

# LEYDEN TIMES

Unincorporated



Rocco D. Biscaglio

Township Supervisor



## Supervisor

Rocco D. Biscaglio was elected Leyden Township Supervisor on April 6, 2021 and assumed office May 17, 2021. As Township Supervisor he serves as Chief Executive Officer of Leyden Township. The Township Supervisor's duties and responsibilities include serving as Chairman of the Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor of the General Assistance program, and Treasurer of all Town funds.

Prior to his election, Rocco served as Chief Policy & Administrative Officer for a not-for-profit organization providing family health care and social services. He oversaw Government Relations, Communications, Information Technology, Human Resources, Property and Facility Management, Grants, and Fundraising. Prior to this in 2015, Rocco was President & CEO of Chrysalis Consulting Group a governmental affairs consulting firm specializing in human services issues and operations. He joined Chrysalis in 1992 as its Chief Financial Officer and served in that capacity until 2004 when he assumed the position of President & CEO. At Chrysalis, he played an important part in creating policy and administering the financial matters of Chrysalis and in the development of management information systems.

Prior to joining Chrysalis, he served as City Manager of the City of Northlake and interim Village Manager for the Village of Elmwood Park. Prior to that he was employed as a technical advisor with the Illinois Department of Transportation in the Bureau of Land Acquisition & Property Management. Rocco has a background as an insurance and real estate consultant.

Rocco has been active in many local, state, and national civic and political organizations. He was an elected Village Trustee in the Village of Elmwood Park from 1985 to 1989. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Elmwood Park Neighborhood Civic Organization (EPNCO). He is a board member and past president of the Italian American Political Coalition and represents them as a delegate to the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.

Rocco D Biscaglio holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors from Roosevelt University. He has been a resident of the Village of Elmwood Park for over 50 years.

Rocco is honored to be able to continue his lifelong duty of service to you and the community.



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# Administrator

James “Jimmy” Caporusso was appointed Township Administrator on July 13, 2021 bringing over 25 years of experience working with both local and state government. As Township Administrator he is responsible for the day to day administration of all affairs of the Township and for planning and developing Township programs, policies and activities.

Prior to his appointment as Leyden Township Administrator, Jimmy served as Senior Vice President of Governmental and Community Relations for a not-for-profit organization providing family health care and social services. He previously worked in the Illinois House of Representatives as Legislative Aide and Chief of Staff, the West Central Municipal Conference as Assistant to the Executive Director, the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency as Environmental Coordinator, and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation as Director of Policy and as Director of Administrative Services.



James  
"Jimmy" Caporusso

Township  
Administrator

## Medicare Open Enrollment Ends Dec. 7th

Need assistance paying your utility bills? The LIHEAP Program offers assistance based on income.

Lifeline Screening is January 26, 2022 at the Senior Center.  
Register Today!

CALL (847) 455 - 8616  
to receive more information.



### Lending Closet

If you are in need of Medical related items such as walkers, toilet seat, crutches, canes, shower chairs, wheel chairs, and more, we can help!



We can assist with Temporary Handicap placards. Forms can be found on our website or come in to fill out.

# Highway Commissioner

Highway Commissioner John “Bucky” Bjorvik is a life-long resident of River Grove. With over 40 years of experience as an employee of the Public Works Department of the Village of River Grove, he has held various titles including Foreman, Water Superintendent and currently Director of Water & Sewer. In addition to his employment with the Public Works Department, he has been a member of the River Grove Fire Department since 1985 and currently holds the position of Lieutenant. These positions have required him to maintain the following state licenses: Certified Water Operators License; Fire Fighter I and II Certifications; EMT-B Certification; and Commercial Driver’s License. Bucky is looking forward to serving the residents of Leyden Township in his new position.

In addition to his employment, Bucky has also volunteered his time as a baseball and softball coach and he is currently a member of the River Grove Lions Club. He has been married to his wife Lynn for 34 years and together they have a son (Kevin) and daughter (Kelly).



**John “Bucky” Bjorvik  
Highway Commissioner**

# Clerk's Corner

## Jamie Losurdo, Township Clerk



Recently elected to her 3rd term as Township Clerk, Jamie is also the Director of Senior and Social Services. Jamie began her career with the Township in 1998. Jamie was employed as Senior Services Coordinator and with Meals on Wheels. Jamie is an enthusiastic and avid supporter of the Leyden Community, with volunteer service across a wide spectrum of area needs. These activities include: Needy Program Committee, Veteran's Day Events and United Seniors, to name but a few. She and her husband have three children and reside in Elmwood Park where Jamie has been a lifelong resident.



**Recently  
elected to her  
3rd term!**

**We offer assistance  
with completing the  
application for:**

**Ride Free RTA Pass  
and or  
Reduced Fare Pass**

**Contact Jamie At:  
(847) 455 - 8616 Ext: 5119 or  
Clerk@LeydenTownship.com**

**Benefit  
Enrollment  
Assistance for  
seniors and  
disabled.**



# Senior Services

## Assistance

Tax preparation assistance

Wildlife in your backyard?  
Animal Control can help!

