

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As you may know, this has been a busy year for Nunda Township. I'm glad to say that our new township offices have taken on a more inviting look. The 1st day in office, our new Highway Commissioner removed the barbed wire fence and gates. This certainly makes our offices look more appealing and shows that we are here to serve the public. STOP IN AND SAY HI!

Secondly, I would like to mention the Spring 2013 Flooding. Over a 6 day period, Nunda Township was able to produce, deliver and place more sandbags than any other municipality in the area. The process ran like clockwork and was truly a sight to be seen. With the exceptional cooperation between the new and outgoing Highway Commissioners, the dedication of our road crew and the unwavering help of so many volunteers, we were able to save countless numbers of homes from damage or total loss. A HUGE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT PITCHED IN!

Bring on the snow! As if having one of our snowiest winters on record wasn't enough, we have also had record breaking low temperatures. Once again, our road crew has done a fantastic job of keeping the roads open for safe travel. KUDOS TO THEM!

Aside from one veteran Trustee and our Assessor, we have all newly elected officials at Nunda Township. We have already made many positive changes and will continue to make more as we go. While we may hit a few bumps, we would appreciate your patience as we find our way. I'd like to thank the many residents who have already blessed us with their well wishes for continued success.

The Supervisor's office has been busy trimming costs at many levels and are well on track of our main objective of establishing a balanced budget AND building a reserve. Our next goal is to improve the level of services that we offer in a cost effective manner. We welcome your participation, so please call with ideas and suggestions.

- Lee Jennings

ELECTION NEWS:

On December 30, 2013, the Nunda Township Board approved a resolution to place a binding referendum question on the Tuesday March 18, 2014 General Primary ballot. This referendum question is to request that the voters allow Nunda Township to contract for consolidated solid waste removal services within the unincorporated areas of Nunda Township. While the referendum question may be worded oddly (see next page), what it would mean is that if you live within an unincorporated area of Nunda Township, a single solid waste hauler would be the exclusive provider of curbside collection of garbage, recyclables and landscape waste in your area. This is commonly done within municipalities and results in a larger variety of solid waste (garbage) removal services at a more affordable cost. You would still pay for your service directly to the waste removal company. If you live in an area where your waste removal service is already provided through a municipal contract, there would be no change to your service.

One of our main goals is to contract for waste removal services at a significant savings to you. We would have a provision for a senior citizen discount and options for smaller containers for seniors. These services will include seasonal landscape waste pick-up, multiple leaf collections, unlimited recycling, as well as options for disposal of large items. Associated benefits to consolidated waste removal is less truck traffic in our neighborhoods and a significant reduction of wear and tear on our streets.

McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) has established similar programs within several communities with great success. In fact, MCDH has offered their assistance to Nunda Township in assuring the success of this program.

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ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Paint Drop-off

Waste paint drop-off will start up again April 7th and will continue until Fall. Nunda residents can bring in latex or oil based paint for recycling during regular business hours.

Waste Oil Drop Off

Waste oil is used to heat the Road District garages. Please bring your waste oil in during regular business hours - year round.

Brush/Branch Drop Off

Nunda Township residents can drop off brush and branches during regular business hours year round. The Township CANNOT ACCEPT ANY YARD WASTE, SUCH AS BAGGED LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS.

(No commercial dumping)

Wood Chips

All Nunda residents are welcome to come in and pick up wood chips. Seniors can call to schedule free wood chip deliveries. Deliveries are made on Saturdays by volunteer drivers during late Spring to early Fall.

Senior Bus

The Senior Bus is available M-F to transport our seniors or shut-ins almost anywhere they need to go locally. Call for appointment. Our Senior Bus driver, Dennis Parkin, has been with the Road District for 14 years.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Mr. & Mrs. Kopsell for an exceptionally smooth transition into office.

I would like to thank ALL Nunda residents for their patience during this very long snow season. I have thoroughly enjoyed plowing one of the routes and getting to know the other eleven drivers.

Our foreman, Cory Scott, as a 15 year member of the Road Crew is incredibly gifted at knowing the weather and what needs to be done.

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ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

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I have relied on him to make the tough calls such as when to call the crew in, when to send them out, when to salt, when to use liquid to speed the melting process, and how much sand to add to the mix as well as how much material to put down. Cory's wife (Whitney) and son (Caden) even get in on the action by tracking the weather all winter long from home, giving dad the support he needs to keep our Nunda residents safe.

Jason Kolata, a 5 year veteran road crew member, was dispatched to Washington, IL soon after the disastrous tornado hit this past fall. His emergency assistance in clearing debris from the roads was crucial to their recovery efforts.

