



Leyden Times

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Since 1850

June 2025, Volume 13

Dear Resident,

This year marks a remarkable milestone in the history of Leyden Township - **175 years of community, growth, and shared progress**. From our earliest days as a rural settlement to the vibrant, diverse community that we are today, Leyden Township has always been defined by the strength and spirit of its residents.

As we commemorate this historic anniversary, we also look ahead to a future full of promise and progress. Across the township, exciting developments are underway that reflect our continued commitment to improving quality of life for all who call Leyden home.

Construction and community investment are in full swing. One of the most anticipated additions to our public spaces is the **brand-new splash pad**, now officially open and already bringing joy to families throughout the Township. It is a perfect summer destination and a fitting example of our dedication to providing safe, modern recreational facilities for our youth.

We are also proud to announce that construction has begun on our new Senior Center building. This much-needed facility will serve as a hub for our older residents - offering programs, resources, and a **welcoming space to gather and connect**. The progress at the site reflects both our respect for those who came before us and our desire to support all generations within our community.

These projects are just part of a broader effort to invest in the future. Infrastructure improvements, park renovations, and public service expansions are happening throughout Leyden Township, laying the foundation for another 175 years of success.

Of course, no summer in Leyden would be complete without the **events that bring us together**. From family movie nights and concerts in the park to food festivals and holiday celebrations, this season promises to be full of memorable moments. We invite you to join us in making the most of this vibrant, festive time in our township's life.

As we honor the past and embrace the future, thank you for being part of the journey. Here is to 175 years of Leyden Township - **and many more years to come**.

Rocco D. Biscaglio
Township Supervisor



Jamie Losurdo

Township Clerk

☎ (847) 455 - 8616, Ext: 5119

✉ clerk@leydentownship.com

📍 2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Welcome to all the newly elected and re-elected officials throughout the Leyden Township community and Congratulations to my fellow Leyden Township board members! The newly re-elected Leyden Township board was sworn in on May 19th. I am looking forward to working with all these remarkable leaders to elevate the services we provide for our Leyden community.

With warm weather on the way, it is important to include a reminder that the Leyden Township Town Hall and the Bradley A. Stephens Community Center are cooling centers throughout the summer months.

Hopefully, your summer is packed with enjoyable events.

If you find your calendar open, please join us at one of our fun-filled Leyden events inside this newsletter.

THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH LEYDEN TOWNSHIP AND VETERANS
PARK DISTRICT PRESENT

COMMUNITY DAYS

JUNE 27 -29, 2025

GRANT PARK & CENTERPOINT PRESERVE

LEYDEN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR



Vendor Spaces
\$20 per space
Residents Only

Table Rentals
\$6 per table

WESTDALE PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00AM - 3:00PM

3045 Sandra Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60164

A food truck & play zone for the kids will
also be available for vendors & shoppers!



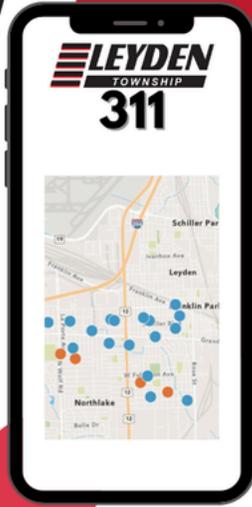
DOWNLOAD LEYDEN 311

AVAILABLE 4/21/25
VIA IOS & ANDROID

Easily report concerns and
access township services -
anytime, anywhere.



SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR WEB BROWSER ACCESS TO LEYDEN 311



Visit our Website :
www.leydentownship.com

Leyden Township is proud to introduce Leyden 311, a modern, streamlined service request platform designed to improve how residents connect with their local government. Available as both a free mobile app and a fully integrated feature on the Township's website, Leyden 311 simplifies the process of reporting non-emergency issues and enhances communication between the Township and its residents.

With Leyden 311, users can easily submit service requests for common concerns such as potholes, damaged signs, graffiti, and more. Each request can include photos, location details, and is tracked from submission to resolution - ensuring residents stay informed every step of the way.

Powered by the trusted SeeClickFix platform, Leyden 311 is built for efficiency, transparency, and accessibility. The system reflects Leyden Township's continued commitment to investing in tools that promote proactive service delivery and responsive local government.

Leyden 311 is now available for download on both iOS and Android devices. Residents can also access the system directly through the Township's website at www.leydentownship.com.

Leyden Township is proud to bring this innovative solution to the community - creating a more connected, responsive, and engaged future.



