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# MONEE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## From the Supervisor

HAPPY 2024! I wish all of you a healthy New Year. If you have your health, you can manage all other problems. So be healthy, be happy and stay safe in 2024.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** The Township was finally able to hold our REVISED Youth Nights in the Fall of 2023, the first time since the pandemic. They were held at CSK Magnet School in University Park in the Cafeteria and the Gymnasium. Billy Morgan, Township Trustee and Youth Chair and I hired certified teachers and aides to teach STEM classes in Math, Science and in Robotics. The Youth Night was held from 6–8 p.m. We offered 1 hour of instruction from 6–7 p.m. to help students catch up from education losses during the Covid Pandemic, and 1 hour of recreation from 7–8 where students could play games, do crafts or go into the gym for basketball or volleyball. The Fall session was a success and parents gave us good feedback. NEW SPRING SESSION will start Thursday, February 1 thru March 14. It will be 6 weeks using the same format and still at CSK. Please sign up your students by calling the Township at 708-534-6020. You will need to fill out new paperwork for the new session. You can find the paperwork on our website: <http://www.moneetownship.com>. If you do not have computer skills, call the township and we can mail the forms to you. We need the registration forms back by January 26, 2024 to allow time to plan supplies for each week. Note: Youth Night is only for Monee Township residents. It is free but you do have to preregister.

Monee Township was awarded the Township of the Year Youth Award at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference in November, 2023. It was my honor to accept the beautiful plaque presented to the Township on behalf of the Board of Trustees and

our Youth Chair, Billy Morgan. It is always nice when we are recognized for the work we do for our Township residents.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE:** Our Senior Committee worked very hard in 2023 and I want to thank them all. The committee held several drive thru Senior lunches and then in June, were finally able to hold the first in-person luncheon in the Township Building since the Pandemic. The Seniors had a great time and did a lot of chatting.

During the Pandemic, we only held drive up lunches and many seniors really liked that, but also many were delighted when we started in-person lunches again. The Senior Committee has decided to hold 2 drive up lunches a year and 4 in-person events so that they can accommodate everyone.

The December Senior Holiday Brunch was held at the Cardinal Creek Golf Club in Beecher. It was lovely and all seniors who attended enjoyed the event. Our next Senior event will be held in February to celebrate Valentine's Day. It will be a drive-up event at the Township on February 14th. See article in this newsletter for more details. Our Senior events are free to all Seniors 65 and up who live in Monee Township but you must preregister.

**2023 HOLIDAYS:** Thank you to all the companies, schools, churches and individuals who donated money, food, gloves, scarfs, and other gifts. And a big Thank You to our loyal volunteers who helped sort food, wrap presents, pack toy bags and do all it takes to provide a good Holiday to families in need of a little help. A special thanks to Willa Simmons, our Township Administrator, Shirley Lathan, Office Assistant, and to Ruth Marcukaitis,



Office Assistant. We would not be able to help so many Township residents without them. Also I thank David Deutsche, Highway Commissioner and his road crew: Jeff Zimmer, Michael Waterman, Paul Zuro and John Kooyenga. They picked up food and toys from companies and schools and picked up the Toys for Tots gifts in Joliet. John helped pack food boxes and helped carry out heavy bags to residents' cars on pick up day. Without all our Township workers and volunteers, we would not be able to help so many residents. Thank you all again.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET PROGRAM:** 91 families were helped with varying food basket sizes based on family size. They also received gift cards.

**SANTA SACK PROGRAM: FOOD BASKETS AND PRESENTS FOR ALL.** 125 families were helped with food baskets of varying sizes based on family size. PLUS every child 0–12 received three gifts. Everyone 13 and up each received 1 gift. We wrapped all senior gifts as it might have been the only gift they received. This program is a big project and I thank all who helped.

**ARPA GRANT:** The Township received a grant and for 2 years we have been able to give \$100 gift cards, to those who qualified financially, at Thanksgiving and with our December Santa Sack program. It was wonderful to be able to do so but 2023 was the last year this will be done as the Grant is depleted. Next year, the Township will go back to a pre-grant smaller dollar amount gift card.