Thank you Jason, for your service throughout each of those long and difficult days. Washington Township Highway Commissioner, Jerry Meyer, stated that you represented Nunda Residents exceptionally well.

Dave Clinge will retire this June. He has been at the Road District for 29 years. He has a vast range of knowledge and has spent this Winter training others to pick up where he will leave off. Dave has always made time to help others. We here at Nunda thank you for nearly 3 decades of faithful service and wish you and your wife Ruth Ann many years of healthy retirement. Thank you Dave!

John Fuller, a 14 year veteran, will take over for Dave in the Sign Dept. Along with that responsibility, John will assume Dave's tasks of setting up voting booths, tracking JULIE locates, repairing mailboxes, steaming frozen culverts, plowing, stump grinding, and interim senior bus driver. Good Luck John – you have big shoes to fill.

Thanks to the entire road crew for a job well done and maintaining great attitudes all winter long.

Looking forward to Summer!

Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner

To save you money and help preserve our roads, please vote **YES** for the following referendum question at the General Primary Election on March 18th.



Shall the Township Board of Nunda Township be allowed to exercise the powers conferred by Article 210: Township Refuse Collection and Disposal, of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1-210 et seq. to make contracts with any city, village, or incorporated town or with any person, corporation, or county for more than one year and not more than 15 years i) relating to the composting or recycling of garbage, refuse, and ashes within the unincorporated area of Nunda Township or ii) relating to the collection and final disposition or relating solely to either the collection or the final disposition of garbage, refuse and ashes within the unincorporated area of Nunda Township



Nunda Community Garden

Help us help Nunda's needy. We would like to start a community garden to provide fresh foods for donation to local food banks. We need volunteers to help with the gardening. To sign up or for further information please call 815-459-4011 or email the Supervisor's office at super@nundatownship.com

The Easter Bunny will be coming to Nunda!
Supervisor's Office – 3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake
Saturday April 12th at 11:30 a.m.
Don't forget your Baskets and Camera
Rain Date: April 19th at 11:30 a.m.



Seniors

JOIN OUR PINOCHELE GROUP
AT THE TOWN HALL

MONDAY & THURSDAY 12:00 – 3:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

RICHIE BIESTEK 815-455-1255



Assessor - Dennis A. Jagla CIAO-I

Spring is right 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.

If you have questions regarding the home improvement exemption or other questions regarding your property assessment, call the Nunda Township Assessor's office at 815-459-6140 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For a full list of assessment exemptions, visit the Assessor's web page at www.nundatownship.com.

Clerk's Corner – Angela P. Koscavage

Early Voting will take place at the Nunda Township Supervisor's office, 3510 Bay Road, C.L. Any resident of Nunda Township can vote at the Supervisor's office during Early Voting.

Dates for Early Voting:

- March 3rd – 15th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- NO VOTING on Saturday, March 8th or Sunday March 9th.
- Voting is open Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Early voters must show valid photo I.D. such as a current Illinois driver's license or a State I.D. Early Voting will ensure your vote being cast on Election Day despite any inclement weather conditions. On Election Day, March 18th, voters are required to vote at their precinct location.

KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE!

Visit www.nundatownship.com for a link to the County Clerk's website to get your sample ballot.

Keep Warm as we all look forward to Spring!

- Angela

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 month of April 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.

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.

Township Hours

Assessor's Office 7:00 – 3:30 M-F

Supervisor Office 7:30 – 4:00 M-F

Road District 7:00 – 5:00 M-F (7:00 – Noon Saturdays)

Supervisor
Lee Jennings

Assessor
Dennis A. Jagla-CIAO-I

Highway Commissioner
Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk
Angela Koscavage

Trustees
Thomas Palmer
Edward Dvorak
Mike Shorten
Edward Gil, Jr.

Contact Information
Supervisor: super@nundatownship.com - 815-459-4011
Assessor: assessor@nundatownship.com - 815-459-6140
Road Dept: highway@nundaroaddistrict.com - 815-459-4410



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U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
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Local
Postal Customer

NUNDA ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Nunda Township Hall
3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL

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 approve the sale of Township Equipment; 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 at the meeting.

Nunda Township Board Meetings

are the Second Thursday
of every month at 7:00 p.m.
(Except in April)



******* SPRING FLOODING*******

The Road District is already preparing for possible spring flooding. If flooding does occur, we will be asking for volunteers for sandbagging once again. Just as last year we may also need donations of food and drinks to support our workers/volunteers.

We have developed a new Standard Operating Procedure that will allow our staff and volunteers to be even more productive and responsive. We will again produce sandbags for pickup at our facility and do our best to deliver when/where necessary.

For flooding issues, contact us at:
815-459-4410