

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2021



FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Fall is here! Our leaf vacuuming schedule, for unincorporated Nunda residents that are MDC customers, remains the same as last year. Please keep in mind that we cannot predict how the leaves will fall and the schedule needs to be set weeks in advance. This timeframe gives MDC the opportunity to prepare both their staff and equipment. We are unable to give a specific day for pick up but have provided the week of pick up as specified below. Therefore, please pay attention to the schedule and **have your leaves ready before Monday morning the week of pick up**. Leaves must be raked to no more than three (3) feet from the edge of the road.

FIRST PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 18th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Oct 25th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 1st all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Nov 8th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 15th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

During the week of Nov 22nd all areas **EAST** of Route 31.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, leaf vacuuming will conclude on Saturday, November 27th, 2021.

Landscape waste pick up will continue until December 3rd. If your leaves fall after the end of vacuuming, you can put them in bags or cans marked as "landscape waste".

Fall is also a popular time to burn leaves. Please be sure to follow the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance – Effective 4/1/2008. This Ordinance applies to all of McHenry County. **Prohibited at all times** – Burning of manure, garbage, litter, etc. on any property in McHenry County, burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (residence, school, etc.), burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (detached garage, barn, etc.). **Restrictions when greater than 100' from a Habitable Structure and 50' from a Non-Habitable Structure** – Only during the months of April, May, Oct. and Nov. on weekends only, only between dusk and dawn, only when the winds are less than 10 mph, must be supervised by an individual at least 18 years of age and a fire extinguisher or garden hose must be available at the burning site. Please visit www.mcdh.info or nundatownship.com for a copy of the Ordinance or call McHenry County Health Dept. at 815-344-4585.

McHenry has seen many reports of theft out of vehicles. Please make sure you don't leave valuables in your parked vehicle and please do not leave keys in the vehicle even when parked in the garage.

Be Safe and Be Kind! – **Leda Drain- Supervisor**



ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

With the onset of fall we here at Nunda Township Road District will close out yet another productive summer season. We finished several of our scheduled drainage and road improvement projects as well as dealing with the two severe thunder storms our area experienced on August 10th and again on September 7th. Both the rain and wind caused extensive tree damage and debris.

It took our crews three weeks to clean up from the first storm and then a full week of three crews to deal with the damage from the second storm. We cleared debris from Nunda Township Roads and then assisted the Village of Oakwood Hills and the Village of Prairie Grove with their clean-up efforts.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the residents that showed patience when their subdivision projects were delayed while we focused on the clean-up from the storms. It is appreciated.

A big thank you to the Road District employees for their outstanding efforts during this challenging time. Their commitment and efforts allowed us to restore our community in a timely fashion.

Finally, with all the debris from the storms our yard space is at maximum levels. While some of the excess mulch was placed at Anita Sherwood Park, I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this current surplus to address projects you may have postponed because of the heat of our summer. This would be a great time to mulch gardens, paths, and open areas on your property.

Nunda Township Road District is again hosting our annual fall County wide tire drive with the assistance of the McHenry County Health Department. Thousands of used tires will be brought here the week leading up to September 24th, when the county's vendor will load and remove the tires. This is a wonderful recycling effort that highlights the effectiveness of intergovernmental coordination.

I wish all of you a healthy, happy and prosperous Fall. Please call me, Mike Lesperance, your Nunda Township Highway Commissioner, at 815-459-4410 with any questions, concerns or suggestions

- **Mike Lesperance**
Highway Commissioner

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

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The recycle center is available to all Nunda Residents only; No contractors or commercial enterprises are permitted to use these services with exception of waste oil & scrape metal drop off. We encourage and appreciate all the recycling by our residents throughout the Township all year-round.

REMINDER: Paint recycling will close 10/31/21 and reopen 4/1/22.

No TV's or monitors are accepted at the Nunda recycling center.

If you plan on burning leaves this year, please follow the McHenry County Health Ordinance and DO NOT burn them in the road or in the ditch-line due to the ash build up which causes drainage problems.

It's a great time of year to enjoy a bike ride. Park at the township and enjoy the trail that goes right by the Road District offices with the new "bike repair station" available for all to use.

