



THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOCUS



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Dear Orland Township Resident,

Orland Township is always looking for new ways to meet our residents' needs and enhance their quality of life by providing exemplary and convenient services. We're therefore thrilled to partner with the Illinois Secretary of State's office to locate an express driver's facility, together with essential services, within the Township administrative building.

When Orland Park opted to stop hosting the express office in its Village Hall building, the Township immediately committed to retain that asset in the heart of our community. When it opens under our roof this fall, local residents, especially seniors, will continue to enjoy easy access to basic services including driver's license and vehicle registration renewal. Eventually, we hope this office also will offer residents the option to obtain the REAL ID.

Paul O'Grady
Orland Township Supervisor

We're excited about the addition of this new service and to continue offering the Township's full menu of initiatives for seniors, youth, families and other community members. We thank Sen. Bill Cunningham, whose district includes much of Orland Township, for helping to coordinate the agreement to keep the Secretary of State's office in our community.

Voter Health & Safety

The nation is preparing to vote in this presidential election amid extraordinary challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here in Orland Township, our chief concern is the health and safety of voters, election volunteers and staff. When our administrative building serves as an early voting site for two weeks prior to the election, we will enforce physical distancing and mask wearing among other measures to help prevent the spread of the virus.

And if you prefer not to vote in person, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of the state's vote-by-mail program, which the legislature has boosted this election to safely encourage greater voter participation. The Township will have on site a secure drop box for voters preferring to deliver mail ballots straight to the Cook County clerk's office. Please see the Clerk's Column on page 3 of this *Focus* for more information.

Public Services in the Era of COVID-19

Township exercise classes and other activities are suspended to help protect the well-being of residents, but critical operations – such as transportation services for seniors, and distribution of food to families in need – continue unabated.



During recent drive-thru grocery distributions, the Township Food Pantry provided more than 500 local families with non-perishable food items and other essentials. We appreciate the generous donations and other contributions from local businesses, organizations and individuals – without which this service would not be possible.

The Township's summer job fair, held outside, connected job seekers with more than 20 companies from a variety of industries. With far too many residents facing unemployment or underemployment, we are glad to help these men and women find meaningful work opportunities.

And to help entertain seniors, the Township in June hosted a drive-in concert. The Band Sundance played popular hits of decades past, moving some couples to dance arm in arm beside their cars.



The pandemic presents obstacles for all of us. But to the best of our ability, Orland Township will continue to fulfill our mission to provide valuable and essential services to our community. If you need help or have any questions, please call us at (708) 403-4222. Please also visit us online at orlandtownship.org.

We're *your* Township, and we're working for you.

Sincerely,
Paul O'Grady

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Upcoming

Mark your calendar

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Elected Officials

Paul O'Grady
-Supervisor-

Cindy M. Murray
-Clerk-

Patrick Feldner
Maria Sanfilippo
Antonio Rubino
John Lynch
-Trustees-

Rich E. Kelly
-Assessor-

Brian H. Younker
-Highway Commissioner-

Office Locations
Main Office
14807 S. Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
Phone: (708) 403-4222
Fax: (708) 403-4260
•Administrative Office•
•Assessor's Office•
•Youth & Family Counseling Services•
Phone: (708) 403-4001

•Highway Department•
16125 S. Wolf Road
Orland Park, IL 60467
Phone: (708) 403-5148
Fax: (708) 403-5165

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Board Meetings

Orland Township board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Orland Township Boardroom, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.

Board meetings are open to the public and meeting agendas and minutes may be found on the Orland Township website, orlandtownship.org

THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOCUS

Orland Township
14807 S. Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462

Orland Township's administration building will soon include a driver's services facility. Here's what you need to know.

Following the announcement that the Illinois Secretary of State will open a driver's services facility in the Orland Township administration building, our phones began ringing off the hooks with residents' questions. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers.

Q: When is the Secretary of State express office opening in the Township building?

A: At the time of this *Focus* publication, a date had not yet been determined.

Q: Why is the Secretary of State drivers' express office moving to the Township building?

A: The Village of Orland Park terminated its agreement with the Secretary of State's Office to house the facility in the village hall building. To help ensure the facility remains in the area and conveniently available to local residents, Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Secretary of State's office reached an agreement to relocate the driver's services facility across Ravinia Ave. and into the Township building.

Q: Is the Township building big enough to accommodate the Secretary of State's driver's services facility?

A: Prior to reaching an agreement and making the announcement, Supervisor O'Grady invited representatives from the Secretary of State's office into the Township building to see first-hand the space available. Those representatives viewed and measured the space and are confident that, with some modifications, the space is more than adequate.

Q: Does the Secretary of State facility moving into the Township building mean the end of Township activities such as Senior Drop-In (bingo), senior luncheons, and fitness classes?

A: No. All Township activities will continue. Supervisor O'Grady would not bring the Secretary of State facility into the Township building if it could not co-exist with all the Township's regular activities.

Q: Why didn't Township activities resume when Illinois moved into Phase 4 of Restore Illinois?

A: There are several reasons activities have not yet returned to normal at the Township and they all focus on the health, well-being and safety of residents, especially our seniors.

First, due to the number of residents that participate in our various activities, maintaining the social distance as recommended by the CDC guidelines would be extremely difficult, given the space we utilize for these activities. We would need to limit the number of individuals and did not feel there was a fair way to go about doing that.

We also did not deem it safe or healthy to hold fitness classes with the mask requirement. Breathing through a mask during physical activity can be difficult. And if any of our senior participants have breathing issues, we did not want to risk exacerbating their condition with the mask requirement.

The construction that will be occurring to personalize the space for the Secretary of State's office will make portions of the building temporarily off-limits to the public and pose a potential safety hazard to the curious. Prior to construction, some Township staff will be moving their offices to other areas of the building and other Township items will be relocated.

Additionally, upcoming early voting at the Township building will mean high volumes of individuals visiting the Township building throughout the day, both of which will make regulating the number of individuals in the building at any given time difficult and parking around the building challenging.

All of the above factors contributed to the decision to suspend activities until early 2021.

Q: When the Secretary of State's office does open in the Township building, what services will it provide?

A: The Secretary of State will operate independently from the Township. Our understanding is that it will be an "express" facility, offering limited services. We are, however, encouraging them to expand services and include Real I.D. and senior driving tests. Please visit the Secretary of State's office online at cyberdriveillinois.com or call (312) 793-1010 for more information.

Congratulations, Orland Township Scholarship Recipients

The Orland Township Scholarship Foundation hosted a dinner in July to recognize recipients of 2020 scholarship awards. Twenty-two local high school graduates were awarded funds for their first year of college, with the scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

The fiesta-themed dinner, from Joey's South of the Border taco truck, was held outside, under a tent in the Township's parking lot. Guests were seated at tables of four with family members, to allow for social distancing, and asked to wear masks.

"This year's scholarship dinner, like so many other events this year, had to be scaled back due to pandemic guidelines," said Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady. "We are proud of these students and wanted to recognize them for their hard work during high school and wish them the best in the next chapters of their academic careers."

