



TRAILS

Connecting Communities: Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Mokena, Orland Park, Tinley Park, and all unincorporated Frankfort

By Jim Moustis, Frankfort Township Supervisor

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We in Frankfort Township have been blessed. Our community needs are always met by our fellow citizens in the township. It seems the greater the need, the more people in the community respond.

When we announced we were low on food in the Township Food Pantry and asked for help, the response was immediately forthcoming. Our faith based communities, schools, park districts, local governments, and corporate sponsors all rallied to our aid. We were gratified by the response and thankful that

we live in a community that cares.

The most amazing response, and one that was least expected, was from our individual donors who quietly and without any fanfare, decided to send us a monthly stipend to care for the needs of their fellow citizens. We have people with generous hearts sending us ten, twenty, twenty-five, and even fifty dollars a month to support the recipients of the food pantry.

We have people walk into our food pantry with bags of food who won't even leave their names for a

thank you note. We had an owner of a small construction company who told us he was one of the "lucky ones", as he had a good year, who had the whole bed of his pick-up truck filled with cases of food for the pantry.

These are just a few of the acts of generosity that occur in this township.

The largess of monies, the expansiveness of spirit, and the faithfulness of the donors, make me proud to represent the people of Frankfort Township as their Supervisor.

James G. Moustis  
Frankfort Township Supervisor

**Dial-A-Ride, Med-Van Available to Everyone**

By Dennis Grove, Transportation Manager



**Dial-A-Ride and Med-Van** services are available to all residents of Frankfort Township.

Dial-A-Ride Destinations are limited to addresses within township borders. Medical appointment van rides go to outside locations. .

Call George at 815-806-2767 before 1 pm at least one day in ad-

vance to schedule a ride.

We also provide shopping trips to either Orland Park Mall or Northfield Mall in Kankakee and casino trips to either Harrah's or Empress in Joliet on certain Wednesdays every month.

We have 20 seats available for each trip and they fill up fast.

Call Jodi Gallagher-Dilling at 815-806-2766 for inquiries or to reserve a seat for one of these trips.

**Transportation to Chicago area hospitals**

Residents of Frankfort Township can also schedule a Dial-a-Ride to many Chicago area medical facilities.

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FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP ONE-WAY FARES	
Adults	\$4.00
Seniors (65+)	\$2.00
Riders with Disabilities	\$2.00
Students (7+)	\$2.00
Children (7-) must be accompanied by an adult.	

By Joseph N. Kral, C.I.A.O. Frankfort Township Assessor

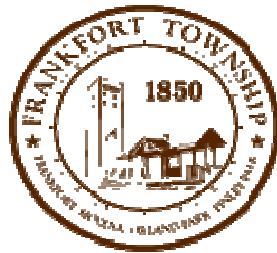
## INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

Greetings! Here is hoping you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather and that this message finds you all well.

I am happy to announce that the 2010 assessment cycle is nearly finished. Throughout the course of this extremely eventful year, we here at the Assessor's office have been fortunate with the opportunity to meet with and serve literally hundreds and hundreds of Frankfort Township residents. Meeting with so many constituents has given me a better idea about the challenges so many of you are faced with these days as well as some of the concerns you share.

As Assessor, I believe that the property tax system works best when all taxpayers understand the process and every party's role in it. We vow to make every attempt at promoting transparency in the as-

essment cycle and will work tirelessly to explain and educate the public



in every way possible about all we do.

One thing I would like to suggest to everyone reading this is that you take the time to double-check the exemptions in effect for your parcel and make sure you are getting any exemption(s) that you may qualify for and have completed the necessary paperwork for. If you have any questions or need help determining this, please call our office (815) 464-3180, Monday-Friday 8am -4pm.