We can trap and release wildlife that may have found their way into your yard.

If your pet wandered away, we can help locate them.

OFFERING Smoke Alarm & Carbon Monoxide Installation.  
Schedule Handyman Appointment

## Social

Senior Breakfast with Santa will be December 1st  
Call to reserve your seat with Santa!



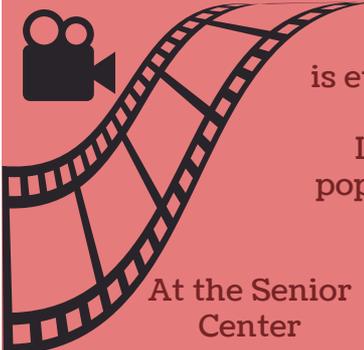
Senior Exercise  
Every Tues. & Thurs. at . 10am at  
The Community Center  
FREE for Seniors

## Knitting Club



Meets every Tuesday at 12pm at  
Westdale Park  
3045 Sandra, Melrose Park

Just show up! Bring your knitting stuff if you have it.



Movie Day is every Thursday at 12:00pm  
Light Lunch, popcorn & Movie

At the Senior Center



Line Dancing at the Senior Center  
Every Wednesday and Friday  
10am-12pm



## Questions?

Contact Jamie At:

(847) 455 - 8616 Ext: 5119

Clerk@LeydenTownship.com

or to Sign up!

## Programs

Telephone Reassurance



During extreme weather conditions we'll give you a call to check in!  
Call to Enroll

Get a break on Car Insurance upon completion of the AARP class. Call today to enroll.



WITS Wellness Program  
Sessions begin in March.  
Call to sign up

## Leyden United Club

United Club is looking for new members!

Participate in senior trips, luncheons, entertainment and more!

Each club has their own dues. Call to join!

## Transportation

### Dial-A-Ride

You may be eligible for discounted PACE transportation.

2 different pricings. \$1.25 for seniors, and \$1.50 for residents

### Taxi Cab Program

Discounted fares to doctor's appointments or to the grocery store.



# Township Assessor

Al J. Biancalana, C.I.A.O.



From the office of Township Assessor Al Biancalana:

The township assessor's office is here to assist you with all your property tax needs. From applying for your exemptions and certificate of errors to appealing your assessment to the Assessor's office and the Board of Review and more. Please call us at 847-455-8616 press 3 or visit us at: [www.leydentownship.com](http://www.leydentownship.com)

## The Cook County Assessor issues the following exemptions

**Homeowners exemption:** You must have occupied the home January 1 of the tax year.

**Senior exemption:** Homeowner born in 1955 or earlier.

**Senior Freeze:** House hold income must be less than \$65,000 for income tax year 2019.

**Persons with disabilities:** Receive social security disability or have a PTAX form completed by your doctor.

**Veteran with disabilities:** Have a VA rating of 30% or more.

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Check your second installment to insure you have received all the exemptions you are eligible for. Homeowners born in 1955 or earlier are eligible for a senior exemption. To qualify for the senior freeze you must be born in 1955 and your total household income must be less than \$65,000 from 2019.

2021 first installment tax bill will be in your mail box by Feb. 1, 2022 with a due date of March 1, 2022

All 2020 exemptions will be automatically renewed for 2021, look for a letter from Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi in February 2022 or contact our office mid-February to confirm your exemptions will be auto renewed.

If you purchased your home in 2020 contact our office in February 2022 to apply for your homeowners exemption.

If you were born in 1956 contact our office in February 2022.

Contact our office for dates to appeal your property assessments.

# Feature Trustee

Ronald Klinger



Ron has been a resident of unincorporated Leyden Township for over 60 years. He is retired from the Leyden Township Public Works department, having worked there for 34 years. Ron and his wife have three children and three grandchildren. Ron has tirelessly served the Leyden community throughout the years, holding a variety of positions. He was on the board of Westdale Baseball and President of Leyden Travelers Baseball. In addition, he was a volunteer firefighter at the Leyden Fire Department. Ron has served as a Township Trustee since 2009.



# Food Pantry



Food Pantry Services Available to any Resident of Leyden Township  
Due to COVID-19, Please make an Appointment by contacting:  
Michele Mjarnagin@leydentownship.com Ph. (847) 451-5117  
Lisa Lbauer@leydentownship.com Ph. (847) 451-5112  
OPEN Mon - Fri 8am-4pm at 2501 N. Mannheim Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131



## DONATIONS:



Accepting donations - Mon. - Fri., 8:00am -5:00pm at our Town Hall  
2501 N. Mannheim Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131  
November & December we are accepting new, unused toys and clothing for  
families of all ages. Every family in our program receives Christmas gifts!