Recipients of the 2020 Orland Township Scholarship Foundation awards are:

Carl Sandburg High School: Michael Bonaminio, Jalen Harris, Therese Jaeger, Elizabeth Kenes, Hannah Mallo and Kayla Snaidau.

Marist High School: Angelina Marino, Abigail Ruzevich and Eliza Shroba.

Providence Catholic High School: Margaret Hurley, Kathleen Johnson, Victoria Quinlan and Kathryn Rost.

Victor J. Andrew High School: Jack Ballard, Joseph Dehaan, Madison Devine, Jonathan Laxamana, Noah O'Connor, Nicholas Persha, Logan Radgowski, Abigail Skarbek and Gia Yetter.



Orland Township Supervisor and Scholarship Foundation President Paul O'Grady (standing, center) and Orland Township Trustee and Foundation member John Lynch (standing, back left), congratulate recipients of the 2020 Orland Township Scholarship Foundation awards.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK
CINDY M. MURRAY

Early Voting at Orland Township Begins Monday Oct. 19

Multiple Measures in Place to Prevent Spread of COVID-19; Secure Drop Box Available for Vote by Mail Ballots

Orland Township, for two weeks prior to the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, will serve as an early voting site.

The health and safety of citizens during this pandemic are of paramount concern to Orland Township. To that end, we are implementing multiple precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including:

- All early voters must wear masks while waiting in line and once inside the facility. Election volunteers and Township staff also will wear masks.
- Physical distancing from others will be enforced, both outside and inside. Voting kiosks will be spaced accordingly.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be positioned inside. Pocket-sized containers of sanitizer also will be available for voters to keep upon request.
- Each voter will be provided with a single-use stylus pen to enter votes on the touch screens.
- Crews on an hourly basis will clean frequently touched surfaces including door knobs and tables.

Orland Township also will have on site, during early voting hours, a secure drop box for voters who receive absentee ballots in the mail and prefer to return them without using the U.S. Postal Service. Absentee ballots placed in the drop box will be collected by the Cook County clerk's office daily.

The ballot will feature candidates for president, Congress, the General Assembly, Cook County state's attorney, Cook County Circuit Court clerk and a Cook County-based seat on the Illinois Supreme Court. To see which candidates will appear on your ballot, visit cookcountyclerk.com, click "Elections" and then "Your Voter Information." After entering your street address, you may view a sample ballot and polling place location if you intend to vote in-person on Election Day.

Call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222 or the Cook County clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 for more information. If you're eligible to vote and not already registered, please do so at your earliest opportunity. And then let's all get out and vote!

Cindy M. Murray
Orland Township Clerk

Early Voting at Orland Township

Early voting at the Orland Township administrative building, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., begins Monday, Oct. 19 and continues through Monday, Nov. 2 – the day before Election Day.

You may vote early at Orland Township during the following dates and times:

Monday Oct. 19 through Friday Oct. 23
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Oct. 30
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Expansion of Vote by Mail

Under a new state law, local election authorities were required by Aug. 1 to mail or email a vote-by-mail ballot application to any person who voted in the primary election earlier this year, the 2019 consolidated election, or the 2018 general election. Any person who registered to vote or changed his or her registration address after the 2020 primary election, through July 31, 2020, also should receive an application.

The law expands early voting hours at permanent polling places, improves the signature verification process, and makes Election Day a state holiday.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter also may go online to complete a mail ballot application by visiting mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.gov. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 24, the Cook County clerk's office will mail ballots

to all Cook County voters requesting them. Voters applying for a mail ballot by Thursday, Oct. 1 should receive their ballot by Tuesday, Oct. 6. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is Thursday, Oct. 29.

All Orland Township voters planning to vote by mail are strongly encouraged to request their ballots – and then submit the completed ballot – as early as possible. A voter may confirm receipt of their official ballot by the Cook County clerk by visiting cookcountyclerk.com, clicking "Elections," then "Your Voter Information," and then "What Is My Mail Ballot Status," or by calling (312) 603-0946.

(Sources: Cook County Clerk's Office; State Board of Elections; Governor's Office)

Key Dates for General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, Oct. 7

First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority

Sunday, Oct. 18

Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website (ova.elections.il.gov)

Monday, Oct. 19

First day of early voting at Orland Township

Monday, Oct. 26

Last day for military and overseas voters to make application for an absentee ballot

Thursday, Oct. 29

Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter within the confines of the United States

Monday, Nov. 2

Last day of early voting
Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Election Day
Last day of grace period registration and voting
Last day mail ballots can be postmarked

Voter Registration Options

Registering to vote in Orland Township is easy and convenient. If you're eligible to vote but not already registered, please do so at your earliest opportunity. You may register online, by mail, or in person. You must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 3, 2020 general election
3. Be a resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
4. Not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution as a result of a conviction.
5. Not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

Ways to Register

If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, online registration is available via the State Board of Elections website (ova.elections.il.gov) through Sunday, Oct. 18.

To register by mail, you may download an application from the State Board of Elections website, complete it, and then return it.

You also may register in person at any of the Cook County clerk's locations, including those in Bridgeview, at 10220 S. 76th Ave., or in Markham, at 16501 S. Kedzie Ave. Or register with a deputy registrar or at a village, city or township clerk's office, an Illinois Secretary of State's driver's license facility, or certain other state government offices.

If registering to vote in person, you must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Illinois driver's license
- Illinois state ID
- Employee or student ID
- Credit card
- Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- Utility bill
- Postmarked mail
- U.S. passport
- Lease or rental contract

Grace Period Registration & Voting

The standard voter registration period closes 28 days prior to Election Day, but grace period registration and voting continues the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote up to, and even on, Election Day.



Guidelines limit when and where grace period registrants can vote. During the 27-day grace period preceding Election Day, those who wish to register and vote in person may do so at one of the Cook County clerk's designated grace period locations. Orland Township, as an early voting site, also is conducting grace period registration during periods of early voting.

Individuals wishing to vote during this period must bring two pieces of identification to register. Grace period registrants **immediately cast their ballot** after registering to vote.

Election Day Registration at Your Polling Place

To register to vote or to update your voter information on Election Day, visit your home precinct and display two forms of ID. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. To find the address of the polling place for your precinct, visit the Cook County Clerk's website, cookcountyclerk.com, click the "Elections" link, choose "Your Voter Information" and then "Where Is My Polling Place."

Automatic Voter Registration

Eligible adults in Illinois also may have their voter registration information updated automatically when they interact with the Illinois Secretary of State. If visiting an office of the Secretary of State to obtain or update a driver's license or state ID, individuals are encouraged to inquire as to whether they may be eligible for automatic voter registration.

The mission of the Township Assessor is to provide information and services that are accessible, prompt and accurate. This is possible, in part, because township government is so close and responsive to the local property owner.



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR **RICH E. KELLY**

In 2019, 5,756 residents came into the Orland Township Assessor's Office for assistance with the following: analyzing their assessed valuations and filing assessment appeals, filing for the various types of exemptions which help to reduce their property tax bills, certificates of error for missing exemptions, name and address changes, property location corrections, various property tax bill questions, assessment information, actual and estimated (anticipated) property tax bill amounts, sales data, and property ownership information. The total number of phone calls received in 2019 from residents, attorneys, realtors, appraisers, banks, or other municipalities was 9,889 for a total of **15,645** client contacts for the year.