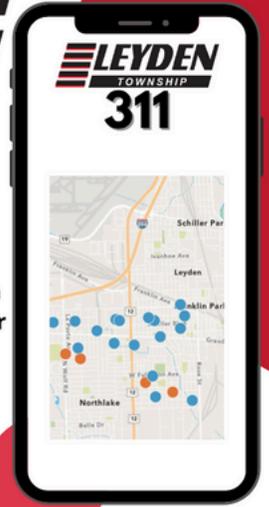
DESCARGUE LEYDEN 311

DISPONIBLE 4/21/25
VIA IOS & ANDROID

Reporte problemas fácilmente y
acceda a los servicios municipales en
cualquier momento y desde cualquier
lugar.



ESCANEE EL CÓDIGO QR
PARA ACCEDER A LEYDEN 311 A TRAVÉS
DE UN NAVEGADOR WEB



Visite nuestro sitio Web:
www.leydentownship.com

El municipio de Leyden se enorgullece de presentar Leyden 311, una plataforma moderna para solicitar servicios que ha sido diseñada para mejorar la forma en que los residentes se conectan con su gobierno local. Disponible tanto como una aplicación móvil gratuita como una función totalmente integrada en el sitio web del municipio, Leyden 311 simplifica el proceso de notificación de problemas no urgentes y mejora la comunicación entre el municipio y sus residentes.

Con Leyden 311, los usuarios pueden enviar fácilmente solicitudes de servicio para problemas comunes como hoyos en las calles, señales dañadas, grafitis y más. Cada solicitud puede incluir fotos, detalles de la ubicación, y tiene un seguimiento desde el envío de la solicitud hasta la resolución del problema - asegurando que los residentes se mantengan informados en cada paso del proceso.

Impulsado por la plataforma segura SeeClickFix, Leyden 311 está construido para la eficiencia, la transparencia y la accesibilidad. El sistema refleja el compromiso continuo del municipio de Leyden de invertir en herramientas que promuevan la prestación proactiva de servicios y un gobierno local receptivo.

Leyden 311 ya está disponible para su descarga en dispositivos iOS y Android. Los residentes también pueden acceder al sistema directamente a través de la página web del municipio en www.leydentownship.com.

El municipio de Leyden se enorgullece de ofrecer esta innovadora solución a la comunidad, creando un futuro más conectado, receptivo y comprometido.



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

Township Assessor

(847) 455 - 8616, Ext: 5119

2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Bina Conte, *Deputy Assessor*
Abby Nowak, *Assistant Assessor*

The Leyden Township Assessor's Office provides services for all your property tax needs. Our office can assist with filing for exemptions, certificates of error or with filing an appeal to both the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review.

APPEALS

2025 is a Reassessment Year for Leyden Township. This year, all taxpayers will receive a Reassessment Notice in the mail from the Cook County Assessor. If you would like assistance with a 2025 appeal, please contact our office when you receive the notice. We can research comparable properties for your residential appeals. If you qualify for the Senior Freeze Exemption you do not need to file an appeal.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Cook County recently announced that the 2nd Installment 2024 property tax bills will be late. Please look for the tax bill to be mailed in the coming months.

When you receive your property tax bill please check that all the exemptions you are entitled to are correctly deducted. Please contact our office if you are missing an exemption.

Please note: Leyden Township Assessor's Office is open from 8:00am until 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Visit our website www.leydentownship.com for Assessor's Office information.

Congratulations on your Retirement



DEPUTY ASSESSOR

**MARY
TRZEBNY**

Thank you for 22+ years of service!

