# NUNDA TOWNSHIP SPRING EDITION - 2022



# FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I am happy to report that Nunda Township has again voted and adopted 0% increase in all Levies; including Town, General Assistance, Cemetery and all Road District Funds. We maintain our commitment to be fiscally responsible with tax payer money. This year, included in our tax computation was a new tax; Revenue Recapture to be reimbursed to govt entities. In keeping our promise of not raising taxes, the Road Commissioner and I abated those additional funds added to our already approved levies along with an additional \$82,000 abated from the Township/General Assistance levy.

**IMPORTANT** – This is our last scheduled newsletter that will be bulk mailed. Please visit our updated website nundasupervisor.com and sign up to receive the newsletter via email. If you would like us to mail a copy, please call the Supervisor's office at 815-459-4011 press #2. This update will save thousands annually.

Our website is updated on a regular basis with info from the County and happenings around the Township. If you have an organization needing to advertise an event, feel free to contact us to have added to our website

Reminder that landscape pick up for MDC customers resumed April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in getting a landscape cart, contact MDC at 815-568-7274. Landscape cart is \$50/season which runs April – November (weather dependent). All other landscape must be in proper yard waste bags or containers, no more than 30 gallons, marked landscape. If burning, please follow guidelines of the McHenry County Burning Ordinance. The full Ordinance can be found on Nunda Township website or visit McHenry County Health Dept at <u>www.mcdh.info.</u>

RTA launched <u>Fare Programs Online</u>, a web-based online customer portal that allows residents with disabilities and seniors to apply for, replace, and renew Reduced Fare and Ride Free Permits. The portal can be accessed at <u>Fares.RTAChicago.org</u>. This marks the first time these services are available online. Mail-in and in-person services remain an option for those who cannot or prefer not to use the web portal. The Township would be happy to assist in either online or paper applications.

Be Safe and Be Kind! - Leda Drain - Supervisor

#### HOME OF THE SPARROW IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Our Sparrow's Nest Thrifts Stores are open! Along with opening, comes a big need for volunteers. We are looking for individuals, high school age and older, that can volunteer on an ongoing basis. You can volunteer weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Links to sign up can be found at <u>www.hosparrow.org/how-to-help/ways-of-giving/volunteer/</u>. For more information contact Rebecca Stiemke at 815-271-5444 or email <u>rstiemke@hosparrow.org</u>.

Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores have a long history of "Great Finds" thanks to people in the community that donate. All proceeds help provide services to homeless women and children.

It takes a lot of volunteers to price, display, and work the sales floor so we can keep the "high end" standards that keep people coming back to shop. We would like to add 15 new volunteers to each Sparrow's Nest by the end of the year. Please consider helping, if not you, maybe someone you know may be interested.

### **ROAD DISTRICT NEWS** FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

All mailboxes damaged from snow and ice operations have been repaired or replaced this spring. We are now out repaving plow sears if we missed yours, please let us know. Presently we have Phase III of our storm sewer improvements in Burtons Bridge under construction.

IDOT has begun intersection improvements at 176, Wright and Nish Roads: stop lights, turn lanes and cross walks are on the horizon.

Our First paving project this year will be Pine Paradise South. Following that will be State Park Road & Justen Road.

Paint recycling opened April 1<sup>st</sup> all paints latex and oil are accepted from Nunda Residents.

Mulch continues to be available to all Nunda Residents, delivery is available for seniors, veterans and not profit organizations. Our mulch is double ground and medium brown. One of our operators once again will be here loading truck or trailers Saturday mornings from 7:00 a.m. until noon through October. You can always self-load on Pleasant Hill when material is available. Firewood is also offered to residents in the form of unsplit logs.

Thank you to all of you that call in to let us know about problem trees, branches, road kill, or down signs (especially stop signs these need to be addressed immediately). If you see a pot hole, low shoulder, plugged culvert or street light bulb failure please give us a call, we appreciate you taking the time. If the problem is within our jurisdiction, it will be addressed appropriately.

