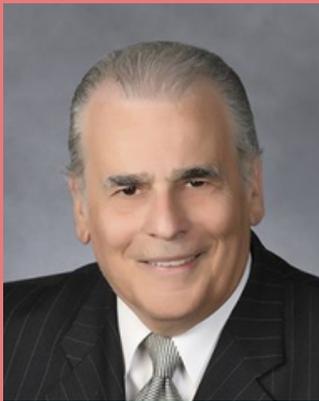


LEYDEN TIMES

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Trustee



Families pose for a photo with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Officers while exploring the Chicago Police Department / Cook County Sheriff's Police Task Force Helicopter at the National Night Out Event at Westdale Park on August 2nd.

Dear Resident:

We are excited to report that many of the township infrastructure projects have been completed! We have recently completed the Scott Street water main replacement project, which replaced old and aging water pipes. Replacing aging pipes reduces or eliminates water main breaks, which are more common among aging pipes and allows for an increase in water pressure. We have many more water, sewer, roadway, and recreation area projects scheduled for this fall and next spring.

The township has also completed the lead pipe inventory to identify homes that need their lead service line replaced. Lead pipes have been proven to infiltrate water with impure elements that negatively impact our health. It is imperative to identify where they still exist so replacements

can be made. Our Public Works team was efficient in completing this process with the residents of impacted homes.

On August 2nd, we co-hosted National Night Out with the Cook County Sheriff's Department! Families came out to mingle with Police Officers, experience their vehicles, and even pet the bomb and narcotic sniffing police dogs! Through this event, children and families were able to build a trusting relationship with the officers who keep us safe. The township hosts many other events throughout the year, such as the upcoming Boo Fest, Senior Homecoming, Tree Lighting, Senior Breakfast with Santa, and Lunch with Santa for youth and families.

Sincerely,

Rocco D. Biscaglio, Township Supervisor



Clerk's Corner – Jamie Losurdo



As the autumn season falls upon us, we are excited to share all the exciting news and activities happening around the township! The Clerk's Office has been busy attending meetings and workshops held by Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) and Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). These meetings are a great resource to connect with other Township Clerks and to learn how other Townships serve their residents. These valuable networks foster the creation of new ideas for ways the Township could enhance its current programs and activities to fit the needs of the Leyden Township residents.

The Township collects and disposes of electronics, prescription drugs, and textiles all year round:

- Do you have unused textiles to dispose of? You can drop-off your unused textiles (such as clothing and bedding) any time in the donation box located outside the Leyden Community Food Pantry.
- Broken or old electronics can be dropped off at the Leyden Township Highway Department.
- Prescription drugs can be disposed of any time in the recycling box outside of the Cook County Sherriff's Substation (at the back of the Leyden Township Town Hall building). Remember to remove any stickers with your personal information before dropping off your unused or expired prescription drugs.

As a friendly reminder, there are no upcoming elections in Cook County this fall. This is a great time to make sure your voter registration information is up to date. You can visit the Cook County Clerk's website (<https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections>) to verify, update, or confirm your information, and also confirm the location of your polling place before the next election. The next election is the Presidential Primary Election on March 19, 2024, followed by the Presidential General Election on November 5, 2024.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming fall weather and festivities throughout the Township!

Assessor's Office – Al J. Biancalana C.I.A.O.

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.

The Cook County Assessor's office issues the following exemptions:

- **Homeowner Exemption**
- **Senior Exemption**
- **Senior Freeze**
- **Persons with Disabilities**
- **Veterans with Disabilities**



To ensure you are receiving the exemptions you are entitled to contact:
Mary Trzebny: (847) 451-5182 or Bina Conte: (847) 451-5183

Senior and Disabled Services

Please call Jamie at: (847) 451 - 5119 for information or to register

Are you waiting for a handicap placard?

Call us for a temporary placard at: (847) 455-8616.

UPCOMING
EVENTS



Did you know Leyden Township offers a handyman service? To book your appointment: Call (847) 455-8616
*Some job restrictions apply.

Senior Homecoming

October 5

Breakfast with Santa

December 1

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 7

Weekly Activities

Knitting Club

Tuesdays

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

Senior Exercise

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00am - 10:00am

Community Center

Movie Day

Thursdays

12:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

Senior Line Dancing

Wednesdays and Fridays

10:00am - 1:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

Arts and Craft Days

Paint by Numbers

September 20

11:00am - 3:00pm

Fall Welcome Plaque

October 18

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Edible Turkey

November 14

1:00pm - 3:00pm



Leyden Community Food Pantry 501(c)(3)



In partnership
with the

**Leyden Community
Food Pantry**
501(c)(3) Not-for-profit



Annual Food & Toy Drive

Each year our food pantry reaches out to the community for assistance, in providing food and holiday gifts to residents of Leyden Township in need. Last year, we assisted over 370 households (1,046 individuals) in our community.

