



# THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOCUS



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Paul O'Grady  
Orland Township Supervisor

Dear Orland Township Resident,

With vaccinations underway in Illinois, the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is finally within sight. After all that our region, state and country have been through since the start of the pandemic in March, the arrival of the vaccine comes as a great relief.

We all look forward to getting back to the lives we lived at this time last year – openly embracing our friends and loved ones, going to work or the grocery store without fear of catching the virus, and not worrying whether our parents or grandparents – or others at high risk – might become ill.

But we also know that this clearly is not the time to request more from Orland Township property owners. Now is the time for us to do the best we can with the resources we have. Accordingly, I am pleased to report the Orland Township Board of Trustees, at our mid-December meeting, voted to keep our levy flat.

Brighter days are ahead. In the meantime, we can count on the Township's employees and elected officials to continue giving their all to deliver the high caliber services and supports that help make our community such a great place to call home.

### Meeting the Challenge, Delivering Critical Services

Orland Township's core services remain full speed ahead. Here are some highlights of our programming since the start of the pandemic in March:

**Immunization Clinics:** More than 200 vaccines were provided to children; more than 450 seniors received the flu vaccine; 117 people received drive-thru flu shots. Staff nurses also traveled to administer flu shots at residents' homes.

**Food Pantry:** 2,350 households and 7,017 individuals were served; 593,790 pounds of food were distributed. To help protect the health of our staff, volunteers and residents, we expanded our drive-thru distribution of food and other essentials.

**Emergency Grocery Relief:** We hosted six drive-thru events and, in addition to food, distributed high-demand items including toilet paper, paper towels and cases of bottled water; 2,446 households and 7,130 individuals were served; gift cards totaling \$55,450 were distributed.

**Transportation:** We provided more than 4,100 rides for local seniors, ensuring these residents could retrieve their prescriptions and arrive on time for medical appointments.

**Wellness Checks:** We called more than 5,000 seniors to check on their wellness and informed them about Township services. We shared suggestions for physical exercises and mental activities they could perform at home to help stay alert and stimulated.

**Job Fair:** Twenty-four companies from a variety of industries attended and greeted job seekers.

**Early Voting:** Orland Township was the busiest suburban Cook County destination for early voting, with 17,575 individuals casting their ballots at our site in advance of the Nov. 3 general election.

**Express Driver's Services:** Together with Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, we opened an express driver's service facility at the Township building.

**Vaccination Preparation:** The Township re-registered with I-CARE (Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange) to serve as a possible COVID-19 vaccination site.

### Looking Ahead to 2021

We look forward in the coming year to again offering our full menu of initiatives for seniors, youth, families and other community members. If you need help or have any questions, please call us at (708) 403-4222. Please also visit us online at [orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org).

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

Sincerely,  
Paul O'Grady

## WINTER NEWSLETTER January - March 2021



## 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•  
(708) 403-4712

•Youth & Family Counseling Services•

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

[orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org)

## TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT WORKING FOR YOU

## 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](http://orlandtownship.org)

## THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOCUS

### New Home for the Express Driver's Service Facility: Orland Township

Please note that, due to COVID-19, the express driver's service facility is temporarily closed. The facility is expected to re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Please check [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) for updates.

Orland Township is now hosting the express driver's facility, managed by the Illinois Secretary of State's office, that previously was located in Orland Park's Village Hall.

When Orland Park opted to remove the facility from its building, the Township immediately committed to retain that resource in the heart of our community. Now under our roof, local residents, especially seniors, continue to enjoy easy access to basic services including driver's license and vehicle registration renewal.

The Township is working with the Secretary of State's office in an effort to arrange additional services at the express driver's facility that could include the option to obtain the REAL ID and the road test for seniors by appointment. The Ravinia Avenue entrance of the facility is located on the south side of the building at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. in Orland Park.

"When Orland Park acted to remove the driver's service facility from its Village Hall, it put our community in danger of losing a valuable asset," Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady said. "Adding insult to injury, Orland Park tried to steer the Secretary of State's office to a location that would have come with an exorbitant price tag for rent relative to what that office typically would pay."

According to the Secretary of State's office, officials even considered relocating the facility away from our region. Keeping it in the Township's building saved local residents the time and hassle that would have resulted from driving to Lockport, Bridgeview or Joliet to reach the same services.

"We thank Secretary of State White and his office for working collaboratively with us to keep the facility here and add yet another amenity to the Township's wide range of programs, classes and services," Supervisor O'Grady said. "Some 60,000 people visited the facility in 2019 when it was hosted by Orland Park. It's obviously a resource that is important for our community and we are proud to serve as its new home."



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Postal Customer

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

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## Orland Township Elected Officials & Secretary of State Jesse White Launch Express Driver's Service Facility



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White in the fall held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of an express driver's service facility at the Orland Township building located at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

"Orland Township does everything we can to enhance the quality of life for our residents," Supervisor O'Grady said. "We took quick action when we learned our community was in danger of losing the driver's services facility. We thank Secretary of State White and his office for working collaboratively with us to keep the facility here and add yet another amenity to the Township's wide range of programs, classes and services."

