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WEST DEERFIELD  
TOWNSHIP

*Your Community Resource for Life*



## SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

## Dear Resident:

*Spring is in the air. Summer is just around the corner. As the weather warms up and days are longer, we change how we work, live, and play. I want to take a moment to remind you that our township offices are open, and we are here to serve you with financial assistance, assessor services, transportation, senior and health services, food pantry, unincorporated road services, passport services, and more.*

In a few more weeks, it will be one year since the Highland Park shooting. Seven precious lives were taken too soon, with dozens of others shot and injured. We continue to send our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims. Since the shooting we have worked tirelessly to support West Deerfield residents impacted by the shooting with attention to our west Highland Park residents. Crisis situations are rare, but it is our goal to serve as a safety net and lift individuals and families in need. Our gratitude goes out to the many government and not-for-profit partners and regular volunteers who have demonstrated the true meaning of dedication, teamwork, and kindness. Together we have assisted with grocery shopping, driving, meal chains, and connecting individuals with mental health services, financial support, legal aid, and so much more.

In the spirit of supporting residents in need, West Deerfield Township is now a Dementia Friendly Community. We support, empower, and understand fellow community members challenged by dementia. Please join us for a Community Sit-Down on May 18 from 1-3 PM at Deerfield Village Hall. We will discuss this new initiative, provide information regarding local assistance for those with

dementia, and provide suggestions for actions that individuals can take. More information is available in this newsletter.

I am pleased to introduce our new West Deerfield Township Assessor Andrew Richter. We also have new staff in the Assessor's office. We recently welcomed Cheryl Jenkins and Kendra Pulaski. Their office is undertaking a couple of large projects in addition to general reassessment which takes place every four years. As a reminder, reassessment notices are mailed at the end of the summer.

As the warm weather approaches, we hope this newsletter provides you valuable information about upcoming events, important updates, and resources. We encourage you to get outside and enjoy all that spring and summer offers. As always, our Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers encourage residents of all ages and socioeconomic levels to take advantage of the myriad resources available. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We always work with you in mind, and we are humbled and proud to serve you.

*Sincerely, Alyson Feiger*  
Township Supervisor



# *New Faces in 2022 and Upcoming Changes for 2023*

## for the West Deerfield Township Assessor's Office

Assessor *Andrew Richter*

2022 brought new faces to the West Deerfield Township Assessor's office and with them a bright optimism for the future. Our new Assessor, **Andrew Richter**, has spent his career in the real estate industry, and as a third-generation real estate appraiser, he's been immersed in real estate since childhood. Andrew grew up in Deerfield, graduating from Deerfield High School in 1998. After earning his Bachelor of Arts from Washington University in St. Louis in 2002, he began his career as a commercial real estate appraiser here in Deerfield. Andrew was designated as an MAI, Member of the Appraisal Institute, in 2014, one of the youngest members to receive the designation. Andrew has served on the Board of Directors and on several committees of the Chicago Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

Andrew returned to Deerfield in 2006 with his wife Emily, and together they're raising three daughters, all in District 109 schools. His twins love volunteering in the Township Food Pantry and his youngest brings sunshine everywhere she goes.

We also have new staff in the Assessor's office this year. **Cheryl Jenkins** and **Kendra Pulaski** have each spent more than 10 years working in the Chief County Assessor's Office in Waukegan before joining us this year. Their knowledge and experience with all of the different aspects of the work we do in the office is invaluable. The energy and joy they bring to their jobs is no less important.



2022 was a great year for us. We have maintained the excellent customer service that this office has been known for and extended and expanded our outreach to the community. Andrew held three Tax Appeal Workshops at the Deerfield Public Library this past summer to explain the process of filing a tax appeal online so that residents don't need to hire an attorney to appeal their tax assessment. More workshops will be scheduled for the summer of 2023, as the response was overwhelmingly positive.

For 2023, we are undertaking a couple of large projects in addition to general reassessment which takes place every four years. We are using public data sources to attempt to update our records of physical characteristics of properties throughout the township. This spring we are also working hard to reevaluate all the assessment neighborhoods in our township to see where neighborhoods can be combined to improve the accuracy of our assessments and your ability to appeal those assessments.



In Illinois, all counties (except Cook) are on a Quadrennial assessment cycle and this year (2023) is a reassessment year for property owners. The Illinois property tax is an "ad valorem" tax. This is a Latin term that means "according to value." According to Illinois Statute, every parcel in the township will receive a revised assessment for 2023. For residential properties, we use CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) software to help estimate these values. Assessments are also based on three years of adjusted valid sales, so for 2023, sales from 2020, 2021, and 2022 are used.