The Grant also helped residents in need of help thru our Emergency Assistance Program (EA) which helps with utilities, rent or mortgages. The grant allowed us to give a much larger amount to each recipient for the last 2 years. The grant is not renewable as it was given to help people still having

problems after the pandemic was declared over. The Township will still have the EA program but will go back to the standard authorized amounts which are much lower than we have with the grant dollars.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**  
**UNIVERSITY PARK ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** \$1,000.00 each. Only for University Park High School Seniors Graduating in 2024. Applications due 4/1/24. This is a firm deadline. Applications can be found now on the University Park Village Web site. After 1/31/2024 applications will be available at University Park Village Hall, the University Park Library, and at the high schools. Former UP scholarship recipients may reapply by April 1, 2024 with a letter asking for renewal as long as their family still lives in UP, financial information is still the same as on original application, and student provides a transcript showing GPA. All information on where to send application is on application form.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP** \$2,000. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2024. Must be mailed in. See info in this newsletter on requirements and how to apply.

Village of Monee: Check with the Village of Monee to see what scholarships are available for Monee residents.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** April 9, 2024 is the date of the Annual Town meeting held at 7:30 p.m. at Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The meeting starts at 7:30 but come early as you have to sign in as a registered voter to be allowed to vote. Anyone arriving after 7:30 is not allowed to vote.

Have a safe, healthy 2024. Update all your shots to help keep the viruses at bay.

Donna Dettbarn, Monee Township Supervisor

### MONEE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

**Donna T. Dettbarn, Supervisor**  
**Bobby R. Lathan Sr., Clerk**  
**TRUSTEES**  
Terri Boles  
James W. Young  
Deborah Burgess  
William Morgan  
**Sandra Heard, Assessor**  
**David Deutsche, Highway Commissioner**  
**Ronald Poindexter, Collector**

**Location:** 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449  
**Telephone:** 708-534-6020 **Fax:** 708-534-6080  
**Email:** [moneetownship@aol.com](mailto:moneetownship@aol.com)  
**Web site:** [www.moneetownship.com](http://www.moneetownship.com)  
**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch noon to 1:00 p.m.);  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Location:** 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL 60449  
**Telephone:** 708-534-8166 **Fax:** 708-534-8162  
**Email:** [moneetownship@aol.com](mailto:moneetownship@aol.com)  
**Office hours:** Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MONEE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

**Location:** 46 Towncenter, University Park, IL 60484  
**Telephone:** 708-534-6023 **Fax:** 708-534-6027  
**Web site:** [www.moneeassessor.com](http://www.moneeassessor.com)  
**Office hours:** March 16 – August 31  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Friday: Closed  
Closed for lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Winter hours:** September 1 – March 15  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Friday: Closed  
Closed for lunch Noon – 1:00 p.m.

### MONEE TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Monee Township	708-534-6020
Monee Township Assessor	708-534-6023
Monee Township Highway	708-534-8166
The Village of Monee	708-534-8301
Peotone Library	708-258-3436
The Village of University Park	708-534-6451
University Park Library	708-534-2580
Crete Monee School District 201-U	708-367-8300
United States Post Office, Monee	708-534-8057

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

#### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is available to persons in Monee Township, under the following guidelines:

- Those who are ineligible for categorical assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, TANF)
- Those who are ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration
- Those who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Those who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

GA provides monthly financial assistance to meet basic maintenance needs such as food, shelter and utilities, and also provides basic medical assistance.

A written application for GA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the date you file your application.

Persons who receive GA must participate in the Township's Work Training and Job Search Program.

#### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Emergency Assistance is available to persons:

- Who are eligible for GA
- Who are not receiving categorical assistance or SSI
- Who face a life-threatening situation due to loss of income, medical emergency or other unusual circumstances and
- Who meet the other financial and non-financial eligibility criteria

criteria

- Who have lived at their address for six (6) months or longer.

You may receive EA up to a maximum established by the Township only once in a 12-month period. EA is paid directly to a provider (such as a landlord or utility company) to alleviate the life-threatening situation.

A written application for EA must be filed with the Township. The Township will determine whether you are eligible for GA within 30 calendar days of the date you file your application. However, every effort will be made by the Township to make a decision within ten business days of receiving all needed paperwork. For more information, please contact the Township at 708-534-6020.

#### FOOD PANTRY

The Township operates a Food Pantry to provide food on a temporary basis to persons in immediate need. Foodstuffs will not be provided to supplement food stamps or on a long-term basis. Applicants are asked to apply for food stamps before receiving foodstuffs a second time. Donations are accepted year-round for the Food Pantry.

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

The other programs the Township provides are Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Basket and School Supply programs. The Township accepts donations for all programs. For more information about these programs, contact the Township Office.