Secretary White added: "I applaud Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady for working with my office to bring the best possible service to the people of Orland Park and the southwest suburbs."

Services provided at the new Orland Township facility include:

- Driver's license renewal and vision screening
- CDL renewal and vision screening
- License plate renewals
- State ID renewal card
- Temporary disability placards, first time issuance and replacement
- Organ donor registry
- Voter registration applications

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the express driver's services facility in the Orland Township building, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park. Also attending the ribbon cutting were (from left): Orland Township Trustee Antonio Rubino, Orland Township Trustee John Lynch, Sen. Bill Cunningham, Orland Township Assessor Rich Kelly and Sen. Michael Hastings.

Supervisor O'Grady is working with the Secretary of State's office and local utilities to upgrade cable and fiberoptic infrastructure to enable the new facility to issue Real IDs.

Supervisor O'Grady also thanked Assistant Illinois Senate Majority Leader Bill Cunningham for helping coordinate the agreement between the Secretary of State's office and Orland Township.

"Thanks to Supervisor O'Grady and Secretary White, Orland-area residents will continue to receive the services they deserve," Sen. Cunningham said.

Also attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were Sen. Michael Hastings, Orland Township Trustee Antonio Rubino, Orland Township Trustee John Lynch and Orland Township Assessor Rich Kelly.

The express driver's services facility is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the services provided, please visit [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com).



Orland Township Trustee Antonio Rubino and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White



Orland Township Trustee John Lynch and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White

The ribbon cutting ceremony included congratulatory remarks from Senator Bill Cunningham and Senator Mike Hastings. Supervisor O'Grady also invited local seniors whom he credits with inspiring him to bring the Secretary of State facility to the Township building.



Orland Township Assessor Rich Kelly and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White



Tom Benigno, Illinois Deputy Secretary of State, Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady, Caryl Tietz, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Bill Eichhorn and Audrey Heitman



Felicitas Cortez, Executive Director, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, and Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
**CINDY M. MURRAY**

**Orland Township Leads Suburban Communities in Early Voting Turnout**  
*Next Election is Tuesday, April 6; Details Appear Below*

Orland Township was again the busiest suburban Cook County destination for early voting. A total of 17,575 individuals cast their ballots at Orland Township in advance of the Nov. 3 general election, according to the Cook County clerk's office, besting the next most frequented suburban early voting site by more than 3,300 voters. And that total does not include the thousands of additional voters who utilized the mail-ballot drop box located at the Township's office.

Regardless of one's partisan preferences, nearly all of us can agree that exercising our right to vote is critical. We're glad to see local residents taking advantage of the opportunity to cast their votes early and at a time of their choosing.

The health and safety of citizens during this pandemic are of paramount concern to Orland Township. To that end, we implemented multiple precautionary measures – requiring voters to wear masks while waiting in line and once inside, enforcing physical distancing, and making hand sanitizer widely available – to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Orland Township will again serve as an early voting site in advance of the Tuesday, April 6 consolidated election and the same precautionary measures will be in place. Elections for municipal and township office and a range of local positions – including community college district trustees, fire protection district commissioners, municipal library trustees, and school board members – will appear on the ballot.

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

**Key Dates for the April 6, Consolidated Election**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 6:** First day for any registered voter to apply for a mail ballot

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** First day for the election authority to mail an official mail ballot to a registered voter

**Tuesday, March 9:** Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

**Wednesday, March 10:** First day of grace period registration and voting

**Sunday, March 21:** Last day to register to vote by online application

**Monday, March 22:** Early voting begins at Orland Township

**Thursday, April 1:** Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters

**Monday, April 5:** Last day of early voting

**Tuesday, April 6:** Election Day; last day of grace period registration and voting; last day mail ballots can be postmarked

**Vote by Mail**

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may go online to complete a mail ballot application by visiting [mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.il.gov](http://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.il.gov). Beginning Thursday, Feb. 25, the Cook County clerk's office will mail ballots to all Cook County voters requesting them. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is Thursday, April 1.

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](http://cookcountyclerk.com), clicking "Elections," then "Your Voter Information," and then "What Is My Mail Ballot Status," or by calling (312) 603-0944.

**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 Tuesday, April 6 consolidated 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](http://ova.elections.il.gov)) through Sunday, March 21.

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 conducts 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](http://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. Amid the pandemic, office hours at Secretary of State facilities are limited; please check [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) for details and updates.

Sources: Cook County Clerk; State Board of Elections



**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 our commitment to the local community, 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.

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](http://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 eligible to apply for a Sharing Grant once per year.

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.

Assessor's Office Phone Number: (708) 403-4712



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

There will be several important changes relating to property tax relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. SB 685, signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, will make the Senior Freeze, Persons With Disabilities, and Veterans With Disabilities Exemptions renew automatically in calendar year 2021 (property tax year 2020). If the homeowner received any of these three exemptions on the 2019 Second Installment Bill, they will automatically get them again on the 2020 Second Installment Bill. If homeowners believe they would get a larger exemption due to a worsening disability, they can re-apply with this additional information.

