159th and Torrence in Calumet City.

"In Thornton Township, we want to create as many events as possible that brings people together," said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township supervisor. "There are so many times that we talk about the things that divide us but we have so much in common. You find the that out when you come together and interact with each other."



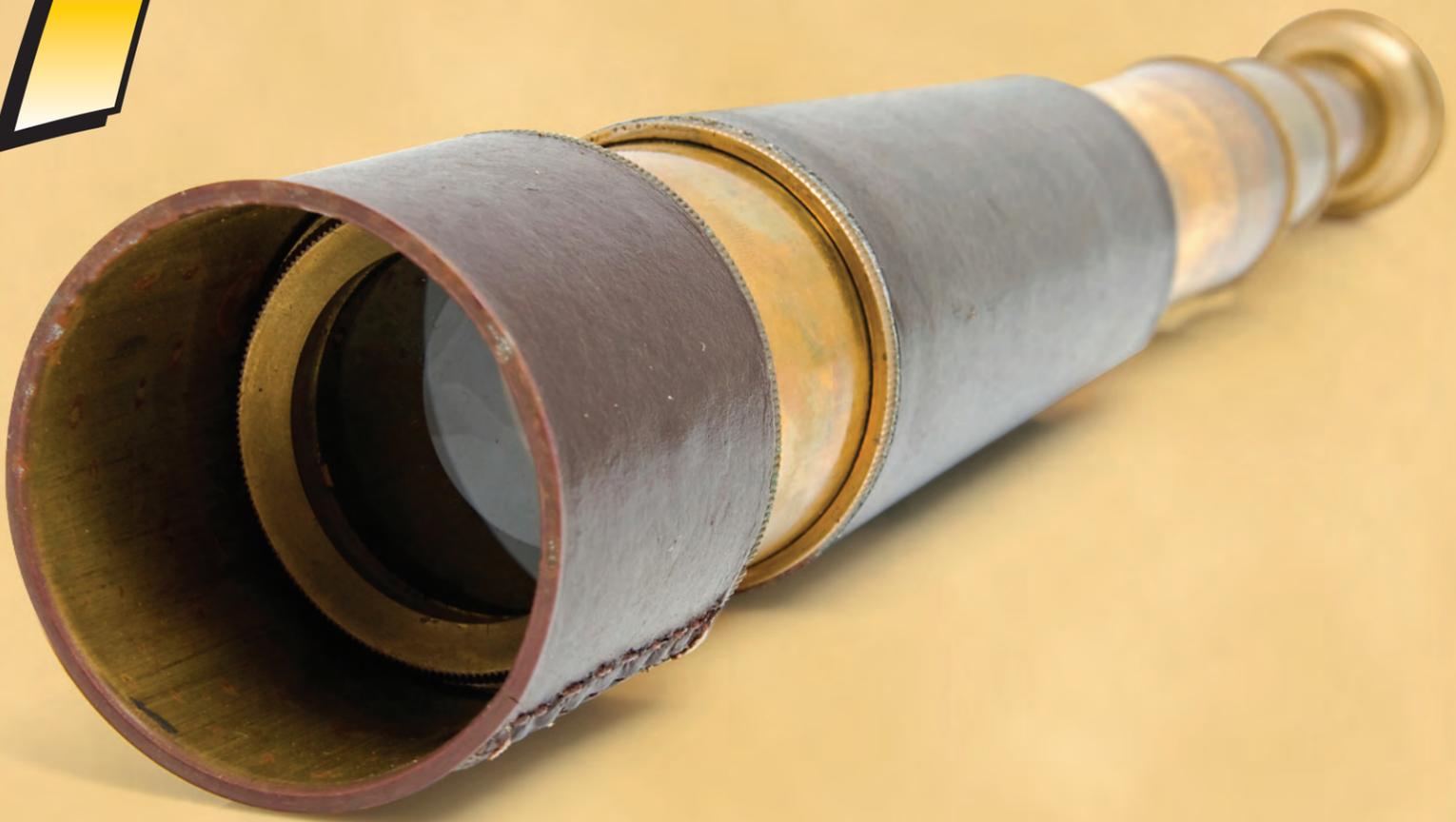
Thornton Township Senior Services

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thornton Township celebrated its annual Everybody's Birthday Party. Everyone who was 60-years-old or better were acknowledged.



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TWO ENDS OF A
TELESCOPE*



Looking through the correct end brings objects closer so you can better see the real details.

Looking through the wrong end moves objects further away so you never get a true picture of what you're looking at.

Too many people look at Township Government through the wrong end of a telescope.

They'll never realize we help thousands of their neighbors improve the quality of their daily lives and do it for only seven cents of every tax dollar... And, they'll never know we've refunded more the \$4 million in property taxes to homeowners.

Anyone looking at Thornton Township through the correct end of a telescope will clearly see we're doing more with less – just like taxpayers expect and deserve.

For more information on all the services Thornton Township provides, log onto our web site:
www.thorntontownship.com

