

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024



TOP NEWS

Piloting Resident Rides

We're now offering transportation to medical appointments for senior residents and disabled residents.

Violence Prevention Program Visits White House

Joliet Township Government participated in an event hosted by the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Joliet Township Acquires Forest Park Community Center

The new location will house our transportation and behavioral health departments.

JOLIET TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENT OFFICES



**Residents, we want to hear
from you! Scan the QR code:**



A Message From Supervisor Alicia Morales

Announcing new services and opportunities



Dear Joliet Township Residents,

Welcome to the latest edition of our township newsletter, where we are pleased to share the latest news and updates as we continue to serve our community. I am particularly excited to highlight the progress we have made in expanding and developing our newest programs. Some key highlights include:

White House Invitation: Joliet Township Government was honored to be invited to the White House, where we joined a prestigious national network dedicated to violence prevention. This recognition underscores our violence prevention team’s commitment to fostering a safer and more resilient community.

Forest Park Community Center Acquisition: We are thrilled to announce the acquisition of the Forest Park Community Center. This new facility will become the hub for our transportation and behavioral health teams, enabling us to provide comprehensive services to those in need.

Transportation: Our Transportation Department is actively serving senior and disabled residents, with expanding collaborations with agencies in the Joliet area. We are grateful to provide this essential service, ensuring our residents reach their destinations. As we grow, our vehicles are consistently in high demand. We look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in the Greater Joliet Area.

Ongoing Services for Residents: We are immensely proud of our dedicated team, whose unwavering commitment continues to make a difference every day. From offering senior services and general assistance to managing the medical loan closet and overseeing animal control, our team’s efforts are truly inspiring.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Joliet Township. Your support and engagement are vital to our success, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us.

Warm Regards,

Alicia Morales, Joliet Township Government Supervisor



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A Message From Joliet Township Highway Commissioner Vince Alessio

Joliet Township Road District Road Construction Schedule



The Joliet Township Road District has fourteen Paving Projects and one Bridge Replacement on the 2024 Schedule. Below is a list of all projects to be completed over the summer.

Bond Rd
Eunice Ave
Hermans Ln
Home St
Kildare Ave
Kinmonth Dr

Patterson Rd
Pawnee St
Pequot St
Walden Rd
Emerson Pl
Joliet St
Sugarcreek Dr

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
6:30 am to 3:30 pm
Fridays by appointment

Phone: (815) 722-6646

Email: roaddistrict@joliettownship.net



A Message From The Clerk's Office

The clerk's office held a public bid hearing on March 25th for the Sugar Creek Bridge Replacement and awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, PT Ferro, for under 1.3 million dollars.

The clerk's office held a public bid hearing on March 26th for the Lawn Maintenance services at Oakwood Cemetery. The contract was awarded to lowest responsible bidder, Ramiro Guzman Landscaping, Inc., for under \$86,00 dollars.

The Clerk's office is responsible for holding an Annual Town Meeting the second Tuesday in April.

Clerk Alicia Morales successfully held the Town Meeting on April 9, 2024. This Town meeting has its roots in the centuries-old traditions of New England. It is the only way voters can directly vote to exercise governmental powers when assembled as a group. Townships are different from other governmental bodies in that the elected board members are not the "corporate authorities." The electors / "the voting people" assembled at a town meeting are the corporate authorities. This sometimes means that electors, and not the board, are given the opportunity to exercise obscure powers such as the power to permit disinterment of bodies from a private cemetery. Some powers which boards take for granted, such as the power to dispose of surplus office equipment, belong to the voters at the meeting, not to the board.

Please update your voter registration

Voting matters! We all matter! The general election is quickly approaching on November 5, 2024. Vote by mail begins on September 26, 2024. Early voting begins on October 21, 2024.

A Message From Joliet Township Assessor Jim Brenczewski

Helpful Hints from the Joliet Township Assessor's Office



When you receive your tax bill, please remember to check the exemption lines to make sure you are receiving every exemption you are entitled to. If your property is owner occupied, you should receive a General Homestead Exemption worth 8,000 off of your assessment. If you are 65 or older you can receive a Senior Citizens Exemption worth an additional 8,000 off of your assessment. There is also a Senior Freeze Homestead Exemption.

The requirements for the Senior Freeze are as follows:

- Fulfill property residency requirements (General Homestead Exemption & Senior Citizens Exemption).
- Maximum household income must be \$65,000 or less. You must include all persons using the property as their principal residence.
- Complete and return the Senior Freeze Application each year to either the Supervisor of Assessments Office or your Township Assessor's Office.
- Please remember that this exemption must be renewed and qualified for every year.
- Please note that this exemption freezes your assessment and does NOT freeze your taxes.