### DIAL-A-RIDE

Monee Township has entered into an agreement with Will County Will Ride, through PACE Bus Company, for Transportation services. This will service senior residents 60 years of age or over for medical visits and disabled residents for medical visits, vocational/educational training and shopping one day a week for seniors and disabled. Once you are registered, contact Pace Dial A Ride, 1-800-244-4410, for reservations. There is a \$2 fee per ride within the Township and \$4 per ride outside the Township, which will be collected at the time of service by the PACE Bus.

All riders must NOW register and have a Dial-A-Ride ID. Contact the Monee Township for more information on registration, 708-534-6020.

No transportation service on major holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps income-eligible households pay home energy bills whose income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty level. This help may be in the form of a one-time direct payment to your utility company providing heat and/or electric or a one-time direct payment to you when your heat is included in the rent, but only if rent exceeds 30 percent of your 30-days total gross income.

Applications started October 1, 2023, for Seniors 60 years of age or over and those who are disabled, November 1, 2023 households that are disconnected from their utilities or have a disconnection notice or have less than 25% in their propane tank. December 1, 2023, all other eligible households. Documents needed to apply are: photo ID, proof of Social Security Cards for all household members, proof of gross income from all household members for past 30 days, a copy of your current gas and/or electric bills, and if you do not pay any utility bills, all printouts from other agencies

(food stamps, medical card, social security, child support), a rent receipt or lease is needed, along with landlord telephone number. Any member ages 18 or older will need proof they are or are not receiving benefits from DHS (Public Aid) and IDHS (Unemployment). The following are the dates applications will be taken at the Monee Township Office on March 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Applications will also be taken in The Village of University Park at 90 Town Center Drive every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will also be taking applications for furnace assistance. For more information, call 815-722-0722.

Other programs available through the Will County Center for Community Concerns are, Home Weatherization Assistance program, Mortgage Assistance, and the Home Rehabilitation program. For more information visit their website, [www.wcccc.net](http://www.wcccc.net) or contact them at 815-722-0722.





# Monee Township



## VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad: PRIDE GLORY HONOR

In 2001, Mr. John Whiteside of the Joliet Herald News and the Honorable Jerry Weller initiated the idea of establishing an honor detail at the national cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. The Cemetery Director and staff moved forward with the establishment of the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad.

The memorial squad was inaugurated on August 23, 2003. The first service was performed on September 9, 2003. The principal duty or the primary mission of the ALNC Memorial Squad is to provide a military ceremonial burial service, at no charge, for the family of an honorably discharged veteran.

The service will be provided only if requested by the family or a designated funeral director through the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Office. The ALNC Memorial Squad provides the following military burial honors:

The Memorial Squad consists of a firing detail that fires three rifle volleys

A bugler to sound Taps after the rifle volley

Squad members or the serviceman's branch personnel will fold and present the US Flag to the next of kin as designated by the funeral director

Along with the presentation of the US Flag, the memorial squad provides a small packet containing three spent rounds and a card containing the wording used in the presentation of the US flag

Military honors are provided Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on a first come, first served basis

Lending magnificent dignity, soldierly comportment, and a symbol of the nation's unending gratitude at every burial in which the ALNC Memorial Squad participates, an observer can only find him/herself deeply moved by the comfort and sincere solace given by volunteer members to the families of Veterans being buried at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

The last full measure of devotion – Memorial Squad volunteers take justifiable pride in the fact that they have never failed to provide military burial honors because of inclement weather, or other climate catastrophes. It matters not how merciless the cold, snow, rain, or summer's heat, it has not prevented the Memorial Squad from the completion of its appointed duty.

*For the Good of All Veterans*  
Trustee James W. Young, US Army Veteran

**WANTED: WORLD WAR II VETS!**

Honor Flight Chicago recognizes America's war veterans for their service and sacrifice by flying them to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial, at no cost. Although we are currently flying our WWII veterans only, we are also accepting applications for Korean and Vietnam War veterans. When we no longer have WWII veterans interested in flying with us, we will begin flying Korean War veterans. All Honor Flight Chicago trips depart and return from Chicago Midway International Airport. For further information, please contact us at 773-227-8387 or go online to [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org).

Honor Flight Chicago veteran applications are also available at the Monee Township Office, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee.

