

NUNDA TOWNSHIP



FALL/WINTER EDITION - 2020

It saddens me to start this newsletter by announcing the untimely passing of Supervisor Lee Jennings in July. Lee spent over twelve years with Nunda Township serving as trustee and Supervisor. He took great pride in his role and directed the Township out of debt, negotiated a new garbage contract that saved residents hundreds of dollars, and utilized the Nunda Garden for food pantry donations to name a few. Lee will be greatly missed!

We are certainly living during interesting times and I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family happy and healthy. Many are wondering what recovery from COVID-19 will look like in our community, state, and country. We know that the impact of COVID-19 will likely resonate for some time. Nunda Township has remained open and is committed to helping our residents recover and are prepared to serve for the long haul.

With the upcoming presidential election, we expect a large turnout and highly recommend taking part in early voting. To ensure the safety of all, polling stations will be cleaned after each voter. This may cause longer lines. We hope you will remain patient and kind through this process. Early voting will begin at Nunda on Monday October 19th through October 31st (see the Clerk's Corner for times). Early voting at McHenry County Clerk's office begins September 24th - October 21st from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you are not sure of your precinct/polling location for the General Election on November 3rd, visit McHenry County Clerk's page for precinct finder and sample ballots.

I am excited to work with the Board, Road Commissioner and Assessor to continue moving the Township forward in a positive direction. I hope to see you around and am eager to hear your thoughts, concerns and ideas for how the Township can best serve its residents.

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

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 19th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Oct 26th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 2nd all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 9th all areas **EAST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 16th all areas **WEST** of Route 31
During the week of Nov 23rd all areas **EAST** of Route 31.

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

Final Landscape Pick from MDC will be 12/4/20

Supervisor: super@nundatownship.com - 815-459-4011

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

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

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

Losing a friend or a family member is always rough and never gets easier. Lee Jennings "former Supervisor of Nunda Township", passing in July was one tough loss for the community. Due to our country's situation with Covid 19, his needed double bypass surgery was deemed unattainable. We will greatly miss our good friend gone at 58 years young. Lee Jennings wasn't just my friend he was a champion of Nunda's Residents. He always took the time to explain and answer every question. Lee was the Road Districts biggest fan. Lee Jennings was my most trusted advisor; his advice and council was never self-centered. Together we tackled every issue to confront the Township or Road District over the last seven years. Lee never shied away from tough choices or hard work. He always did what he thought was best. So have a cold one for our good friend.

Leda Drain (Lee's Assistant) has been appointed to replace Lee. Leda is more than capable and will do a great job. Good Luck Leda!

The Road District was delayed getting started on our annual construction schedule by two months this spring due to Covid 19. We shut down for just one day to re-group and figure out how to work safely while practicing the CDC guidelines. All has gone well to date. We have had no one test positive and while delayed, our construction season is underway.

Thank you for your patience as we try our best to improve your roadways.

Many different paving and storm sewer projects that have been long awaited, are being tackled this year.

We would like to say Thank you, to two of our men, who for the last three years served the residents of Nunda Township - Derek Lee and Ryan Greene both very talented workers.

Thank you gentlemen for a job well done! They have been recently called back by their former employer.

-**Mike Lesperance - Highway Commissioner**

Document Destruction: Will be held Saturday, November 7th 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 provided by MDC for Nunda residents only.

Due to COVID 19 the Food pantry is now being hosted by The Chapel, 1809 Rte. 31, McHenry, IL where they can provide curbside services.

REMINDER: Paint recycling will close 10/31/20 and reopen 4/1/21. No TV's or monitors are accepted at the Nunda recycling center

Clerk's Corner – Joni Smith

Early Voting for the 2020 General Election on November 3rd begins on 9/24/20 at the County and continues through Monday November 2nd, 2020. Visit the McHenry County Clerk's web site to obtain information on all the early polling times and locations.

Early Voting at Nunda Township

(available for any McHenry County resident)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Oct 19th – Friday Oct. 23rd
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Oct 26th – Friday Oct. 30th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday – Oct 31st

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Assessor's Office News

The certification of the Nunda Township Assessment Roll to the McHenry County Supervisor of Assessments office took place on 8/31/20. The McHenry County Supervisor of Assessments Office will spend a few weeks completing some necessary tasks prior to publication and mailing of the Assessment Notices, which I would expect to occur no later than the second week of October.

After you review your Assessment Notice, you are given 30 days from the date on the letter to appeal. During the 30 days we will conduct informal reviews of information provided by property owners or their representatives 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.

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 that show sale activity through-out the township along with tools to search and select comparable property sales and assessments. Monthly reports and current office activities can be found at our website. Information needed for an informal review; page 1 of the McHenry county Board of Review appeal form, your contact information and your estimate of assessed value. If you are appealing based on comparable sales or assessments a completed grid should also be submitted. Information can be emailed to assessor@nundatownship.com, dropped off to our office via mail slot or walk-in. Due to Covid19 a mask is required when visiting the office and only one person at a time in the lobby. We are always available by phone regarding your assessment or exemption questions at 815-459-6140

WHAT EXEMPTIONS ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR?????

The net effect of the following exemptions is to lower the assessed valuation to which the tax rate is then applied. Qualifications and application procedures vary for each exemption. You must own the property to qualify for exemptions and it must be your principal resident.

General Homestead: lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$6,000. You must have lived on the property January 1st of the tax year.

Senior Homestead: lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$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: 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 dis., 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: 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: 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.

Disable 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: 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**

Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, at no cost. 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.

Notary Public

Available Daily - No charge

Voter Registration

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

McRide

Nunda provides the McRide service for our residents. For more info, visit www.nundaroaddistrict.com under services, for McRide transportation information. Call 1-800-451-4599 to register and schedule a ride

