



THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP FOCUS



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Paul O'Grady
Orland Township Supervisor

Dear Orland Township Resident,

Next March, the world will mark two years since the start of the pandemic. Looking back now, we could scarcely have imagined the terrible toll it would come to take on individuals and society, the severe disruptions it would cause to our normal routines, and the economic turmoil it would unleash.

What did not come as a surprise was the incredible strength and resilience of our families, friends and neighbors. We came together to support those whose loved ones suffered serious illness or death. We rallied to help community members who lost their jobs or businesses. We celebrated the heroic nurses, doctors, first responders, public health officials and others who valiantly battled on the frontlines against the virus. And, collectively, we mourned those that we lost.

All of us at Orland Township are grateful to live and work in a community whose residents have repeatedly demonstrated so much kindness and determination to overcome the greatest public health crisis in a century. I personally thank our Township staff and volunteers, and all the local individuals, public officials, businesses and other groups who stepped up to help their neighbors. This collaborative effort ensured that local residents, most especially seniors, could obtain the vaccine while also receiving food and other staples necessary to weather such a difficult time.

But our work is not yet finished. It's incumbent on all of us to stay vigilant and apprised of COVID-19 developments. Here at Orland Township, we will continue to do our part to promote sound public health practices and halt the spread of this virus. Please visit us online at orlandtownship.org for updates.

Flu Shots at Orland Township

Orland Township this fall also is offering the flu vaccine for local residents. Flu shots will be available every Monday and Wednesday at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, from 3 to 6 p.m. (aside from Monday, Oct. 11 in observance of Columbus Day).

The Township's Flu Shot Clinics are walk-in (no appointment necessary) and for anyone three years of age or older. Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) also will be available for adults 19 years of age or older. Please plan to bring an updated immunization record and consult with your healthcare provider as to which vaccine you may require.

Holiday Program for Our Community

It's hard to believe that the holidays will soon be upon us. Orland Township will again host our Holiday Program to assist area residents in need during the time of year when all of us, regardless of means, should have the opportunity to experience joyful celebration with family and friends. If you have the ability to do so, please consider helping supplement the donations we receive from local merchants by making a financial contribution that will enable us to purchase additional food, toys and clothes for local families.

With the help of our able staff and dedicated volunteers, backed by contributions from local businesses and organizations, the Township in 2021 produced a range of senior activities and other initiatives to enhance the quality of life in our community – all while holding the line on property taxes. We look forward to an even better and brighter New Year.

If you need help, have questions or want to make a suggestion for additional ways we can serve our community, please call (708) 403-4222 or visit us online at orlandtownship.org.

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

Sincerely,

Paul O'Grady

FALL NEWSLETTER

October - December

2021



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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

**TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT
WORKING FOR YOU**

Board Meetings

Orland Township board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday 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



DRIVE THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC
OCT. 2

SENIOR AMERICAN IDOL
OCT. 21

FALL JOB FAIR
NOV. 11

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE THRU
NOV. 30 & DEC. 7



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

THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP

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ORLAND TOWNSHIP AROUND TOWN

Back to School Fun at the Orland Township Back to School Health Fair

Orland Township's annual Back-to-School Health Fair, presented by Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees, was a hit in the community. The event, which was held on Aug. 14 on the Township grounds, focused on the health and well-being of children in the area as they got ready to go back to school.

"We understand how important it is that families have access to affordable health services in Orland Township, especially during the back-to-school season," said Supervisor O'Grady. "I'm glad so many people were able to make it out to take advantage of everything we had to offer."

This year, the Back-to-School Health Fair had plenty of help from a number of local organizations; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, Salon Evangelos, Orland Fire Protection District, Robert De Young (Edward Jones), Patty Ridings (Family Harvest Church), and Pizza Pete being among many. The presence of all medical staff, which included doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners, was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Special thanks to the Orland Township staff, volunteers, and event's medical team, Dr. Shelli Seebruch, Maria Barbarasa, Diane Egan, Kathy Knawa, Alicia Vodicka, Pat Hamadeh, Rose Saavedra, and Marion Chacero. Orland Township is ready for the school year!

Successful Shredding

Hundreds of cars lined up in the 80th Ave. Train Station on July 31 for the Community Shred-A-Thon sponsored by Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady and Village of Tinley Park Mayor Michael Glotz. Volunteers from both the Orland and Tinley Park areas showed up with energy and enthusiasm to assist with the event.

Residents turned up with boxes full of old bank statements, tax forms, and other personal records that they were able to safely shred thanks to the generosity of ProShred. Many saw it as a safe and affordable way to get rid of clutter.

