



# Lemont Township NEWSLETTER

**We're Moving!**

Expected open date  
November 4, 2024



16300 ALBA ST. LEMONT, IL 60439 | (630) 257-2522

TOWNSHIP HOURS: Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm (see page 7 for Township closures)



# Letter from the SUPERVISOR

Dear Neighbors,

The end of summer brought each of us the 2nd Installment of our annual property tax bill. It was quite a shock to all of us.

Every 3 years Lemont Township is subject to a reassessment of property by the Cook County Assessor. As a result, all of us generally saw an increase in our property taxes due primarily to the increase in our property values.

Local governments impose a Tax Levy. Very simply, it is the amount of money they ask the taxpayers to pay to fund their government entity. This is typically done in November each year at their public meeting, posted and approved at their December meeting.

In Lemont Township, we recognize that both property taxes and inflation are driving the cost of goods and services higher. In an effort to try to provide relief, the Lemont Township Board in November 2023 reduced our Property Tax Levy, and plan to further reduce it in 2024.

Lemont Township is committed to efficient and stringent budget management. We feel your pain, and will continue to reduce our Property Tax Levy whenever possible in the future. At Lemont Township our Assessor assists property owners in reducing their property taxes. We also facilitate other programs from other agencies that assist Lemont Township residents reduce property taxes. Until next time,

*Michael J. Shackel*  
Lemont Township Supervisor

## Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to families through General and Emergency Assistance. This financial aid grant is to alleviate life-threatening circumstances or to assist residents in returning to self-sufficiency. **We can assist with rent, utilities, and other essentials.**

Lemont Township is also a **service extension unit for Salvation Army.** Salvation Army Service Units provide individual and emergency services including rent, utilities, and other essentials.

We also offer **Energy Assistance for Gas Bills** through Salvation Army's Sharing Program. This one-time yearly grant helps towards past due gas bills.

Lemont Township partners with CEDA to offer Energy Services called LIHEAP. This program offers a **one-time yearly grant towards your Gas and Electricity bill.** CEDA's Energy Program opened as of October 1st and will remain open until August 31st or until funds are exhausted.

The Gross Income Guidelines for General and Emergency Assistance and Food Pantry go up to 250% of the Federal Poverty level and are as follows (Other Program Guidelines Vary):

### 250 % of the Poverty Level

Household Size	30 Day Income
1	\$ 3,037
2	\$ 4,108
3	\$ 5,179
4	\$ 6,250
5	\$ 7,321
6	\$ 8,392
7	\$ 9,463
8	\$ 10,533

# Food Pantry

Lemont Township partners with two local pantries to assist our families in need. Both pantries offer non-perishable food items and gift cards to local grocery stores. You must be registered with our pantries to participate; registration is completed through Lemont Township.

## Bethany Lutheran Church

500 Lemont St.  
Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30am–12:30pm

## Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer St.  
Tuesday–Thursday: 9:45am–11:00am



**Gift Cards to assist with Thanksgiving meals** will be available for all active patrons of the Food Pantry. Registration is required for this program, please call the office between by November 15th to register. Gift card pick up will be November 20th and 21st at Lemont Township.



# Seniors

## Lemont Cafe

The Lemont Township Community Center is home to our Lemont Café. The Community Nutrition Network Program, CNN, **provides nutritious meals daily for our seniors.** It is the perfect place for our seniors to gather and participate in the variety of different programs that occur throughout the month. BINGO is played every Monday following lunch for \$3. Meals are available for sit down and pick-up, and are served daily around 11:30am. Delivery Meals are also available through the Meals on Wheels program and are distributed through the Lemont Café. Meals are available to anyone in need 60 and older. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal.

**If you need any meals,** please contact Irene at 630-257-0515 Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 2:00pm. (Advanced notice of meals needed preferred)



**MEALS on WHEELS**

## Reduced License Plate Stickers

We help with obtaining a **Reduced License Plate Sticker for seniors and persons with disabilities.** Total Gross Income of \$33,562 for a 1-person household or \$44,533 for a 2-person household. This can lower your license plate sticker cost from \$150 down to \$10.