The purpose of this legislation is to protect our most vulnerable taxpayers by keeping them safely at home during this pandemic. By renewing these exemptions automatically in 2021, this will eliminate the need to visit offices to fill out renewal exemption forms.

Homeowners who are newly qualified to receive any of these exemptions but did not receive them in 2020 will need to apply in 2021. Those seniors born in 1955 will have to apply for the Senior Exemption or the Senior Freeze for the first time in 2021 (property tax year 2020). Exemptions can be completed online at [cookcountyassessor.com](http://cookcountyassessor.com) with proper documentation. We also can assist our taxpayers in person. Please contact our office at (708) 403-4712 with questions pertaining to exemptions or documentation required by Cook County; we recommend calling first before visiting our office in person.

Last year, the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption was automatically renewed under a new law known as Public Act 101-453. Those taxpayers who received the Senior Exemption for the 2018 property tax year saw the automatic renewal of both the Senior and Homeowner Exemptions for the Second Installment Property Tax Bill 2019 (payable in 2020). The Cook County Assessor's Office is required to conduct an audit on every Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption at least once every three years in order to allow for the automatic renewal of this exemption and prevent fraud in its application. Public Act 101-453 is scheduled to sunset in 2025, but lawmakers could act to extend the law.

Cook County will be giving further relief to property owners. Late fees will be waived for two months on both property tax installments due in 2021. Specifically:

- The First Installment of 2020 taxes is due March 2, 2021, with application of late charges moved back to May 3, 2021.
- The Second Installment of 2020 taxes is due Aug. 2, 2021, with application of late charges moved back to Oct. 1, 2021.

Please feel free to call my office at (708) 403-4712 with any questions you may have pertaining to property taxes.



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



Supervisor O'Grady, (second from left) with Orland Park Warriors baseball team members.

### Township Distributes Turkeys and Other Dinner Items to Neighbors in Need *Township Volunteers Show Holiday Spirit by Donating Time to Help Community*

The weekend before Thanksgiving, Orland Township staff and volunteers distributed turkeys together with the all the sides so that neighbors in need could prepare a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

More than 150 families signed up for the Thanksgiving program. The distribution was conducted as a drive-thru, with volunteers and staff checking in the families and then loading each recipient's vehicle with a turkey and other meal items.

Special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who donated time that day: students from Andrew, Lincolnway and Sandburg high schools; Orland Park Warriors baseball team members; Family Harvest, Parkview and St. Michael's church members; and all of our regular Orland Township Food Pantry volunteers!



Orland Township Trustee Antonio Rubino



Andrew High School



Lincolnway High School



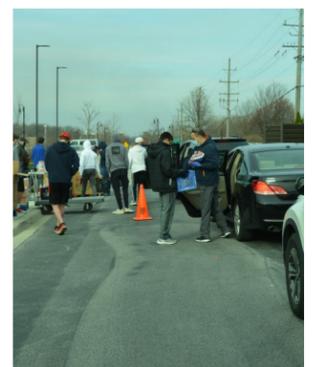
Family Harvest Church



Sandburg High School



Parkview Christian Church



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.



**Snow Removal**

Winter can be challenging for motorists, so it's important for everyone to know how snow and ice control is accomplished by Orland Township.

*The snow removal process includes a prioritized implementation schedule in order to ensure public safety. It is imperative to clear main roads first to provide mobility and access for police, fire and ambulatory activity.*

**When flakes begin to fall...**

Snow removal operations begin when flakes begin to fall. All operations begin with salting streets, continuing until streets are clear or salting is no longer effective because of the depth of the snow.

**Let It Snow...Let It Snow...**

When two to three inches of snow have accumulated, and more is expected, it is more economical to remove snow by plowing rather than by salting.

If the storm continues in intensity, the trucks remain in that same pattern until the storm abates. When the storm appears to let up, the plows begin to "wide out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing the intersections.

**We Need Your Help...**

A heavy snowfall can be frustrating because it disrupts the normal flow of everyday life. Below are some reminders that will help to make it more manageable for everyone.

- Parking is prohibited on unincorporated streets once two inches of snow have accumulated. All parked vehicles must be kept off the street for at least eight hours after the snow storm ends.
- Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned on streets are subject to towing at the owner's expense, in addition to being ticketed by the Cook County Sheriff's Police.
- When shoveling snow from driveways, please do not push the snow back into the street, it will only be pushed back when the plow comes through again. To prevent this from happening, please pile your snow in the grass area on either side of your driveway.
- On trash pick-up days, place cans and recycling bins behind the curb to prevent them from rolling into the street.
- Designate curbs and mailboxes with free snow stakes which are available at the Highway Department (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

- Be ready. If you do your own snow removal, have your tools and supplies handy. If hiring someone, make arrangements early. It's tough to find someone in the middle of a snow storm.
- Remind school-age children of the hazards of slippery streets and sidewalks. Be sure they know to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before trying to board.
- Understand that the Township cannot shovel the plow's ridges or wind rows from residents' driveways, nor can the Township plow private property.