"Mayor Glotz and I were happy to be able to provide a way for residents to safely dispose of any unwanted documents that accumulated during the Pandemic," said Supervisor O'Grady. "We understand that secure shredding services are not always easily accessible, and therefore we're always excited to be able to offer these types of opportunities to our residents."



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady
& the Board of Trustees present

Fall Job Fair 2021

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Orland Township Administration Building
14807 S. Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park

Up to 40 employers are waiting to meet YOU!

Bring plenty of resumes and dress to impress!
Fall into your new job!

Employers in the areas of transportation,
financial/banking, medical/health,
manufacturing, driving, retail, and clerical
(to name a few) will be in attendance.

For more information on this upcoming job fair
and to see the latest list of participating
employers, visit us online at
www.orlandtownship.org
or call Alexis at (708) 403-4222



ORLAND TOWNSHIP

Please note: at the time of the Fall Job Fair, Orland Township will follow
the State of Illinois COVID-19 guidelines for public events.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Full-Time • Part-Time • Professional •
Entry-Level • Industrial

Be a Part of National Giving Tuesday
this Year with

Orland Township's
Holiday Donation
Drive-Thru



9 am-4 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 30 & Tuesday, Dec. 7

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

Orland Township's Holiday Program will host a Donation Drive-Thru to allow community members to drop off new, unwrapped gift items, clothing, and non-perishable food items. All donations will go to local families who are experiencing hardship. Items are needed for all ages, especially for pre-teens, teens and adults.

Suggested Items for Pre-Teens, Teens & Adults:

- Hygiene Products
(body washes, shampoos, lotions, deodorant)
- Grooming/Shaving Kits
- Beauty Supplies
(make-up, perfumes/colognes, hair supplies,
nail kits)
- Craft Kits
(art supplies, jewelry making, sewing kits,
STEM kits)
- Stress Relieving Activity Kits
(coloring books for adults, paint-by-number sets)
- Board Games/Puzzles
- Blankets
- Winter Wear
- Socks

Suggested Food List:

- Broth/Soup
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Cranberries
- Dry Stuffing Mix
- Potatoes/Dehydrated Potatoes
- Jell-O/Pudding
- Cake/Frosting Mixes
- Pie Filling/Crust Mixes
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta/Noodles/Rice
- Marshmallows
- Side Dishes

Gift Cards to local grocery stores are always appreciated

Thank you!

Suggested Toys:

- Action Figures
- Barbies & Accessories
- Board Games
- Cars/Trucks
- Cars/Trucks
- Craft/Art & Science Sets
- Dolls & Accessories
- Learning/Interactive Toys
- LEGOS
- Play Food
- Sports Equipment
- Stuffed Animals



GEORGIOS BANQUETS
8800 W. 159TH ST
ORLAND PARK

DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM
DINNER AT 5:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 2021

BENEFITING THE ORLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Join us for a fun-filled evening benefiting the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. YOU, along with celebrity judges, decide who is Orland Township's Next Senior American Idol. You'll enjoy a delicious plated dinner along with a cash bar.

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON

Tickets on sale NOW at Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Presented by Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady & the Board of Trustees

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 Orland Township's services, 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.

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.

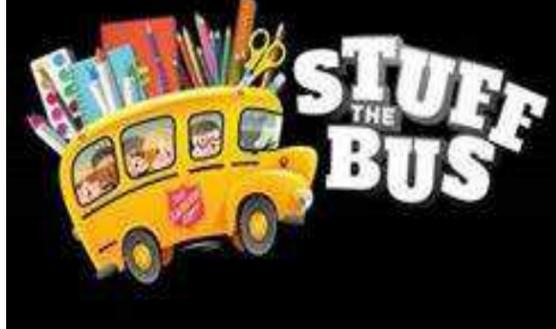
Simply go to smile.amazon.com and sign in using your Amazon account login information. Select **Orland Township Food Pantry Fndn** as your charity and start shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase made through Amazon Smile on behalf of the Scholarship Foundation back to us.

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



For more information on the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation, visit orlandtownship.org.

THANK YOU



Orland Township is grateful to receive school supply donations from the Chicagoland area-wide collection, "Stuff the Bus" in partnership with Walmart and Salvation Army.

Ms. Tamika Rogers (Salvation Army Service Extension Field Representative) and Alexis O'Farrell (Salvation Army Service Extension Volunteer) with the donated product from Walmart on behalf of Salvation Army's "Stuff the Bus" 2021 Campaign.





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

If You're Not Registered to Vote, Please Do So at Your Earliest Convenience

*Due to Delayed Census Data,
2022 Primary Election Moved to June 28*

**Orland Township Clerk's Office
Cindy M. Murray, Clerk**

Illinois lawmakers postponed the 2022 primary election to Tuesday, June 28 to accommodate the delay this year of census results that are used to redraw the maps of legislative districts once every decade.

