



# LEYDEN TIMES

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River Grove | Rosemont | Schiller Park | Unincorporated Leyden

## Dear Resident:

I am happy to report that Leyden Township has been awarded \$107,515.00 from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways 2024 Invest in Cook program, as well as \$200,000.00 from the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant Program. These specific grants will support the water main replacement and pavement rehabilitation project on Montana Avenue in Unincorporated Leyden Township.

In addition, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through the Cook County Department of Planning and Development has approved \$1,750,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to support the construction of senior housing to be located in Leyden Township.

We've also been awarded \$3,350,000.00 in Build Illinois Funds through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for infrastructure improvements, \$30,000.00 for park improvements, and \$200,000.00 for improvements to the Leyden Community Food Pantry.

I am pleased to announce that Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia has requested \$2,500,000.00 in funding from the U.S. Congress for the Water Main Replacement Project on Emerson St., Hawthorn Av., and Ruby St. in Leyden Township for fiscal year 2025. The funding will be used to replace the water main, which is over 60 years old. The current water main is breaking down at a higher frequency resulting in disruption to water supply to residents in that area. This project will also replace approximately 100 lead water service lines identified as harmful and toxic to human health.

Improvements at Lee Street Park, Westdale Park, and a major water main replacement and sanitary sewer relining project in the Marconi Subdivision, which services residents of the Village of Franklin Park, are underway. We are currently accepting bids for the long-awaited demolition of the V-INN Kitchenettes on Mannheim Road which has long been an eyesore in the community.

2025 will mark the 175th Anniversary of Leyden Township along with all township governments in Illinois. We will be hosting many new and exciting community events to celebrate the anniversary of township government.

Our promise to the community is to continue **Moving Leyden Forward!**



Supervisor Biscaglio and Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia

**Rocco D. Biscaglio**  
Township Supervisor



**Rocco D. Biscaglio**  
*Supervisor*

**Jamie Losurdo**  
*Clerk*

**John E. "Bucky" Bjorvik**  
*Highway Commissioner*

**Al J. Biancalana**  
*Assessor*

**Ronald Klinger**  
*Trustee*

**William Otte**  
*Trustee*

**Nicholas J. Pecora**  
*Trustee*

**Vincent S. Fiorito**  
*Trustee*

LeydenTownship.com





# JAMIE LOSURDO

TOWNSHIP CLERK

There is a Presidential Election coming up this fall and the Leyden Township Clerk's Office has reached out to the Cook County Clerk's Office to provide our Leyden residents with the information for the upcoming **November 5, 2024 Presidential Election**. There are three ways to cast your vote in Cook County: Early Voting, Vote By Mail and Election Day Voting.

## Early Voting

Early Voting will take place from **October 21st to November 4th**. Voters who participate in Early Voting must vote in person at an Early Voting location.

## Vote By Mail

Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID or social security number on file may request a vote by mail ballot using an online or paper application. Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted.

## CONTACT

 (847) 455 - 8616, Ext: 5119

 clerk@leydentownship.com

 2501 N. Mannheim Road  
Frankli Park, IL 60131

## Election Day Voting

Registered suburban Cook County voters can only vote in their home precinct on Election Day. Residents who are not registered to vote may register and cast a ballot on Election Day thanks to same-day registration and voting. Those who wish to register on Election Day must present two qualifying forms of ID. Registered and unregistered Cook County residents can find their assigned polling place at: [www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information).

I hope you enjoy the upcoming fall weather and festivities throughout the Township!

**Below are key dates for the upcoming election:**

**10/08/2024** Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

**10/20/2024** Last day to register to vote by online application

**10/21/2024** First day of early voting

**10/31/2024** Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters

**11/04/2024** Last day of early voting

**11/05/2024** Last day mail ballots can be postmarked

**11/05/2024** Election Day

**VOTE**  


# Senior and Disabled Residents

## Weekly Activities

### **Senior Exercise**

Tuesday and Thursday | 9:00am - 10:00am  
Bradley A. Stephens Community Center

### **Senior Knitting Club**

Tuesday | 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

### **Senior Line Dancing**

Wednesday and Friday | 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

### **Senior Movie Day**

Thursday | 12:00pm  
Carl Fiorito Senior Center

## Events and Trips

### **Thompson Farm**

Raspberry and sunflower picking  
Lunch at House of Gerhard  
Thursday, September 12th  
Cost: \$105/person

### **Senior Homecoming**

Thursday, October 10th  
12:00pm  
\*Reservations Required

### **White Pines Lodge**

#### **A Tribute to Cher**

Wednesday, October 16th  
Cost: \$110/person

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Thursday, December 5th  
10:00am  
\*Reservations required



aging care  
connections

Because Aging Well Matters

Advisors on all matters related to the issues facing older adults as they age.