Whether you're responsible for clearing your driveway or the miles of streets for which the Township is responsible, snow removal is time consuming.

Working together with local residents, the Highway Department can help promote a safe and enjoyable winter. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Snow Stakes Available**

Snow stakes are available at the Township garage. Placement of these stakes along the outer easement will assist the plow driver in determining curb placement, and lessen the possibility of damaged sod. Please report sod damage to the Highway Department at (708) 403-5148 by Friday, April 16.



**Adopt a Hydrant**

Please take a moment after each snowfall to clear snow away from fire hydrants on or near your property so they can be accessed in case of an emergency.

Remember: every second counts in an emergency.



**Highlight Your Home Address**

Street lighting helps emergency vehicles find their way throughout the Township. Please take the time to ensure your home's address is visible from the street so first responders can locate it in the event of an emergency. We recommend that the numbers are at least three inches high and that the color of the numbers contrasts with the surface. (The numbers should not blend into the surface.) Trees or other landscaping should not block the numbers. Remember that emergency service personnel can lose time in responding to your call if they cannot find your home.

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**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 Orland Township online at [orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org) and navigate to the "Electronic Recycling" page to purchase a coupon and to view a list of accepted items. 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](http://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](http://epa.illinois.gov), choose the "Citizens" dropdown menu, and then click "Citizen's Information."

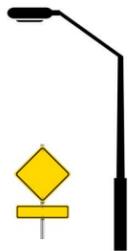
Location: Orland Township Highway Department  
16125 Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL 60467  
Phone: (708) 403-5148  
Monday through Friday  
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

- Monday, Jan. 18 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Monday, Feb. 15 (President's Day)

**Street Light and Sign Maintenance**

Repairs, removals, additions and enhancements of signs and pavement markings are generated by verbal and written requests from residents, police reports, and Highway Department staff. If you know of a street in the unincorporated area that is missing a sign, call the Orland Township Highway Department at (708) 403-5148. Also, if there is a street light out in the unincorporated area, please report it to the Highway Department as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.



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



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

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

**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](http://cdc.gov) for information about the VFC program and guidelines for eligibility.

#### Upcoming Clinic Dates

	Times
Saturday, Feb. 6	9 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 9	5:30 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 10	9 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 11	5:30 to 8 p.m.

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

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:

Jan. 13 and 27  
Feb. 10 and 24  
March 10 and 24  
April 14 and 28

#### \*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](http://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:

Jan. 6  
Feb. 3  
March 3  
April 7

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:

Jan. 19  
Feb. 16  
March 16  
April 20

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](http://orlandtownship.org).



### Welcome Silver Cross Medical Group

Orland Township has partnered with Silver Cross Hospital to bring doctors from the Silver Cross Medical Group to the Township's Wellness Program.

Board-certified physicians from Silver Cross Medical Group (pictured below) will now accept Township Wellness Program vouchers, for youth and adult physicals, at a discounted rate of \$75.

"Preventive care is key to good health and well-being," said Supervisor Paul O'Grady. "We are happy to welcome the doctors of Silver Cross Medical Group to the Wellness Program and bring additional quality medical services to our residents."

Please see the Wellness Program column on page 7 for more information.



Dr. Farooq Hussain



Dr. Reshma Relwani



Dr. Omar Akhtar



Dr. Tiffany Groen

### Medication Drop Box Available 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](http://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](http://coast2coastrx.com) to print your card.



# ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES



## 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. Please visit the Orland Township office located at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. to purchase a voucher for services. Proof of residency is required at the time of voucher purchase. Residents must schedule appointments with the healthcare provider directly.

### MEDICAL

Physical Exam - \$75

#### Silver Cross Medical Group

**Dr. Farooq Hussain**  
**Dr. Reshma Relwani**  
1890 Silver Cross Blvd.  
Pavilion A, Suite 265  
New Lenox, IL 60451  
(815) 727-4292

#### Silver Cross Medical Group

**Dr. Omar Akhtar**  
**Dr. Tiffany Groen**  
1890 Silver Cross Blvd.  
Pavilion D, Suite 120  
New Lenox, IL 60451  
(815) 462-3259

*Please note: physical examination vouchers may not be used in the case of illness.*

### DENTAL

Dental Screening, Cleaning and Full Set of X-Rays-\$100  
Routine Dental Exam & Cleaning - \$50

Dental Screening Only - \$15 (*does not include cleaning or x-rays*)

#### Dr. Stephen Heaney

64 Orland Square Dr.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 403-3393  
*(pediatric dentist)*

#### Dr. Dimitri Tsoukalas

14624 John Humphrey Dr.,  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 349-6606  
*(no new patients)*

#### Ridge Dental, LTD

14540 John Humphrey Drive  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 349-5800  
*(new patients must purchase x-rays)*