That means the candidate petition filing cycle will unfold next spring, rather than this fall. And for any eligible voter not yet registered to vote, it means more time to get registered before the election.

But please do not wait to register to vote. If you are not already registered, now is the time to do so — and registering to vote in Orland Township is easy and convenient.

Details appear below. Call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222 or the Cook County clerk's office at (312) 603-0906 for more information.

Cindy M. Murray
Orland Township Clerk

How to Register to Vote

You may register online, by mail, or in person. You must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be 17 years old on or before the date of the next primary election and turn 18 on or before the date of the general or consolidated election.
3. Live in your election 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.

Not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

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).

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

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.

Sources: *Cook County Clerk; State Board of Elections*



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**

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR RICH E. KELLY

Ordinarily the Cook County Second Installment Property Tax Bills are mailed in late June, and are due approximately Aug. 1. However, for the first time in nine years, the 2020 Second Installment Bills were late due to pandemic-related issues. The tax bills were mailed out in late August, with a due date of Oct. 1, 2021. Prior to physically mailing these bills, the Cook County Treasurer's Office posted them online in mid-August at cookcountytreasurer.com.

As an important reminder, Orland Township taxpayers should carefully review this 2020 Second Installment Property Tax Bill to make sure that it reflects the property tax exemption(s) to which one may be entitled. Depending upon each taxpayer's particular circumstances, these exemptions may include:

- Homeowner's Exemption
- Senior Citizen Exemption (born in 1955 or prior year)
- Senior Assessment Freeze Exemption
(senior citizen residing in home as of Jan. 1, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020, with a total gross household income including gross social security for income tax year 2019 of no more than \$65,000)
- Disabled Person's Exemption
- Disabled Veteran's Exemption
- Returning Veteran's Exemption

Our office will be happy to assist you with filing Certificate of Error Application(s) for missing exemptions for the current 2020 property tax year, as well as three prior years, if applicable, in order to receive refunds.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a significant change to the tax code has been extended for an additional year to once again allow for the automatic renewal of the senior freeze, persons with disabilities, and veterans with disabilities exemptions. This extension will cover the 2021 Tax Year (payable in 2022). These exemptions will appear on the 2021 Second Installment Property Tax Bills in the summer of 2022. Please see the box accompanying this column for a detailed synopsis of the new law.

Synopsis of New Law Extending Homestead Exemption(s)

Illinois lawmakers earlier this year approved a measure, introduced as HB 3289, to extend homestead exemptions. Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the bill into law and it's now known as Public Act 102-136. Appearing below is the General Assembly's synopsis of this amendment to state law.

"Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that each chief county assessment officer may approve a homestead exemption for the 2021 taxable year, without application, for any property that was approved for the exemption for the 2020 taxable year, if: (1) the county board has declared a local disaster as provided in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; (2) the owner of record of the property as of January 1, 2021 is the same as the owner of record of the property as of January 1, 2020; (3) the exemption for the 2020 taxable year has not been determined to be an erroneous exemption as defined by the Code; and (4) the taxpayer for the 2020 taxable year has not asked for the exemption to be removed for the 2020 or 2021 taxable years. Effective immediately."

The 2021 Orland Township appeal filing window through the Cook County Assessor's Office was July 2 through Aug. 3. Our taxpayers also will be granted a second opportunity to file appeals through the Cook County Board of Review. This **approximate** filing period **may** occur in October. Check the Board of Review's website (cookcountyboardofreview.com) or contact me or one of my staff, Mary Ellen Colletti or Lea Sullivan, at (708) 403-4712 for exact details regarding the forthcoming appeal filing period.



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

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
ANTONIO RUBINO

It is unlawful to discharge any sump pumps onto Township sidewalks and roads. The standing water exacerbates pavement deterioration and create an ice hazard in winter months. Drain hoses should be directed to the natural ditch between homes so that water will follow grade.

**REPORT ROAD-RELATED CONCERNS
708-403-5148**



The Highway Department now has locked shred bins provided by **ProShred** on site at 16125 S. Wolf Road. Residents can bring their items they wish to shred to the Highway Department for safe, secure shredding Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**REMEMBER
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7**

Smoke detectors save lives, but they cannot operate with dead batteries. Remember to change the battery in your detectors every time you reset your clocks.



COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY
OCT. 2
8AM - 12PM**
Orland Township
Highway Department
16125 S. WOLF ROAD
ORLAND PARK, IL

**FREE ADMISSION
FOR SHOPPERS!**

Bring your own table and chairs to showcase items you wish to sell.

EXHIBITORS FEE: \$20
Fee helps support the Highway Department's recycling and maintenance initiative.