In the coming year, I look forward to continuing our efforts in providing fair and equitable assessments for every

property and every taxpayer in Frankfort Township. We look forward to meeting with many more of you and learning about your assessment concerns. Thankfully, I am blessed to have such a dedicated staff and the endless support from the employees and officials of Frankfort Township. Stay tuned to our website for news and upcoming information. [www.frankfortassessor.com](http://www.frankfortassessor.com)

In closing, I would like to Thank you all once again for the opportunity to serve Frankfort Township.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Kral, C.I.A.O.



## A Note From The Senior Activity Director

By Jodi Gallagher-Dilling, Senior Activities Director

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### SENIOR GOINGS-ON

Call Jodi Gallagher-Dilling at 815-806-2766 on the 15th of the month prior to an event to reserve your space. We have a great fall and winter line-up planned to keep you busy! The first Wednesday of each month there is a trip planned for the Casino and the second Wednesday of each month, a shopping mall trip as well as our surprise trips. We hope you enjoy all the activities we have planned for you and wish you all a happy and healthy new year.



Starved Rock ~ 2010

**Drury Lane** ~Seven Brides for Seven Brothers  
Wednesday, November 3, 2010

**Ben Franklin & Lunch, Wilmington IL**  
Thursday, November 4, 2010

**Lincoln Way Concert ~United We Stand**  
Wednesday, November 10, 2010

**Senior Christmas Party**  
Wednesday, December 15, 2010

**Tokyo Steakhouse Dinner**  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011

**Aurelio's Annual Outing**  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

**Lincoln Way North Concert & Lunch**  
Wednesday, March 16 &  
Wednesday, April 16, 2011

**Annual Spring Fling**  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011

**Pilcher Park Greenhouse & Lunch**  
Wednesday, April 20

**Four Winds Casino/Michigan**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

**Saugatuck Overnight Trip, Holland, MI**  
Wednesday & Thursday May 11&12, 2011

**Senior Picnic/Bring your family**  
Sunday, May 22, 2011

**Richard Crowe—Passport to Chicago**  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011

**Holocaust Museum/Bahai Temple**  
Wednesday, July 20, 2011

**Annual Bier Stube Dinner/Peotone**  
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

**Volo, IL Antiquing, Museum & Lunch**  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

**Senior Fall Kick-off BBQ, Fun & Games**  
Friday, September 23, 2011

**Halloween Party, CD & ME**  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011

**Drury Lane ~ The Sound of Music**  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**Ben Franklin/Antiquing- Wilmington, IL**  
Wednesday, November 30, 2011

**Senior Christmas Dinner & Lights**  
Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Meals on Wheels is offered through Senior Services of Will County. Contact Barb Lewis for more information at 815-469-1499

### A N D ... L O C A L A C T I V I T I E S

**At the Township Offices—If you need a ride here or back home,  
just call us 815-806-2767**

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|-------------|--|
| BINGO       | - Every Tuesday and Friday 11 am-2pm   |
| CRAFTS      | - Every Thursday, 9:30 am—11am         |
| Wii BOWLING | - Every 2nd and 4th Monday 9:30am-11am |
| TAI CHI     | - Every Monday 12:30pm– 1:30pm         |



Annual Luau ~ 2010

By Bill Carlson, Highway Commissioner

**BRANCH PICKUP DEADLINE**

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Our summer pickup for branches has now ended for the year. Branch pickup will resume again on the first Monday of May, 2011. There is NO requirement to call in for branch pickup.

**LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM-**

Leaf pickup starts ap-

proximately October going into November.

Of course, this all depends on Mother Nature!!

Call in for leaf pickup is NOT required! We will drive the system and pick up where needed. Please put leaves at your curbside in piles or wind rows so that

they will be easily vacuumed up. This helps the process to continue throughout the Township in a timely manner. Please DO NOT put branches, grass clippings or other debris in with the leaves. This will damage the vacuum machine and delay the

pick up program. Your continued



cooperation and patience with our leaf pickup program is greatly appreciated.

