

# NUNDA TOWNSHIP

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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR

**VOTING:** The McHenry County General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This election is for the Nomination of Federal, State and County Candidates including U.S. President, IL State's Senate and State Representatives, McHenry County Board Chairman, McHenry County State's Attorney, McHenry County Circuit Judge, McHenry County Recorder, ½ of our McHenry County Board members, as well as local Precinct Committeemen.

If you are unable to make it on March 15<sup>th</sup>, early voting will be available at Nunda Township starting Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Closed Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>) Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, hours will be from 8:30 a.m. – Noon. During early voting you may vote at any location available throughout the county.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Nunda's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL. The monthly Nunda Board meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Annual Township Meeting is to publish the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report along with the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report; to discuss and vote on matters of Township Business; and to allow constituents to speak on Township Government issues. All Nunda Township residents are encouraged to attend, however only registered voters can vote.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** We are preparing to kick off our second season at the Nunda Garden. We will be forming a stronger partnership with the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. As they expand into a larger space, we too will make the garden bigger. We are always looking for groups and individuals to volunteer.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake has done a fantastic job with helping our areas less fortunate. On Friday mornings, a truck from the Northern IL Food Bank arrives at Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake with tons of food to be distributed. Please don't arrive until after 9:30.

**SOLID WASTE REMOVAL:** Please do not store garbage and recycling cans in Nunda Township right-of-ways, as this makes it difficult to plow and maintain the roads. Please be sure to remove cans from road side as soon as they are emptied.

**BURNING ORDINANCE:** Prohibited at all times – Burning of manure, garbage, litter, etc. on any property in McHenry County, Burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (i.e. residence, school, etc.), Burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (i.e. detached garage, barn, etc.). Please visit [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or call 815-334-4585 to view a copy of the Ordinance.

- Lee Jennings  
Supervisor

**Road District Open House** – Nunda Township Road District will be hosting our first annual open house. The open house will take place at 3518 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. We encourage everyone to come and learn where, why and how your local government is using your tax dollars.



## ROAD DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

**RECYCLING UPDATES** – Nunda Township Road District had another successful year of recycling. Due to the high volume of clothing items recycled, USagain has dropped off an additional bin to collect clothing. We have also collected roughly 8,000 cubic feet of Styrofoam in 2015 for recycling. Check out our recycled shed donated by Official Heating and Cooling, a resident business located at 5214 S. IL Rte. 31 Crystal Lake, to be used for Styrofoam. A big **THANK YOU** to all residents who have dropped off waste oil! We have been able to heat our main shop entirely on recycled waste oil. Paper, cardboard, glass, Styrofoam, light bulbs, oil, car/truck batteries, and electronics can be dropped off at 3518 Bay Rd. 24/7. Paint, tires, and brush drop-off will start up again May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to the large fees for recycling batteries and a desire to use taxpayer's money effectively, we have chosen to only accept car/truck batteries. All other batteries can be brought to Batteries Plus in Crystal Lake for recycling. Some fees may apply.

Nunda Township Road District does NOT recycle: televisions, monitors, grass, leaves, alkaline batteries (AA's, AAA's, C's, D's) or Lithium batteries, mattresses, mirrors, gas, cooking oil, toilets or any other personal property.

**POLLUTED RUNOFF** – Nunda Township Road District maintains storm water systems along its roads and highways by managing the quality and quantity of storm water discharge in compliance with NPDES regulations. Following all essential procedures and requirements, the Road District is working to preserve, protect and improve Nunda Township waters. Below are some ways you can help protect our waters from pollution...

As storm water flows over driveways, lawns, and side-walks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. The polluted water flows through a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river wetland, or coastal water. This drainage discharges untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Homeowners can do their part in protecting our waters by keeping common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground with **Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water:**

# ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

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## Vehicle and Garage

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water on the pavement.

Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible.

Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand. Properly dispose of the absorbent material.

Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations.

## Lawn and Garden

Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain.

Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

## Home Repair and Improvement

Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains. Protect them from debris and other materials.

Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.

Paints, solvents, and cleaners follow directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately and dispose of the waste safely. Store properly to avoid leaks and spills.

Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints.

Properly dispose of excess paints through a hazardous waste collection program or donate it to local organizations.

Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.

Reduce the amount of paved area by increasing the vegetation in your yard. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns.

## Swimming Pool and Spa

Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.

Properly store pool/spa chemicals to prevent leaks & spills.

## Septic System Use and Maintenance

Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and the septic tank pumped every 3 to 5 years. Do not drive/park vehicles on septic system area.

Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system.

☞ **Nunda's 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck** People of all ages are invited to the Nunda Township facility at 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, on July



16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., to view and climb around on your trucks and equipment. Vendors and friends of the township will have their equipment on display as well. Bring the whole neighborhood, admission is FREE. If you would like your Nunda business to participate, please contact the Highway Commissioner, Mike Lesperance, at 815-459-4410. (You may want to have the children wear old clothes, as there will be a sand pile)

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**From the Clerk – Township History** – Here are a few interesting facts: the Nunda Township Clerk's office houses the official minutes dating back to 1857. Statutorily, township minutes must be maintained forever. It has been fascinating to me to thumb through some of these fragile, documents.