We need your support for this effort to succeed. We depend upon contributions from the community to finance this program. If you would like to contribute to this charitable cause, you can do so in a variety of ways. We are accepting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items, personal items, toiletries, new clothing, new (unwrapped) toys and monetary donations.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will directly benefit those families who are most in need, right here in our community. We have provided a list of our most needed items below.

Drop-Off

If you would like to drop off your donation,
you may do so at the following
Leyden Township location:

Leyden Township Town Hall
2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Monetary donations can also be mailed
to the above address.

*Please make all monetary donations
payable to:*

"Leyden Community Food Pantry"

For more information please call:

Michele at (847) 451-5117 or
Lisa at (847) 451-5112.



Most Needed Items:

- Cereal
- Chili
- Coffee
- Condiments
- Cookies/Crackers
- Deodorant
- Juice
- Laundry Detergent
- Mashed Potatoes
- Mac n' Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce (*plastic preferred*)
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Tissues/Toilet Paper
- \$10 Target Gift Cards
- Toys & Games (8+ years old)

We ask that all toy donations be dropped off by December 8, 2023 in preparation for Christmas.

Leyden Community Food Pantry 501(c)(3)

First time clients are required to fill out a participation form and provide proof of Leyden Township residency before their first visit.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

LOCATION

Leyden Township Town Hall
2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131

To schedule an appointment, please call:

Michele: (847) 451-5117 or Lisa: (847) 451-5112

Support a Leyden Township family in need this Holiday Season by grabbing an ornament off our Giving Tree in our Town Hall lobby.



GIVING TREE

Drop off by December 8th

Leyden Township Town Hall
2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park

Questions, call or email us at:

Michele: (847) 451-5117 or Mjarnagin@leydentownship.com
Lisa: (847) 451-5112 or Lbauer@leydentownship.com



Veterans Assistance

Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Castaneda

We are honored to welcome the United States Marine Corps veteran, Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Castaneda, to our community, who will serve as Veterans Affairs Liaison. Edward will work with veterans and their families to connect them to and help navigate federal and state resources such as pensions, education, disability compensation, home loans, life insurance, vocational rehabilitation, survivor support, and burial benefits. Many veterans were exposed to toxic substances during their line of duty, such as burn pits and Agent Orange, that have negative and lasting health consequences.

"I want to serve those that served," said Edward Castaneda, who never missed an opportunity to give back to his community. Edward always sought out opportunities to support his community, such as volunteering at a group home for troubled youth, reading books to elementary school children, and actively participating in the Toys4Tots program. It's no wonder Edward received many awards for his leadership, teaching, mentoring, and determination to provide exceptional service to his community.

At the age of just four years old, Edward immigrated to the United States from Ecuador with his mother and siblings in pursuit of a better future. Growing up in Chicago's near west side was not easy for young Edward, but he was determined to resist becoming a product of his environment, which led him in the direction of eventually joining the Marine Corps. "Completing 25 years of active service in the Marines was the start of a lifelong endeavor of living the Marine Corps core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment," said Edward.

