

LEYDEN TIMES

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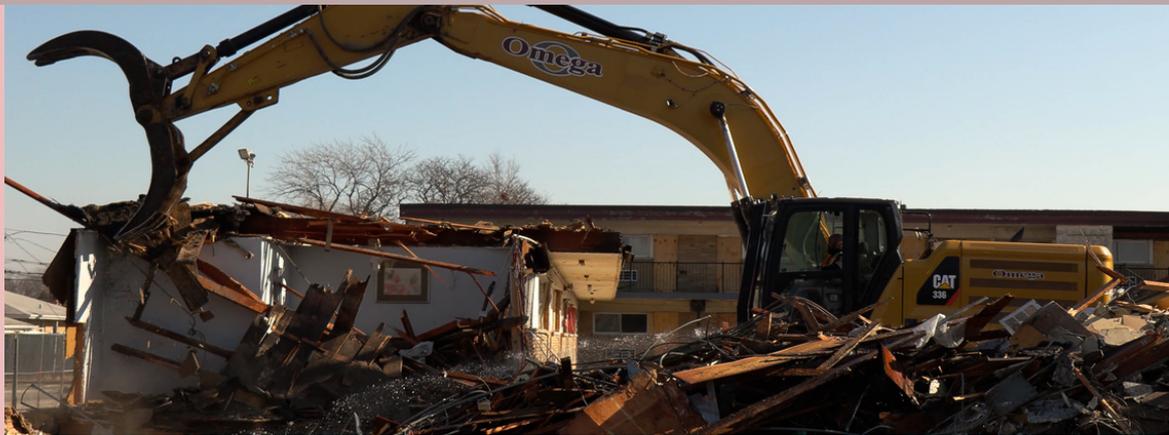
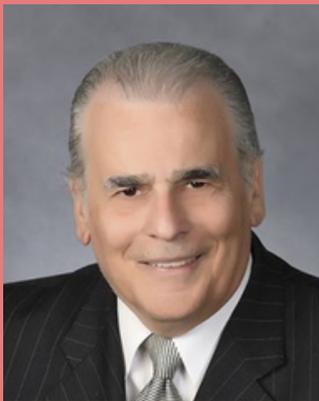


Photo above is of the first day of demolition of the Lido Motel located at 2415 Mannheim Rd. in Franklin Park. This is part of the "Moving Mannheim Forward" initiative to revitalize the Mannheim Road corridor.



Township Supervisor
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Dear Resident:

In the past year, our township has made great strides in connecting residents to valuable resources through partnerships with other state and local government officials. Through these collaborations, we have provided important services for veterans, seniors, and families, ensuring that all community members can access the resources and assistance they require. Our enhancements to the township website have also been a major focus as we strive to make information and resources easily accessible to all.

In addition, we have made significant infrastructure updates to improve our township's overall functionality and safety. This includes roadway, water main, and sewer line repairs and replacements, as well as updates to public buildings and park spaces.

Furthermore, we have been working

diligently on land acquisitions to develop the Mannheim corridor, seeking to create new opportunities for economic growth and community expansion.

As we look forward to the coming year, we are excited to announce the return of our health fair, which will take place on May 18. This event will provide residents with valuable information and resources to support each community member's well-being. We are proud of the past year's achievements and look forward to continuing to serve and support our community in the years to come.

Please visit our website for more information and to sign up for updates.

Sincerely,

Rocco D. Biscaglio, Township Supervisor





The beginning of 2024 kicks off with the Leyden Township Clerk's office labeling and storing all the Township records from 2023. As the official record keeper of the Township, the Township Clerk maintains all records and files annually with the State of Illinois to request the disposal of old records. Once the Township has approval from the State, we can set a date for our Annual Electronics, Shredding, Textile & Prescription Drug Recycling Event. Be on the lookout for more information on this event to dispose of your old records, electronics, clothing, and outdated medications.

March 19, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

As we spring forward into election season, remember to turn your clocks forward on March 10th. On March 19, 2024, the 2024 Presidential Primary Election will be held and the 2024 Presidential Election will be held on November 5, 2024.