In a day where keyboards, iPads and cell phones have taken over pen and paper, the 1857 minutes were maintained within a worn, leather bound cover with penned minutes. Unfortunately, the back cover is missing. The handwriting itself displays a lost art of quality penmanship not seen or taught today.

A large amount of the annual books are in binders where the minutes changed from penmanship, to old time typewriters that used keys that struck through a typewriter ribbon onto the paper. Most of these initially recorded books were in a legal format. Minutes were lengthier, documenting more as verbatim minutes.

Documented in May 14, 1956, the board meeting went from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. During a time, where the township consisted of more farm land than it does today, and with farmers working sun up to sun down, it makes me wonder if perhaps later board meetings reflected the needs of the farmers.

Earlier minutes for the 1960's, referred to our current trustees as "township auditors".

- **Angela Koscavage, Township Clerk**

**Thinking of having your driveway repaved?** If you live on a road maintained by the Township, please call us to come out and inspect your culvert. It makes no sense to put new pavement over a rusted-out culvert. We will come out, inspect the culvert and replace it if needed.

**Sandbags** - Although we always hope we won't need them, the Road District has, in stock, approximately 80,000 sandbags ready to be filled if needed. Bags are available with a minimum one (1) day notice. We usually have a few on hand for small unexpected events.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** You may have noticed our newly painted plows; your road crew rebuilt, sandblasted and painted all 15 of our plows this past summer



## Assessor - Dennis A. Jagla CIAO-I

Spring is just around the corner, and you may be thinking about adding a deck, pool or room addition to your home this season. However, don't forget to apply to your local building authority for a permit before you begin construction.

The Illinois Homestead Exemption Program allows homeowners to add certain improvements without an immediate tax liability. After the project is completed, a maximum of \$25,000 of assessed value (\$75,000 in market value) may be deferred under this program. For four years, this exemption will defer any increase in the assessment of your property due to the added improvement. It is available to all residential properties that are owner-occupied as the primary residence.

### **Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption** –

The Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption provides a reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owned by a veteran with a service connected disability. Beginning in tax year 2015, a \$2,500 homestead exemption is available to a veteran with a service connected disability of at least 30% but less than 50%; a \$5,000 homestead exemption is available to a veteran with a service connected disability of at least 50% but less than 70%; veterans with a service connected disability of at

least 70% are exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residence. This exemption is available to the unmarried surviving spouse of a service connected veteran provided that the veteran was in receipt of the exemption prior to their death.

Additionally, the unmarried surviving spouse of a service member killed in the line of duty is exempt from paying property taxes on the primary residence. Once approved, qualifying veterans and surviving spouses must file an annual application by the counties deadlines to continue receiving this exemption. To apply for this exemption, please contact or visit McHenry County Assessment Office 815-334-4290.

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### Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Supervisor's Office

3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake

Saturday March 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget your Baskets and Camera  
(Rain or Shine)



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### Have You Tested Your Water?

Pick up a water test kit, at the Supervisor's office, any day during regular business hours and drop off samples to be tested on any Tuesday (excluding holidays) between 7:30 - Noon. Fees billed by McHenry Co. Health Dept. During the months of April and August the cost for a standard water test is reduced to \$18.00.

### Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, at no cost, and sent with your application. Make sure to bring State ID.

### Rent the Hall – Picnic Area

The Nunda Town Hall or the Picnic/BBQ Area is a great place to host your next event. Call for availability 815-459-4011.

### Notary Public

Available daily – No Charge

### Voter Registration

Registrar available daily. Registration closes 28 days prior to any election.

**Supervisor**  
Lee Jennings

**Assessor**  
Dennis A. Jagla-CIAO-I

**Highway Commissioner**  
Mike Lesperance

**Town Clerk**  
Angela Koscavage

**Trustees**  
Thomas Palmer  
Edward Dvorak  
Mike Shorten  
William Boltz

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**Roads being paved this year:** Pleasant Hill Rd., Bridlewood Ln., Hazelwood Dr., Skyline Dr., Wyndsong Ct., Blue Island Ave., Highland Ave., Lands Ct., Overland Dr., Maple St., Palm St., Pine St., Col. Holcomb Dr., Federal Ct., Bergren Ct., Fox Run, Rawson Bridge Rd., Cedardel St., Scheid Ln., and Silver Creek Tr.

Silver Creek Trail will be a new road being built by the Road District on land donated by Marge and Tom Ruhnke and McHenry County Conservation District. It will serve 5 residences, Port Barrington Marina and Conservation District users. The Road District wishes to thank the donors and all the residents who gave temporary construction easements to see this project completed. (Teamwork) Check out our Website, [www.nundaroaddistrict.com](http://www.nundaroaddistrict.com), to see when your street is scheduled for an upgrade.

The Road District ditching crew will continue with drainage improvements in Riverdale Subdivision this summer. Blue Island will be completely rebuilt with curb and gutter to address flooding concerns. The Road District will continue coordinating with our neighbors, Township and Municipalities, assisting them with their asphalt restoration plans.



## Township Offices

**Assessor's Office** 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F  
**Supervisor Office** 3510 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:30 – 4:00 M-F  
**Road District** 3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 5:00 M-F Saturdays by Appoint.