If you think you may be entitled to one of the above exemptions and are unsure if you have them, please give us a call and we can check for you. (815) 726-5446.

Here is a little two question quiz on Taxes and Assessments:

Question: If assessed values rise, do taxes have to rise?

Answer: No. Taxes only rise because of an increase in spending, which reflects the funding needs of the various taxing districts.

Question: If assessed value falls, do taxes have to fall?

Answer: No. Taxing authorities decide how much the property tax must rise each year.

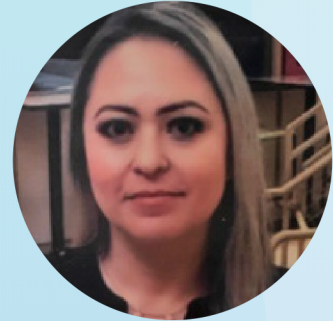
Please remember the ultimate goal of the assessor's office is to have each property assessed at .3333 of market value to ensure the tax burden is proportioned in a fair and equitable manner based on the value of your real estate.

The Joliet Township Assessor's Office is here to answer any questions or concerns about your property. You can access your assessment information on line at www.jolietassessor.net.

You can contact the assessor directly at jtajim@joliettownship.net

Or, you can call our office at (815) 726-5446 and we would be happy to assist you.

Employee Spotlight



Fatima A. Silva
Commercial Deputy Assessor

I work as a Commercial Deputy for Joliet Township Assessor's Office. Prior to my current position, in 2016 I started my assessing path working for DuPage Township Assessor's Office in Bolingbrook as a part-time bilingual English/Spanish Residential Clerk and Property Tax Exemption Specialist. My desire to serve and communicate with the taxpayers in their own language made me go the extra mile by getting my CIAO (Certified Illinois Assessing Officer) Certificate. Over my eight years working at DTWP, I've gained a great amount of experience which has helped me make my way up as Commercial Deputy. My goal is to develop fair and equitable assessments for Commercial/Industrial Properties and serve the residents of Joliet Township Government. Outside my role at the Township, I love to spend time with my family and three dogs.

Joliet Township Senior Liaison



Jeff Wallace Senior Liaison

Home Phone:
(815) 741-3888

Cell Phone:
(815) 263-4499

Attention all seniors! Senior Liaison Jeffery "Jeff" Wallace invites you to monthly meetings for connection, enrichment, and fun. These gatherings feature meals, activities, and guest speakers, nourishing both body and mind. Membership dues range from free to \$10.

For support and social opportunities, contact Jeff at 815-741-3888 (home) or 815-263-4499 (cell).

Join us to make new friends and enjoy our senior community. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Senior Group Meetings

Group membership may be required to attend these events. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in attending any of these events, and he can help connect you with the host organization.

July 1 **The Moose Seniors**
6 pm; Moose Lodge
25 Springfield Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

July 11 **Sr. Citizen Association**
12 pm; St. Joseph Park
700 Theodore Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

July 18 **Bicentennial Bluff Meeting**
6:30 pm; St. Peter Gym
310 N Broadway St, Joliet, IL 60435

Aug. 8 **Sr. Citizen Association**
12 pm; St. Joseph Park
700 Theodore Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Aug. 15 **Bicentennial Bluff Meeting**
6:30 pm; St. Peter Gym
310 N Broadway St, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 2 **The Moose Seniors**
6 pm; Moose Lodge
25 Springfield Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 12 **Sr. Citizen Association**
12 pm; St. Joseph Park
700 Theodore Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 18 **St. Johns Seniors**
12 pm; St. John's Hall
404 N Hickory St, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 19 **Bicentennial Bluff Meeting**
6:30pm, St. Peter Gym
310 N Broadway St, Joliet, IL 60435

July 10 **The Paulites**
5:30 pm; St. Paul Hall
130 Woodlawn Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

July 13 **Second Baptist Ministries**
11 am
156 S Joliet St, Joliet, IL 60436

Aug. 4 **The Moose Seniors Picnic**
6 pm; Moose Lodge
25 Springfield Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Aug. 10 **Second Baptist Ministries**
11 am
156 S Joliet St, Joliet, IL 60436