### EDUCATION CORNER

**TUTORING**  
[www.k12.gov](http://www.k12.gov)  
[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)  
<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/childrens-products/tutoring-website-reviews/a16511/free-on-line-tutoring>

**FREE LEARNING WEBSITES FOR KIDS**  
[www.switcheroozoo.com](http://www.switcheroozoo.com)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
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[www.reading.ecb.org](http://www.reading.ecb.org)  
[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com)  
[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)  
[www.abcy.com](http://www.abcy.com)  
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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This is a meeting that allows electors (Monee Township residents) to come in, meet the elected officials, and have an annual financial accounting of how your tax dollars were spent from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. See below for the list of powers given to electors at this meeting. Meeting is held at the Township building, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, at 7:30 p.m. You must arrive prior to 7:30 p.m. to check in so that you may vote. Anyone arriving after 7:30 will not be allowed to vote.

The Electors Present at the Annual Town Meeting Have The Power To:

1. Take all necessary measures and give directions for the exercise of their corporate powers. (60 ILCS 1/30-25)
2. Fix the hour at which the town meeting shall be held. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
3. Spend monies for preparation of a detailed property record system. (60 ILCS 1/30-30)
4. Make orders for the purchase and sale of property. (60 ILCS 1/30-50)
5. May declare property of the township to be surplus for purposes of donating the property to a historical society or other not-for-profit corporation. (60 ILCS 1/30-53)
6. Authorize the township board of trustees to appropriate monies in excess of the sum provided in the Public Graveyards Act, for the purpose of putting any old, neglected graves and cemeteries in the township in a cleaner and more respectable condition. (60 ILCS 1/30-60)
7. Provide for the decoration and maintenance of graves of persons who at any time served in the armed forces of the United States which are within the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-65)
8. Provide space in any township building for courtroom and office use by Circuit Court. (60 ILCS 1/30-70)
9. Authorize the township board of trustees to exercise the powers conferred by the "Township Zoning Act." (60 ILCS 1/30-75)
10. Offer premiums, and take such action as shall induce the planting and cultivating of trees along the highways in the town, and protect and preserve trees standing along or on highways, and purchase, plant along the streets and highways in the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-85)
11. Make rules and regulations for ascertaining the sufficiency of all fences in the town, and determine what shall be a lawful fence within the town, except as otherwise provided by law. (60 ILCS 1/30-90)
12. Prohibit animals from running at large. (60 ILCS 1/30-95)
13. Establish and maintain pounds where deemed necessary. (60 ILCS 1/30-100)
14. Impound animals. (60 ILCS 1/30-110)
15. Construct and keep in repair public wells or other watering places, and regulate the use thereof (60 ILCS 1/30-115)
16. Prevent the deposit of night soil, garbage or other offensive substances within the limits of the town. This section does apply to refuse disposal facilities regulated by the Illinois State Department of Public Health and the county in which the facilities are located. (60 ILCS 1/30-120)
17. Adopt ordinances regulating standing or parking of recreational vehicles on township roads within each township. (60 ILCS 1/30-125)
18. Declare inoperable motor vehicles a nuisance. (60 ILCS 1/30-130)
19. Authorize the licensing and regulation and direct the location of all places of business of purchasers, traders and dealers in junk, rags and any secondhand article, including motor vehicles, except in cities, villages and incorporated towns in such township which, by ordinance, provide for such licensing, regulation or places of location. (60 ILCS 1/30-135)
20. Regulate hawkers, peddlers, pawnbrokers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors. (60 ILCS 1/30-140)
21. Authorize the township board of trustees to provide mental health services, including services for the alcoholic, the drug addicted, and the mentally retarded, for residents of the township by disbursing existing funds if available by contracting with mental health agencies approved by the Department of Public Health Services, alcoholism treatment programs licensed by the Department of Public Health, and drug abuse facilities and other alcohol and drug abuse services approved by the Department of Human Services. (60 ILCS 1/30-145)
22. In counties having fewer than 1,000,000 inhabitants, to authorize the board of trustees to contract with one or more incorporated municipalities lying wholly or partly within the boundaries of such township, or with the county within which the township is located, to furnish police protection in the area of such township that is not within the incorporated area of any municipality having a regular police department. (60 ILCS 1/30-150)
23. Authorize contracts with county sheriff to furnish police protection in unincorporated areas. (60 ILCS 1/30-155)
24. In counties having a population of 1,000,000 or more, to authorize the board of trustees to contract with one or more municipalities in the township or with the county within which the township is located to furnish police protection in the unincorporated area of the township. The board of trustees may declare the unincorporated area of the township a special police district for tax purposes, proof of which authorizes the county clerk to extend a tax upon the special police district in the amount specified in the annual town tax levy, but not to exceed a rate of .10% of the value of the taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. (60 ILCS 1/30-160)
25. Authorize fire protection in unincorporated areas. (60 ILCS 1/30-165)
26. Authorize the board of trustees to contract for the furnishing of mosquito abatement services in the unincorporated areas of the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-170)
27. Authorize the supervisor to file an application for the township and all other bodies politic established by or subject to the control of the electors to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. (60 ILCS 1/30-180)
28. Allow for voters at the Annual Town Meeting to transfer funds from one or more funds to other or different funds, or to the general road and bridge fund or any fund raised by taxation or bonds for road and bridges. (60 ILCS 1/30-185 and 1/245-5)
29. Make all such by-laws, rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry into effect the powers herein granted and may impose fined deemed proper, except when a fine or penalty is already allowed by law. No offense shall be classified in excess of a petty offense. (60 ILCS 1/30-190)
30. Apply all penalties, when collected, in such manner as may be deemed most to the interests of the township. (60 ILCS 1/30-195)
31. Any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the township clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10. The agenda published by the township board shall include any such advisory question if the request is timely filed. By a vote of the majority of electors present at a town meeting, the electors may authorize that an advisory question of public policy, for which notice has been given as required by this Section, be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the township. The township board shall certify the question to the proper election township officials, who shall submit the question in accordance with the general election law.
32. Adopt revised tax schedule for town purposes. (60 ILCS- 1/235-5 and 1/235-10)
33. Increase tax rate for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-504)
34. Tax for construction of bridge at joint expense of county and road district and obtain aid from county. (605 ILCS 5/6-508)
35. Request referendum to issue bonds for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-510)
36. Petition for road or road improvements. (605 ILCS 5/6-601)
37. Request referendum to repeal special tax for road purposes. (605 ILCS 5/6-617)
38. Authorize the use of permanent road funds, general road and bridge funds, or town funds for the purpose of collecting, transporting and disposing of brush and leaves. Allow general road and bridge or town funds to also be used for the purpose of providing disaster relief and support services approved by the township board of trustees at a regularly scheduled or special meeting. (60 ILCS 1/30-117)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES' DAYBREAK CENTER

Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center currently has funds available for rent and mortgage assistance for Will County residents. Available resources may include: food vouchers, clothing vouchers, financial assistance for prescriptions, rent/mortgage assistance, and information to other community resources. Appointments are onsite every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Village of University Park, 90 Towncenter Drive, University Park, Illinois 60484. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center, 611 East Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois 60433, 815-774-4663.

## EASTER BASKET PROGRAM

Spring is around the corner and Monee Township is preparing for Easter. The Township will be giving Easter baskets to children, age 12 or younger, in low-income Monee Township families. Baskets will contain toys, books and treats appropriate for the age of the recipient.

When applying, residents should bring written verification of current address, household income for the last 30 days, Photo ID, and birth certificates for the children in the household who are to receive baskets. Applications will be taken starting February 1, 2024 through March 15, 2024, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sign-up can be completed at the Monee Township Hall, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. No applications will be accepted after March 15, 2024.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Easter Basket program or anyone who is in need of more information may contact Willa Simmons at the Township, 708-534-6020.

## MONEE TOWNSHIP SENIOR COMMITTEE

Monee Township Senior Committee's next event is Tuesday, February 14, 2024. Valentines Day drive through lunch, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, pick-up at the Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee. The deadline to sign up is Friday, February 9, 2024. Must be 65 years of age, live in Monee Township and must call for a reservation. Free box lunch to choose from are Turkey, Meatball, Tuna, Beef or Italian. Contact the office for more information and to make a reservation, 708-534-6020.

### VOTE FOR MONEE'S OWN

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MARCH 19

Paid for by Friends of Billy Morgan



EARLY AND GRACE PERIOD VOTING HOURS

Will County Clerk's Office  
Will County Office Building  
302 N. Chicago St.  
Joliet, IL 60432 (815) 740-4615  
willcountyclerk.gov  
Early and Grace Period Voting Hours  
Horarios De Votación Temprana Y Período De Grace