FORMS COMPLETED

1,267	Senior Assessment Freeze and Certificate of Error Applications
1,734	Senior Citizen Applications, Certificates of Error, and Senior Affidavits
389	Disabled Homeowner and Certificate of Error Applications
152	Disabled Veteran and Certificate of Error Applications
98	Name/Address Changes and Property Location Corrections
378	Homeowner and Certificate of Error Applications
2	Senior Tax Deferrals
656	Assessor and Board of Review Appeals
6	Homeowner/Senior Exemption Waivers
5	Refund Applications
4,687	Total Forms Completed



The Orland Township Assessor has a new, direct dial phone number: **(708) 403-4712**

For the 2019 tax year, Orland Township had a total of 40,844 parcels. This includes all residential properties (single-family, condominiums, and townhomes), commercial and industrial properties, vacant land, and tax-exempt properties. Orland Township covers a 36-square mile area, servicing all or parts of Orland Park, Tinley Park, Orland Hills, as well as the unincorporated areas within our boundaries. The Orland Township borders are 135th Street to the north, 183rd Street to the south, Harlem Avenue to the east, and Will-Cook Road to the west.

Reassessment Notices for Orland Township were mailed from the Cook County Assessor's Office directly to our taxpayers on July 22, 2020. The last date that online Appeals were accepted by them was Aug. 27. COVID-19 adjustments were reflected in the values printed on these notices. The Cook County Assessor's Office treated all property owners as if they had formally appealed their 2020 assessments based on COVID-19's impact on their property values. 2020 assessment changes will be reflected on the 2020 Second Installment Property Tax Bills payable in the summer of 2021.

The next opportunity to file an appeal should be sometime in November through the Cook County Board of Review. Taxpayers may view the dates and deadline for the 2020 Appeal session at cookcountyboardofreview.com. We will schedule "phone appointments" **only** to assist any taxpayers who may be interested in further appealing their adjusted values. We will use our Assessor Information Manager (AIM) software program to select comparables for taxpayers to use in order to help them complete their online appeal process.

In closing this article, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all taxpayers in our Township to review their Second Installment Property Tax Bills annually to make sure that the proper exemption(s) are being applied. One or more of the following exemptions may appear on the Second Installment Tax Bill:

- Homeowner Exemption
- Senior Exemption
- "Senior Freeze" Exemption
- Persons with Disabilities Exemption
- Veterans with Disabilities Exemption
- Returning Veterans Exemption

If you have any questions, you may contact me or one of my staff, Mary Ellen Colletti or Lea Sullivan, at (708) 403-4712. We will be happy to assist you.

ORLAND TOWNSHIP SHRED-A-THON & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, September 19

Avoid a line... and come anytime between

8 am-Noon

**Orland Township Highway Department
16125 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!

**This event is for Township residents ONLY, please bring ID
For more info, call (708) 403-5148.**

**SPONSORED BY ORLAND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PAUL O'GRADY
& HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER BRIAN YOUNKER**



Paper Shredding

All Paper Shredding will be **FREE!**

- Limited to 5 banker boxes per vehicle
- **NOT** intended for businesses

Electronic Recycling

Coupon Fee for All Televisions and Computer Monitors

- Screen (measured diagonally) smaller than 21 inches: \$25
- Screen (measured diagonally) 21 inches or larger: \$35

Payment via CREDIT CARD ONLY

Visit orlandtownship.org and go to

"Electronic Recycling" for a list of accepted items. Electronic Recycling is available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Highway Department, 16125 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park



Following Guidelines set forth by the CDC, residents attending MUST:

- **Wear a face mask when interacting with Township staff**
- **Stay in their vehicle at all times**
- **Place shredding and recycling items in the trunk or cargo area of vehicle. Township staff will unload your vehicle.**

The Highway Department maintains the residential streets and public right of way in unincorporated Orland Township. This includes repair and construction of streets, storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs and street signs.



REPORT FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER
BRIAN H. YOUNKER

The Highway Department maintains and services more than 23 miles of roadway, as well as bridges and road rights of way in unincorporated Orland Township, keeping them safe and accessible. Our efforts include repair and construction of streets, storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs and street signs. We also are responsible for snow removal, street sweeping, street lighting and culvert replacement.

Improving the safety and overall appearance of our community is a cooperative effort between residents and government; positive changes occur when we work together. Please help support Orland Township by reporting illegal dumping, street light outages, potholes, or broken or missing street signs to the Highway Department Maintenance Facility.

The Highway Department stands ready to serve the area's growing population. Our facilities are located at 16125 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery: Sunday, November 1

Smoke detectors save lives, but they cannot operate with dead batteries. Change the battery when the time changes.



Trash and Litter

Debris, such as plastic bags, six pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts, can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds if washed into waterbodies. Always dispose of trash and litter in an approved receptacle.



Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

When walking your pet, please remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and, eventually, into local waterbodies.

Tree Trimming

Tree trimming is necessary to remove potential hazards to vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. Vehicles and snowplows on the road require a clearance of 12 feet above the street (even with the curb line). A clearance of six feet above the sidewalk is necessary for pedestrians. In residential areas, highway signage must be visible from a distance of 225 feet. If residents do not trim their trees according to these guidelines, Township workers will trim the trees.

SAFETY FIRST: Always wear eye and ear protection, and other safety gear as appropriate, when operating a chain saw or other dangerous tools.

Autumn Leaves

While raking or blowing your leaves, please do not put them in the street. The leaves then blow and clog up the sewers. In addition, do not rake or blow the leaves in the retention areas as doing so will clog the flow of water. Make sure your lawn service company also is aware of this. Thanks for your attention to this matter. Please follow the established methods of your refuse contractor for disposing of leaves and yard waste.



**Planning to dig?
Call J.U.L.I.E. first!
811 or (800) 892-0123**

**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Unincorporated Street Sweeping

Street Sweeping for unincorporated subdivisions will be scheduled in November. Dates will be posted on the Township's website, orlandtownship.org, when available.



Please cooperate by moving vehicles from the street.

**Please report any road-related concerns directly to the Highway Commissioner's Office
(708) 403-5148**

Street Maintenance

Maintenance, resurfacing and rehabilitation of the Township road system require an ongoing management program to identify and prevent premature failure of the pavement base and surface. Last year's maintenance and repair activities included asphalt patching, pothole repair, sweeping, and shoulder grading.

Recycling Services Available at the Orland Township Highway Department, 16125 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park

Recycling Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Coupon Fee for All Televisions and Computer Monitors
Screen (measured diagonally) smaller than 21 inches: \$25
Screen (measured diagonally) 21 inches or larger: \$35

Payment can be made via CREDIT CARD ONLY online or at the site upon drop off.

Please visit orlandtownship.org for a list of accepted items and to purchase the electronics recycling coupon online. Please bring a copy of the coupon with you when recycling items.