Aug. 22 **Retired Steelworkers**
12 pm; Silver Spoon
1601 W Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 4 **The Paulites**
5:30 pm; St. Paul Hall
130 Woodlawn Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 14 **Second Baptist Ministries**
11am
156 S Joliet St, Joliet, IL 60436

Sept. 19 **St. Rays Seniors**
12 pm; Parish Commons
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Sept. 25 **Retired Teachers Association**
12 pm; Al's Restaurant
1990 W Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60435

General Assistance Employee Spotlight

Meet Sue Bustin, Medical Caseworker



For the past 23 years, Sue Bustin has been a dedicated Medical Caseworker at Joliet Township Government. With a profound passion for helping people transition from difficult times to better days, Sue's role involves assisting residents of Joliet Township who are awaiting short- or long-term disability (SSI/SSD), worker's compensation, personal injury settlements, or are off work due to health issues. She provides information on available community resources and helps residents utilize those that would be most beneficial. Through the Joliet Township General Assistance program, Sue can assist with rent, mortgage, or utility payments while residents wait for their benefits to be approved.

Sue comes from a medical family, fueling her lifelong passion for helping others. Her achievements include being recognized as one of the 2017 Herald News Everyday Heroes, celebrating her selfless efforts.

Sue was born and raised in Joliet and graduated from Joliet East High School. She obtained her Associate's degree from JJC, attended Illinois Masonic Nursing School, and earned her Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she lived for five years.

When Sue joined Joliet Township 23 years ago, the medical loan closet was modest, consisting of only a couple of wheelchairs, a few walkers, and several canes. Under her guidance, it has expanded significantly, now providing a wide range of medical equipment and supplies.

In her free time, Sue is passionate about supporting and honoring veterans. She serves as the Auxiliary President at the American Legion Post 1080, is a member of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Support Committee, and actively volunteers with Honor Flight Chicago. Her past involvement includes being a member of the Exchange Club for 30 years, a board member of the Will County Humane Society for five years (serving as President for two), and volunteering for various breast cancer causes and the Special Olympics.

Sue finds immense fulfillment in her work, especially in sharing resources with residents during their darkest hours. She treasures moments when providing a piece of equipment or a resource can significantly improve someone's quality of life, helping them regain their independence.

Medical Loan Closet

Residents may temporarily borrow medical equipment

Joliet Township residents needing to temporarily borrow medical equipment can contact the Township Office. The equipment is free to use and can be picked up at the Township Office.

Available Equipment Includes:



Wheelchairs



Canes



Crutches



Portable Commodes



Walkers



Shower Chairs

Limited Supply Available:

Adult Diapers

Bed Pads

Grabbers

Dressing Aids

Exercise Bands

Additional medical supplies and adult diapers are occasionally available. To check availability and borrow items, contact the Township at 815-726-4781 X302. Donations of gently used items are welcome, though space limitations may prevent acceptance of all donations.

The Medical Loan Closet offers a quick, essential service for those in urgent need, bypassing the delays of insurance and medical providers. Sue Bustin, instrumental in the closet's expansion, finds great fulfillment in helping residents regain their independence and improve their quality of life.



Joliet Township Expands Community Services with Forest Park Community Center Acquisition

We are excited to announce that Joliet Township has approved Ordinance No. 399-2024, authorizing the purchase of the Forest Park Community Center on 1017 Woodruff Road in Joliet. This acquisition marks a significant step forward in our ongoing commitment to serve our community more effectively.

As Joliet Township continues to grow, the current Town Hall space has become insufficient to meet the needs of our expanding services and programs. The purchase of the Forest Park Community Center will provide the much-needed additional space to accommodate both current operations and future developments.

Our vision for the Forest Park Community Center includes housing two of our newest and most impactful programs:

1. **Transportation Department:** Our transportation team, consisting of eight dedicated members, will become fully operational in this new space. This move will enhance our capacity to provide reliable transportation services to our residents.
2. **Behavioral Health Services:** The center will also serve as the base for our team of three behavioral health therapists who work with youth and young adults. This program is crucial in addressing the mental health needs of our younger community members, providing them with the support they need to thrive.

Joliet Township Government remains steadfast in its mission to introduce and sustain programs and services that benefit and support the local community. The acquisition of the Forest Park Community Center is a testament to our dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

We look forward to the positive impact this new space will have on our community and invite all residents to join us in celebrating this exciting development.