#### Dr. Richard Holba

15300 West Ave.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 349-3637

#### Dr. David Rocco

14265 S. Wolf Rd.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 403-5055  
*(no x-rays)*

#### Silver Lake Family Dental

**Dr. John Canning**  
**Dr. Joseph Gradowski**  
9611 W. 165<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 14  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 403-0071  
*(new patients must purchase x-rays)*

### VISION

Pediatric/Adult Ophthalmology Exam - \$45

#### The Eye Specialists

**Dr. Benjamin Ticho**  
**Dr. Birva Shah**  
**Dr. Cassie Koutnik**  
**Dr. Megan Allen**  
**Dr. Yi Pang, O.D.**  
18210 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 210  
Tinley Park, IL 60487  
708-873-0088  
10436 Southwest Hwy.  
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415  
(708) 423-4070

#### Insight Family Vision Care, Inc.

**Dr. Mark A. Alles**  
**Dr. Margaret Cullen-Regan**  
9501 W. 171<sup>st</sup> St., Suite C  
Tinley Park, IL 60487  
(708) 403-8300

#### The Optique

**Dr. James Sanderson**  
600 Ravinia Place  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 349-7571

#### Kirschner Vision Group

**Dr. Ken Kirschner**  
**Dr. Paul Kirschner**  
**Dr. Genine Graff**  
**Dr. Lisa Wilson**  
7026 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 687-0600

#### Eye Was Framed Eye Care

**Dr. Dawn Tuminello**  
11319 W. 143<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 460-2020

#### Orland Eye

**Dr. Gloria Docherty**  
15410 S. Harlem Ave.  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 633-0011

### PODIATRY

Routine Podiatry Screening - \$30  
Senior Podiatry Screening - \$25

**Dr. Mark Gagnon**  
8600 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St. #5  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
(708) 403-7250

**Dr. Wayne Tillman**  
13011 S.104<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste.201  
Palos Park, IL 60464  
(708) 923-0400  
*(makes house calls)*  
*(voucher not applicable)*

**Dr. Cynthia Sink**  
10760 West 143<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 301-5600

### HEARING

Audiological Evaluation - Free

**Orland Hearing Aid Center**  
**Kristen Connors,**  
**Licensed Audiologist**  
12910 S. LaGrange Road  
Palos Park, IL 60464  
(708) 448-1234

### CHIROPRACTIC

Exam - \$45

**So. Suburban Chiropractic Center**  
**Dr. Mark Grennell, D.C.**  
14277 S. Wolf Road  
Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 403-3252  
*(exam only)*

## Nurse's Nook

Meet **Rita Schiefelbein, RN**  
Immunization Clinic and Flu Shot Clinic Nurse



Rita Schiefelbein had planned to follow in her father's footsteps and become a doctor. But that all changed when, in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she visited a friend in the hospital. "My friend was in traction for a broken femur," she recalls. "After watching how the nurses cared for her – it was amazing, the respect, love, caring – that made me change my whole thought process and that's when I decided to go into nursing."

When Rita started serving Orland Township nearly 25 years ago, she was working in the Palos Hospital emergency room and a co-worker urged her to join the Township's Health Services department. "Each shift [in the ER] was constant activity of injury, illness and trauma," she says. "Joining the Township and knowing that I was providing immunizations to protect children from disease was such a good feeling – those little cries from shots were so much better than the wails in the ER."

Aside from vaccinating children during the monthly immunization clinics, Rita also administers flu vaccines to adults and seniors during fall flu shot season.

"Rita is the Township's Miss Congeniality," says Nora Tuzim, Township Health Services Coordinator. "Rita's experience, coupled with her calm and witty demeanor, puts residents at ease. Everyone that comes to clinic, whether it is a resident or staff member, always leaves with a smile after talking to Rita. We are lucky to have her on our team!"

Rita adds, "I learned quickly how wonderful it is to work with the Orland Township team. Everyone is so knowledgeable and kind. We have always worked so well together, from traveling to different sites for Township clinics to the permanent home on Ravinia. It has always been a positive experience."

Rita has been a nurse for more than 40 years, spending her entire career with Palos Hospital. She currently works in Employee Health, with duties that include conducting pre-employment physicals, employee annual health assessments, implementing the employee wellness program and handling on-the-job injuries. "We have to clear employees who are returning from leave," she says. "We are emotional bear huggers and wellness encouragers." Prior to working in Employee Health, Rita spent nearly half her career in the Palos Hospital emergency department and a few years in the behavioral health department.

She also has volunteered with Heart Connections, a bereavement support program for children, an experience she calls honoring and humbling. She recently started volunteer work with the Special Olympics, though that is on hold until the events begin again.

Rita graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. While in nursing school, Rita got hands-on experience while also working at a medical office. She took out stitches, performed EKGs, and changed dressings, among other tasks. "Talking with the patients and walking them down the hall to their rooms was when I got to know them and was able to assess their mood and obtain some history to give to the nurse and doctor," she says. "It was a great experience."