Other Recycling Resources

Orland Township frequently receives inquiries from residents concerning how and/or where they can dispose of items such as compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, batteries, or oil-based paint. Our department always tries to help residents find a proper disposal site and we would like to share an online recycling directory we have found to be useful and easy to use: earth911.com.

At that site, you will find a list of items commonly recycled. Simply click on an item and enter your zip code and the closest recycling location(s) will appear on the screen. If an item you would like to dispose of is not listed, you can enter the item in the designated box along with your zip code and the closest location(s) for recycling that item will appear.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) also provides useful information as well as collection sites for household hazardous waste. Please visit epa.illinois.gov, choose the "Citizens" dropdown menu, and then click "Citizen's Information."

Please note: The Electronics Recycling Center will be **CLOSED** the following days for holiday observances:

- Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day)
- Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day)
- Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving)
- Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas)
- Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1 (New Years)



At the Highway Department you will find a Paper Retriever Bin. This bin is yellow and green and is specifically for newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, office/school papers and junk mail. Recycle mail only if you feel comfortable leaving it in the recycling bin.



In addition to the Paper Retriever, the Highway Department has a blue WeSort container specifically for items such as cardboard boxes (cereal, tissue, frozen food), cartons (milk, juice, broth, soup), aluminum, tin and other metal cans, and plastic bottles. Please visit orlandtownship.org, navigate to the Highway Department page, and click "Learn More" under "Recycling Information" for a link to a list of acceptable items.

Proper Discharge of Sump Pumps: It is unlawful to discharge any sump pumps onto Township sidewalks or roads. The standing water exacerbates pavement deterioration and creates an ice hazard in winter. Drain hoses should be directed to the natural ditch between homes so water will follow grade.

The Orland Township Health Services department provides quality health services that meet the needs of our residents, focusing on wellness, prevention, education and safety.

For more information about all our services, please call (708) 403-4222.



Health Services Chair Patrick Feldner

ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES



Immunization Clinics

Health Services administers vaccines provided through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to Orland Township residents, age 18 and under, who are uninsured, underinsured (vaccines not covered under current medical plan), insured by Medicaid Title XIX (19), or are Native American (American Indian/Alaskan Native).

Township children meeting the above requirements are charged a \$10 administration fee per shot. Children residing outside the Township, but who are otherwise eligible, are charged a \$20 administration fee, per shot, that is applied at the time of service. Cash or charge only are accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: Orland Township's Health Services department can no longer accept Medicaid Title XXI (21).

You can visit cdc.gov for information about the VFC program and guidelines for eligibility.

Upcoming Clinic Dates

	Times
Tuesday, Sept. 8	5:30 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10	9 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 10	5:30 to 8 p.m.

All clinics are held at the Orland Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., **Please note: the remaining clinics will be by appointment only. Please call (708) 403-4222 to schedule an appointment.**

Additionally, in accordance with CDC guidelines, anyone entering the Township building must wear a face mask. Additionally, we are asking that only the child receiving vaccines, along with one parent or legal guardian, enter the facility for the appointment.

Vaccinations will be administered **ONLY** to those children who bring an up-to-date U.S. immunization record and a Medicaid Title XIX (19) card (if applicable).

Individuals arriving to be vaccinated must eat before attending the clinic.



Wellness Wednesdays

Orland Township's registered nurse is available the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:30 to 11 a.m., by appointment, to provide the following services:

- Free blood pressure screenings
- Total lipid profile cholesterol test* without glucose (\$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents)
- Total lipid profile cholesterol test* with glucose (\$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents)
- Glucose screenings for diabetes prevention (\$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents)
- Adult vaccinations

In coming months, the nurse will be available the following Wednesdays:

Sept. 9 and 23
Oct. 14 and 28
Nov. 11
Dec. 9

*Note on Total Lipid Profile Testing

This simple, 5-minute, finger stick test is a complete cholesterol analysis that measures total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL (bad cholesterol) and HDL (good cholesterol) levels, and an overall ratio. A 9 to 12-hour fast is required and patients should drink water during their fasting period for optimum results.

Adult Immunizations

Vaccines and TB tests for adults are available at Orland Township, by appointment, on Wellness Wednesdays.

Please call the Township at (708) 403-4222 to schedule an appointment, or visit orlandtownship.org for information on available adult vaccines and applicable fees.

Nurses' Closet

Residents needing medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, and canes can utilize the Nurses' Closet and borrow items at no cost for a 60-day period.

The Nurses' Closet also provides disposable pads and adult incontinence products to residents in need.

To donate or borrow medical equipment or supplies, please call (708) 403-4222.

Hearing Screenings

Free hearing screenings (air and bone conduction testing) by South Suburban Hearing Health Center are available at the **Orland Township office** on the first Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.

In the coming months, South Suburban Hearing will have appointments available on the following Wednesdays:

Oct. 7
Nov. 4
Dec. 2

Separately, Orland Hearing Aid Center provides free screenings at the **Orland Township office** on the third Tuesday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m.

In the coming months, Orland Hearing Aid Center will have appointments available on the following Tuesdays:

Sept. 15
Oct. 20
Nov. 17
Dec. 15

To schedule an appointment, please call (708) 403-4222. Hearing screenings are open to non-residents for a \$10 fee.



Sharps Containers

Five-quart sharps containers are available at Orland Township for \$15 each (the price includes disposal fee). In order to use Orland Township's sharps disposal service, you may purchase a container from the Township and return it when full for proper disposal. For a \$10 fee, the Township will dispose of a sharps container purchased elsewhere.

For more information on proper sharps disposal, please visit orlandtownship.org.



Wellness Program

Orland Township's Wellness Program continues to provide quality services to our residents at the lowest cost. Our medical services are discounted as much as, if not more than, 50% per medical service. To select a participating physician and purchase a voucher for services, please visit the Orland Township office located at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. Proof of residency is required at the time of voucher purchase. Residents must schedule appointments with the healthcare provider directly. Preventive care is key to the health and well-being of all people. We are truly grateful for the dedicated physicians who participate in this program.

Wellness Voucher Program Fees

Pediatric & Adult Ophthalmology Exam	\$45
Dental Screening ONLY (Does NOT include cleaning or x-rays)	\$15
Dental Exam and Cleaning	\$50
Dental Exam, Cleaning and Full X-rays	\$100
Routine Podiatry Exam	\$30
Senior Podiatry Exam	\$25

Wellness Program Physicians and Groups

Dr. Megan Allen	Dr. Paul Kirschner	Dr. Lisa Wilson
Dr. Mark Alles	Dr. Cassie Koutnik	Insight Family Vision Care
Dr. John Canning	Dr. Yi Pang	Kirschner Vision Group
Dr. Margaret Cullen-Regan	Dr. David Rocco	Orland Eye
Dr. Gloria Docherty	Dr. James Sanderson	Orland Hearing Aid Center
Dr. Mark Gagnon	Dr. Birva Shah	Ridge Dental, Ltd.
Dr. Joseph Gradowski	Dr. Cynthia Sink	Silver Lake Family Dental
Dr. Genine Graff	Dr. Benjamin Ticho	So. Sub. Hearing Health Center
Dr. Stephen Heaney	Dr. Wayne Tillman	The Eye Specialists Center
Dr. Richard Holba	Dr. Dimitri Tsoukalas	The Optique
Dr. Ken Kirschner	Dr. Dawn Tuminello	

Help Bring Child Respiratory Care To Orland Township



Mobile Care Chicago is a not-for-profit organization that brings child medical services to the community with their mobile medical clinics. Children can be screened for allergies and asthma by a specialist and then have a treatment plan set up, if needed. All appointments are free of charge. For more information on Mobile Care Chicago, visit their website, mobilecarechicago.org.