Bettye Gavin, former Executive Director of the Forest Park Community Center, said, "I'm excited that the Township has purchased the community center and that we will keep the name as Joliet Township Forest Park Community Center. It's all about the residents in the community and that they continue to get services. When the Joliet Township Supervisor told me they would continue services in that area, I can't tell you how excited I was about that. I have a great respect for the residents in that area and have always worked to support them. I'm excited and thankful to the Township for picking this up and continuing services."

For more information about our programs and services, please visit our website www.joliettownship.net or contact the Township office at (815) 726-4781.



Joliet Township Government joins national violence prevention network visit to White House

On May 22, 2024, former Supervisor Angel Contreras and Violence Prevention Director Keshia Ellis of Joliet Township Government joined other members of the National Offices of Violence Prevention Network (NOVPN) by participating in an event hosted by the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention focused on community violence intervention and collaborative work to build an ecosystem of Offices of Violence Prevention (OVPs) to keep our communities safe.

OVPs, also known as offices of neighborhood safety and other names, are premised on the notion that community safety should not be the exclusive province of policing and the criminal justice system. Charged with addressing public safety through the lens of public health, OVPs typically focus on the application of community-based strategies to intervene in or prevent violence for those at highest risk of engaging in or being the victim of gun violence.

Joliet Township Government's Community Violence Intervention Program includes services focused on reducing incidents of gun violence through case management, street outreach, and victim advocacy. Operating out of the Joliet Township Ozzie and Peggy Mitchell Center (formerly Peter Claver), located at 172 S. Chicago, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Joliet Township Government's CVI Program also offers trauma-informed behavioral health services to aid those suffering in our community. The third component of the Violence Prevention Program is the CVI Joliet Area Council. Comprising community leaders, the league meets monthly to discuss collaborative opportunities that positively impact the community, coordinate emergency community engagement efforts, and assess the implementation of violence prevention programs.

Numerous local and state governments have recently established OVPs in response to nationwide surges in violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with this momentum, in September 2023, President Biden established the first-ever White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention to reduce gun violence and implement and expand upon key executive and legislative action which has been taken to save lives. This White House gathering of NOVPN members from more than 40 jurisdictions represents an exciting next step in President Biden's commitment to ending gun violence in our country.

Violence Prevention Director Keshia Ellis said, "Visiting the White House in representation of gun violence prevention was nothing short of amazing. The Biden administration is doing an amazing job of tackling the issues that surround gun violence. I am excited about the new funding opportunities, and their abilities to further help impacted individuals."

"The NOVPN team is excited to have Network members from across the country join us at the White House in this first of its kind discussion in our nation's history," said NOVPN Director Shantay Jackson. "These leaders are at the forefront of their local jurisdictions, working tirelessly with their communities and partner agencies in the reduction of gun violence and, as we head into the summer months, this conversation is necessary, timely, and invaluable."

Community Violence Intervention Services

Program Overview

Our Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Services is a comprehensive program focused on reducing incidents of gun violence through case management, street outreach, and victim advocacy. Operating out of the Joliet Township Ozzie and Peggy Mitchell Center (formerly Peter Claver), CVI Services is conveniently located at 172 S. Chicago, Joliet, Illinois 60432. For inquiries or assistance, please reach out to CVI Services Outreach Team at 815-553-3317, extensions 601 and 603.

Micropantry installed to address food insecurity

In a move to address food insecurity within underserved communities, a micro pantry was installed at the Joliet Township Government's Ozzie & Peggy Mitchell Center on March 21, 2024. This initiative aims to provide accessible food options to those in need, particularly in areas lacking nearby grocery stores, creating what is commonly known as food deserts.

Micro pantries are small structures where individuals or groups can leave or take food as needed. This system operates anonymously and is open to all members of the community 24 hours a day. Other micro pantries can be found at various locations throughout the Joliet area and beyond, including the Joliet Township Offices on 175 W Jefferson St Joliet, IL 60435.

Supported by a collaborative effort involving various organizations and individuals, Joliet Township Government's latest micro pantry was made possible in collaboration with the ARISE Coalition – Activating Relationships in Illinois for Systemic Equity (ARISE), Holstein Human Capital Development (HHDC), National Hookup of Black Women (NHBW), Warehouse Workers for Justice (WWJ), Will County Health Department & Community Health Center, Jeff Eberhard, Easy Auto Sales and Guardian Group. This initiative aims to alleviate the immediate food needs of underserved communities.

People can pick up or donate shelf-stable food at the micro pantry at the Ozzie and Peggy Mitchell Center on 172 S Chicago St, Joliet, IL 60433. Funds for these local micro pantries, which each cost over \$1,000 to make, have been raised through the Guardian Group's website <https://www.micropantries.net/>. For those willing to contribute, donations can be made through the website.