More information or reserve a spot: **708.403.5148**

Our Highway Department is getting ready for the winter season ahead. Because winter often can be challenging for motorists, 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 the flakes begin to fall...
Snow removal operations begin when flakes begin to fall. All operations begin with salting streets, continuing until streets are clear and salting is no longer effective because of snow depth.

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, trucks remain in the same pattern. When the storm appears to let up, plows begin to clear all remaining roads and intersections to the curb line.

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



ADOPT A HYDRANT
Please take a moment after each snowfall to clear snow away three feet on all sides of any fire hydrants on or near your property so they can be accessed in an emergency.

Remember: every second counts.

SNOW STAKES AVAILABLE
Snow stakes are available at the Township Garage. Placement of these stakes along the outer easement will assist plow drivers in determining curb locations and lessen the possibility of sod damage. Please report sod damage to the Highway Department at 708-403-5148

RewearAble **NEW PROGRAM!**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
**ORLAND TOWNSHIP
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

RewearAble is a clothing recycling program committed to helping people with developmental disabilities pursue rewarding lives through sustainable employment.

**IT'S EASY TO
DONATE!**

The Highway Department is currently accepting clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding and other household textiles, towels, toys, non-breakable household goods in used, good condition.



PACKAGING SPECIFICATIONS

- Please ensure all textiles are dry
- Remove all hangers/sharp objects
- Items must be in sealed plastic bag

REUSE REWEAR RECYCLE
RewearAble **CANNOT** accept items of any kind that are **WET OR DIRTY**

SHRED EVENT & FOOD DRIVE
SAT. 10.23.21 9A-12P

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT!

- Limit of 4 banker boxes per vehicle.
- Boxes/Bins cannot be left behind at event.
- Residential shredding only. No Commercial.
- Shredding accepted until capacity is reached.

BRING YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING!
FIRST 20 TVs RECYCLED ARE FREE

Smaller than 20 inches: \$25
Larger than 20 inches: \$35

FOOD DRIVE Please bring one nonperishable food item to be donated to the Orland Township Food Pantry.
Rx TAKE-BACK Turn in your unused or expired household prescription medication for safe disposal.

GRISSOM MIDDLE SCHOOL | 17000 S. 80th Ave. Tinley Park, IL
ORLAND TOWNSHIP AND TINLEY PARK RESIDENTS ONLY

PRESENTED BY



**RECYCLE YOUR
Holiday Lights**

The Highway Department accepts holiday lights for recycling. For the safety of our crews, please remove any broken bulbs prior to deposit.

**HAPPY
Holidays**
- COMMISSIONER RUBINO -

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.

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.



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 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.

WANTED: Choir Director

For more information & inquiries, please call Marie 708-403-4222.



Pathlights

Enriched by experience.
Empowered in life.

Pathlights, formerly known as PLOWS Council on Aging, helps navigate and celebrate aging in the Southwest Suburbs of Cook County.

For more than 45 years, we have guided individuals, caregivers, families, and friends along the best path to aging — providing resources, advocacy, programs, and services needed to live with independence and dignity in the community.

Call us at 708.361.0219
www.pathlights.org

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.

Rules of the Road

This is a review test for seniors required to take the written or driving test in order to renew their driver's licenses. This FREE class will be Monday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call (708) 403-4222 to register.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Please note: Orland Township services will continue to follow the State of Illinois & Cook County Covid-19 guidelines for all public events and trips. Face masks and social distancing are still strongly encouraged.

Senior Drop-In Center

Orland Township opens its Activity Center twice a week for seniors to 'drop-in' and make new friends, socialize, and play cards and bingo. During Drop-In, seniors are treated to refreshments (and the occasional light lunch) courtesy of the Township.

Senior Drop-In is on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orland Township Activity Center, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. Seniors MUST pre-register before attending Drop-In by calling (708) 403-4222.

**Please note: There is no Senior Drop-In during the month of December due to the Township's Activity Center being closed for the Township's Holiday Program.*



SENIOR TRIPS

Orland Township offers a variety of day and overnight trips, which are cost effective and enjoyable and appeal to diverse interests and expectations.

Trip escorts are provided by Orland Township. All escorts should be made aware of any medical conditions that participants may have. In the event of an emergency, trip escorts will arrange for transportation to the local health facility but must remain with the group unless a participant is traveling alone.

All participants are required to provide an alternative emergency contact name and phone number upon ticket purchase. Orland Township requests that all travelers keep important medication and health information with them at all times.

Trip tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. on the date specified and are sold on a first come, first served basis. All tickets purchased include Deluxe Motor Coach reserved seating, are limited to two per person, and are non-transferable. Refunds will not be given but trip insurance is available.