Please visit our website for more information and a list of most needed items!  
[www.leydentownship.com](http://www.leydentownship.com)



# Recreational Center Features

We have an exciting new line-up of recreation programming for all ages and ability levels this season. We are happy to announce that we will be continuing our partnership with several area parks & recreation agencies in providing our Leyden Youth Co-Op League. We have our volleyball league starting in November and basketball in January. We are also excited to be offering a number of day camp opportunities for families in our community on school holidays such as Columbus Day and Veterans' Day, just to name a few. Be sure to stay tuned for our outdoor winter athletic programs too! We are confident your child will have a blast at one of these wintertime snow-based programs. As we progress through the current school year, we will continue to accept and look for community feedback. If there's a program that YOU want to see offered here at Leyden Township, be sure to reach out to me. We want to always keep community needs at the forefront of our programming decisions. We hope we'll see you at our Tree Lighting or New Year's Eve Drop & Pop Celebration.



## Facility Information

The Leyden Township Community Center opened in 2002, and was renamed the Bradley A. Stephens Community Center in 2013. It is a 10,000 square foot building, featuring a full size gymnasium, fitness room, activity room and men's and women's locker rooms.

The fitness center contains Life Fitness, Precor, Olympic and many other equipment types. Please check the website for a full list of equipment and membership information.

**Bradley A. Stephens  
Community Center**

2620 Mannheim Rd,  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
p. (847) 451-5144

**Facility Hours:**  
Mon - Fri: 6am - 9pm  
Sat: 7am - 2:30pm  
Sun: 9am - 2pm

# Rules summery

## Garage Sale License:

Permits are needed for Garage Sales  
Permits can be pick up at Township Hall  
Fee is \$10.00

## Branch Pick Up:

Branch collection program is for minor clippings only. Trees that were cut down by private contractors will not be picked up. Branches must be no more than four (4) inches in diameter. Branches must be neatly stacked with the cut end towards the street.

## Garbage:

Last day for yard waste pick up is November 30th.

Please email [info@leydentownship.com](mailto:info@leydentownship.com) with all questions and concerns. Please do not contact Republic directly.

**\*Regular Garbage Collection Day is Tuesday.**

**\*When one of the following recognized holidays fall on a Sunday or a Monday, regular service is delayed to the following Wednesday.** New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are recognized holidays.

Recycling may only be placed in the provided two wheel recycling cart.

Recycling is collected at the curb on the regular service day. Cardboard boxes should be flattened. The maximum size of cardboard pieces is two feet by two feet. Please do not use plastic bags.

Properly Recycled Items Saves Money and Our Environment  
**WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!**

**By State Law It is illegal to place TVs, radios, computers, monitors and other electronic devises out for garbage pickup.** Electronic items can be dropped off at the Public Works garage at 2545 Mannheim Rd., Franklin Park

## House Addresses:

For the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the township's residents, addresses must be clearly displayed on all houses, residences and buildings fronting public streets and other thoroughfares within the unincorporated areas of the township.

# Elected Official Information

## US Senators:

Senator Richard Durbin  
230 S. Dearborn Street  
Suite 3892  
Chicago, IL 60604  
p: (312)353-4952  
[www.durbin.senate.gov](http://www.durbin.senate.gov)

Senator Tammy Duckworth  
230 South Dearborn Street, Suite 3900  
Chicago, IL 60604  
p: (312) 886-3506  
[www.duckworth.senate.gov](http://www.duckworth.senate.gov)

## US Congress:

Congressman Mike Quigley (5th)  
4345 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60641  
p: (773) 267-5926  
[quigley.house.gov](http://quigley.house.gov)

## Illinois Senator:

Senator Don Harmon (39th District)  
District Office:  
6941-B W. North Avenue  
Oak Park, IL 60302  
p: (708) 848-2002  
[www.donharmon.org](http://www.donharmon.org)

## Illinois House Representative:

Representative Kathleen Willis (77th District)  
District Office:  
112 N. Wolf Rd.  
Northlake, IL 60164  
p: (708) 562-6970  
[repwillis77@gmail.com](mailto:repwillis77@gmail.com)  
[www.repwillis77.com](http://www.repwillis77.com)

## Cook County Board Commissioner:

Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar (16th District)  
7833 Ogden Ave.  
Lyons, IL 60534  
p: (312) 603-4735  
[commissionerfrankjaguilar@gmail.com](mailto:commissionerfrankjaguilar@gmail.com)  
[www.commissionerfrankjaguilar.com](http://www.commissionerfrankjaguilar.com)



**NEXT ELECTION:**  
**General Primary**  
**June 28th, 2022**

**Cook County Sheriff**  
Ph. (847) 635 - 1188

We are honored to continue our long-standing relationship with the Cook County Sheriff. They have a substation at the Leyden Township office on Mannheim Rd. to provide adequate coverage to the Leyden Township residents. They also provide a drug take-back program that collects and destroys unwanted prescription drugs. These can be dropped off in the drug take-back box located outside the Sheriff's office towards the back of the building.





Leyden Township  
2501 N. Mannheim Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
p. (847) 455-8616

Regular Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

The Township will be CLOSED in  
Observance of Holidays on the  
following dates:

Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 25th, 2021

Day After Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 26th, 2021

Christmas Eve  
Friday, December 24th, 2021

Christmas Day Observance  
Monday, December 27th, 2021

New Year's Eve  
Friday, December 31st, 2021

New Year's Day Observance  
Monday, January 3rd, 2022