The following Micro Food Pantry data has been collected by case manager Brooke Lynch at Joliet Township Government's Ozzie & Peggy Mitchell Center. When determining the impact that Micro Food Pantries have in combatting food insecurity, collecting data is crucial. From March 22 to May 23, 2024, the Mitchell Center Micro Food Pantry served 1,187 meals. Between March 22 and April 18, 2024, it served 837 meals. From April 24 to May 21, 2024, it served 350 meals.



Community Engagement

CVI Services Engagement Coordinator Nicole Lurry actively participated in multiple events in Joliet Township and Will County to promote the Joliet Township Government's Peace Over Violence Division. She hosts recurring Community Chats and pop-up events to address gun violence. On May 4, 2024, the CVI Services Community Pop-up Event was held at St. Mark Church in Joliet, IL, featuring our team and city council official Suzanna Ibarra. Nicole also attended and tabled at the Kermes 6th Annual Community event at Joliet Central High School on May 8, 2024, and the Lewis University Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Campus Walk Resource Fair on May 4, 2024, alongside Case Manager Cameron Davis.

Joliet Township Transportation Department

In partnership with the PACE Municipal Vehicle Program



Eligibility as resident

- Resident must reside within Joliet Township Government boundaries.
- Must be a senior citizen or a resident with a disability

Eligibility as a client of a partner agency

- Must be an active client of a partner agency
- Requests should be submitted by case worker

Rides for Seniors & Residents with Disabilities

We're now offering curb-to-curb transportation to medical appointments for senior residents and disabled residents of Joliet Township Government. Medical appointment rides will be limited to an additional ten miles outside Joliet Township Government's borders. **To schedule your ride, contact us at least two business days in advance using one of the following methods:**

📞 Call 815-553-3317

✉ Email transportation@joliettownship.net

🌐 Website: <http://www.joliettownship.net/services/transportation-department/>



Who can Partner?

Any agency that serves our residents and is located within the Joliet Township Government borders may partner with us for the transportation needs of their clients. The program will facilitate trips for the agency clients to various essential destinations including doctor appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, medical centers, and community centers. **Email us today to set up a meeting to discuss your needs at transportation@joliettownship.net.**

Our Partners

Our current partners are BluePrint Agency, Family Guidance Centers, Inc., Family and Friends, Holsten Human Capital Development, Spanish Community Center, and Will-Grundy Medical Center.



"As we know, transportation is one of the biggest barriers involving clients getting to treatment; since developing this linkage in utilizing the Township in transporting our clients to and from treatment, this linkage has been amazing and our clients have expressed their gratitude in being able to make it to treatment. We appreciate this resource." - Laura Murphy of Family Guidance Centers, Inc.

**Accomplishments in
Jan. - May 2024**

**Total Miles
1,659.3 miles**

**Agency Partners
7 partners**

**Total Trips
397 Trips**

Boundaries

The trips taken must be within the Joliet Township Government's boundaries which cover the NW quadrant at Theodore and Gaylord to the NE quadrant at Rosalind and Farrell Rd, to the SE quadrant at Cherry Hill and Schweizer Rd, and the SW quadrant at Laraway Road and Centerpoint Way of Joliet Illinois. Trips outside of Township Boundaries are available to partner agencies.

Additional Information

- Services are contingent upon availability
- Scheduling must be done with at least two business days' notice.
- Emergency transportation services are not provided.



Joliet Township Transportation Department Brings Residents Back Home to Joshua Arms

The Joliet Township Government Transportation Department is proud to announce a heartwarming success story of community collaboration and swift action to aid displaced senior residents of Joshua Arms of LSSI Senior Residence.

On Tuesday, May 21st, Joshua Arms reached out to Joliet Township Government, requesting urgent transportation assistance for their senior residents. Due to a power outage at the Joshua Arms facility, all residents had been temporarily relocated to various hotels and motels. As the Memorial Day weekend approached, accommodations in Lockport became unavailable, necessitating the relocation of residents once again, this time from Lockport hotels to Joliet hotels.

Responding promptly, our transportation department arranged and completed the first trip on Friday, May 24th. Our dedicated team transported fifteen seniors and their belongings from Lockport to Joliet hotels, ensuring their comfort and safety during this critical time.