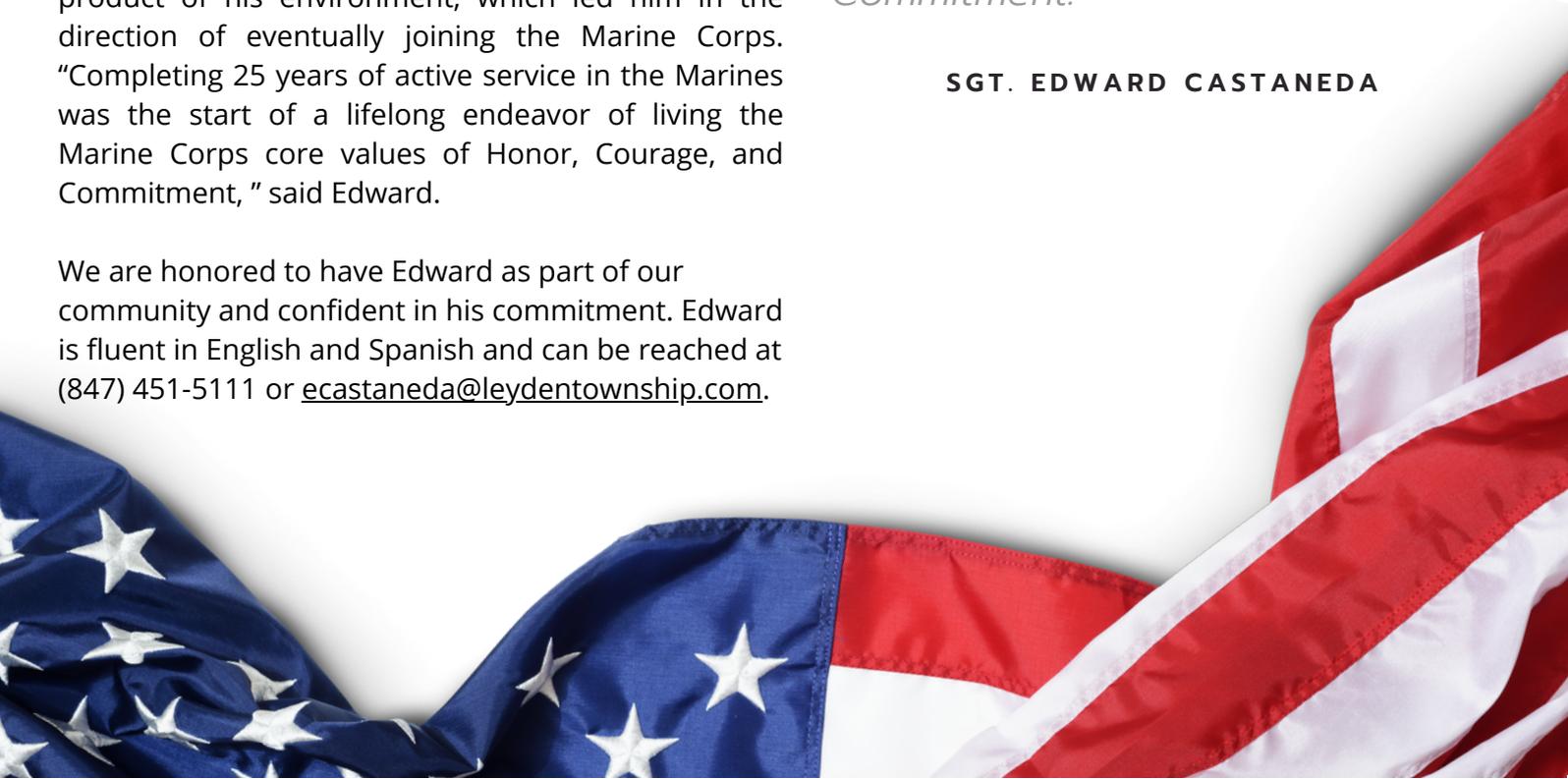
We are honored to have Edward as part of our community and confident in his commitment. Edward is fluent in English and Spanish and can be reached at (847) 451-5111 or ecastaneda@leydentownship.com.



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Completing 25 years of active service in the Marines, was the start of a lifelong endeavor of living the Marine Corps core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

SGT. EDWARD CASTANEDA



LEYDEN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PRESENTS

BOO FEST

OCTOBER 13, 2023
6:00PM TO 9:00PM

Westdale Park
3045 Sandra Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60164

Food Trucks
Margarita Truck
Coffee & Hot Chocolate Truck
Horse drawn Hayrides
Petting Zoo
Corn Maze
Pumpkin Patch
Bouncy House
Cotton Candy
Face Painters
Games
Prizes



Bring in unexpired, non-perishable food items for our food drive and receive a FREE raffle ticket.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT 



Leyden Township's Annual

DROP & POP

FREE Children's New Year's Eve Celebration

Sunday, December 31
10:00am - 12:00pm

Food
Games & Prizes
Entertainment



Reservations are required one week before the event by calling (847) 451 - 5144.



Bradley A. Stephens Community Center
2620 N. Mannheim Rd.
Franklin Park, IL 60131

www.leydentownship.com

Leyden Township's Seventh Annual

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday
November 17th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Pictures with Santa
Petting Zoo
Hot Chocolate
Candy Canes
Community Vendors
Tree Decorating Contest
and more!

Westdale Park 3045 Sandra Avenue, Melrose Park, 60164

(847) 455 - 8616
www.leydentownship.com



@LeydenTwpRec
#LightingLeyden



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

Regular Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

For more information,
please visit our website at:
www.LeydenTownship.com

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

October 9 - Columbus Day
November 10 - Veterans Day
November 23 and November 24 - Thanksgiving
December 25 - Christmas Day

Leyden Township's FREE Holiday Luncheon

A stylized illustration of Santa Claus's face on the left, wearing a red hat with a white pom-pom. He has a white beard, rosy cheeks, and a smiling mouth. Below his face is a hot dog in a bun with yellow mustard. To the right of the hot dog is a yellow and red striped lollipop. The background is dark red with white polka dots.

Lunch with
SANTA

at Rudolph's Diner

Saturday, December 9
Doors Open At 11:00am

Bradley A. Stephens
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RSVP's are required one week in advance.
Please call (847) 451 - 5144 to sign-up

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