Buses leave from the north side of 151st Street directly between Bank Financial and Robert Morris College.

Senior Trip at the Fireside / Holiday Inn

Get in the Christmas spirit, and travel to Fireside Theatre with Orland Township on a deluxe motorcoach to see "Holiday Inn." The shows at Fireside are always amazing, and the holiday luncheon and gift shops are an experience not to be missed. There are movies and bingo games to play as we travel along.

Based on the classic film starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" comes to the Fireside in celebration of all the holidays of the year. Jim, a song and dance man, and his new love Linda turn a Connecticut farmhouse into a fabulous inn that is only open on holidays. All is well until Jim's best friend Ted comes along with his own ideas about Linda and the inn. This joyous musical feature thrilling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy, and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs including "Blue Skies," "Easter Parade," "Cheek to Cheek," "White Christmas," and many more. It is a year-round classic to make any holiday sparkle!



The delicious menu includes cream of watercress soup, served with toasted pine nuts, freshly baked breads from the artisan bakery; chicken piccata, skinless breast of chicken dipped in egg, lightly breaded, sauteed to a golden brown, resting on a Velouté lemon cream sauce and garnished with tiny caper buds and French-fried parsley; served with scalloped potatoes and fresh asparagus and baby carrots. Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting and homemade butter pecan frozen custard will be served for dessert along with coffee or tea and milk.

Place: Fireside Theatre, 1131 Janesville Ave., Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 2

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$100 / Residents (On Sale Now)

\$105 / Non-Residents (On Sale Now)

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE

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.

Medicare Part D Drug Prescription Coverage Open Enrollment Starts Friday, October 15, 2021

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 Friday, Oct. 15 and goes through Tuesday, Dec. 7. 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 who take no action will remain in their current plan.

However, since Part D plans may make changes to their benefit package for 2022, 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 2021 are strongly encouraged to review their options.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, CALL ORLAND TOWNSHIP AT (708) 403-4222.

SENIOR LUNCHEONS & DINNER DANCES

Throughout the year, Orland Township hosts luncheons and dinner dances for seniors. Luncheons consist of a hot catered meal from a local restaurant while dinners are served family-style. Both feature fantastic live performances with the opportunity to meet and socialize with new and old friends.

Tickets for events go on sale at 8 a.m. on the date specified and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Luncheon tickets are limited to two per person; dinner dance tickets are limited to 10 per person. All tickets are non-transferable.

In the event of a cancellation, a full refund will be given prior to the refund deadline on the ticket. After the deadline, refunds will be given only if the ticket can be resold to an individual on the waiting list.

Orland Township encourages seniors to participate in these cost-effective and enjoyable events!



Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon

Winston's Market is providing a holiday turkey meal with all the trimmings. The meal includes roasted turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sautéed carrots, and cranberry sauce. Pumpkin pie slices with whipped cream will be served for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by vocalist and Broadway-style entertainer Maureen Christine.

Place: Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.
Date: Tuesday, Nov. 23
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Doors Open at 10 a.m.)
Fee: \$12 / Residents Only (On Sale Oct. 12)



Holiday Luncheon

Spend a lovely afternoon at Silver Lake Country Club and enjoy a delicious plated lunch, including cream of chicken soup, sautéed chicken picante, mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, and peppermint ice cream for dessert along with coffee and iced tea. This will be sure to get you in the holiday spirit! The talented Mary Pfeiffer, with her vocal styles of Patsy Cline, will entertain you with a Christmas show! Please join Orland Township in this perfect way to celebrate the holiday season!

Place: Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 14
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$23 / Residents (On Sale Nov. 2)
 \$28 / Non-Residents (On Sale Nov. 3)

SENIOR DINNER DANCES

70's Dinner Dance

Feather your hair and grab your bell bottoms because it's time to boogie back to the 1970's. Join Orland Township Senior Services and prepare to get down for this totally funky dinner dance. Enjoy a delicious dinner from the Orland Chateau, then groove the night away under the disco ball as Mike Walters Band plays that funky music. There will also be raffles, door prizes and prizes for best 70's attire! Can ya dig it? Come on seniors, let's groove tonight!

Place: Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park
Date: Thursday, Oct. 7
Time: 5 to 10 p.m.
Fee: \$27 / Residents (On Sale Now)
 \$32 / Non-Residents (On Sale Now)



New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Start the New Year early with Orland Township's biggest bash! Join us as we ring in the New Year with family and friends. The evening will include a champagne toast, noise makers and a New Year's count down! Don't miss a great menu and fantastic entertainment by James Rallis and the Band Sundance.