## Senior Association

Lemont Township works closely with the Lemont Township Senior Association. This association has been in existence since 1974. The organizations goal is to **promote and provide services and activities to enrich the social lives of anyone 60 and older.** Their annual membership fee is \$15.00. They host monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at the Lemont Township Community Center, along with many other parties throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a member, please register at Lemont Township or at an upcoming meeting.

## Giving Tree Program

Lemont Township hosts an annual Giving Tree Program to help families and children in need of Christmas presents. Registration for this program begins October 1st and ends November 8th. You must be registered with the Lemont Township Pantries and email Stephanie Katopodis at [stephanie@lemonttownship.org](mailto:stephanie@lemonttownship.org) for an application. The Giving Trees will go up at the Lemont Park District Core and Lemont

Township lobby in mid-November. Snowflakes will be put on the trees with a child's Christmas wish. If you are able, please help a family and child in need! All gifts will be returned to Lemont Township for distribution in December.

If you or someone you know needs assistance or has questions about any of our senior services, please **contact Stephanie Katopodis at 630-257-2522 x 117.**



## Family Assistance Fund

**Please consider donating to our Family Assistance Fund.** This fund offers emergency assistance to our families and seniors in need. You can also donate to our Lemont Township Open Pantries. Make checks payable to Lemont Township and add a memo of who you are donating to. Please send donations to 16300 Alba Street, Lemont, IL.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

### PAGE Dial-a-Ride

Curb-to-curb transportation within Lemont Township boundaries. Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. *Advanced reservations are required.*

#### Rates (CASH ONLY)

Seniors	\$1 per stop
Adults & Children 8+	\$2 per stop
Children 7 & under	Free w/paid adult

Reduced rates are available for low-income residents and are approved by the Human Services Department.

Although we try to accommodate every request, there will be times it is not always possible.

**To schedule transportation  
CALL: 630-754-8901**

### PAGE Vanpool Program (Medical)

Non-emergency, curb-to-curb, medical transportation for appointments that are located outside of Lemont Township **up to 40 miles round trip for Township residents only.** Passengers requiring assistance (wheelchairs, etc.) must have a companion to accompany them. One ride along passenger/caregiver travels at no charge.

#### Hours of operation

Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

#### Rates

\$25.00 round trip	1-15 miles
\$30.00 round trip	16-25 miles
\$35.00 round trip	26-35 miles
\$40.00 round trip	36-40 (Max 40 miles)

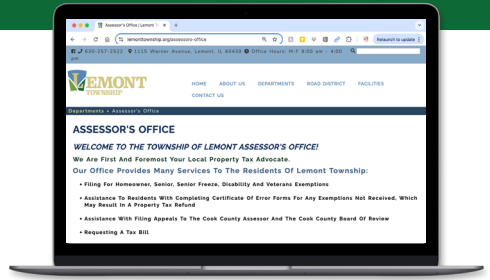
**Cash preferred or check.** Please make checks payable to: Lemont Township

**Lemont Township has recently updated their Assessor's Office webpage!** Please visit our website at [www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office](http://www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office) to review the updates, as well as the links to the relevant websites from the Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO), Cook County Board of Review, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Property Tax Portal, Cook County Treasurer, and the Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board. Please remember that we are advocates for our residents; however, we do not process any of the applications.

Lemont Township hosted the team from Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers Jr. on September 12, 2024, who explained the tax appeal process and answered questions. The Board of Review will open for appeals sometime in the fall of 2024 after the CCAO adjudicates appeals filed with his office. As soon as we are aware of the date, we will post it on our website.

**We highly recommend signing up for our emails through our website at [www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office](http://www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office) to receive the latest news regarding your property taxes.**

If you live, own, and occupy your home by January 1, you are eligible to apply for the **Homeowner Exemption**, which is calculated by multiplying the Homeowner Exemption savings amount (\$10,000) by your local tax rate. If you turn 65 by January 1, you are eligible to apply for the **Senior Citizen Exemption**, which is calculated by multiplying the Senior Exemption savings amount (\$8,000) by your local tax rate. In addition to the Senior Citizen Exemption, Senior Citizen homeowners may be eligible for the **Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze** if they are over 65 years of age and have a total household annual income