Orland Township would like to bring Mobile Care Chicago's Asthma Van to the Township, but must first show community interest and need for the service.

To demonstrate the need for the service, Orland Township is asking area parents to fill out a short survey regarding their child's respiratory health. If enough residents complete the survey showing a need for the service, Mobile Care Chicago will set up a date to visit Orland Township and residents will be notified.

The Respiratory Health and Allergy Survey is available on the Township's website, orlandtownship.org and at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park. Residents are asked to complete and return the survey to the Township no later than Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Check out Orland Township's
new website!
Same address, new look!
orlandtownship.org



ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES



Dispose of Unwanted Drugs at Orland Township



Do you have old, expired or unwanted medications in your home and do not know how to dispose of them? Bring them to Orland Township and place them in a secure drop box for proper disposal by the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

There is no fee to use the drop box but some restrictions do apply. Medications can be placed in the drop box, in or out of their original containers, but can only be in pill or dry form. Liquids and syringes will not be accepted. Please use Orland Township sharps containers to dispose of used syringes. Please visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website, fda.gov, for information on proper disposal of liquid medications.

Homebound residents can call the Cook County Sheriff's Office at 1-84-GOT USD RX (1-844-688-7379) to request a free, pre-paid, pre-labeled envelope to mail their unwanted pill and dry medications directly to the Sheriff's Office for disposal.



Coast2Coast Rx Card

The Coast2Coast Rx Card is a free discount prescription card provided to residents of Orland Township. The program includes U.S. pharmacies and provides annual overall savings of up to 55%. Savings on a single prescription can range from 1% up to 95% off the retail price of the drug.

The card is FREE to use and can be used immediately by any family member. There is no age, income or other exclusion, and there are no forms to fill out. Cardholders save on both brand name and generic drugs – and may save as much as **60% on their dental needs, an average of 10% to 50% on their vision needs, and 35% on their hearing needs, diabetes supplies and lab and imaging tests.**

Simply take the card to one of the 59,000-plus participating pharmacies, including Walgreens, CVS, Costco, Sam's Club, and Target, and the savings start immediately.

Visit coast2coastrx.com to print your card.

Thank You Silver Cross Hospital!

As everyone is well aware, during the pandemic stay-at-home order, many items were in high demand and extremely difficult to find, including personal protective equipment (PPE). We want to extend our extreme gratitude to Silver Cross Hospital for their PPE donation of N-95 masks, surgical gowns and safety glasses. These items allowed our Township nurses to conduct monthly immunization clinics properly protected.



State of Illinois Disability Parking Placard



Temporary disability parking placards (valid for three months) may be obtained at the Orland Township office. You must bring in a copy of your completed **Persons with Disabilities Certification for Parking Placard/License Plates form** from the Illinois Secretary of State's office and proof of residency to receive a temporary parking placard while waiting for your permanent one to arrive from the state. Those needing a temporary parking placard (valid for up to six months) for a temporary disability **must** obtain those placards from the Secretary of State's office. For more information on disability parking placards, visit cyberdriveillinois.com.

#FIGHT FLU with ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES

Orland Township's 2020 Flu Shot Clinics are all walk-in (no appointment necessary) for anyone 3 years of age and older. Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) will also be available at the Orland Township Flu Shot Clinics to adults 19 years of age and older.

Fluzone Quadrivalent

- 3 years of age and older: **\$40**
- Fluzone protects against four different flu viruses.
- Fluzone is preservative free.

Students, 18 and younger, who are covered by Medicaid (Title 19) can receive the flu vaccine ONLY at a Township, Vaccines for Children (VFC), monthly immunization clinic.

Flublok Quadrivalent

- 18 years of age and older: **\$40**
- Flublok is 100% egg-free.
- Flublok is highly purified and preservative free.
- Three times more antigens than traditional flu vaccine.

Fluzone High-Dose

- Adults 65 and older: **\$55**
- Fluzone HD is preservative free

Individuals with Traditional Medicare Part B: **Orland Township will bill Medicare for vaccine(s).**

Those with a Medicare Advantage Plan or Retiree Plan may be able to submit vaccine receipt for reimbursement, depending on your insurance plan.

Pneumonia Vaccine(s)*

* **NO insurance accepted for Pneumonia vaccines**

Pneumovax 23- \$100

Prevnar 13- \$195

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FLU SHOT CLINICS

14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Mondays & Wednesdays • 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

September 2, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

October 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

*Please note there will be no clinics on Sept. 7 & Oct. 12 (Labor Day & Columbus Day)

Sunday, September 13 • 8 a.m. to Noon

St. Elizabeth Seton Church • 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills

Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic

Saturday September 19 • 9 a.m. to Noon

Orland Township • 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Sunday, September 20 • 8 a.m. to Noon

St. Francis of Assisi Church • 15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park

Sunday, September 27 • 8 a.m. to Noon

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church • 17500 84th Ave, Tinley Park

Please consult with your physician as to which vaccine(s) you may need.

For more information call (708) 403-4222

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that everyone attending a Township clinic wear a face mask.

The Orland Township Senior Services department produces supportive services and programs to help the seniors of our community remain active and healthy, improve their overall health and well-being and stay independent.



Senior Services Chair Maria Sanfilippo

ORLAND TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Program Registration Information

Senior residents are encouraged to register with Orland Township to receive a permanent identification number. Identification numbers are used to purchase event tickets, utilize senior transportation services and keep updated emergency contact information on file with the Township. There is no cost to register. Proof of residency is required.

Senior Health Insurance Program

Orland Township offers a **FREE** Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) to assist seniors in understanding their Medicare and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage.

Township counselors are trained and certified by the Illinois Department of Insurance and will provide accurate and objective one-on-one counseling sessions. They are not affiliated with any insurance company and will not try to sell or solicit any type of insurance. They will answer questions about Medicare and Medicare Supplemental Insurance and help individuals understand their claims and statements.

Call (708) 403-4222 to schedule an appointment with a SHIP counselor.

Orland Township Gift Certificates

Need a gift for someone special? Orland Township sells gift certificates that can be used toward the purchase of trips, dinner dance and luncheon tickets, or any other event or class sponsored by the Township. For more information, contact Senior Services Coordinator Marie Ryan at (708) 403-4222.



Home Repair Program

Are you unsure of how to find someone to hire to handle your minor home improvement project or repair? Orland Township has compiled a list of local, professional handymen and their specialties to aid in your search. The individuals and companies on the Home Repair program are not affiliated with or endorsed by Orland Township, but they are all licensed, bonded and insured. To view the list, go to the Township's website, orlandtownship.org.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, early voting and the construction at the Township building to accommodate the Secretary of State facility, all senior activities have been temporarily halted.