**PLOW DAMAGE~ BLITZED MAILBOXES OR PLOW DAMAGE**

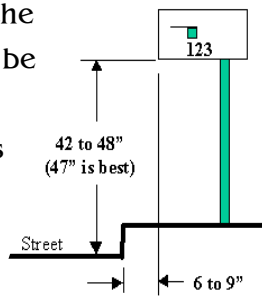
Damage done to mailboxes or right-of-ways by Frankfort Township Road District vehicles should be reported to the Township Road District Office (708) 479-9673, Monday—Friday 7:30 am—3:30 pm.

The Township Road District will repair the dam-

age to mail boxes as soon as possible. Damage to grass in the right-of-way will be repaired as weather permits in the spring to early summer. Have a SAFE winter!!

**MAILBOX GUIDELINES**

This is the time of year to check your mailbox for stability and to make any necessary repairs. Heavy snows can damage mailboxes and posts. Each year the Road Dist



trict receives calls about Township trucks hitting mailboxes. In many instances, the mailboxes are knocked down by the weight of the snow—not the snowplow blade. Please make sure your mailbox is properly maintained.

**BASKETBALL HOOP GUIDELINES ~ CHECK YOUR BASKETBALL HOOPS**

This is the time of year to check your basketball hoops! Basketball hoops are NOT permitted in the right-of-way facing the street due to weekly garbage service and snow removal. The Illinois Highway Code,

Article 9, Section 9-117, Chapter 121, of the Road and Bridge Laws, prohibits the placing of any obstruction of any kind or description upon any public right-of-way. Any hoops that are improperly installed or

placed in the right of way will be the homeowner's responsibility to move and maintain. Frankfort Township Road District will not take any responsibility for hoops that may be damaged due to

weekly garbage service or snow removal.



By Bill Carlson, Highway Commissioner

**LEAF BURNING**

Residents who live in the Villages of Frankfort Township, Frankfort, Mokena and Tinley Park are regulated by respective municipal ordinances governing burning and disposal of yard waste. Residents living in the unincorporated areas of the Township are subject to the Will County Nuisance Ordinance which provides:

**LOCATION ON FIRES**

Fires shall be located not less than (50) feet from any property line or any neighboring structure, with adequate provisions made to prevent spreading the fire. Legitimate campfires shall be located no less than (50) feet from any neighboring structure.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to define and abate public nuisances, which are a deterrent to the people of the county. The nuisance defined herein is determined to public health, safety, and welfare.

**PENALTY**

A violation of this ordinance is a petty offense. The violator shall pay a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$50.00 for each offense.



**HELPFUL HINTS TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS...**

**AVOID HELATH RISKS!**

Snow shoveling is responsible for many heart attacks and bad backs each winter. Take your time shoveling. Remember, only lift small amounts to avoid putting excessive stress on your body. If you develop chest pressure or pain, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, nausea, or any other unusual symptoms while shoveling—STOP IMMEDIATELY—and seek attention or call 911. Remember, cold weather puts a strain on your

heart, even without exercise.

**ADOPT-A-HYDRANT**

The Frankfort Township Road District encourages you to take a moment after each snowfall to clear snow away from fire hydrants on or near your property so they can be accessed quickly in case of an emergency.



**TRASH PICK-UP DAY**

If your trash and recyclable collection day coincides with a snowstorm, please take care to place bags and containers well back from the roadway. Put them where a passing snowplow will not strike them and scatter their contents all over the neighborhood.

**MAIL SERVICE**

Your local delivery person will appreciate it if you clear the area in front of your mailbox. If they cannot get close enough to the mailbox,

You may be deprived of your mail.

**REDUCE RESIDUAL SNOW**

Unfortunately, some snow invariably is deposited in driveways. Shovel snow to the right side of your driveway, as you face the street. This will help minimize the amount of residual roadway snow that comes from the street plows. The Road District regrets any inconvenience—we are all in this together!!!!