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

Stormwater runoff is a major source of water pollution. When rain falls or snow melts, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and often flows directly into lakes, streams, and wetlands. As areas experience growth and development, impervious surfaces such as roads, parking lots, and rooftops increase.

Effective management of stormwater is a community effort that requires investment in

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public infrastructure coupled with changes in corporate and personal behavior.

Storm water is a major concern of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Congress directed the EPA to develop a Federal program under the LClean Water Act to regulate all discharges into public waters including stormwater runoff from urbanized areas (as defined by the census). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) issues stormwater discharge permits under the National Discharge Elimination System Pollutant (HPDES). Nunda Township Road District is regulated under Phase 2 of the NPDES program. The IEPA, through the use of NPDES permits, monitors local government programs and practices that were put in place to control polluted stormwater runoff.

Phase 2 defines a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) stormwater management program as a program comprising six elements that, when implemented, are expected to result in significant reductions of pollutants discharged into receiving water bodies. The six MS4 program elements are terms "minimum control measures" and are as follows:

Public Education and Outreach

Public Participation/Involvement

Ilicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Construction Site Runoff Control

Post-Construction Runoff Control

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

Nunda Township Road District has implemented the required portion of each minimum control measure as documented in the Notice of Intent (NOI) that was submitted to the IEPA. The IEPA periodically reviews (audits) all MS4s that submit NOIs to ensure compliance with the minimum control measure outlined above. As part of the audit process, the IEPA has verified that the Township is in compliance with its NOI.

Water quality affects everyone and Phase 2 is intended to further reduce impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat by instituting the use of controls on the unregulated sources of stormwater discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing continued environmental degradation. The Township has done this through maintenance activity and good housekeeping measures that contribute to the improvement of water quality and the tracking of stormwater discharges. If you have any questions relating to NPDES Phase 2, please contact me at any time.

- Mike Lesperance Highway Commissioner **Nunda's 7th Annual Touch-A-Truck** People of all ages are invited to the Nunda Township facility at 3518 Bay Road,



Crystal Lake, on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., to view and climb around on your trucks and equipment. Vendors and friends of the township will have their equipment on display as well. Bring the whole neighborhood,

admission is FREE. If you would like your Nunda business to participate, please contact the Highway Commissioner, Mike Lesperance, at 815-459-4410. (You may want to have the children wear old clothes, as there will be a sand pile)



#### From the Clerk – Joni Smith

Nunda's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL. The monthly Nunda Board meeting will follow at 7:15 p.m.

The purpose of the Annual Township Meeting is to publish the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report along with the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report; to discuss and vote on matters of Township Business; and to allow constituents to speak on Township Government issues. All Nunda Township residents are encouraged to attend, however only registered voters can vote.

Early voting for the General Primary Election will begin at Nunda Township starting Monday June 13th - 17th, Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday June 25th and again Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>. The General Primary Election is Tuesday June 28th. Please check Nunda website for times of early voting, as they have not been confirmed yet. For more information, sample ballots or more early voting locations visit McHenry County Clerk <u>countyclerk@mchenrycountyil.gov</u>.



#### NUNDA GARDEN

Are you an avid gardener who would love to teach others your skill or a newcomer to gardening who would like to learn from the University of Illinois Master Gardeners? You may want to consider volunteering at the Nunda Garden located at the Nunda Township offices, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. Nunda Garden supports the Crystal Lake Food pantry as well as our "Garden Connect" program that allows families in need to grow their own vegetables in garden plots under the tutelage of knowledgeable garden volunteers. If your interest is in flowers and pollinating bees and insects, we also have a great pollination garden. Our volunteer opportunities range from getting down in the dirt to working from chairs in the raised garden. What a great way to get out of the house, help people and make new friends! To get involved call the township at 815-459-4011.

#### Message from the Assessor's Office

Preparation of the 2022 assessment roll is underway.

This year is the final year of the last general assessment year which began in 2019, which means most assessments thru-out the township will change due to equalization process.