Orland Township hopes to resume senior activities—drop in/bingo, luncheons, dinner dances, movie days, fitness classes and trips—in early 2021. Please check our website (orlandtownship.org), our Facebook page (facebook.com/OrlandTownshipIL) and local media for updates.

Medicare Part D Drug Prescription Coverage

Open Enrollment Starts Thursday, Oct. 15
All Enrollees Should Review Coverage and Options

Medicare beneficiaries need to be aware of the upcoming Annual Coordinated Election Period for Medicare Part D drug coverage, which starts Thursday, Oct. 15 and goes through Sunday, Dec. 6.

During this period, Medicare beneficiaries who do not have a Part D plan can enroll in one, and those who do have coverage can change plans. Beneficiaries taking no action will remain in their current plan.

However, since Part D plans may make changes to their benefit packages for 2021, including changes in premiums, formularies (list of covered drugs), tiers, utilization management tools, exceptions and the appeals process, and other aspects of their plans, even beneficiaries who were satisfied with their plan in 2020 are strongly encouraged to review their options.

For more information or assistance, please call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222.

Curb-to-Curb Senior Transportation

Orland Township provides curb-to-curb transportation service for Township seniors, 55 and older. Rides to shopping areas, senior centers, restaurants, nursing homes, libraries and service providers, or for home-to-home visits, are available within Orland Township boundaries. Transportation to doctor appointments may extend beyond Township boundaries.

Rides are available from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A one-way ride within the Township is \$3 and a one-way ride outside of the Township is \$5. Due to current economic conditions, Orland Township is able to make special financial accommodations for seniors in need.

To schedule a ride, please call (708) 403-4222 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Receive Reduced-Fee License Plate Stickers and Other Benefits with the Illinois Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program

The state Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program, formerly known as Circuit Breaker, allows the Illinois Secretary of State's office to provide reduced-fee license plate stickers for senior citizens and persons with disabilities who meet specific qualifications. Other benefits include the Seniors Free Transit Ride or the Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride.

An application must be submitted online (please visit www.Illinois.gov/aging). Paper applications are not available. Proof of income must be provided at the time of submission.

To qualify for the Benefit Access Program, the following requirements must be met:

Age

- Must be 65 years of age or older by Dec. 31 of the current year; or
- Must be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled before Jan. 1 of this year.

Income Limits

- \$33,562 in filing an application for yourself only;
- \$44,533 if filing an application for yourself and your spouse;
- \$55,500 if filing an application for yourself, your spouse and at least one Qualified Additional Resident.

Residency

- You must live in Illinois at the time an application is filed.

Expiration

- Benefits are good for two years. The two-year period starts at the time you are approved for benefits.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING AN APPLICATION,
CALL ORLAND TOWNSHIP AT (708) 403-4222.**

FREE SEMINAR TO COVER ALL ASPECTS OF MEDICARE Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Orland Township will present a free "Everything You Need to Know" Medicare seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Orland Township Activity Center, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.

This seminar will cover all aspects of Medicare, including enrollment periods; Medicare Part A and B benefits, deductibles and benefit periods; Part D prescription drug plans; assignment/non-assignment; home healthcare/hospice care; skilled nursing facilities; managed care; supplemental/Medigap insurance policies; advantage plans; low-income programs and much more.

Due to CDC guidelines and social distancing requirements, the seminar will be limited to 50 participants. An additional seminar may be added if needed. All attendees will be required to wear a face mask while inside the Township building.

To register for this FREE seminar, please call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222.

Hi, I'm Blake, a feisty 5-year-old Pomeranian and I look like a Teddy Bear. I'm currently in a foster home since I need to learn some manners and trust people. When anyone tries to pet me, I shy away and nip at them. My foster mom is teaching me that people petting me is good. I still haven't gotten to the stage that I will let people pick me up. But I really like my ears scratched. And I like to go in my carrier when my mom takes me to visit at the shelter. Some people tell me I act more like a cat. I would love to be your only dog in a patient adult home. Kids frighten me.

Please give me a chance.



P.A.W.S.
PEOPLES ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
OF TINLEY PARK
815.464.7298 www.pawstinleypark.org

8301 W. 191st Street
Tinley Park, IL 60487

The Orland Township Food Pantry, located at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., provides emergency food supplies to residents in need of immediate assistance. After completing a brief application, recipients leave with bags of non-perishable items, frozen and refrigerated food, and bakery goods.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Members of Parkview Christian Church directed traffic during the drive-thru grocery distributions that were held to assist residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Support the Orland Township Pet Pantry

Help keep the Pet Pantry shelves filled! Please consider donating **cat food and kitty litter** for area families in need of assistance.

The Orland Township Pet Pantry, overseen by Supervisor Paul O'Grady, provides food and supplies for local pets and families. The Pet Pantry, in conjunction with the Orland Township Food Pantry, is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop Amazon and Support the Food Pantry



Support the Orland Township Food Pantry while shopping on Amazon. We have joined the Amazon Smile program to make it easy for individuals to support the Food Pantry, at no extra cost, while purchasing goods through Amazon.

Simply go to smile.amazon.com and sign in using your Amazon account login information. Select **Orland Township Food Pantry Fndn** as your charity and start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase made through Amazon Smile on behalf of the Food Pantry back to us.

Thank you for helping the Orland Township Food Pantry offer critical assistance to community members in need.

On Sale Now: 2021 Golden Opportunities Coupon Book

2020 Book Free with Purchase, While Supplies Last
Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer thousands of dollars in two-for-one specials and up to 50 percent off at local and chain restaurants, entertainment venues and much more. The 2021 edition of the Golden Opportunities book is now on sale for \$25 at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. When you purchase a 2021 book, you will receive a free 2020 Golden Opportunities book, while supplies last. Proceeds from the sale of the books support the Orland Township Food Pantry.



2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1

The Orland Township Food Pantry is providing holiday gifts to Orland Township families in need. Eligibility for the program is based on income guidelines.

To apply for the 2020 Holiday Program, residents must complete a brief application and provide the following:

- Proof of Residency.**
Must show picture ID with correct address for all family members ages 18 and older. (Drivers License or Secretary of State ID).
- Verification of Household Income.**
Income statement from last 30 days or unemployment documentation.
- Birth Certificates of Child/Children Residing in the household.**
Medical card or school verification is also acceptable.

Applications are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the 2020 Holiday Program and the Adopt-a-Family Program, please call Lindsay Trost or Gianna O'Malley (708) 403-4222.