By Bill Carlson, Highway Commissioner

## SIDEWALKS—TO SHOVEL OR NOT TO SHOVEL

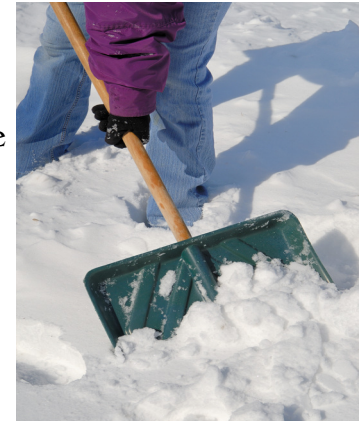
The State recognized liability concerns homeowners might have and passed the following statute: “Any owner...or agent...who removes or attempts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks abutting the property shall *not* be liable for any personal injuries allegedly caused by the

snowy or icy condition of the sidewalk resulting from his or her acts or omissions unless the alleged misconduct was willful or wanton.”

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Please be aware that it is ILLEGAL to place snow into the street. It is also ILLEGAL to plow

or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto a public street to reduce its width. If you have a contractual driveway plowing service, please alert them to avoid creating safety and liability problems.



## SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Be careful entering onto main streets or highways. Trucks plowing snow often cannot see vehicles merging.
- Stay well back from snowplows to avoid being hit by spreading material or ice and snow that may fall off the truck. Plow drivers cannot see directly behind the truck. At higher speeds, you should increase your following distance.
- Use roadside objects as landmarks to orient yourself to the highway. Landmarks help to identify the roadway in darkness and poor visibility.
- Stay with your vehicle if you become stranded. Safely pull as far off the road as possible and turn on emergency flashers or other lights to help be seen. Brush the snow off headlights and taillights.
- Carry a winter emergency survival kit. This should include: an ice scraper/snow brush, blankets, jumper cables, a basic tool kit, flashlight with extra batteries, flares or reflectors, a shovel and traction materials (sand, kitty litter, old rugs or mats), a basic first aid kit, and any other items you feel are necessary.
- Keep your gas tank FULL!
- Turn your headlights on—to see and be seen.
- Carry a cellular phone in case of an emergency.
- WATCH THOSE BRIDGES—they are probably slick.

**Please use common sense and good judgment when driving. Remember, snowplow drivers are out there to make the roads as safe as possible for you—not to get in your way. Be patient and let them do their job.**

By Karen Zobbeck, Animal Control Officer

## PETS: OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

All dogs and cats must be registered with the Township and wear their ID tags along with their rabies tag on their collar. Remember dogs and cats are not permitted to wonder off their owners' property and must be leashed in public areas at all times. Owners are also responsible for picking up their pets waste as well.



### Tips

Remember that the temperature can rapidly change, when allowing your pets to go outside for long periods of time. Be sure to provide appropriate shelter, fresh water and food. The ACO (Animal Control Officer) ordinance requires owners to prevent their pets from barking or howling excessively.

Practice safety around animals. Always ask permission before touching someone else's pet, don't bother animals when they are eating or sleeping. Leave mother animals alone when they are with their babies. Leave wildlife alone, they can scratch and bite when bothered.

### Lost and Found

The first 24 hours can make all the difference in finding your pet. To report your missing pet, call the Frankfort Township Animal control at 815-469-4907 x 3712.

When a citizen calls to report a missing pet and the animal is not currently at the kennel, a missing pet report is filled out by the staff member taking the call. With accurate information every effort is made by the ACO to reunite the lost animal with their owner.

Sometimes pets slip out after a bath or they just don't wear their tags and we are unable to connect them with their owner. In this event, Animal Control scans the found animal, looking for a microchip identification (a tiny injectable chip detected and read by the scanner). If you find a pet, call us and thank you for caring

### Register and Tags

Pet ID Tags are to be purchased annually for \$5.00 from the Township or from your



Village Hall. You must provide proof of updated rabies vaccination.



### Wildlife

The Township doesn't handle any nuisance wildlife; the Department of Natural Resources does not allow the trapping of wildlife without an issued permit. Contact a trapper if needed. See Animal Control in the Frankfort township website for the listing of local trappers.