February 8 thru February 9, 2024 8 de febrero al 9 de febrero, 2024	
Thursday thru Friday jueves a viernes February 12 thru February 16, 2024 12 de febrero al 16 de febrero 2024	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes February 19 thru February 23, 2024 19 de febrero al 23 de febrero 2024	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes February 26 thru March 1, 2024 26 de febrero al 1 de marzo, 2024	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes March 4 thru March 8, 2024 4 de marzo al 8 de marzo, 2024	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes March 9, 2024 9 de marzo, 2024	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday sábado March 10, 2024 10 de marzo, 2024	9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday domingo March 11 thru March 15, 2024 11 de marzo al 15 de marzo, 2024	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes March 16, 2024 16 de marzo, 2024	8:30 am-7:00 pm
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March 10, 2024 10 de marzo, 2024  
Sunday domingo  
10:00 am-4:00 pm  
March 11 thru March 15, 2024  
11 de marzo al 15 de marzo, 2024  
Monday thru Friday lunes a viernes  
March 16, 2024 16 de marzo, 2024  
Saturday sábado  
9:00 am-3:00 pm  
March 17, 2024 17 de marzo, 2024  
Sunday domingo  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

POLLING PLACES

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN GENERAL PRIMARY MARCH 19, 2024

POLLING PLACES FOR MONEE TOWNSHIP	
Precinct 1	90 Town Center Drive, University Park
Precinct 2	90 Town Center Drive, University Park
Precinct 3	St. Paul's United Church 5323 Margaret Street, Monee
Precinct 4	New Hope Community Christian Church 4700 Court Street, Monee
Precinct 5	Thornwood House 1 Thornwood Drive, University Park
Precinct 6	First Baptist Church 450 University Parkway, University Park
Precinct 7	University Park Library 1100 Blackhawk Drive, University Park
Precinct 8	St. Paul's United Church 5323 Margaret Street, Monee

RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

Peotone Police Department 208 East Main Street Peotone 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Limit 2 TVs per vehicle ID required to prove Will County area residency	Lockport Public Works 17112 Prime Blvd (East of I-355) Lockport Tuesday and Friday only, 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Limit 2 televisions per vehicle ID required to prove Will County area residency	New Lenox Township 1100 South Cedar Road New Lenox 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Limit 2 TVs per vehicle ID required to prove Will County area residency
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AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

MONEE TOWNSHIP  
26121 Egyptian Trail  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
708-534-6020  
www.Moneetownship.com  
Contact the office for more information about the township programs.

YOUTH NIGHT—NEW AND IMPROVED

Thursday Evening---February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 7th and 14th  
Held at Coretta Scott King Magnet School  
1009 Blackhawk Drive  
University Park, Illinois 60484  
EDUCATION MODE: 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
RECREATION MODE: 7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.  
Call the office to register

UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

1100 Blackhawk Drive  
University Park, Illinois 60484  
708-534-2580  
www.uppld.org  
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS  
Beginner Line dancing—Gentle Yoga—Ceramics—Jewelry Creations—Computer Classes—DIY Crafts—Story Time—Teen Anime Club—Movie Night and much more.

PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

515 North Street  
Peotone, Illinois 60468  
708-258-3436  
www.peotonellibrary.org  
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

Visit the mobile cart at Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee  
Books for children and adults  
CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U  
Crete Monee School District Administration Center  
690 West Exchange Ave  
Crete, Illinois 60417  
For more information, Contact Carmen Cartharn, 708-367-8369

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS IN CRETE-MONEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U  
Crete -Monee Early Learning Center  
For Children age 3-5 years old, the district is holding online ASQ and ASQ: SE screening  
For more information call 708-367-2770, or visit the web-

site: www.elc.cm201u.org

Screenings are also available for children under the age of three for early intervention and Child & Family Connections.  
For more information call 815-768-3730

Crete-Monee School District 201-U invites educators, guest teachers (substitutes), and support staff to join our Warrior Team of diverse professionals serving approximately 4,200 students. The district consists of nine schools, employs over 750 support and certified staff – most of whom live in surrounding communities. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the lives of our youngest community members, please visit our website at www.cm201u.org and select Employment today.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

University Park Academic Scholarship Fund:  
\$1,000.00 each. Only for University Park High School Seniors Graduating in 2024. Application due April 1, 2024. This is a firm deadline. Applications can be found now on the University Park Village website. After January 31, 2024 applications will be available at University Park Village Hall, the University Park Library, and at the high schools. Former University Park scholarship recipients may reapply by April 1, 2024 with a letter asking for renewal as long as their family still lives in University Park, financial information is still the same as on original application, and student provide a transcript showing GPA. All information on where to send the application is on the application form.  
Township Officials Of Illinois Scholarship \$2,000.00  
Deadline to apply is March 1, 2024. Must be mailed in. For more information, contact the Monee Township Office, 708-534-6020.