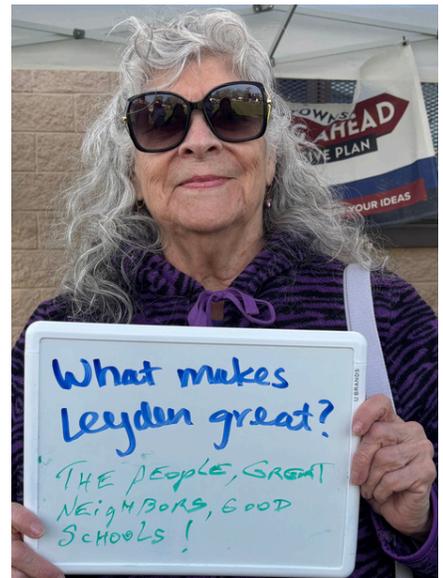
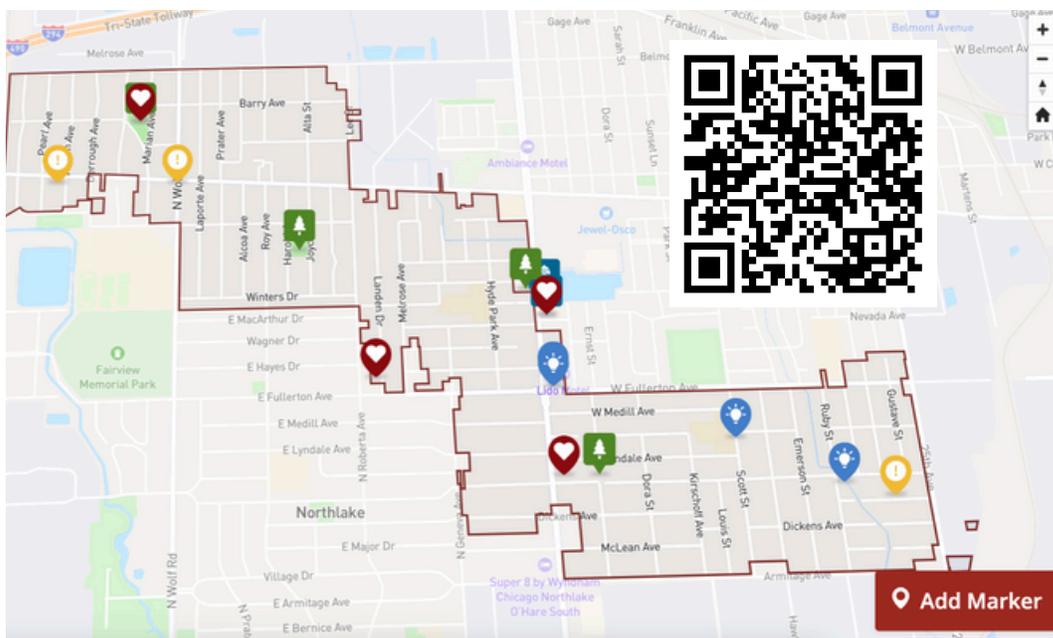
LEYDEN TOWNSHIP LOOKING AHEAD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Township's first ever Comprehensive Plan will define a vision and strategies for communications, intergovernmental relations, and services throughout the Township, with a special focus on land use, development, and transportation in Central Leyden, the Township's unincorporated area.

We heard from residents at the 175th Anniversary celebration about what makes Leyden great today, and what they want to see in the future. Common answers included: bike paths/trails, coffee shops/restaurants, traffic safety, and activities for kids and teens.

The Township wants to continue hearing community input to make sure that the plan addresses the issues most important to you. Do you have a big idea for the future? Where are improvements needed?

Scan the QR code below to share ideas on the online comment map or ideas wall. Thank you for helping shape our future!





www.leydentownship.com



SUMMER'S PARTY IN THE PARK

FACE PAINTING
BOUNCY HOUSE
FOOD TRUCKS
MOVIE & POPCORN
COTTON CANDY
MARGARITA TRUCK



BRING UNEXPIRED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE AND RECEIVE
ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET

Westdale Park

3045 Sandra Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60164

Friday, August 22th

6:00pm - 9:00pm

FREE FOR ALL AGES

Contact Us At:
(847) 451 - 5144

Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram:
Leyden Township and Leyden Township Parks and Recreation

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP'S



175TH ANNIVERSARY



CELEBRATION!



Senior and Disabled Residents

SENIOR TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Anderson Japanese Gardens with Hibachi Lunch

Thursday, June 24

Rockford, Illinois

*Call for more information

Four Winds Casino

Thursday, July 10

New Buffalo, Michigan

*Call for more information

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 17 at 12:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

*Call for more information

Leyden United Senior BINGO

Thursday, August 14 at 12:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

*Call for more information

Senior Exercise

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00am - 10:00am

Bradley A. Stephens

Community Center

Senior Knitting Club

Tuesdays

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

Senior Line Dancing

Wednesdays and Fridays

10:00am - 1:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center

Senior Movie Day

Thursdays

12:00pm

Carl Fiorito Senior Center



aging care
connections

Because Aging Well Matters

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

Leyden Township Town Hall 1st Wednesday of the Month

9:00am - 12:00pm

3rd Wednesday of the Month

1:00pm - 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

What is A Matter of Balance?

A Matter of Balance is an evidence-based program that emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. Participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

If you restrict your activities due to a fear of falling, then join our A Matter of Balance workshop to keep moving and stay active! To register please call: (847) 455 - 8616.



Diamond Painting Club

*Call for more information



SHARPS DISPOSAL

FREE SHARPS DISPOSAL AVAILABLE

Container's available upon
request at:
2501 N. Mannheim Rd.
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Sharps must be stored in
an acceptable collection
container.