Stock the Pantry

Pantry Needs:

- Boxed Stuffing
- Cake Mix
- Canned/Boxed Broth
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Cereal
- Dry Potatoes
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
(ie: RiceaRoni, Great Grains)
- Soup
- \$25 Gift Card from Your Favorite Grocer

Date & Time
Monday– Friday
9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

No Expired Food




USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Putting Health Food Program Within Reach

SNAP/LINK recipients have the following options to inquire about available benefits:

- ♦ Visit ABE.Illinois.gov
- ♦ Call (800) 843-6154 (Dept. of Human Services Helpline)
- ♦ Call (773) 843-5416 (Greater Chicago Food Depository Benefits Hotline)



Aluminum Can Drive

Cans = Cash for the Orland Township Pet Pantry

Help Orland Township maintain the Pet Pantry by collecting your aluminum cans (beverage cans only; no food cans, please) and dropping them off at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

Beverage Cans Only

NO FOOD CANS



"Together We Can" help residents in need continue to care for their four-legged family members. Pet food, pet supplies and monetary donations are always welcome. Questions? Call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222.

TOGETHER WE CAN!!!



LITTER FOR GOOD

Join the Cat's Pride Club to nominate Orland Township's Pet Pantry. Every nomination will help Orland Township's Pet Pantry receive cat litter for the cats in the Township.

1. Go to <https://catspride.com>
2. Click "Litter for Good"
3. Click "Nominate a Shelter"
4. Sign up with your name and email
5. Click "Nominate"
6. Enter "60462" in search bar
7. Choose "Orland Township Pet Pantry" to nominate



You can also participate by purchasing a green jug of litter and entering the promo code from the jug on the website.



Go to the Movies, Support the Food Pantry

The first Thursday of the month, through October, Orland Park Crossing will host a pop-up drive-in movie with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Orland Township Food Pantry. Tickets are \$10 a car and must be purchased at Eventbrite.com. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted and greatly appreciated. For more information on upcoming movies, ticket purchasing and suggested donation items, visit the Township's website orlandtownship.org and go to the Food Pantry page.

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Students from Carl Sandburg High School football team volunteered at the Township drive-thru grocery distributions that were held to assist residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteers Help Make Distributions a Success

Between April and August, Orland Township held six drive-thru grocery distributions to assist residents in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Making a 500-car drive-thru grocery distribution run efficiently takes an army of volunteers, and Orland Township was fortunate enough to have just that for each of the events!

These were “all hands on deck” events, with Supervisor O’Grady, Township Trustees John Lynch and Antonio Rubino, and Township staff leading the way. Yet these events could not have been successful without all our wonderful, hardworking volunteers! Supervisor O’Grady extends his heartfelt gratitude to all those who showed up, rolled up their sleeves and helped us help those in need:

Students from Andrew, Providence Catholic and Sandburg high schools; teachers from Jerling Junior High School; District 135 school board members Dave Shalabi and Mike Martea; officers from the Cook County Sheriff’s Police; firefighters from the Orland Fire Protection District; state Sen. Bill Cunningham; Mike and Kendall Schofield; Beth McElroy-Kirkwood, Moraine Valley Community College Trustee; Felicitas Cortez, Executive Director, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce; members of the Orland Park Prayer Center; members of Parkview Christian Church; and many, many more!



Assistance Programs Help Residents Experiencing Financial Hardship

Managed by Supervisor Paul O’Grady



Orland Township strives to support residents in as many ways as possible by providing valuable services and programs, ranging from our Food Pantry and Pet Pantry to health seminars and senior transportation. As part of this mission, the Township offers a year-round General Assistance program that helps residents meet basic needs until employment or another source of income, such as Social Security, disability or public aid, is obtained. The Township aims to help residents experiencing economic difficulty get back on their feet as quickly as possible so that a temporary setback does not become a more detrimental and permanent challenge.

“There are people in our community who are struggling financially,” said Supervisor Paul O’Grady, who manages the program. “It’s important they know we are here to help.”

The Township also offers the Emergency Assistance program, which grants financial aid to qualified individuals and families on a short-term basis to alleviate life-threatening circumstances or to assist residents in returning to self-sufficiency. The Emergency Assistance program offers many relief options, including but not limited to rent/mortgage assistance and energy/utility bill assistance.

“When one of us falls behind, we all fall behind,” O’Grady said. “Orland Township wants to help those in need get back on their feet so our community can remain strong.”

In addition to ongoing assistance, the Township offers annual support options such as the Holiday Program intended to help families struggling financially during the holiday season. Through the Holiday Program, Orland Township each year helps hundreds of families put food on their tables and share gifts with their loved ones. In 2019, the Holiday Program provided holiday gifts and meals to more than 150 local families.

To apply for any of these programs, residents must complete an application and provide verification of household size and proof of residency and income. Applications may be obtained at the Orland Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.

For more information on services provided by Orland Township, please call (708) 403-4222 or visit us online at orlandtownship.org.



NICOR GAS ‘SHARING’ PROGRAM

The Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides qualifying households with monetary relief for their natural gas bills. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income. Any residential customer can apply for a one-time annual Sharing Grant, which does not need to be paid back. The grant program is administered by The Salvation Army and funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas customers and employees.

For more information on income requirements for a Sharing Grant, and other assistance programs available to residents, please contact Alexis at (708) 403-4222. An individual household is permitted to apply for a Sharing Grant once per year.

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Students from Providence Catholic High School volunteered at the Township drive-thru grocery distributions that were held to assist residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Generosity Helps Keep the Township Food Pantry Stocked

During these difficult times, many residents, local organizations and companies have made donations to the Orland Township Food Pantry to help keep the shelves stocked. Between drop-off donations of non-perishable items, cash donations and grocery store gift cards, the Food Pantry was able to continue providing food for the more than 300 families that are served every month and the 500 families that attended each drive-thru distribution event.

Supervisor Paul O'Grady extends his sincere appreciation to: Jim Caliendo of Jane's Warriors, former Cook County Commissioner Liz Gorman, Patty Ridings and Darnise Lambert from Family Harvest Church, Orland Park Lions Club, Orland Park Bank, Orland Park Prayer Center, Marie Fuesel and family, Southside Knock-Out gym, Nocera Family (Mercedes Benz of Orland Park), Parkview Christian Church, Tim Kacerovskis of State Farm and so many more!



Orland Township Distributes Masks to First Responders

Township Seniors Sew Masks During Pandemic to Give Back to Community

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady proudly distributed face masks, hand sewn by Township seniors, to officials from the Orland Park, Orland Hills and Tinley Park police and fire departments.

The masks were the product of the Township's Operation P.P.E.P (Personal Protection for Essential Personnel). In March, Orland Township started providing materials to seniors who expressed interest in creating masks for frontline workers during the pandemic. Over the course of approximately two months, 10 Township seniors created more than 300 masks that were distributed to the local fire and police departments in late May.

"At the onset of the stay at home order, many of our Township seniors said they wanted to do something to help and give back to those working the front lines during these trying times," said Supervisor O'Grady. "We started Operation P.P.E.P. and our wonderful seniors got to work sewing masks for first responders and other frontline workers. It's our privilege to distribute these masks to the police and fire departments within the Township and we thank our seniors for all the hard work they put into this project."



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (back row, fourth from right), along with three of the Township's sewing seniors, distributed handmade face masks to police and fire officials from Orland Park, Orland Hills and Tinley Park.

Orland Township Food Pantry

After holding several, highly attended grocery distribution drive-thru events to assist residents experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Orland Township started a Go Fund Me campaign to help keep the shelves of the Food Pantry stocked.