She and her husband of 39 years, Mark, a retired environmental and safety compliance officer, are the proud parents of four children – two boys and twin girls. While their kids are scattered throughout the country – California, Denver and New York – the daughter residing locally has blessed them with two grandsons, ages 2 ½ and 9 months. "It is absolutely awesome being a 'Gigi'," she beams.

In addition to being an Orland Township nurse, Rita also has worked for a nursing agency. She has had temporary assignments as a high school nurse, at a cerebral palsy facility and at an industrial plant, and in hospice care.

Nurses are not immune to the restrictions the pandemic has imposed on society. "I find the most challenging change to my workday has been having to wear a mask. All. Day. Long. I've developed jumbo COVID ears," she laughs. How has she adjusted? "I haven't adjusted or gotten used to wearing it all day long in the hospital, but I know how important it is to protect myself and others, so I wear it and just moan about it," she jokes.

"At the beginning, the pandemic presented a whirlwind of the unknown," Rita says. "I was involved with the logistics of testing the fit of N95 masks for all employees and following up with employees who were exposed to COVID-19. While it was exhausting, it was also amazing to see everyone help during such an uncertain time."

To unwind after a long and arduous workday, Rita enjoys gardening and some of the simple joys in life. "I love to tend to my vegetable garden and attempt to make a field of dreams by growing a variety of flowers," she says. "But my most recent and favorite 'hobby' is spending time with and playing with my grandsons!"

When COVID restrictions are lifted, what is the first thing Rita plans to do? "I'm going to visit my mom – she's been living in a nursing home and hasn't had any family visits since March. I'm going to hug her and hold her hand," Rita says. "But first, I'm going take off my mask, put on some lipstick and smile wide!"

## Help Stop the Spread of Coronavirus

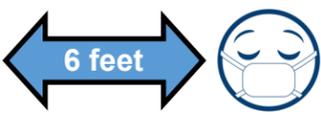
Remember the 3 W's:



**Wear a mask**



**Watch your distance**



**Wash your hands**



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.



#### 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](http://orlandtownship.org).

#### 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.

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges throughout 2020. Social distancing, mask wearing, and the fluctuating limits on the number of people allowed in stores, public buildings and at gatherings affected everyone and their daily routines.

With modifications to operations, Orland Township's essential services remained available – the Food Pantry, Nurses' Closet and General Assistance Office are open, available and ready to serve residents. And while Senior Transportation switched to medical rides only, it also expanded its services by making home deliveries to senior Food Pantry clients and offering pharmacy pick-up and delivery of prescription medications.

Unfortunately, some of our favorite senior activities, such as drop-in, luncheons and dinner dances, were halted for the health and safety of our beloved seniors and our dedicated staff.

Senior drop-in (bingo) briefly resumed, at the Orland Chateau, with social distanced seating, mask wearing requirements and hand sanitizer available at every table. Supervisor Paul O'Grady attended the first bingo session, welcoming back seniors and offering words of encouragement. When Illinois returned to Tier 3 mitigations, we again suspended drop-in for health and safety reasons.

All of us at Orland Township miss seeing our local seniors and we look forward to getting back together again! Until then, please stay safe and healthy!



### 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](http://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 if 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.**

### SENIOR PHONE PROGRAMS

#### Free Amplified Phone Program



The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC), as part of a mandated program, provides free amplified telephones to those who qualify. To be eligible, you must be a resident of Illinois, have active phone service (home, cellular, pre-paid) and have a physician certification stating you are unable to use standard phone services. There are no age or income requirements.

#### Cell Phones for Seniors Program



Orland Township, in partnership with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office, sponsors the Cell Phones for Seniors program. This program provides seniors with free cell phones that are programmed for emergency use only. There is no service plan with the phones; they can only be used to dial 911.

Applications for both phone programs are available at the Township office.

**Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services**  
14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park  
(708) 403-4222

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Youth & Family Counseling Services Chair John Lynch

# ORLAND TOWNSHIP YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services strives to empower local youth and families to communicate more effectively, make good decisions and choose positive behavior by offering educational programs and services, guidance, and support. Our programs help teach and build social and problem-solving skills, lend assistance during difficult times, and provide information on additional resources available in the community.

All clinical services are supported by Orland Township tax dollars. Services included are listed below.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling services are by appointment only and are offered with sliding scale fees. Sessions are tailored for individuals (adult and youth), couples, families or groups. Please call (708) 403-4222 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



### ANGER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

**ANGER MANAGEMENT**  
Anger is a normal and unavoidable feeling that can adversely affect many different aspects of life, including friendships, family, school and employment. Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services offers anger management workshops to help navigate this powerful emotion. These workshops, available for adults and teens, are tailored for individual or group meetings.

### CHARACTER BUILDING / LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Workshops are available to help individuals become better community and family members. Whether looking to communicate more constructively with peers, or develop more effective parenting skills, workshops produced by Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services are designed to help individuals develop the foundation and skill set to manage personal relationships.