## WILL COUNTY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist Will County low-income eligible household pay for winter energy services.

LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of payment is determined by income and household size. An overdue bill or shut-off notice is not required. You do not have to

own your home or pay energy bills directly to be eligible for assistance. Your source of fuel does not have to be natural gas or electricity in order to receive assistance.

The LIHEAP program also includes an Emergency Furnace Component that will repair or replace non-operational heating systems for income-eligible homeowner-occupied residents. This program is offered

starting in October for income eligible household seniors and persons with disability and November for everyone else.

LIHEAP meets here at the Frankfort Township Community Room once a month. Please contact LIHEAP at 815-722-0722 for a list of documents you will need when applying.



## ELIMINATING ARREARAGES ON UTILITY BILLS

For low income households, utility bills can be the very difficult to pay. The cost to heat a home keeps rising at a faster rate than most incomes. Nicor Gas and ComEd now offer the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), which helps customers set up a regular monthly payment toward their utility bills. WCCCC enrolls eligible clients in these programs, and if they continue to make regular payments, their

account arrearages will be erased.

Nicor Gas offers a PIPP to LIHEAP-approved clients, with their arrearage reduced by 1/12 every month for a maximum benefit of \$1,000 for the year.

ComEd's Fresh Start is for clients who are at or below 100% of the federal poverty level and who reside in all-electric dwellings. Through this

program, ComEd will eliminate the account arrearage after six months of regular payments, up to \$1,000 per year.



Visit their web-site for other assistance programs and information. 815-722-0722. [www.wcccc.net](http://www.wcccc.net)

## Frankfort Township Food Pantry



### THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

By Marifran Drymiller, Food Pantry Director

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching and the Frankfort Township Food Pantry wants to thank all of you for your generosity and support. I specifically want to recognize the contributions of those who responded to our call for help during the summer months. We hope you will continue to give during this holiday season.

In these tough Economic times, our pantry continually takes on new families and the stock on our shelves never quite catches up with demand. It is also at this time of year that we want to

thank our wonderful Township Volunteers who help out in the pantry all year. They keep the shelves neat, clean and organized with all of your wonderful donations.

This is a great help to our Food Pantry Director, Marifran Drymiller who says, "They never hesitate when we call and take on any job they are asked to do. We wish them great blessings."

Should you wish to help us during the holiday season, be it through donations or volunteering, don't hesitate to call. Remember we are here to assist families in need in

Frankfort, Mokena, parts of Tinley Park and Orland Park. Should you need ideas for a food drive, feel free to call. A current "wish list" is attached to the Pantry Tab on our website

[www.frankforttownship.com](http://www.frankforttownship.com)

Lastly, know that our door is open to volunteers, for donations and to help our neighbors experiencing hardship.

Please keep your donations coming, we gladly accept food, cleaning supplies, paper products, gift cards, and monetary donations.



The Frankfort Township Food Pantry is located on the lower level at the East end of the building.  
11000 W. Lincoln Hwy  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
815-806-2761  
Monday—Friday

#### Dial-A-Ride, Med-A-Van *...continued from page 1*

You'll pay our regular round-trip bus fare from your home to the transfer point (Walgreens at Harlem & Route 30 in Frankfort) where a Rich Township van will pick you up. Upon your return to Walgreens, we will meet you and return you to your home. These trips must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance. Contact 815-806-8165 for additional information

**FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP OFFICES**  
11000 W. Lincoln Highway  
PO Box 782  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
815.469.4907

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**Supervisor**  
James Moustis  
**Trustees**  
Bruce Ebert  
Nick George  
Greg Griffin  
David Smith

**Assessor**  
Joseph Kral  
**Highway Commissioner**  
Bill Carlson  
**Clerk**  
Marguerite McDermed

**TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**  
**Board Meetings**  
7 pm on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month followed by Board  
Workshop on 1st Monday  
**Planning Commission**  
7pm on 1st Wednesday of the Month