Place: Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park
Date: Thursday, Dec. 30
Time: 5 to 10 p.m.
Fee: \$27 / Residents (On Sale Nov. 18)
 \$32 / Non-Residents (On Sale Nov. 19)

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Halloween Luncheon

Celebrate Halloween at Orland Township! In keeping with the spooky spirit, magician Jamie Aponte will astound you with his mystical magical powers. Enjoy a delicious meal from Frankie's that will make your mouth water. The meal will include Frankie's lasagna, sausage and peppers, Frankie's salad, and Italian bread. Costumes are optional but prizes will be awarded for creativity.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 28
Place: Orland Township 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Doors Open at 10 a.m.)
Fee: \$12 / Residents Only (On Sale Now)



ORLAND TOWNSHIP CLASS SCHEDULE



Orland Township offers a variety of classes to improve and maintain residents' overall health and fitness while appealing to a wide range of interests.

Classes are held in a safe environment with certified instructors trained to recognize the needs of each individual. These instructors are available, through the Township office, to answer any questions or concerns.

Trustee John Lynch

SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES



Both registration and fitness classes are held at the Orland Township Activity Center 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.

Exercise Refund Policy:
 Refunds will be provided only with presentation of a doctor's note, which must be received before the session ends.

Joints in Motion

The Arthritis Foundation exercise program, Joints in Motion, is an exercise program designed to help individuals living with arthritis enjoy a more active lifestyle while improving their health. Joints in Motion is intended to assist individuals who have joint and/or muscle problems achieve improved joint mobility, muscle strength and endurance.

Exercises are done while sitting in a chair or standing and classes are led by an instructor certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

Joints in Motion Session Fee
 8 weeks – \$14 residents (\$18 non-residents)

Joints in Motion Classes
 Tuesdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 30 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Registration Available Now

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a great form of exercise that reduces stress while strengthening your muscles. The graceful, slow speed of the class, coupled with an emphasis on deep breathing and mental focus, creates balance, flexibility and calmness. This "meditation in motion" relieves stress and allows for the integration of mind and body. Tai Chi also is known to strengthen the immune system and help with arthritis, high blood pressure and osteoporosis. This class has many mental and physical health benefits. Classes are led by certified instructor and Tai Chi master, Sam Johnson.

Tai Chi Session Fee
 8 weeks - \$30 (\$40 non-residents)

Tai Chi Classes
 Mondays, Sept. 13 to Nov. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Registration Available Now

Yoga / Chair Yoga

A number of studies show that yoga may help reduce stress and anxiety, but more importantly reduce the risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease and high blood pressure. This class will include plenty of modifications to accommodate all levels of experience and practicing from a mat or a chair. The class will focus on movements to bring the body through all ranges of motion to help improve mobility and strength. It also will focus on breathing and meditation to alleviate tension and stress. Classes will be led by certified yoga instruction Melissa Gall, who holds many specialty yoga certificates including senior yoga, restorative yoga and meditation.

Yoga Session Fee
 8 weeks – \$48 (\$53 non-residents)

Yoga Classes
 Tuesdays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 19 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Registration Available Now

Strong & Fit

This class of simple movements and light weight lifting will increase your strength, improve bone density, and enhance your mood – the three components to slowing down the aging process and living a healthier life. Participants should bring a mat and a set of weights between 11lb and 5 lbs. Class will be led by certified instructor Barbara Cachey.

Strong & Fit Session Fee
 4 weeks – \$20 (\$25 non-residents)

Strong & Fit Classes
 Wednesdays, Sept. 1 to Oct. 20 from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Registration Available Now

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

Saturday, Oct. 9	9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9	5:30 p.m. 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).

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:

Oct. 13 and 27
Nov. 10 and 24
Dec. 8 and 22

*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.

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. 6
Nov. 3
Dec. 1

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:

Oct. 19
Nov. 16
Dec. 14

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

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.

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.

State of Illinois Temporary 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.

Medication Drop Box

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.

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.



Access to Care

FILLING THE GAP FOR THE UNINSURED

Access to Care is a non-profit primary healthcare program for low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals living in suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago (north of North Avenue and west of Pulaski Road). The Access to Care program is administered by the Suburban Primary Health Care Council.

Access to Care serves those individuals who are not eligible for public health programs (i.e., CountyCare, All Kids, FamilyCare, Medicaid and Medicare). This includes individuals who do not meet the immigration status requirement of being a legal resident for five years or more. It serves individuals with family incomes under 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. It may be used as a supplement to high-deductible insurance plans.

The program is a unique public/private partnership making primary healthcare and the ancillary pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services available to low-income individuals. Access to Care provides affordable diagnosis and treatment for illness to individuals and families for a small co-payment per doctor visit, procedure or prescription medication. Public funding and private providers form the public/private partnership.