of \$65,000 or less in the 2024 calendar year. A Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze provides property tax savings by freezing the equalized assessed value (EAV) of an eligible property from the previous year. This does not automatically freeze the amount of their tax bill, only the EAV remains at the fixed amount from the previous. Applicants must apply annually for this Assessment Freeze, as their income levels may change. There is a minimum \$2,000 EAV deduction for the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze, which helps offset increases in assessed value and helps ensure that more senior citizens benefit from the Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze. These savings are in the form of a deduction on the second-installment real estate tax bill. **You can apply for the exemption by completing a Certificate of Error**, which can be completed through our website at [www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office](http://www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office). The date these exemptions will open usually coincides with tax season. As soon as we are aware of the date to apply, we will post it on our website. We highly recommend signing up for our emails through our website at [www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office](http://www.lemonttownship.org/assessors-office) to receive the latest news regarding your property taxes.

**If you need assistance with filing a property tax related issue**, please contact Mario Mollo at 630-754-8902.

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# Central Bark Dog Park

Lemont Township has two parks, one for large dogs and one for small dogs located on Alba Street approaching our Community Center. **Registration of all dogs is required for use of the dog park.** The dog park underwent some updates early spring, the fence now has bar reinforcement all along the bottom to better secure it.

## Annual Fees

- \$25 – Lemont Township Residents
- \$35 – Non-Residents



# Yard Waste Stickers

Waste Management Yard Waste Stickers are available for purchase for Unincorporated Lemont Township residents for \$4.00 each.

# Medical Equipment Lending Closet

We have gently used wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters and shower chairs available.

**FREE**



For any questions about General Services contact Cindy O'Malley, 630-257-2522 x 100.

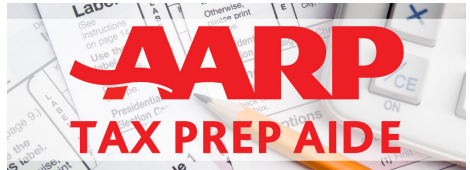


# RTA Reduced and Free Rides

Lemont Township will assist with obtaining an RTA Reduced and Free Ride application. *You must be enrolled in the Benefit Access Program to qualify.*

# Prescription Dropoffs

We are a Cook County Sheriff Prescription Drug Takeback Program Site. Residents can drop off unused prescription drugs in pill form only to the secured box located in our lobby. **Pills need to be in a Ziplock bag.**



# AARP Free Tax Prep

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free in-person tax prep. This program runs from Early February until April 15. Appointments are required. Please call in early January to schedule your appointment.

# Highway Department

The township Road District services all unincorporated areas of Lemont Township. If you have any concerns regarding **potholes, poor drainage, blocked roads, or any other issue**, please contact the Highway office at 630-257-1155.

# REGISTER TO VOTE HERE

OUR STAFF WILL ASSIST WITH  
GETTING YOU REGISTERED!

## Clerks Office

The Lemont Township Administration Office at 1115 Warner Avenue will be the **ONLY Lemont location for Early Voting for registered Cook County voters** for the upcoming November 5 Presidential General Election. Please see below for the dates and times:

**Monday, Oct. 21 to Saturday, Oct. 26**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 27**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 28 to Saturday, Nov. 2**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 3**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 4**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Township Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

## Township Closed

Thursday, Nov. 28th	Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 29th	Day After Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec. 25th	Christmas
Wednesday, Jan. 1st	New Year's Day
Monday, Feb. 17th	Presidents Day



## Event Rentals

Residents of Lemont Township can rent rooms at our **Community Center** located at 16300 Alba Street. The large room can comfortably seat 125 people and overlooks our beautiful woodland sanctuary. **The new boardroom** is also available for rent for non-profit organizations and community groups. All use of this building is subject to approval by the Township Supervisor. The Community Center is perfect for your next event!

For any questions on event rentals, contact Cindy O'Malley at 630-257-2522.

## Lemont Township Board

**Michael G. Shackel**, *Supervisor*

**Barbara A. Buschman**, *Clerk*

**Mark Labno**, *Highway Commissioner*

**Debra A. Blatzer**, *Trustee*

**Terry Lemming**, *Trustee*

**David Molitor**, *Trustee*

**Jeanette Virgilio**, *Trustee*

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at our Warner Office, 1115 Warner Ave. Lemont.

Agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting date on the township website and the township notice board. The public is welcome to attend Township Board meetings.



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