### PREVENTION / AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services offers workshops for teens to discuss the consequences of potentially harmful behaviors. Workshop topics include drug/substance use and abuse, responsible risk taking and conscientious social media use.



### COPING SKILLS / SUPPORT GROUPS

Major life changes such as the death of a loved one, divorce or moving can create feelings of grief, fear and anger that may influence behavior. Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services offers programs to help residents navigate challenging circumstances. Sessions are tailored to meet the specific needs of the group or individual and meet as needed.

For more information on any of the listed programs, including applicable fees, please call Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services at (708) 403-4222.

## Attention High School Seniors! 2021 Orland Township Scholarship Foundation Award Applications Available Jan. 11

Local students graduating high school in 2021 and heading to college are encouraged to apply for an Orland Township Scholarship Foundation award. The Scholarship Foundation will grant to Township residents more than \$15,000 in scholarships, in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, to apply toward college expenses.

"These students exemplify the credo of the Scholarship Foundation by giving back to the community in a significant way," said Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor and President of the Scholarship Foundation. "It is our hope that the scholarship program will express Orland Township's appreciation, as well as motivate these future leaders to continue to give back to their own communities."

Antonio Rubino, Orland Township Trustee and Scholarship Foundation Treasurer, agreed: "Continued effort on the part of these young people has led them to their positions of community and academic leadership. We think it is important to commend those qualities."

Applications will be available beginning Monday, Jan. 11 at the Orland Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., from guidance counselors at area high schools, and from the Township's website, [orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org).

Completed applications must be returned to the Township or postmarked by Friday, March 12.

The Scholarship Foundation will select finalists after reviewing each application. It will then award scholarships based on a combination of factors including the applicant's commitment to community service, academic focus, recommendations from school representatives, volunteer supervisors or employers, and an essay. Students faced with financial hardship will be given strong consideration.



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.

### amazon smile Shop Amazon & Support the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation



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

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://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 Scholarship Foundation back to us.

Thank you for helping the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation assist local high school graduates as they start the next chapter of their academic careers.

### 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](http://cyberdriveillinois.com).



**P.A.W.S.**  
PEOPLES ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY  
OF TINLEY PARK  
815.464.7298  
8301 W. 191<sup>ST</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60487  
[www.pawstinleypark.org](http://www.pawstinleypark.org)

Bo is as handsome as they come! At six years old, he was abused and then discarded. He was matted and suffering from severe bladder stones that required emergency surgery. But he recovered and now remains on a prescription diet. Bo is a lover and deserves nothing but the best. You're certain to fall in love with him.

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.

### Easter Basket Donations

Easter baskets may be donated to the Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to local low-income families. Starting Monday, March 1, baskets may be dropped off at the Orland Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The final day for drop off is Wednesday, March 24.

Please label each basket "boy" for "girl" along with the age. Community service hours will be provided for those who assist with this program. For every basket collected, one hour of community service will be provided. Up to five baskets will be accepted from each student. Please check with your school to confirm eligibility.

Residents can sign up to receive baskets by visiting the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., and filling out an application. Residency and income requirements apply. Please go to [orlandtownship.org](http://orlandtownship.org), and visit the "About the Food Pantry" page in the Food Pantry section for more information.

Please call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222 for guidelines and additional information.



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (center) and (from left) Trustee Antonio Rubino, Trustee John Lynch, Clerk Cindy Murray and Trustee Patrick Feldner look over 2019 basket donations.

## Easter Basket Distribution

For low-income families



Pickups will be available at Orland Township

8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday  
Wednesday, March 26th, through Thursday, April 1st

To apply for an Easter Basket, the following information **MUST** be provided at registration:

- 1** PROOF OF ORLAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENCY  
Must show picture ID with correct address for all family members ages 18 and older (Drivers License or Secretary of State ID)
- 2** VERIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
Last 30 days income or unemployment documentation
- 3** BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE HOUSEHOLD  
Medical card or school verification is also acceptable

**Location Details:**  
At Orland Township,  
14807 S. Ravinia Ave.,  
Orland Park



USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Putting Health Food Within Reach

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

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

### Support the Orland Township Pet Pantry

Please help keep the Pet Pantry shelves filled!

The Orland Township Pet Pantry provides food and supplies for pets whose families are in financial crisis and it relies on the generosity of the community. The Pet Pantry, in conjunction with the Orland Township Food Pantry, is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Your contribution will help ensure that a family pet does not go hungry. For more information, please call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222.

## CAT'S PRIDE 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 [catspride.com](http://catspride.com)
2. Click "Litter for Good"
3. Click "Join the Club"
4. Sign up with your name and email
5. After you register, click "Nominate"
6. Enter "60462" in zip code 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.

# 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
- ☑ Side Dish (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**

### 2021 Golden Opportunities Coupon Book, \$15 Beginning Monday, Feb. 1

The Food Pantry is selling the 2021 Golden Opportunities coupon book at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. This book offers thousands of dollars in two-for-one specials and up to 50% off at local and chain restaurants, hotels and resorts, entertainment venues and much more. Proceeds support the Food Pantry. Get yours for a discounted price of \$15, starting Monday, Feb. 1 and save hundreds of dollars on your purchases.