Village Of Monee  
Contact the Village of Monee to see what scholarships are available for Monee residents. Also, contact the Monee Chambers of Commerce.  
VILLAGE OF MONEE  
For more information, contact the Village of Monee, 708-534-8301  
Adult Fitness And Hiit

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th---8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m  
February 7th, 14th, 21st --- 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
Firemen's Park Building and Pavilion  
To register contact the Monee Village Hall  
THE VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK

For more information on all University Park programs, please call 708-534-6451 ext. 800 or visit the website www.university-park-il.com

Micro Pantry  
698 Burnham Drive, University Park (in front of the Code Enforcement office)  
Pick-up or Drop off  
Non-Perishable item (no glass please when donating)

AQUA Aid  
Having trouble paying your Aqua Water bill? Contact the Monee Township Office and ask about Aqua Aid. For Aqua Illinois customers only

AQUA Illinois  
Aqua Information Center  
24650 South Western Ave.  
University Park  
Monday and Wednesday---11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.  
Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pick-up bottled water, faucet filters or pitcher filters. Visit the website www.waterfactsil.com or call 877-987-2782 for more information.

NICOR GAS SHARING PROGRAM

If you are not eligible for the LIHEAP program, you may be eligible for NICOR Sharing program. One time annual grants are given, with no requirement to be paid back. Special programs are also designed for veterans and customer in crisis situations. Contact Monee Township for more information

KNOW YOUR HELPLINES  
988---Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis---Free Confidential 24-7-365  
911---Medical and Public Safety Emergencies---FREE---24-7-365  
211---Resource Support Line (Housing, Food, Etc.)---FREE---24-7-365 in Will County

THORN CREEK WOODS NATURE PRESERVE  
247 Monee Road---Park Forest, Illinois 60466  
For information and registration on all Thorn Creek Woods Nature program, please call 708-747-6320  
Nature Education Pro-

grams For Children And Adults

A guide for Parents, Teachers, Scouts, Youth and Adult Group Leaders and Organizations

Birding By Sight And Sound For Kids  
Sunday, February 17, 2024---1:30 p.m.

FEE: \$10.00  
AGES: 7 to 12  
Registration required.

RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ASSISTANCE  
Catholic Charities' Day-break Center  
611 East Cass Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60433  
815-774-4663

Will County Center for Community Concerns  
2455 Glenwood Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois 60435  
815-722-0722

FOOD PANTRIES  
Northern Illinois Food Bank --- Food Truck  
Crete-Monee School District 201-U  
1500 Sangamon Street, Crete, IL 60417

1st Wednesday of each month---3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Faith Movers Church  
425 Exchange Ave., University Park, Illinois 60484  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon \*\*\*Closed on the 5th Saturdays\*\*\*

Second Place Church of Monee  
25655 South Governors Highway, Unit A  
Monee, Illinois 60449  
1st and 3rd Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Hope Christian Community Church  
4700 West Court Street, Monee, Illinois 60449  
1st Monday of each month, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WORKFORCE SERVICES DIVISION OF WILL COUNTY  
Are you looking for a job? The Mobile Workforce Center will help you find your next job, develop a resume, revise your resume, post your resume, copy and print your resume.

For more information, please call 815-727-4444.

SENIOR SERVICES

Need assistance with you Social Security, Medicare or your discount license plate applications? Age 65 and over and /or disabled persons. Contact Mary Ann Batterman, a certified SHIP Counselor at 708-258-6917.



Memories in Monee

Top Left: Youth Night program. Top Right: Volunteers packing boxes for their Christmas celebration. Below: Senior Brunch.





# 2023 Monee Assessor Updates and Exemption Increases



Sandra Heard, MBA, Monee Township Assessor, CAIO,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**  
Our office staff and I welcome the residents of Monee Township to contact our office at 46 Town Center Dr. University Park, IL 60484, by phone 708-534-6023 or email at [moneeassessor@gmail.com](mailto:moneeassessor@gmail.com) (is preferred) for questions or for general information check out our website [www.moneeassessor.com](http://www.moneeassessor.com) or Facebook page. Office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 9am-4pm (Lunch hour is from 12:30-1:30pm) and Wednesday 9am-1pm. Our office is closed on Mondays & Fridays.  
**As announced in previous newsletters,** our office has resumed most of the Pre-Pandemic policies. Currently, you may make appointments for office visits that require some research in preparation for your visit, but for most situations, you will be able to walk in and get assistance without having an appointment for help, especially with exemptions. **Email is still the preferred method of contact, as this is the best way to reach the Assessor directly at [moneeassessor@gmail.com](mailto:moneeassessor@gmail.com).** In addition to email, we will continue responding to voicemails and set appointments to assist you, when needed.

