

NUNDA TOWNSHIP

FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2019



FROM THE SUPERVISOR

TAXES: As I informed you in the spring edition of our newsletter, the Nunda Township board was able to abate approximately 10% of the 2019/2020 Town Fund Levy. This year I had some anticipated expenses for much needed windows and a town hall roof replacement. However, I am hoping to give a similar abatement next year. I will keep you informed.

SOLID WASTE: In May, Marengo Disposal (MDC) began servicing the unincorporated areas of our township. I believe that MDC and my office have done a great job to resolve all of the issues that are bound to occur during such a changeover. Now comes the Leaf Vacuuming. Picking up the leaves is always challenging since we never know when they are going to fall. Months in advance, we select a timeframe that has the last pick up week to occur in the last week of November.

MDC will continue to vacuum leaves in a similar way as it has been done in the past, doing each side of the township on an alternating schedule. Don't worry if you see the vacuum in your area if it is not your week. MDC may just be trying to get ahead of the leaves, and they will be back during your scheduled week.

What is different this year is that we are extending the yard waste pick up until December 6th. So, if you have stubborn trees that won't drop the leaves until December, you can always bag them in the Kraft paper bags or put them in a yard waste can if you have one. Please do not put them on the roads or ditches after the last vacuuming. If you do that, the leaves will clog the storm drains and may cause flooding in your neighborhood. Remember to check our website for the County Burning Ordinance if you choose to burn some or all of your leaves.

IMPORTANT: *Nunda's leave vacuuming program is for*

Unincorporated Nunda Residents that are Marengo Disposal (MDC) customers only. If you live within a municipality, you will have a different program. Please consult with your municipality for information regarding their Solid Waste program.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP: Marengo Disposal will pick up Christmas trees during the month of January. The trees need to be free of lights, ornaments and tinsel.

NUNDA GARDEN: Even with an extra rainy spring, the Nunda Garden had a great year. About half of the garden is used to run a program for people in need to grow their own plot with the guidance of U of I Master Gardeners. What a great program. Nunda Garden is always in need of volunteers. Please call the Nunda Supervisor's Office for more info.

FLOODING: As I write this, we are experiencing another flooding event. Thankfully, this particular flood is much smaller than some of our more recent floods. It continues to impress me as to how refined and streamlined our Road District crew has made Nunda's sandbagging process. After each flood they make valuable changes to improve their efficiency both in the speed of setup to the number of bags that can be produced. They keep making changes to increase safety for a job that is inherently dangerous due to the weight of the sandbags and all the people and equipment involved. For those residents that need help with flooding this is an invaluable service to help them save their homes from being damaged.

**- Lee Jennings
Supervisor**



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MONDAY & THURSDAY 12:00 - 3:00**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT: 815-459-4011**

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS STATE OF THE ROAD DISTRICT

We are healthy. We remain debt free. We have no long-term debt. Our IMRF pension program floats between 98-105 % funded. Thankfully, it is a privately managed non-state-controlled organization that the Springfield bunch can't get their mitts on to borrow or redirect funds from.

The condition of our infrastructure is solid. Our main bridge, Rawson Bridge, is in good condition, and will outlast us all, according to our engineer providing the latest inspection report.

Our storm sewers are solid and in good repair. Road District culverts are in fair condition, thus our aggressive re-ditching and culvert replacement program. Our ditches in some cases are non-existent. Therefore, in order to dry out the road base quicker, extending the life cycle of asphalt, we are installing ditches or re-ditching each subdivision before resurfacing occurs, adjusting, replacing, and/or adding culverts as we go. Filling in Nunda Township Road District ditches is not permitted.



Our road surfaces, while not perfect as a whole, are amongst the best anywhere. We have an extremely aggressive paving program that the two ditching crews stay ahead of.

The Road District's most valuable asset is our staff. They are hardworking and extremely talented. They show up early each day and stay at it until the work is done. The last few years we have gone to 4 - 10 hour days during the spring, summer, and fall, so you will only see the mechanics most generally on Fridays. Speaking of whom do a great job of keeping our fleet up and running.

Our equipment while not the latest and greatest, is solid with many years of service life left to go. We continue to update as good, late model, gently used equipment becomes available. I hope by now, you all have seen the pride of our fleet (see above), a 1990 Western Star dump truck which was repurposed from Nunda Rural Fire Department. Thank you, Nunda Fire!