Donations received from the campaign will allow the Food Pantry to continue to serve over 300 families a month that are in need of assistance, as well as hold the drive-thru events to provide relief to so many more in the community during these trying times. If you are able, please consider donating to the Food Pantry's Go Fund Me campaign. Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/orland-township-food-donation-drive>.

our caps YOUR CAUSE

Benefit Orland Township Food Pantry

How to help:

1. Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms milk or iced coffee in gallon or half gallon sizes.
2. Peel off the Prairie Farms cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code.
3. Go to www.prairiefarms.com/ourcapsyourcause/
4. Click Redeem Codes Now
5. Select a category; click Food Banks; select Orland Township Food Pantry Foundation
6. Enter cap codes, and donate!

Additional Holiday Donation Hours
 Tuesday, Dec. 1 - 5pm-7pm
 Wednesday, Dec. 2 - 5pm-7pm
 Thursday, Dec. 3 - 5pm-7pm
 Saturday, Dec. 5 - 9am-12pm

Orland Township 2020 Holiday Program

Orland Township 2020 Holiday Program is designed to provide food, new toys and new clothes to families in need in Orland Township. Here is how you can help make a difference. Donations of non-perishable food (please check expiration dates on all food items donated), food certificates, gift cards, new clothes and new toys are needed. Monetary donations are always welcome, too. Donations for the 2020 Holiday Program will be accepted at the Orland Township Office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY GIFT & FOOD ITEMS

Suggested Food List:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Cranberries
- Canned Vegetables
- Potatoes/ Dehydrated Potatoes
- Dry Stuffing Mix
- Jell-O/ Pudding
- Cake/ Frosting Mix
- Pie Filling/ Crust Mix
- Broth
- Soup

Other Staples

- Canned Stew/ Chili Dinners
- Pasta Sauces
- Pasta/ Noodles/ Rice
- Boxed Pasta Noodle Dinners
- Dry/ Hot Cereals
- Juice Drinks
- Peanut Butter/ Jelly
- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Apple Sauce
- Candy Canes
- Marshmallows

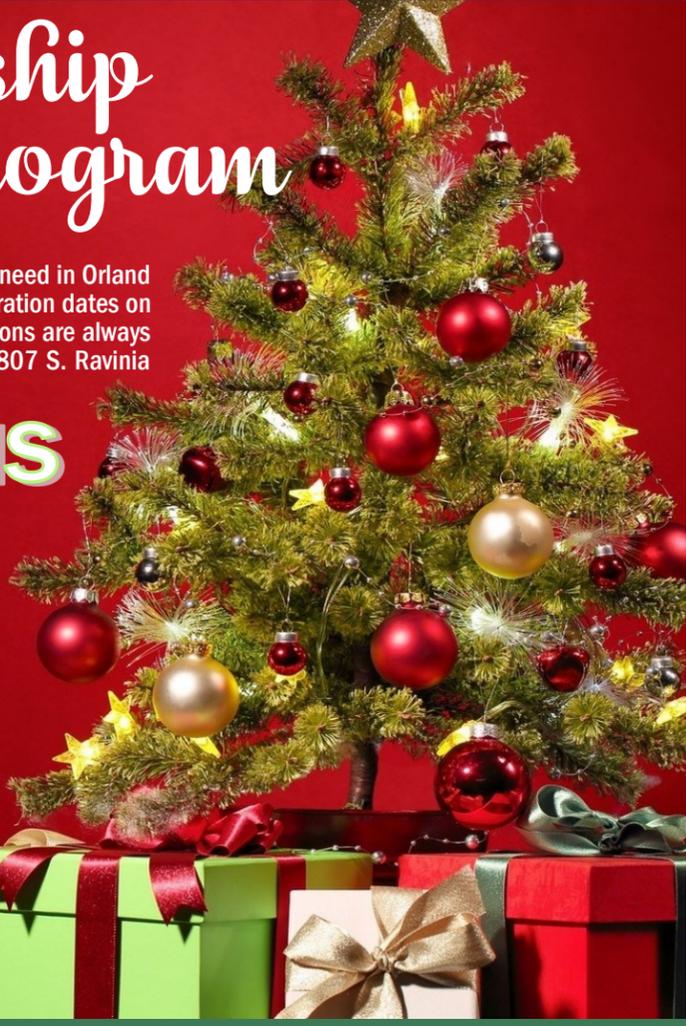
Suggested Toy List:

Please be sure all items are NEW

- Dolls & Doll Accessories
- Coloring & Craft Sets
- Miniature Car Sets
- Trucks/ Trains/ Boats
- Sports Equipment
- Board Games
- Blocks/ Building Sets
- Infant/ Toddler Toys
- Items for Older Children
- Gift Cards
-OR be creative!

Gift Cards to local grocery stores are always appreciated.

For further information, please call (708) 403-4222.



Adopt-a-Family Program

Adopt-a-Family Program begins October 19.

The Adopt-A-Family Program is designed to enhance the holiday season for a less fortunate family in Orland Township by providing them with new toys & clothing. Whether you choose a small or large family, Orland Township is certain you will make this holiday season brighter. This is a popular idea among work, church, school and social groups!

If you would like to adopt a family, or need additional information on the Adopt-A-Family Program please contact Lindsay at (708) 403-4222.

Along with our Holiday Program, Orland Township has a Giving Tree to help children in need. The Giving Tree helps ensure that no child is forgotten during this holiday season.



Starting October 19, you can come in and choose a tag off of the tree. The gift tags will have the age, sex, and desired toy or clothing for each child. All tags and gifts must be returned to Orland Township by Friday, December 11. For more information, call Lindsay (708) 403-4222.



Holiday Program Applications Available for those in Need

Planning for a happy holiday for your family is challenging if you're experiencing a financial hardship. If you are in need of holiday gifts for your children and need help in feeding your family a holiday meal, Orland Township can help.

Holiday Program applications are available beginning Thursday, Oct. 1. Eligibility for the program is based on income guidelines. To apply for the 2020 Holiday Program, residents must complete a brief application and provide proof of residency for all adults (driver's license or secretary of state ID), verification of children (birth certificate, medical card or school verification) and proof of income.

Applications are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

'Tis the Season to Volunteer

Holiday Turkey & Ham Dinner Collections at Jewel

Orland Township is looking for volunteers to pass out information about donations for holiday turkey and ham dinners. October 26 through December 23, Orland Township volunteers will be able to hand out information at the Orland Park Jewel-Osco stores located at 9350 W. 159th Street, and 17930 Wolf Road.

Holiday Food Sort

Help Orland Township's Food Pantry sort all food donations. Volunteers will be asked to check expiration dates and sort each item. Great opportunity for service hours and Girl/Boy Scout Troops! Limited availability.

To sign up to volunteer, email RobinK@orlandtownship.org or GiannaO@orlandtownship.org



ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR PAUL O'GRADY AND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Paul O'Grady
-Supervisor-

Maria Sanfilippo
Antonio Rubino
Patrick Feldner
John Lynch
-Trustees-

Rich E. Kelly
-Assessor-

Cindy Murray
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Brian H. Younker
-Highway Commissioner-



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