### Community Generosity Makes the 2020 Holiday Program a Success!

Orland Township elected officials and staff would like to thank all those who so generously donated to the 2020 Holiday Program! Even with the challenges that 2020 presented, Orland Township's community spirit shined through and hundreds of donations poured in to support our Holiday Program! Below are just a few examples of our amazing community members' contributions!



Sterling Solutions and Cub Scout Pack 442 donated over 1,000 Barbie dolls and accessories.



Residents of the Long Run Creek subdivision in Orland Park collected over 700 non-perishable food items during a one-night neighborhood holiday light walk.



Employees from Peace Village in Palos Park donated cartloads of non-perishable food.



Anna helped her grandma, Linda Mulac of Orland Park, pick out gifts for a Giving Tree child of the same age.



Employees from Orland District 135 needed two trips to deliver the gifts for nearly 100 Giving Tree tags.



Aña and Ernest Washington of Orland Park, along with several long-time friends donated a carload of assorted toys.



Jeanette Hiller of Orland Park donated coats, hats and gloves in children's sizes.



The Orland Park Lions Club provided gifts for 30 families in the Adopt-a-Family program.



The Parent Teacher Organization from Centennial School (Orland District 135) donated non-perishable food and pet food.



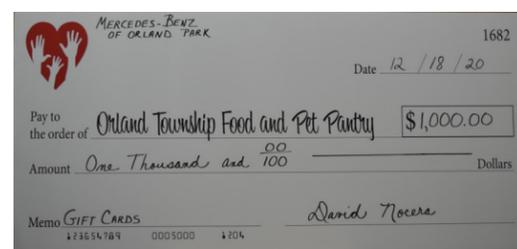
Jean Metzler of Orland Park made her annual donation of more than 650 hand knit winter hats.



Supervisor O'Grady (left) thanks Tim Curran and Zeigler Nissan for collecting and donating a pick-up truck full of food.



Rather than exchange gifts, firefighters from Orland Fire Protection District's Company 3, adopted a family.



Dave Nocera and Mercedes-Benz of Orland Park donated \$1,000 in gift cards.

### Township Distributes Disinfecting Supplies and Face Masks to Residents

In an effort to assist residents in the fight against COVID-19, Orland Township handed out cleaning and disinfecting supplies along with face masks and gloves. Five-hundred bags were distributed during a drive-thru held in late December.

"Orland Township continues to assist residents who have been financially impacted by the pandemic," said Supervisor O'Grady. "By providing community members with a bag of PPE and disinfecting supplies, we are giving them the means to be pro-active in the fight against COVID-19."



Supervisor O'Grady greeting residents and loading their vehicles.

# ORLAND TOWNSHIP THANKS

## THE FOLLOWING 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS

### THANK YOU FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE THE 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAM ANOTHER SUCCESS

All Donors for giving Tuesday  
 All Saints Lutheran Church  
 Aña & Ernest Washington  
 Andrew High School We Dine Together Club  
 Betsy & Kurt Karlson  
 Brannigan Chriporactic  
 Carl Sandburg High School Student Council  
 Centennial School PTO  
 Cub Scout Pack 372  
 Daniel & Barbara Neumann  
 Daniel & Maureen Esposito  
 Eagles Hockey Club  
 Edward Raftery  
 Edward & Mary Ann Wood  
 FGM Architects  
 Gail Hossin  
 Galgan Construction  
 Giving Tree Donors  
 Heartis Village  
 Hugh Wheeler  
 J.Roger & Kathleen Prokop  
 Jean Metzler  
 Jen Campbell  
 Jewel Food Store 159th St  
 Jewel Food Store Wolf Rd  
 John & Mary Anne Biesen  
 Joseph & Audrey Calzaretta  
 Joseph & Eileen Lyman  
 K & A Johnson  
 Karen Glasgow  
 Kathryn Ashe  
 L Larson



Long Run Creek Subdivision  
 Mercedes-Benz of Orland Park  
 Mike Asztalos  
 Nancy & William Schmidt  
 Orland Park Chamber of Commerce  
 Orland Park Christian Pre School  
 Orland Park Professional Firefighters Local 2754  
 Orland Park Public Library  
 Orland Park Rotary Club  
 Orland School District 135 Employees  
 Palos Hospital Pharmacy Department  
 Peace Village  
 Prarie School  
 Rakesh & Poonam Beri  
 Raymond & Carol Cieslewicz  
 Rubino's Italian Imports  
 Salvation Army  
 Sandburg Student Council  
 Sharon Augustyn & John O'Shaughnessy  
 St Francis of Assisi Parish  
 St Helens  
 Womens Philoptochos Chapter 2006  
 Sterling Solutions  
 S & P Frangella  
 Thomas & Susan Castro  
 Timothy & Karen O'Brien  
 Una & John Malone  
 Weglarz Company  
 William & Susan Dunlap  
 Zeigler Nissan