*As always, once the reassessment notices are mailed out at the end of the summer, we are here to assist you during the 30-day period in which you can file an appeal of your assessment.*



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## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

We are proud to offer our senior and mobility challenged residents timely, reasonable and clean transportation to medical appointments. When the van schedule permits, we can also offer quality of life rides to the grocery store, bank, pharmacy, shopping, hair salon or barber shop, social events, etc. Our rides are door-to-door, our drivers are trained professionals, and our van is clean and comfortable – all this for \$6.00 round trip and \$4.00 one way!

The service operates **Monday – Friday** (except holidays) from **8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, and registering is easy! Please call our Transportation department at **847-945-0614 x 310** or print an application from our website at:

**[westdeerfieldtownship.org](http://westdeerfieldtownship.org)**.



### Why Use Going Places?

- ☒ Eliminate the stress of driving, navigating your way & parking.
- ☒ Avoid driving in bad weather.
- ☒ Make your life easier and maintain your independence.

### Testimonial

*This year without a car would have been a disaster if not for the van. The drivers are the best –always on time, helpful, and ensuring your safety. The cost is minimal and the office provides excellent service.*

**– Marilyn N.**

## We're Here to Help You Navigate All the Resources Available to You!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE • ASSESSOR SERVICES • TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM • SENIOR SERVICES  
FOOD PANTRY • VOTING • PASSPORTS • UNINCORPORATED ROADS



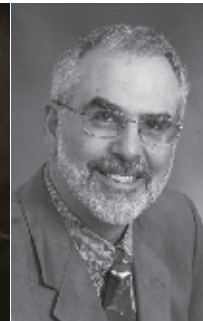
**Alyson Feiger**  
Township  
Supervisor



**Andrew Richter**  
Township  
Assessor



**Kristen Scott**  
Township  
Clerk



**Ron Levitsky**  
Township  
Trustee



**Kaye Kharasch**  
Township  
Trustee



**Emily Mysel**  
Township  
Trustee



**Kathryn Somers**  
Township  
Trustee



# TOWNSHIP *Quick Takes*



## ***Passport Services***

We're a great choice when you need a new passport. Our Certified Agents are ready to serve you.

***BEFORE YOU COME, VISIT***

***travel.state.gov***

The information you need to prepare your application can be found on that web site. It tells you what documents you'll need to bring and the pictures you'll need to have taken. (We do not provide photography services.) Please visit that web site first before you call our office with questions.



## ***Our Boardroom is Available***

It's a great place for meetings since we're centrally located in downtown Deerfield.

***NO CHARGE FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS***

The room is available Monday through Friday during regular business hours and is also available for use by neighborhood groups and other organizations.

***CALL TO SCHEDULE***

For more information and to reserve the boardroom, call our office during regular business hours at

**847-945-0614**



## ***Counseling Services***

Township counseling services are available from Jerry Zachar, our Director of Counseling, including one-on-one counseling and support groups. All the counseling services are provided free of charge to West Deerfield Township residents.



## ***Unincorporated Roads***

For road repair and maintenance, the West Deerfield Township contracts with the Vernon Township Highway Department to ensure safe driving conditions for all motorists.

***SERVICES INCLUDE:***

The Highway Department provides such services as snow plowing, shoulder grading, pavement repair and rehabilitation, re-painting of traffic control markings on the pavement and signage.

***IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN...***

...about one of the unincorporated roads in our Township, please call the Township office at  
**847-945-0614.**





## Memory Cafe

The Memory Cafe is a place for persons who are experiencing memory changes and their care partners to gather for connection and conversation while enjoying themed activities.

**Upcoming Meetings: June 7 / July 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

The meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at

**Deerfield Public Library, 920 Waukegan Rd.**

For more information and to register contact

**Judy Hoffman** at the Deerfield Public Library

**jhoffman@deerfieldlibrary.org**

or call **847-580-8954**.

*Space is Limited, Register Today!*

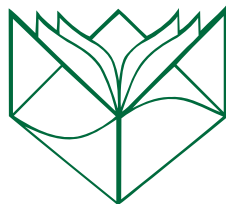
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## Voter Registration

Registration is available for first-time registrants or those who need to update their record. Two forms of ID are required, one of which shows your current address.

**Registration is available 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the Township Center, 601 Deerfield Road.**

*Remember: You must re-register if you've moved, even if within the same town or County.*

*Feel free to call Township Clerk Kristen Scott with any questions: 847-945-0614.*



## Visit Our Web Site

Visit the Township's website,

**[www.westdeerfieldtownship.org](http://www.westdeerfieldtownship.org)**

for information and permit applications.

