



TRAILS

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Nobody likes to cut down a tree.

But in the past year, the Highway Department has been forced to remove hundreds of ash trees in Frankfort Township. Blame the Emerald Ash Borer: The destructive Asian beetle eats the ashes' sapwood, weakening limbs and large branches. One good gust of wind could bring them down, causing a dangerous situation for a vehicle, or worse yet, a pedestrian.

But now there is some good news to report. Highway Commissioner Bill Carlson's crews have begun planting beautiful, healthy new trees to begin replacing the old ones that were lost. There are several different types, all of them hardy and including London Plane Trees and various types of maples. Look for them

— they are making Frankfort Township an even more attractive place to live.



Frankfort Township Officials

Supervisor: James Moustis	Assessor: Joe Kral	Township Board meets: 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays
Trustees: Bruce Ebert Nick George Greg Griffin Dave Smith	Highway Commissioner: Bill Carlson	Board Workshop meets: Follows the meeting on the 2nd Monday
	Clerk: Nella Piccolin	Planning Commission meets: 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday
	Collector: Patrick Markham	

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN US FOR BINGO?

There's a group that gathers twice a week at the township and it's become a lot like a family.

They tease each other. They celebrate birthdays and other milestones. And like family members everywhere, they enjoy a little friendly competition. Although they don't have an official name, you might call them the Bingo buddies.

They're a group of men and women who gather every Tuesday and Friday at 11 a.m. to have

lunch and then play Bingo for the rock-bottom price of a penny a card.

Like any family, they have traditions. Don Kies calls every game, for example. He took the job a few years ago when his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Ksiazek, was one of the players. Although she has since passed away, Kies is still there, and everyone appreciates the way he clearly calls each number.

They take turns bring-

ing treats for special occasions, and if a member is ill, they send a card.

But they'd love to see their little family grow — **YOU** would

be a great addition to the group. For more information about the Bingo games and transportation to the township building on Tuesdays and Fridays, call (815) 806-2766.



THANK YOU, NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD PANTRY

The Frankfort Township Food Pantry has a new partner: The Northern Illinois Food Bank, a non-profit group that helps feed 13 communities

Now the township's food pantry has a new way and very healthy way to serve its clients.

"We have more perishable food here," said



Jodi Gallagher-Dilling, the township's senior activities director.

Walmart and Aldi now donate fresh bread, produce and meat, and Frankfort Township residents who use the pantry can stop by once a week and pick up the groceries.

On a recent Thursday, there was French bread, chicken and pork chops, and a family of

four could take several items.

"It's enough meat for a week," Gallagher-Dilling said.



AND BY THE WAY, DON'T FORGET ...

HALLOWEEN

Start planning your costume — the 5 p.m. bash on Oct. 30 will have a Disney theme. Are you a Goofy? Or is Mickey Mouse more your style? Tickets are \$20, and that includes delish dishes by Hog Wild Catering and the very entertaining Dave Fleming, a juggling magician who is

known for his balloon artistry. Make reservations by calling (815) 806-2766.

Pure Water Depot

The food pantry's clients are invited to stop by Pure Water Depot, 7218 Benton Drive, Frankfort, and pick up as much as 10 FREE gallons of water each

month. Just pick up a verification card at the food pantry and then bring in your own one-gallon or five-gallon bottles to the depot. The offer will end in December.

Pure Water Depot Inc.
7218 Benton Drive
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 806-8494

It's Almost Over

It's that time: the township's free branch pick up service will end on Sept. 30, the last Monday of the month. And remember, the service is only offered for landscape waste. The Highway Department *will not* remove entire trees.



Barbeque and Karaoke Night At the Township

Clockwise:

A tuneful trio: the very appreciative audience; a lovely lady takes the microphone; Jodi Gallagher-Dilling and Frankfort Township Supervisor Jim Moustis kick off the evening on Aug. 2; there's room in the spotlight for everyone!

ONE KINGDOM, ONE COMMUNITY, ONE GOAL



Clockwise: The young volunteers sort everything they collected; there's nothing wrong with having a little fun while working, right?; the boxes and canned goods before the organization process; bags of wholesome food, ready and waiting for the food pantry's clients to pick them up.

To make their world a better place, a group of teenagers from Lincolway-area churches collected boxes and cans of non-perishable food and then donated the food to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

“Our goal was to serve our community for its betterment, and to help them in any area we could,” explained Joy MacDonald of Danforth, a recent college graduate who led the

young people. “We wanted to raise the students awareness of needs in their own communities.”

So the sixth through twelfth grade students from Hickory Creek Community Church, Cornerstone Church, Parker Road Bible Church, and Peace Community Church joined forces as “One Kingdom, One Community, One Goal.” To

collect the food, they went door-to-door in their neighborhoods asking for donations.

“I think it was humbling to ask for help and see generosity,” MacDonald explained.

Then they took everything to the food pantry.

“I really wanted the students to see what it was like in the food pantry,” MacDonald

said. “I wanted them to see who they helped.”

They learned a lot as they worked.

“I asked them, ‘Can you imagine what it would be like if that was the only way you could feed your family?’ We talked about how it might be hard to admit that you need help,” MacDonald said.