Below are a few key dates for the March 19th election:

2/20/2024:

Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

3/3/2024:

Last day to register to vote by online application (*Illinois driver's license or state ID required*)

3/4/2024:

First day of early voting

Early voting locations in the area:

1. Elmwood Park Village Hall at 11 Conti Parkway
2. Franklin Park Village Hall at 9500 Belmont Ave
3. Melrose Park Village Hall at 1000 25th Ave

3/14/2024:

Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters

3/18/2024:

Last day of early voting

3/19/2024:

Last day mail ballots can be postmarked

3/19/2024:

Election Day

If you would like to register to vote you can do so online at www.cookcountyclerkil.gov or in person at the Leyden Township Town Hall. Please call us at (847) 455-8616 to schedule an appointment or stop in anytime.

On April 9, 2024, the Township Clerk will host the Annual Town Meeting held in the Courtroom at the Leyden Township Town Hall. The Annual Town Meeting is open to all residents.

Senior and Disabled Services

Call Jamie at: (847) 451-5119 for information or to register.



FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Triton College's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is offering FREE tax assistance to individuals aged 60 or older from low- to moderate-income households. This free service is made possible by the grant-funded IRS program, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), where volunteers get trained to prepare taxes.

This service is by appointment ONLY.
Appointments will be accepted starting on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024. Call the number below.

2024 TAX SITES INCLUDE:

Triton College (River Grove)
Elmwood Park Public Library
Eisenhower Public Library (Harwood Heights)
Melrose Park Public Library
Seniors Assistance Center (Norridge)
Leyden Township Westdale Park (Melrose Park)
Schiller Park Community Center

To make an appointment
Call (708) 456-0300, ext. 3895

For more information about the program
Call (708) 456-0300, ext. 3835.

Weekly Activities

Arts and Crafts
12:00pm - 3:00pm

March 19
Easter Craft

April 9
All Seasons Gnome
(Advanced Painting)

Arts and Crafts
12:00pm - 3:00pm

April 23
All Seasons Gnome
(Beginners)

May 21
Clay Craft

Knitting Club
Tuesdays
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Senior Center

Senior Exercise
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00am - 10:00am
Community Center

Movie Day
Thursdays
12:00pm
Senior Center

Senior Line Dancing
Wednesdays and Fridays
10:00am - 1:00pm
Senior Center

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**

TIME TO RENEW YOUR SENIOR FREEZE

The Cook County Assessor will be mailing 2023 renewal applications in March to all seniors that had the Senior Freeze on their 2022 2nd installment.

- **Homeowners born in 1958 are eligible to apply for the Senior Exemption.** If the 2022 household income is less than \$65,000, you can also apply for the Senior Freeze exemption.
- **Homeowners who purchased in 2022** are eligible for a Homeowner Exemption.
- Please contact our office for **required documentation and an application.**

To ensure you are receiving the exemptions you are entitled to contact:

Mary Trzebny: (847) 451-5182 or Bina Conte: (847) 451-5183

St. Patrick's Day
SENIOR LUNCHEON

12:00 | MARCH 7th
Carl Fiorito Senior Center
2601 N. Mannheim
Franklin Park, IL 60131

LUNCH | PRIZES

Leyden Township presents....

Bunny-Bash Egg-Stravaganza

Saturday March 23, 2024
11:00am - 2:00pm

EGG HUNT TIMES
Ages: 0-3 @ 11:15am
Ages: 4-5 @ 11:45am
Ages: 6-9 @ 12:15pm
Ages: 10-12 @ 12:45pm

Bring your Easter Basket for the Egg Hunt! Please don't be late, hunts will start promptly at these times. Children will only be allowed to participate in their age group.

Pictures with the Bunny
Egg Hunts
Games
Bouncy House
Food & Drinks

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Westdale Park
3045 Sandra Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60164

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP
www.leydentownship.com

Leyden Community Food Pantry 501(c)(3)

Thank You for the Generous Donation!