Questions? Call Bleck Engineering at

**847-295-5200**



# Your Township Food Pantry

## Food Pantry Mission

*We assist our fellow Township residents in need – temporarily and long term – by providing monthly, free of charge, basic foodstuffs, household/cleaning items and personal hygiene products.*

*Approximately 360 Township residents benefit monthly, and each receives a grocery gift card to help purchase fresh/frozen food and personal items as funds are available.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who qualifies?

Any Township resident in need.

### 2. Who determines “need”?

The Township Supervisor, Alyson Feiger, in a brief, *CONFIDENTIAL*, in-person meeting.

### 3. Are there other forms of assistance?

The Township Supervisor can often refer the individual to other resources/services.

### 4. When is food distributed?

The pantry is open on the first or third Wednesday of each month. However, anyone with an urgent need may call the Township office any business day.

### 5. Is there any payment or other conditions?

None, only that individuals served are in genuine need.

### 6. Where does the food originate?

Schools, residents, groups and businesses provide all food pantry resources.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Need never takes a vacation, so your help in the following ways are vital:

- Donate useful items(see Wish List).
- Financial Gifts: To underwrite grocery gift cards and items in short supply, please see our donation button on our website: [www.westdeerfieldtownship.org](http://www.westdeerfieldtownship.org)
- Organize a drive to collect items/donations from your neighborhood, school, club, house of worship, etc. The Township office can offer suggestions.
- Volunteer some free time at the food pantry to sort and shelve items, deliver groceries, work on special projects or pick up donated food items.
- Encourage anyone in need to contact, in total confidence, Alyson Feiger, the Township Supervisor.



## Serving Our Clients

Our clients benefit greatly from the seasonal programs we offer, including:

**Back to School Program** - children of our food pantry families receive backpacks, school supplies and accessories to get ready for school.

**Our Holiday Wish Program**, made possible by resident and business donors, pairs each pantry client with a gift.

With the goal of having the children of Food Pantry Families feel like their peers, we provide:

**July 4th B.B.Q. Program**

**July 4th participation in Family Days**

**Birthday Bags**

**Valentine's cards to give out at school**

**Valentine's day tee-shirts**

**Summer Paks**

**College dorm room supplies**

**College school supplies**

Based on donors' generosity, we are often able to provide special food items to our clients for the holidays.

## Food Pantry Wish List

**Food Items:** fresh, frozen and non-perishable, unexpired foods are always welcome.

**Paper Goods:** Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue, etc.

**Personal Hygiene:** Bar soaps, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, lotions, etc.

**Contact Us: 847-945-0614**

**Alyson Feiger, Township Supervisor**

**Jill Rosen, Food Pantry Manager**

Hours: 8:30 – 4:30 Monday - Friday

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**West Deerfield Township  
Community Support**

## **Grants for Accessibility**

**The Township is committed to enhancing the lives of its residents, including those whose special needs require modifications that may be cost prohibitive for many families.**

Ensuring that all its residents have as much access as possible throughout the Township is the top priority of the Grant Program.

### **What is the Accessibility Grant Program?**

The Township has a program for its residents aimed at improving their access to the world. Grants up to \$1000 per household per year are awarded to residents or their families to help meet the special needs and extraordinary expenses which often impede accessibility at home, at school, the community or the world at large.

### **What Services Are Eligible?**

Services or expenses which may qualify for this program include home remodeling/adaptation, transportation equipment, communication devices, durable medical equipment, specialized therapy tools, or other user-centered products or services which foster accessibility and independence.

### **Who Can Apply?**

Residents with physical impairment (either permanent or temporary), developmental and cognitive disability or delays, and some forms of mental illness are encouraged to apply. This program is intended to help those in our community with the greatest financial need, and should, therefore, be considered, needs based. At this time, however, there is not an income ceiling.

### **Is This A Confidential Program?**

All information contained in applications for Accessibility Grants is kept strictly confidential. Identifying information is deleted from applications before they are reviewed by the grant committee.

### **How Do I Apply?**

Applications available in the township office: **601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield IL**, or at the township website: **westdeerfieldtownship.org**.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year, and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. **Yearly deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.**

Mail or drop off your completed application at the Township Office, Attn: **Kristen Scott-Confidential**.

### **What if I Have Questions?**

Go to our Website for more information about the program, or feel free to call **Township Clerk Kristen Scott at 847-945-0614**.

### **Grants Previously Awarded Include:**

- Assistive visual devices
- iPads for communication
- Bathroom modifications
- Equestrian therapy
- Swim therapy
- Vehicle adaptations
- Wheelchair ramp installation
- Specialized camp tuition for children with disabilities

## **Study for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia**

Researchers at Drexel University and University of California, Davis are seeking family caregivers of people living with dementia for a nationwide study. The **WeCareAdvisor** is a tool to help family caregivers manage dementia-related behaviors. By walking caregivers through a step-by-step approach to understand why behaviors may be occurring, the **WeCareAdvisor** provides tailored strategies to help manage them.