**Now at Leyden Township Town Hall**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**

9:00am - 1:00pm

**3rd Wednesday of the Month**

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Walk-ins welcome!

## **Dial-A-Ride**

You may be eligible for discounted PACE transportation.

### One Way Fares

Adults: \$2.50

### Reduced Fares

Seniors and RTA Disabled: \$1.25



**Reservations are required for all programs and events. For more information or to register, please call Jamie at: (847) 451 - 5119.**

# AL J. BIANCALANA, C.I.A.O

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

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, please contact our office.

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



## CONTACT

(847) 455 - 8616

2501 N. Mannheim Road  
Franklin Park, IL 60131

*Leyden Township's Eighth Annual*

# Community Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Friday**

**November 22nd**

**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

# Community Updates



## U.S. Congresswoman Delia Ramirez Honors River Grove Veteran Jack Ross with Congressional Commendation

Jack Ross was awarded a Congressional Commendation presented by Congresswoman Delia Ramirez for his heroic service during the Vietnam War. Jack is a Bronze Star and 2-time Purple Heart recipient, veteran business owner, and community leader. Jack Ross has dedicated a lifetime of service to our country both at home and abroad. Thank you Jack!



## Citizenship Workshop hosted by U.S. Congressman García and State Rep. Norma Hernandez

On Saturday, June 8th, Congressman Jesus "Chuy" García and State Representative Norma Hernandez co-hosted their Citizenship Workshop at Leyden Township. It was a special day and we are honored they chose to share this wonderful opportunity with us. Over 50 qualified residents attended the event to become United States citizens.

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TOWNSHIP

# BOO FEST

FOOD ENTERTAINMENT GAMES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

WESTDALE PARK  
3045 SANDRA AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL 60164

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

## HOW TO QUALIFY?

- Must be 18 and over
- Live in the service area zip codes, provided below

## SERVICE AREAS

- 60016
- 60018
- 60019
- 60025
- 60053
- 60068
- 60131
- 60160
- 60164
- 60165
- 60171
- 60176
- 60631
- 60707
- 60714

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### MONDAY

9:00AM - 5:00PM

### TUESDAY

11:00AM - 7:00PM

### WEDNESDAY

9:00AM - 5:00PM

### THURSDAY

11:00AM - 7:00PM

### FRIDAY

1:00PM - 5:00PM

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# LEYDEN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

## Most Needed Items

Hand Soap	Toothpaste
Canned Corn	Mouth Wash
Beans	Deodorants
Mushroom Soup	Sanitary Pads
Oatmeal	Toothbrushes
Cereal	Shampoo
Breakfast Bars	Body Wash



Toys for our annual holiday program are accepted at our Town Hall, Community Center and local businesses. Businesses accepting donations will have designated bins with signage. For more information on how to donate or to sponsor a family, please call the township office at: (847) 455 - 8616.

# Around the Township



Supervisor Biscaglio with Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico, Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, and WCMC Executive Director Rich Pellegrino at the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development's Legislative Breakfast.



Our National Night Out 2024 at Westdale Park had the Chicago Police Department's new helicopter land inside the park. Pictured above is Supervisor Biscaglio with Chief of The Cook County Sheriff's Police Leo Schmidt along with the pilots and other members of the Cook County Sheriff's Police and Chicago Police Departments.



Supervisor Biscaglio with Illinois State Senator Rob Martwick, River Grove Mayor David B. Guerin and David Feller, aid to Senator Martwick, kicked off the annual River Font Fest in River Grove.



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Chicago-O'Hare for hosting their meal packing event at our Town Hall. They generously donated the food packed to the Leyden Community Food Pantry. In these 10 small boxes holds 2,160 meals for our community members. A special thank you to Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar for visiting the food pantry and meeting with the Rotarians.

Leyden Township's Annual

# DROP & POP

**Tuesday, December 31**  
**10:30am - 12:30pm**

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

*FREE Children's*  
*New Years Eve Celebration*

**Food**  
**Games & Prizes**  
**Entertainment**

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Office 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:

October 14th - Columbus Day  
November 5th - Election Day  
November 11th - Veterans Day  
November 28th - Thanksgiving  
November 29th - Day after Thanksgiving

December 24th - Christmas Eve  
December 25th - Christmas Day  
December 31st - New Years Eve  
January 1st, 2025 - New Years Day



**LEYDEN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**

Vendor Spaces	Table Rentals
\$20 Residents	\$6 per table
\$25 Non-Residents	

**WESTDALE PARK**  
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