Daylight savings is November 7th; don't forget to set your clocks back an hour. This is also a good time to check your smoke and carbon detectors and make sure the batteries are replaced.

Remember to call Julie (811) before you dig to locate any underground utilities before you start your projects.

The Road District is ready to keep your roadways safe this winter. Our salt shed is fully stocked and plow trucks are ready to go. All the guys look forward to keeping the roads as safe and clean as possible.

SANTA IS COMING! Santa will be visiting Nunda Township this year so please bring the kids for a visit. Dates and time to be determined. Please visit nundatownship.com in December for more information.



Township Offices

**Assessor's Office - 3510 Bay Road,
Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F**

**Supervisor Office - 3420 Bay Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F**

**Road District - 3518 Bay Road Crystal
Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F**

Clerk's Corner – Joni Smith

Are You A Registered Voter?

Have you moved recently? You may want to check with the McHenry County Clerk's office to ensure you are registered voter.

Voter Registration available at Nunda township.
(registration closes 28 day before any election)

Document Destruction: Will be held Saturday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Supervisor's office. Documents will be shredded onsite. Please remove any paperclips or binder clips from your documents. This event is for Nunda residents only.



Services always available at Township

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare:

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, at no cost, and sent with your application. Make sure to bring State ID.

Rent the Hall – Picnic Area:

The Nunda Town Hall or the Picnic/BBQ Area is a great place to host your next event. Call for availability 815-459-4011.

MCRIDE:

For more information visit www.nundaroaddistrict.com under services, for McRide transportation information. Call 1-800-451-4599 to register and schedule a ride.

VOTER REGISTRATION:

Registrar available daily. Registration closes 28 days prior to any election.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Available daily at all offices. No charge.

SENIORS PINOCLE:

Monday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Stop in or call 815-459-4011 for more info.

Find out how to advocate for abused and neglected children in McHenry County.

At CASA of McHenry County, our volunteers advocate for children who have suffered abuse and neglect by being their voice in the juvenile court system. Every child deserves a safe, loving, forever home. Our Advocates are consistent, caring adults in their lives. Consider being a Advocate today! Learn more on our website www.casamchenrycounty.org or at a monthly info session.

Tuesday, October 12, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.

All info sessions are held at Casa of McHenry, 630 North State IL Route 31, S-101 (first building), Crystal Lake, 60012 or call 779-994-4398.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NEWS

The 2021 assessment cycle remains on track, the office is currently working thru the appeals that have been filed as related to the 2021 assessments which were published on August 30, 2021. As of this date appeals in Nunda Township as well as throughout the county appear to be down as compared with the 2020 level.

Your Nunda Township Assessment Office Website is a valuable tool and resource for reviewing/collecting information related to Market Value and Property Assessments. There are sale books for you to review that show sales activity thru-out the township. In addition, there are tools to search and select comparable property sales as well as comparable assessments. There are also monthly reports that are submitted for monthly meetings that touch on market activity as well current office activities.

Nunda Township encompasses an area of 48 square miles. This area is greater than that of the City of Crystal Lake, which is 19.53 square miles as well as the City of McHenry, which is 14.88 square miles. Your Nunda Township Assessor's Office monitors the activity on over 21,000 parcels within our boundaries, (10 different Villages and Municipalities including portions of Un-Incorporated McHenry County).

When you see members from the assessment office in your neighborhood or at your property, this is your opportunity to share concerns about your property or things that may be going on within the neighborhood that may have an impact on your property value. It is also an opportunity for the staff member to share information with you. In addition, if a member of the office is unable to contact someone at the property, we will leave a card letting you know we visited the property and request you contact the office so we can complete our data collection.

WHAT EXEMPTIONS DO YOU QUALIFY FOR????

Through several different types of exemptions, this program either reduces or defers an increase in the equalized value of your property. The net effect of these exemptions is to lower the assessed valuation to which the tax rate is then applied.

As explained below, qualifications and application procedures vary for each exemption. You *must* own the property to qualify for exemptions and be your principal resident.

General Homestead Exemption: lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$6,000. To receive this exemption, you must have lived on the property January 1st of the tax year.