Access to Care contracts with local providers throughout Cook County and pays them a discounted rate to provide services. Participating physicians choose the number of patients they will add to their practice. They are nominally compensated.

For more information on Access to Care visit accesstocare.org or call (708) 531-0680.

To be eligible for Access to Care, you must:

- Live in suburban Cook County or northwest Chicago (north of North Ave. and west of Pulaski Rd.).
- Have family income of less than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$78,600 for a family of four).
- Have no health insurance (or a deductible of \$500 or more per person) and be ineligible for Medicare, Medicaid, All Kids or FamilyCare.
- Not be enrolled in CountyCare.

Access to Care provides enrollees with:

- Visits to your assigned Access to Care doctor for \$5.
- Basic lab and X-ray services for \$5 per draw or procedure.
- Prescription medication for \$15 (generic), \$30 (preferred brand) and \$40 (non-preferred brand). Brand name medications are available only at Walgreens.

Those who meet the eligibility requirements and wish to enroll should call the Orland Township office at (708) 403-4222 to schedule an appointment with the Health Services Coordinator.



ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES



#FIGHT FLU with ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES

Orland Township's 2021 Flu Shot Clinics are all walk-in (no appointment necessary) and for anyone 3 years of age or older. Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) will also be available at the Orland Township Flu Shot Clinics to adults 19 years of ages or older.

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

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FLU SHOT CLINICS
14807 S. Ravinia Ave.
Orland Park

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

October
4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic
Saturday, October 2
9 a.m. to Noon

Orland Township
14807 S. Ravinia Ave.
Orland Park



Sunday, October 10
8 a.m. to Noon
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9300 W. 167th St.
Orland Hills

For more information,
call (708) 403-4222

Fluarix Quadrivalent*

- 3 years of age and older: **\$25**
- Medicaid (Title 19) card holders can receive the flu vaccine ONLY at our monthly immunization clinic.
*Fluarix protects against four different flu viruses.
*Fluarix is preservative free.

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**
Individuals with Traditional Medicare Part B: **Orland Township will bill Medicare for vaccine(s).**
- Those with a Medicare Advantage Plan or Retiree Plan (depending upon your insurance plan), may be able to submit vaccine receipt for reimbursement.
*Fluzone HD Vaccine is preservative free.

Pneumonia Vaccine(s)*

Pneumovax 23- \$100
Prevnar 13- \$195

*NO insurance accepted for Pneumonia vaccines



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. 165th 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

Insight Family Vision Care, Inc.

Dr. Mark A. Alles
Dr. Margaret Cullen-Regan
9501 W. 171st 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

10436 Southwest Hwy.
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
(708) 423-4070

Kirschner Vision Group

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

Eye Was Framed Eye Care

Dr. Dawn Tuminello
11319 W. 143rd 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. 159th St. #5
Orland Park, IL 60462
(708) 403-7250

Dr. Wayne Tillman
13011 S.104th Ave., Ste.201
Palos Park, IL 60464
(708) 923-0400
(makes house calls)

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

(voucher not applicable)

HEARING

Audiological Evaluation - Free

CHIROPRACTIC

Exam - \$45

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

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

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF FLU!

Flu viruses can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: Fever* or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness). Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea. This is more common in children. *It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.



#FIGHT FLU



Orland Township Youth & Family Counseling Services provides programs and services to support the social-emotional health of residents.



ORLAND TOWNSHIP YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Youth & Family Counseling Services Chair Michael Maratea

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 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 such 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.



Illinois Secretary of State Express Facility at Orland Township

14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park

Monday—Friday • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

312-793-1010 • 800-252-8980



Provided here is helpful information about the Illinois Secretary of State Express Facility located at Orland Township. For more information, please visit cyberdriveillinois.com

The Secretary of State entrance is located on the South end of the building. The entrance for license plate renewal (vehicle sticker) is located on the West side of the building. Disability placard services may also use the West entrance.

Services provided at the new Orland Township facility include:

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

Services NOT provided at this location:

- Written test
- Road test
- First time driver's license issuance
- Instruction permit
- Title transfer

FAQs

Do I need to make an appointment?

No appointment required/available.

Do seniors, persons with disabilities, or pregnant women need to wait in line?

No, there is a separate line for seniors, persons with disabilities, and pregnant women at the Secretary of State entrance.

What forms of payment are accepted?

Cash, check, and credit cards are all accepted. Please note, credit cards have a processing fee.

Can non-residents come to this facility?

Yes, Secretary of State is a state-wide service for any Illinois resident.

Please note: Illinois driver's licenses, instruction permits and identification cards that have an expiration date between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 have been extended until January 1, 2022. Commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits are excluded from this extension.