The positive feedback from Joshua Arms prompted further assistance requests. On Wednesday, May 29th, we facilitated two trips, including a pickup of eleven seniors from Ottawa back to Joshua Arms and a special transport for a resident who uses a wheelchair to a doctor's appointment due to a last-minute cancellation with their previous transportation service.

Continuing our support, on Thursday, May 30th, we transported three residents from Tinley Park and nine from Minooka back to their homes at Joshua Arms. On Friday, May 31st, we completed the final leg of this effort, bringing eight passengers from Lockport hotels and twenty-four seniors from Joliet hotels back to Joshua Arms.

In total, our transportation department safely moved sixty-three seniors and their belongings over four days. This monumental task required additional vehicles to accommodate personal items and ensured every resident returned home seamlessly.

Amy Hall, BSW of Joshua Arms of LSSI Senior Residence, expressed her gratitude, saying, "I can't thank all of the staff enough for how kind and great they were to work with and with our residents. You all were a lifesaver for us at Joshua Arms."

"Our team was honored to step in and provide assistance during this emergency," said Jacqueline Smith, Lead Transportation Coordinator of Joliet Township Government. "Ensuring the safety and well-being of our senior residents is a top priority, and I am incredibly proud of our staff's dedication and hard work in making this a smooth and successful operation."

Any agency that serves our residents and is located within the Joliet Township Government borders may partner with us for the transportation needs of their clients. For further information, contact Jacqueline Smith at jsmith@joliettownship.net or 815-726-4781 x650 or email us today to set up a meeting to discuss your needs at transportation@joliettownship.net.



Community Violence Intervention Joliet Area Council

Program Overview

Comprising community leaders, the league meets monthly to discuss firearm violence prevention, coordinate emergency community engagement efforts, and assess the implementation of violence prevention programs. This collaborative effort includes representatives from various sectors, such as education, law enforcement, community engagement, and religious organizations. If your organization would like to join, please contact Leshae Hudson, Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC), at 815-593-3363 or via email at lhudson@joliettownship.net.

Municipality Tours

Over the past few months, the team has been working hard on the “Municipality Tour” initiative while strategizing innovative approaches to enhance violence prevention efforts, visiting several Greater Illinois RSPA Grantees. Joliet Township leadership visited Kankakee, connecting with local officials and the Violence Prevention Team. They also traveled to Lake County, including North Chicago, Zion, and Waukegan, where they met with the Lake County State’s Attorney Eric Rinehart and his violence prevention team, including the Chief of Government Relations and External Affairs and Teen and Youth Service. Their most recent visit was to the Urban Male Network in Dolton.

Emergency Plan

Our Community Violence Intervention leaders were tasked with developing an Emergency Response Protocol, outlining the response to firearm-related incidents. This protocol will be used as a model by approximately 383 organizations. The protocol encompasses various elements, including establishing a review team, defining clear goals and objectives, documenting and gathering information (such as mass shooting incident reports), and conducting correspondence and debriefing sessions.

Reimagine Village

The team supported the “Reimagine Village” VPCC at a Violence Prevention Mental Health event, sharing the new Emergency Response Plan. Future tours will include Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Rockford, and East St. Louis. The “Reimagine Village” collaboration involves seven other Greater Illinois Violence Council Coordinators, with monthly meetings to share ideas and resources.

New CVI Joliet Area Council Members

We are excited to announce the addition of new members to CVI Joliet Area Council, representing diverse organizations in our community. We welcome representatives from Catholic Charities Daybreak Center, Agape NFP, Prestige Athletics, Joliet West High School, Galowich YMCA Joliet, Joliet Central High School, and the Salvation Army Joliet. Their expertise and dedication will greatly contribute to our mission and initiatives.

Joliet Township Animal Control

Follow Joliet Township Animal Control on Facebook

In March we hosted the JJC Veterinary Assistant program students to practice giving dog's baths and cleaning their ears. The students were excited and willing to help with the daily chores involved with caring for the animals here. We appreciated their help so much!

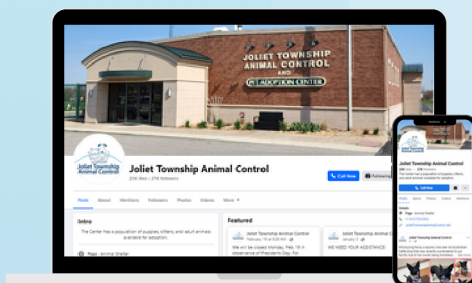


In honor of Earth day we spent some time adding new plants and mulch to our flower bed along the front of our building. We then soaked up some extra sunshine while getting plenty of steps in along with our doggie residents, taking long walks while enjoying nature!