Eligible caregivers are 21 or older; the primary caregiver of a person with dementia; currently managing dementia-related behaviors; have an internet-capable device; and live in the United States.

For more information,

email: **WeCare@drexel.edu**  
call: **267-359-1111**  
or visit: **<http://wecareadvisorstudy.com>**.





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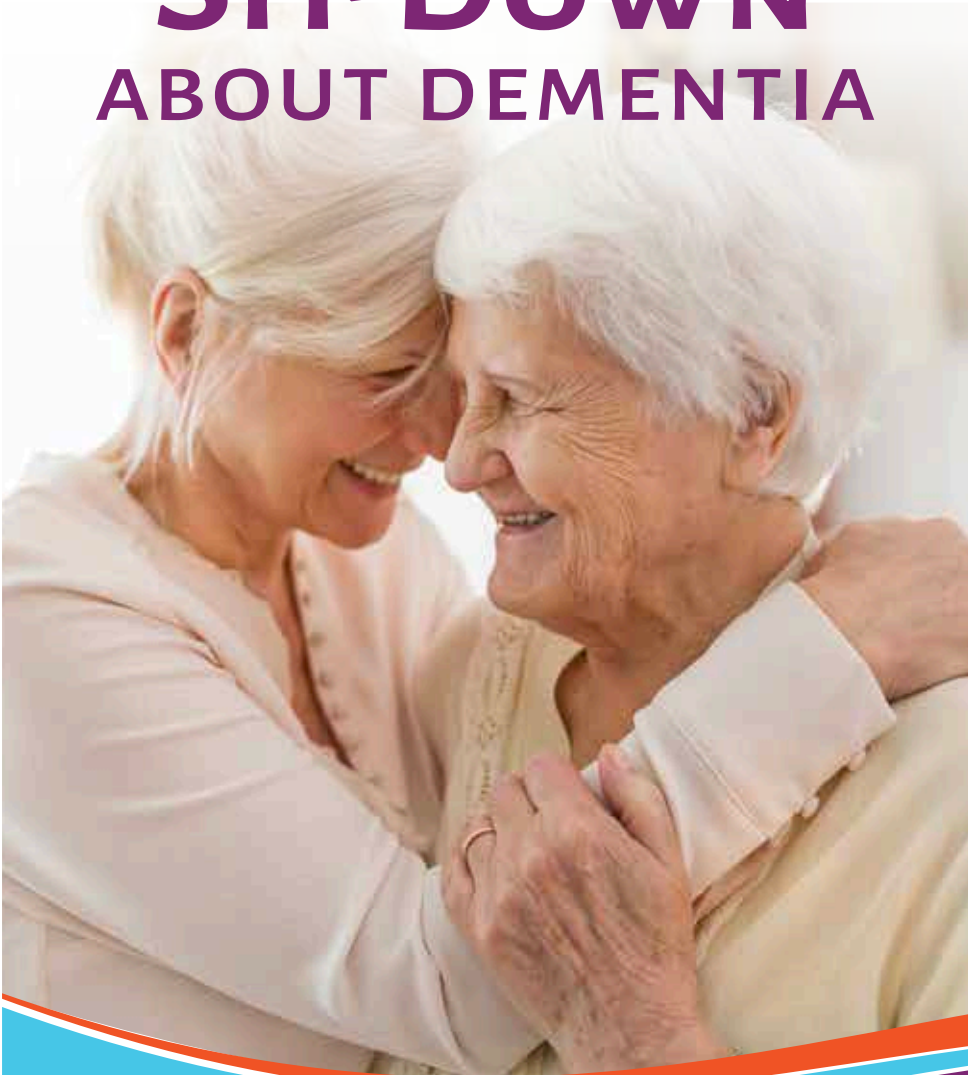
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# COMMUNITY SIT-DOWN ABOUT DEMENTIA



Learn Why  
West Deerfield Township is a  
Dementia Friendly Community  
That Supports, Empowers and  
Understands Fellow Community  
Members and Families  
Living with Dementia.

**DEMENTIA TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- DEMENTIA FRIENDS OVERVIEW
- DEMENTIA PANEL DISCUSSION
- INFORMATION REGARDING  
LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE  
WITH DEMENTIA
- REFRESHMENT RECEPTION

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 • 1 - 3 PM**

DEERFIELD VILLAGE HALL  
850 WAUKEGAN ROAD

Parking in the Rear of Building

**To RSVP, CONTACT:**

West Deerfield Township Supervisor  
Alyson Feiger, 847-945-0614  
[alysonfeiger@westdeerfield.org](mailto:alysonfeiger@westdeerfield.org)

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