This year the tentative equalization factor which will be applied to the assessment roll is 1.0666 which points to a three-year average level of assessment of 31.25% thru-out the township. Improved residential sales for 2022 show an average increase of 12% above the 2021 level.

The 2022 Senior Assessment Freeze forms have been mailed by the McHenry County Supervisor of Assessments office. If you have not received your form, you can pick up a copy at our office or download from the McHenry County Supervisor of Assessments office. Please note the Senior Assessment form does not need to be notarized.

The 2021 Tax Bills will arrive soon typically the second week in May. Please remember to review

your Tax Bill and verify you are receiving all exemptions you are eligible for. Exemption information is available on our website or please contact our office if you have questions regarding eligibility.

During the last few years, we have been requesting anyone with multiple parcels within the township to please consider the combining of the parcels. We have had some good response, however there are many more that could be consolidated, remember the Combining of parcels would eliminate the need to generate multiple assessment notices and tax bills. It is free to combine parcels while reducing the cost of government service.

Remember to visit your Nunda Township Assessment Webpage, I believe it is a valuable source of information and a good way to stay informed of the Assessment cycle.

Mark Dzemske C.I.A.O.-M



Seventh Annual Easter Egg Hunt Supervisor's Office 3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake Saturday April 16th at 11:00 a.m. Don't forget your Baskets & Camera's



# SENIORS TO PLAY CARDS

Seniors play pinochle at Nunda Township on Mondays and Thursday from Noon – 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Supervisor's office 815-459-4011



#### Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, 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.

#### Notary Public & Voter Registration

Available daily – No Charge Voter Registration closes 28 days prior to any election Supervisor Leda Bobera-Drain Assessor Mark Dzemske-CIAO-I Highway Commissioner Mike Lesperance Town Clerk

Joni Smith **Trustees** Karen Tynis Rob Parrish Tim Parrish Johanna Donahue

#### **Contact Information**

Supervisor: <u>super@nundatownship.com</u> - 815-4594011 Assessor: <u>assessor@nundatownship.com</u> - 815-459-4011 Road Dept: <u>highway@nundaroaddistrict.com</u> - 815-459-4410





#### PAINT RECYLCING

Please remember paint recycling will close 10/31/22 and reopen 4/1/23 – No TV's or monitors are accepted at the Nunda recycling center. Please contact your garbage hauler, Elgin Recycling at 847-741-4100 or McHenry County Defenders at 815-338-0393. Nominal fees do apply.

#### THINKING OF HAVING YOUR DRIVEWAY REPAVED? - PERMIT IS REQUIRED

If you live on a road maintained by the Township, please call us to come out and inspect your culvert. It makes no sense to put new pavement over a rusted-out culvert. We will come out, inspect the culvert and replace it if needed, time permitting.

#### **BURNING ORDINANCE**

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.). Please visit <u>www.mcdh.info</u> or call 815-344-4585 for a copy of the Ordinance. Also, if you plan on burning leaves this year, please DO NOT burn them in the road or in the ditch-line due to the ash build up which causes drainage problems. Burning on the road destroys the asphalt.

#### **MULCH**

We will be delivering mulch to our seniors and Veterans again this year on Saturdays between the hours of 8am thru noon. Starting the first Saturday in May through the end of October, please call to schedule. We will continue our practice of loading mulch Saturdays 7am-12pm. Please be patient, if loader is unattended the operator will return within 20 minutes from making his delivery. If you want to load yourself, you may do so with your shovel at the Anita Sherwood Park on Pleasant Hill Road.

#### FLOOD RELIEF

The IDNR and The National Weather Service are predicting less than average to an average chance of flooding this spring. But rest assure if needed, the Road District has, in stock, approximately 80,000 sandbags ready to be filled. We usually have a few on hand for small unexpected events. Please call as far in advance as possible to allow us time to fill bags.

# **Township Offices**

Assessor's Office 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F Supervisor Office 3510 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 Saturdays by Appoint.