Senior Homestead Exemption: lowers the equalized assessed value of your property \$5,000 for the tax year. The taxpayer must be at least 65 years of age by December 31st of the assessment year.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption: freezes the assessment of your home but does not freeze the tax rate. This exemption may be claimed in addition to those described above. The actual taxes you pay may continue to increase based on the amounts levied by the taxing bodies where you reside (school dist., park dist., village/city, township, etc.). To receive this exemption, you must:

- Have fulfilled a property residency requirement as explained on the application form
- The taxpayer must be at least 65 years of age by December 31st of the assessment year
- Have a maximum **household income** of \$65,000

(This household income includes all persons using the property as their principal residence on January 1st of the tax year. All applicants are required to provide Proof of **TOTAL Household Income** with a copy of Page 1, 2 and Schedule 1 of the Federal Income Tax Forms (1040 or 1040A)

Disable Persons Exemption: Annually exempts \$2,000 from assessed value for a person who has a disability that has lasted or can expect to last more than a year, rendering them unable to engage in substantial gainful activity by reason of medically determinable mental or physical impairment.

Returning Veterans Exemption: Provides a \$5,000 reduction from the assessed value of the veteran's principal residence for two (2) consecutive assessment years, the tax year and the following year that the veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict involving the United States.

Disabled Veterans Standard Exemption: If the veteran has a service-connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, then the annual exemption is \$2,500; if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, then the annual exemption is \$5,000; and if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 70% or more, then the residential property is exempt from taxation under this Code.

Home Improvement Exemption: defers for four years any increase in the assessment of your property due to an addition or new improvement to your home for which the Assessor would add value. A maximum of \$25,000 of assessed value may be deferred under this program. The Township Assessor's office initiates this exemption.

Mark Dzemske – Assessor CIAO -M

**** PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE assessor@nundatownship.com or contact our office 815-459-6140 for additional exemption information as well as additional exemption details****

Things to keep in your vehicle this winter:

Ice Scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, bag of kitty litter or sand, boots, extra gloves, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit & fire extinguisher and the most important item is a cell phone and a backup power supply.

Supervisor

Leda Drain

Assessor

Mark Dzemske – CIAO -M

Highway Commissioner

Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk

Joni Smith



Trustees

Johanna Donahue

Tim Parrish

Rob Parrish

Karen Tynis

Contact Information

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Assessor: assessor@nundatownship.com - 815-459-6140

Road Dept: highway@nundaroaddistrict.com - 815-459-4410

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SNOW PLOWING PRIORITIES

Since all streets cannot be cleared at the same time, there is a priority schedule which generally applies to all township-maintained roads. Major roads and intersections are cleared first, then primary collector streets, followed by feeder streets, cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

Priority is given to all principal township-maintained roads so they will be cleared in time for morning and evening rush hours. Principal roads are: **West** – Bull Valley, Draper, Crystal Springs, Hillside, Oak, Terra Cotta, Pleasant Hill, Bay and Edgewood. **East** – Crystal Lake Ave., Terra Cotta Ave., Smith Ave., Valley View, Rawson Bridge, Sherman Blvd., Behan, Dowell, Lily Lake, Nish, Wright and Barreville.

In years past, all municipalities and townships that plow the roads have had a problem with vehicles parked on the roads during and after a snowfall, before cleanup could be completed. This prompted the McHenry County Highway Commissioners Association to standardize all the townships’ parking ordinances, thus making it easier for the Sheriff’s Department to enforce. Ordinance #120608-1 states in part:

Parking of any motor vehicle in excess of 72 hours, or at such times when there is snowfall of 2 inches or more, until such snow is cleared from the roadway, or of any camping trailer or boat and/or boat trailer or other trailer, or motor vehicles in excess of gross weight of 8,000 pounds for more than 24 hours is prohibited on any Nunda Township road, street or highway. The official definition of road, street, or highway, as contained in 605 ILCS, shall apply hereto, Nunda Township roads, streets, or highway, hereinafter known as “roads”.

If you normally park along the road, it is a good idea to make other arrangements during the snow season, or at least when snow is in the forecast. By doing so, you may avoid being ticketed and towed. Your cooperation will make it possible to clear the entire roadway, benefiting you and your neighbors. **Thank you!**