We've kicked off our season of adoption events with being welcomed at Abri Credit Union's annual Pet Adoption event at their Romeoville location. We have more events scheduled this spring/summer and more are added often.

Please check our website joliettownshipanimalcontrol.net for the most up to date information about our events, volunteering, and adoptable animals!



Find us on Facebook



Got questions or concerns? We're here to help!

Office Hours

Monday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

Phone: (815) 725-0333

Website:

www.joliettownshipanimalcontrol.net

Joliet Township Resident Survey

Your Voice Matters - Take Our Survey Today!

Joliet Township Government is utilizing Public Input as a tool to build positive community relationships through engagement. We understand that there are residents who may feel genuinely interested in what is happening in our community but may not know how to effectively provide input. Therefore, finding the right tools to offer consistent, predictable opportunities for the residents to get involved at key decision points is critical.

Public Input helps us address barriers to participation by using technology effectively. Residents will be able to interact with us consistently and in an accessible way that will predictably allow us to build trust. Joliet Township Government will be able to acknowledge differences and identify gaps in participation which will simplify and accelerate complex decision-making processes while demonstrating equitable engagement.

However, this is not possible without the resident's involvement, therefore we encourage you to scan this code and participate in the first-of-its-kind Joliet Township Government Project.

Take Our Resident Survey



[Click here to take our survey](#)



Empowering Youth Through Summer Internships

Expanding Opportunities for Local Youth in Collaboration with Illinois Youth and Family Services

Joliet Township Government proudly announces its continued commitment to empowering youth through internship opportunities, now in collaboration with Illinois Youth and Family Services (IYFS). This partnership marks a significant step forward in providing valuable work experience for local youth, supported by funding from IYFS through the Illinois Youth Invest Program.

"We are thrilled to continue our tradition of offering internship opportunities to the youth in our community," said Angel Contreras, Supervisor at Joliet Township Government. "This summer, we are excited to expand our program and welcome up to 20 interns. Through this initiative, we aim to provide hands-on experiences and mentorship that will equip these young individuals for future success."

Under the Illinois Youth Invest Program, IYFS collaborates with local employers to offer internship positions to eligible candidates aged 16-24. As a participant in this program, Joliet Township Government serves as an employer of interns, providing valuable experiences within various departments. These opportunities aim to equip young individuals with practical skills and exposure to local government operations, preparing them for future career opportunities.

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Oakwood Cemetery Memorial Day 2024 Program

The Memorial Day ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery on Sunday, May 26, was conducted by Co. H 10th Illinois Infantry, led by Commander Robert Winter, and Co. K 100th Illinois Infantry under the command of Lt. Tim Marcus. Despite the rainy day, they managed to raise the colors and place flags on the Civil War soldiers' headstones at the Rotunda. Everyone then proceeded to the grave of Col. Frederick A. Bartleson, where members and junior members from the Col. Frederick A. Bartleson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 placed a wreath at the gravesite and read a poem titled "The Burial of Bartleson." Lt. Tim Marcus then gave a biography of Col. Bartleson.



Grant to K9s for Veterans

We are delighted to announce that we have awarded a grant to K9s for Veterans, an exceptional organization dedicated to helping veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) transition back to civilian life with the assistance of trained service dogs. K9s for Veterans is committed to raising public awareness about the challenges faced by veterans with PTSD and streamlining the process for them to obtain service dogs, ensuring they receive the support they need in a timely manner.

K9s for Veterans provides free food and basic medical care for the life of each service dog, significantly easing the financial burden on veterans. Additionally, their lifesaving efforts are magnified by their exclusive use of rescue dogs from kill shelters, which are then trained as service dogs for veterans. This dual mission not only supports our veterans but also saves the lives of countless rescue dogs.

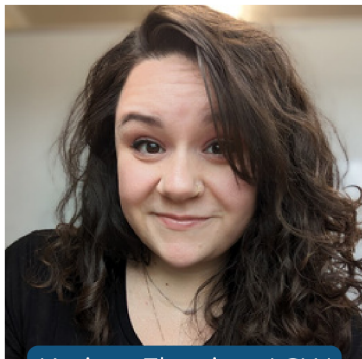
We are proud to support K9s for Veterans in their vital work and look forward to seeing the positive impact of this grant on both veterans and rescue dogs alike.