On Thursday, November 16th, our Leyden Community Food Pantry received three envelopes in the mail with a very large donation towards the food pantry from an anonymous donor. The cash donation totaled \$10,400.00.

Since the donation was made anonymously, we want to say Thank You. Thank you for sharing this generous gift with our community members. It is because of people like you we will be able to provide our food pantry clients with not only food, but new clothing, toys and items this year through our Holiday Program.



Franklin Park Fire Department dropped off Christmas gifts for families on our 2023 Holiday Program. Their gifts and cash donations bring a total of \$4,000 dollars to the Leyden Community Food Pantry.



The Cook County Sheriff's Department delivered over 1,100 pounds of dried goods, diapers, personal hygiene products to our food pantry to replenish our shelves from the holiday program.

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

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

Managing Medications is Difficult

Medicines are intended to help us live longer and healthier, but taking medicines the wrong way or mixing certain drugs and supplements can be dangerous. Older adults often have multiple medical conditions and may take many medicines, which puts them at additional risk for negative side effects. Read on to learn how to safely take and keep track of all your medicines.

What is a Medication? What is a Supplement?

Medicines, often referred to as drugs, are used to prevent or treat diseases and other health conditions. Medicines can be obtained by prescription or over-the-counter (OTC).

Dietary supplements are not considered drugs because they are not intended to prevent or treat diseases. Rather, these products are intended to maintain or improve health, and they may help you meet your daily requirements for essential vitamins and minerals. For example, calcium and vitamin D can help build strong bones.

It can be dangerous to combine certain prescription drugs, OTC medicines, dietary supplements, or other remedies. To avoid potentially serious health issues, talk to your doctor about all medicines you take, including those prescribed by other doctors, and any OTC drugs, vitamins, supplements, and herbal remedies. Mention everything, even the ones you use infrequently.

Starting a New Medication-Tips

Before starting a new medication, ensure your pharmacist and doctor know all the medications and supplements that you are taking. Try to use only one pharmacy if possible. *You will also want to find out whether you'll need to change or stop taking any of your other prescriptions, OTC medicines, or supplements while using this new medicine.* Often, a new medication can replace an existing medication. Make sure that you know if you should be taking both or just the new one.

Filling your prescription — Don't be afraid to ask questions

The pharmacist can and will answer most of your questions about prescription drugs, over-the-counter



medications and supplements. Did you know if you have trouble swallowing pills there may be an alternative medication available? Do not chew, crush or break tablets without asking first. It may change the way the medication works. When in doubt, ask questions and ask for help.

Medication Lists — A MUST Have

Keep an updated list of current medications on the door or your refrigerator and in your wallet or purse if possible. You may not always be at home when an emergency happens. So having it in both spots is safer. If you need a form, your fire department probably has one available for you.

Reference:

www.nia.nih.gov

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP

HEALTH FAIR

MAY 18, 2024

AT BRADLEY A. STEPHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

SAVE THE DATE!

MORE INFO:

(847) 455-8616

www.leydentownship.com

Around the Township

Leyden Township was proud to partner with Disney 100 and ABC 7 Chicago for Operation Gratitude. We distributed over 500 care packages to first responders across our Leyden Community. Pictured below are Leyden Township Elected Officials, Administration, and staff delivering to our local Police and Fire Departments.



Pictured Above, left to right: Rosemont Public Safety, Schiller Park Police Department, River Grove Fire Department, River Grove Police Department, Franklin Park Fire Department, Franklin Park Police Department, Leyden Fire Protection, Elmwood Park Police Department, Melrose Park Fire Department, Melrose Park Police Department.



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p. (847) 455-8616
Regular Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

For more information,
please visit our website at:
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Leyden Township will be CLOSED in Observance of Holidays on the following dates:

February 19 - Presidents Day
March 19 - Election Day
March 29 - Good Friday
May 27 - Memorial Day

MOVING MANNHEIM FORWARD

A NEW LOOK FOR A BETTER FUTURE

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