**REAL ID goes into effect on
May 3, 2023**

For Illinois residents who fly domestically, the federal government has extended the deadline to **May 3, 2023** that will require you to use a valid U.S. Passport or obtain a REAL ID from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

To see what documents you need to apply for a REAL ID, visit the REAL ID Interactive Checklist, realid.ilsos.gov/checklist.html

Come prepared and be patient when visiting a Driver Services Facility.



**Senior Citizens and
Persons with Disabilities**

**Receive Reduced Fee
License Plate Stickers
&**

**Other Benefits with the
Illinois Dept. 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.

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

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.

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

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.

**IN HIGH NEED FOR
DRY CAT FOOD!**

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
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.

Holiday Program Applications Available Oct. 1

The Orland Township Food Pantry is providing Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners, and Holiday Dinners and gifts to Orland Township families in need. Eligibility for these programs is based on income guidelines.

Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners must register on or before distributions day, Saturday, Nov. 20. Dinners are while supplies lasts.

Holiday Program registration ends Wednesday, Dec. 1. Families should bring toy and gift ideas (gifts should not exceed \$30). Gifts are provided for ages 12 and under, gifts for over age 12 will be distributed upon availability. *Adults are not promised gifts.*

To apply for the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and/or the Holiday Program, residents must complete a brief application and provide the following:



1. **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).
2. **Verification of Household Income.**
Income statement from last 30 days or unemployment documentation.
3. **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 either program, please call (708) 403-4222.



'tis the Season to Volunteer

Happy Holidays

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 9 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**



Non-perishable food items
can be donated
**Monday through Friday
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

*Please check expiration dates
before donating.*

**Thank you
for your
support!**





**USDA
Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program**

Putting Healthy Food
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)

*Southwest Community Concert Band's
Home for Christmas
Concert & Food Drive*

Enjoy the holiday sound and support your neighbor in need by bringing something to feed. All food and cash donations from this concert will go directly to the Orland Township Food Pantry.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Pre-Concert entertainment: 5:30 PM
Concert Time: 6 PM
Guest Artist: TBA
Location: United Methodist Church
339 West Haven Avenue
New Lenox

<http://swcommunityband.com>





Orland Township 2021 Holiday Program

Orland Township's 2021 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 2021 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.

Additional Holiday Donation Hours

Tuesday, Nov. 30	5pm-7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 1	5pm-7pm
Thursday, Dec. 2	5pm-7pm
Saturday, Dec. 4	9am-12pm

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

Suggested Food List:

- Broth
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Cranberries
- Potatoes/Dehydrated Potatoes
- Dry Stuffing Mix
- Canned Olives/Pickles
- Jell-O/Pudding
- Cake/Frosting Mix
- Pie Filling/Crust Mix
- Food Certificates for Meat, Poultry & Perishables

Other Staples

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

Gift items for boys and girls ages 0-11:

- Action Figures
- Barbies & Barbie Accessories
- Blocks/Building Sets
- Board Games
- Coloring/Arts & Craft Sets
- Dolls & Doll Accessories
- Infant/Toddler Toys
- Learning/Interactive Toys
- LEGOS
- Miniature Car Sets
- Play Food
- Play-Doh
- Science Kits
- Sports Equipment
- Stuffed Animals
- Trucks/Trains/Boats

Gift items for boys and girls ages 12-17:

- Arts & Craft/Science Kits
- Beauty Supplies
- Board Games
- Books
- Candles
- Coloring Books (Stress Relieving)
- Hair Supplies
- Hats/Winter Apparel
- Headphones
- Hygiene Products
- Jewelry
- Shaving Supplies
- Slippers
- Socks
- Sports/Exercise Equipment
- Sports Team Apparel
- Sports Water Bottles
- Throw Blankets



OR be creative!

Additional Ways to Give

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Starting Nov. 1, community members can sign up to participate in the Adopt-A-Family Program. 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!

GIVING TREE

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

Starting Nov. 1, 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 item for each child. All tags and gifts must be returned to Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, by Friday, December 3.



If you would like to participate in one of these programs, or need additional information, please contact Lindsay Trost or Robin Kassis at (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 now available. Eligibility for the program is based on income guidelines. To apply for the 2021 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.

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

<p>Paul O'Grady -Supervisor-</p>	<p>Patrick Feldner Maria Sanfilippo John Lynch Michael Maratea -Trustees-</p>	<p>Rich E. Kelly -Assessor-</p>
<p>Cindy Murray -Clerk-</p>		<p>Antonio Rubino -Highway Commissioner-</p>

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Additional copies are available at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave.

For more information on Township programs and events, please call (708) 403-4222 or visit www.orlandtownship.org