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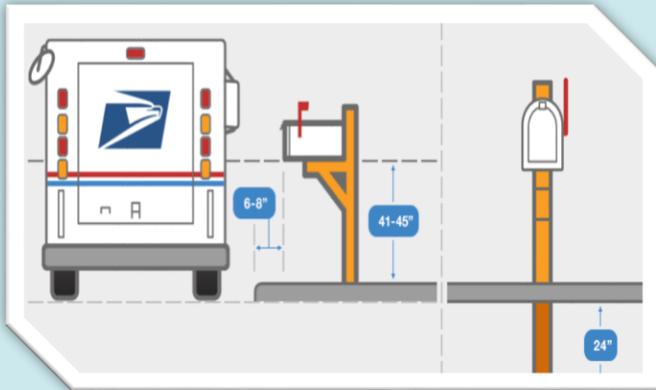
The Nunda Township recycle program continues to shine. All Nunda residents are encouraged to participate in the use of the facility.

REMINDER: Paint recycling will close 10/31/19 and reopen 4/1/20.

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

I would like to thank the Supervisor and Township Board of Trustees for continuing the garbage program. While it has been a great savings to most all of you, in your personal finances, it is also cutting down on the number of large trucks using our roads, thus extending the life cycle of asphalt. Not to mention we don't have garbage trucks on the roads 6 days a week.

Monument type mailboxes, brick stone, steel I beam, concrete or any other hardscape are not allowed in mailbox construction. Please only install mailboxes on wood posts no larger than a 4 x 4 as per U.S. Postal Service guidelines available on our website www.nundaroaddistrict.com in the "news" tab.



We accept brush and logs from residents only. Our firewood bin is located next to the mulch pile in the rear of our facility. These are the only two products available for resident consumption. The other bins contain materials used in right of way maintenance and are for Road District use only. Thank you!

In conclusion, I hope that you find your investment of hard-earned tax dollars are being used wisely here at the Road District. Our tax levy has remained the same or has been lowered each of the last 6 years.

- Mike Lesperance
Highway Commissioner

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 - 7:30 – 4:00 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)

FOOD PANTRY: Nunda Township hosts a food pantry run by volunteers from the First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake. This event is held on Friday mornings from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Nunda Town Hall. What a great service to our community's families in need!

BURNING ORDINANCE: Summary of Open Burning of Landscape - McHenry Public Health Ordinance is available at the Nunda Township Supervisor's website www.nundatownship.com



Leaf Vacuuming: Unincorporated Nunda residents **that are MDC customers only.** MDC will be conducting leaf vacuuming on alternating weeks for each half of the township (divided by Route 31) using the following schedule:

FIRST PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 21st all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Oct 28th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 4th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 11th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 18th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 25th all areas **EAST** of Route 31.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, leaf vacuuming will conclude on Saturday, November 30, 2019.

Landscape waste pick up will continue until December 6th. If your leaves fall after the end of vacuuming, you can put them in bags or cans marked as "landscape waste".

Leaves must be raked to **no more than three (3) feet** from the edge of the road. We cannot give specific day of pick up only the week of pick up as specified above.

Document Destruction: Will be held Saturday, November 2nd 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.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NEWS

The 2019 Assessment roll has been returned to the McHenry County Supervisors of Assessments.

We are anticipating that the county will be able to mail the 2019 Assessment Notices the first or second week of October. After you review your Assessment Notice, and if you are not in agreement with the proposed Assessment, you are given 30 days from the date on the letter to appeal your Assessment.

During the 30 Days, we will be conducting informal reviews of information provided by the homeowner, that would indicate a possible change to your proposed Assessment. An informal review may eliminate the need to file a formal appeal with the McHenry County Board of Review. Informal reviews will be conducted at the Township Assessors office Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. during the 30-day period.

Updates are being made to our current website www.nundatownship.com which should launch mid-October. This will be a valuable tool in helping you review Sale activity and comparable Assessments.

Also, the Assessment Notice will list your Exemptions. Please check and make sure you are receiving all the Exemptions you qualify for. We have listed the Exemptions and a short description of the qualifications for each.

WHAT EXEMPTIONS ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR????

Through several different types of exemptions, these will either reduce or defer 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.

Qualifications and application procedures vary for each exemption. However, you must own the property to qualify for any of these exemptions and be its principal resident.

General Homestead Exemption: This 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: This 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 31 of the assessment year.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption: This exemption freezes the assessment of your home but does

**** PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE for more details and to print the forms needed to apply for these exemptions****

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.

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: This exemption defers for four years any increase in the assessment of your property due to an addition or new improvement, that did not previously exist on the property, for which the Township Assessor would add value. **Mark Dzemske – Assessor CIAO -M**



Supervisor

Lee Jennings

Assessor

Mark Dzemske – CIAO -M

Highway Commissioner

Mike Lesperance

Town Clerk

Joni Smith



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Justin Franzke

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!**

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.