Prepare Your Home for Fire Emergencies with a Knox Box; Coming this Fall

Joliet Township Government is working with fire departments within the township, including the City of Joliet, East Joliet Fire Protection District, and Rockdale Fire, to provide Knox Boxes for residents. Knox Boxes enable our fire departments to quickly retrieve building keys in emergencies, allowing for a rapid response while preventing forced entry to a resident's home. Residents in need of such a service are encouraged to apply. There are no income restraints.

How would this work?

1. Complete the application through the Joliet Township Government Website. You may also stop by and complete the application at the office during normal business hours.
2. Each application will be reviewed and submitted to the appropriate fire department. A letter from a doctor explaining the need due to medical illness is strongly recommended but not required.
3. Once the Knox Box is installed on the resident's door, the fire department will place the resident's keys into the Knox Box.
4. Please return the Knox Box once it is no longer needed so that it can be put back into circulation. Then, the Fire department will come and return your house keys to you. The Fire Department will take back Knox Box and return it to the township.



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CVI Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health

Program Overview

As part of its Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Program, Joliet Township Government is proud to offer FREE trauma-informed therapy services and more to the Greater Joliet Area's youth and young adults ages 6 to 24 years old. To request an appointment, visit <http://www.joliettownship.net/services/behavioral-health/>

Growing Caseloads

The CVI Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health team has served thirty-three clients from January to May. These clients come from IRIS, our website's request form (www.joliettownship.net/behavioral-health), and through three Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's)—two of which are schools. The ability to go into these schools helps reduce service barriers to students in need and we are proud to be part of Lincoln School and Rockdale District 84. Our MOU with Joliet Township High School has officially been executed and we are excited to begin working with them in the fall.

Community Awareness

Our team has been working to increase community awareness through various community presentations at the local neighborhood meetings, the University of St. Francis, and other local events we are invited to attend. Our team recently joined the Will County Mobilization for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)'s Behavioral Health & Substance Use Action Coalition.

Partnership with Morningstar Mission

The MOU with Morningstar Mission was executed in January and in mid-March our therapists began seeing four clients with Morningstar Mission. These services are provided on-site at Morningstar and we are very grateful for the partnership and space provided to us for therapy.

Transportation

Our team is honored to be able to offer transportation to and from our therapy services. This service provided by the Joliet Township Government eliminates scheduling and transportation barriers many of our clients have faced in the past. By offering transportation, we expect to see an increase in participation.



Certificate for Social Work in Healthcare

Trauma Licensed Therapist Latreavette McCline, QMHP LSW C-SWHC, has obtained the Certificate for Social Work in Healthcare.

This certification underscores Latreavette's dedication to addressing healthcare disparities and providing culturally sensitive care to individuals, families, and communities.

With this achievement, Latreavette exemplifies excellence in leveraging social work principles to enhance healthcare delivery and promote health equity for all.



Joliet Township Government provides FREE Youth Trauma Therapy

El municipio de Joliet ofrece terapia de trauma juvenil GRATUITA

Who we help

- Ages 6 to 24
- Joliet & Surrounding Communities
- Experienced trauma*

A quiénes ayudamos

- Edades 6 a 24
- Joliet y alrededores
- Ha experimentado un trauma*

Our team

- Compassionate & Diverse
- Mental health professionals
- English and Spanish Available

Nuestro equipo

- Compasivo y diverso
- Profesionales de la salud mental
- Disponible en inglés y en español

Contact us

Póngase en contacto con nosotros:



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Funding provided in whole or in part by the Department of Human Services.

*specifically to mediate the correlation between family adversity, trauma and violence, and subsequent involvement in gun-related activity

*específicamente para mediar en la correlación entre la adversidad familiar, el trauma y la violencia, y la subsiguiente involucración en actividades con armas.



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Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarships

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship, a significant initiative aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for any student in our community. Recognizing the paramount importance of education, this scholarship is designed to make higher learning more accessible for Joliet Township residents. We understand the pivotal role education plays in shaping the future of our youth, and we are committed to supporting their academic journey.

Scholarship Coverage

The Joliet Township Youth Excellence Scholarship covers **four** credit hours at Joliet Junior College (JJC).

Eligibility

Open to all students residing in Joliet Township who have completed the Joliet Junior College 12x12x12 program at any high school.

We believe that education should be a gateway to limitless possibilities, and through this scholarship, we aim to empower all students to pursue their dreams without the burden of financial constraints.

This scholarship is a testament to our commitment to fostering educational excellence within the Joliet Township community. By investing in the education of our youth, we are investing in the future prosperity of our community.

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