All containers must be
closed and locked

DISPOSAL LOCATION:

Leyden Township
(REAR by Sheriff's Sub Station)

2501 N. Mannheim Rd.
Franklin Park, IL 60131
Call: (847) 451- 5112

SHARPS ACCEPTED

Medical Needles ✓

Lancets ✓

Pen Needles ✓

LEYDEN TOWNSHIP VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

- Disability Compensation
- Military Records
- Education and Training
- Employment Benefits
- Healthcare
- Behavioral Health
- Veteran Vehicle Plates
- Illinois Veteran Homes
- Burial Benefits
- Surviving Spousal Benefits
- K9's for Vet's
- Heroes with Hearing Loss

For more information about services available, please contact our office:
(847) 455 - 8616. Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments encouraged.

Local Veterans Service Organizations

American Legion Post 974

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday: 19:30
9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, 60131
(847) 678 - 7474

American Legion Post 974 - Auxiliary

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday: 19:00

Sons of the American Legion

Meetings: 4th Saturday: 12:00

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5979

Meetings: 2nd Thursday: 19:30
8664 Grand Ave., River Grove, 60171
(708) 606 - 0742

American Legion Post 335

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday: 19:30
8664 Grand Ave., River Grove, 60171
(708) 606 - 0742

Featured Program

 RUSH



The Road Home Program is located in Chicago, but they offer mental healthcare services to veterans and their families across the country. Road Home Program specializes in an innovative two-week treatment called the Accelerated Treatment Program.

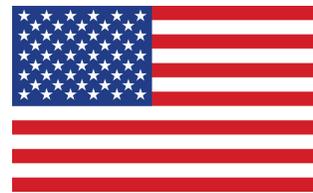
Hometown Hero

Joshua Rios, BSN, RN



Joshua Rios honorably served in the U.S. Army from 2010 to 2018, initially as a mechanic before transitioning to a combat medic. In 2011, he deployed to Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division, and in 2016, he deployed to Afghanistan with the 710th Medical Company. He currently resides in unincorporated Leyden Township and works as an Emergency Room Registered Nurse at Glenbrook Hospital.

Thank you!



LEYDEN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Frequently Asked Questions

How to qualify for the food pantry?

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Proof of residency in one of the service area zip codes listed below.

What zip codes qualify for the food pantry?

- 60016, 60018, 60019, 60025, 60053, 60068, 60160, 60164, 60165, 60171, 60176, 60631, 60707 and 60714.

How can I make a donation to the food pantry?

- Donations are accepted year round Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm at our Town Hall: 2501 N Mannheim Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131.

Hours of Operation

Monday & Wednesday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday

11:00am - 7:00pm

Friday

1:00pm - 5:00pm

2501 N. Mannheim Road
Franklin Park, IL 60131

(847) 455 - 8616, Ext: 5136

Leyden Township Presents...



WILD WILD WESTDALE

Friday, June 27, 2025

6:00pm - 9:00pm



~ Bouncy House ~ Petting Zoo ~ Hayrides ~ Games ~ Face Painting ~
~ Dunk Tank ~ Caricature Artist ~ Margarita Truck ~
~ Smokin' BBQ Food Truck ~ Sernas Food Truck ~
Tacoselamigazo ~ My Funnel Truck and more!!!



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

CAR SHOW



Call Bobbie at (847) 451-5143
to register for the Car Show.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets
~ Westdale Park ~ 3045 N Sandra Ave. ~ Melrose Park, IL 60164 ~



~ FREE ADMISSION ~

PERMIT WORKSHOP

Meet with Cook County Building and Zoning and Township Code Administration for assistance and information on how to complete applications and file for permits with Cook County.



Saturdays
9:00am - 12:00pm

- June 14
- July 12
- August 16
- September 13
- October 11



Leyden Township
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Franklin Park, IL 60131

4th Annual Leyden Township

National Night Out

Wednesday, August 6, 2025
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Enjoy an evening of fun with your community Police Officers, family, neighbors and friends!



Westdale Park
3045 Sandra Avenue
Melrose Park, IL 60164



For more information, contact the Sheriff's Police Community Relations Unit: (708) 865-4917.

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

Presorted STD
U.S. Postage
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Melrose Park, IL.
Permit #6



Rocco D. Biscaglio
Supervisor

Jamie Losurdo
Clerk

John E. "Bucky" Bjorvik
Highway Commissioner

Al J. Biancalana
Assessor

Ronald Klinger
William Otte
Nicholas J. Pecora
Vincent S. Fiorito
Trustees

Holiday Closures:

Juneteenth
Thursday, June 19
Independence Day
Friday, July 4
Labor Day
Monday, September 1