If an appointment becomes necessary, then you will be notified of a future meeting by phone or in person.  
These meetings will generally be scheduled for 20 minutes during our regular office hours. Please call or email to schedule an available time for an office visit meeting. **Wearing face masks is not required** but is optional for anyone who has safety concerns or if they have cold symptoms. We still have stations established with sneeze guards in 3 locations for assistance inside our office. There will be a limit of 3-5 people inside the office simultaneously except for workshops or exemption events.  
We are often asked questions about Tax Bills, but Assessors are not responsible for tax bill issuance, contact Treasurer. We are responsible for assessment equity in our townships.

**Exemptions Increases**  
Starting in 2024 on the bill you receive for 2023 assessment year, you will see increased exemption amounts for the following exemptions: General Homestead, increases from 6,000 to 8,000 and Senior Citizens' Homestead increases from 5,000 to 8,000.

**Q: Did you know that exemptions save \$\$ on tax bills?**  
**A:** The Monee Township Assessor's Office assists with the completion of a variety of exemptions that are offered to **decrease** your tax bill! One Exemption is shown here:  
The General Homestead Exemption is determined at the time of sale, based on the indication on the Sales document (PTAX) as the buyer's primary residence. No taxpayer action needed, unless the transfer of ownership was completed in other ways. **Additional Exemptions that reduce assessments include:**  
- **Senior Exemption** (must be 65 years or older)  
- **Senior Freeze** (based on a household income of \$65k or less)  
- **Disabled Persons' Exemption** (SSI or Doctor's statement)  
- **Home Improvement Exemption** (additions or upgrades)

**Check your tax bill for exemptions to see if you have all that is due to you.** If you are not sure which exemption you should have on your property or what your current exemptions are, then call us during office hours and someone will be able to assist you in obtaining this information. **Do you know anyone 65 years or older? Have them contact us ASAP to verify that they have their senior exemptions.**

**Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption**

This exemption allows a veteran with a service-connected disability (SCD) of at least 30% that was issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to receive an exemption that reduces their assessment. **Exemption amounts below:**

- If the veteran has experienced a SCD ranging from 30%-49% will receive an exemption of 2,500**
- If the veteran has experienced a SCD that ranges from 50%-69% will receive an exemption of 5,000.**
- If the veteran has experienced a SCD of 70% or greater, a 100% exemption from taxes is granted and no renewal is necessary.**

**Helping you understand your Quadrennial Notices**  
We are here to help you understand the Assessment increases that were applied to the Monee Township properties, by the Supervisor of Assessments (SOA), as well as for other Will County Townships for 2023, during this Quadrennial year. Monee Township's factor from SOA applied was approximately 13.68%. Each year factors are usually determined by the variance between the Market sales prices (what it sold for) and the 3-year median sales amounts of the property's indicated value based on 3 times the total assessment. More than 80% of the sales that occurred in this township between 2020-2023 had a high ratio difference due the recent seller's market that impacted the sale prices over the past 3 years. Also new constructions have increased.

The sales ratio study is completed every year for the purpose of making these comparisons. For example, if a property is assessed at 50,000 then the indicated value is \$150,000. If this property sold for \$150,000 then the sales ratio for it would be 33 1/3 or .33 %. But if it sold for \$300,000 then the ratio would be around 16-17% and that is a big gap that has to be closed. The SOA reviews this data and determines a factor, for each township, that would help to begin to close that gap. This is exactly what happened in the past 3 years and caused a larger factor to be applied.

**Q: Will there be another assessment increase in 2024?**  
**A:** There will likely be an increase to assessments in 2024 since in 2023 there were still higher sales prices occurring even though there were fewer sales than were in 2021- 2022. Most people are aware of the increased sale amounts over the past 3 years. Some of these increases were directly due to the existing seller's market and bidding wars between buyers to win a purchase contract!

Many are first-time homebuyers! Since that trend has continued throughout most of 2023 the expected increase for 2024 may be less than 13% but will reflect the estimated amount determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue and the SOA of Will County. In 2023 Commercial and Industrial properties did receive SOA factors but results varied from those applied to residential properties based on business use, type, age, and size. In the year 2024, the SOA factor will not apply to commercial and Industrial properties, according to the SOA, unless the Assessor applies it. Currently, there are no plans by this Assessor to apply the SOA factor to these properties.

**Q: What are other activities that affect your tax bill?**  
**A:** Assessments do affect your tax bill. Each year your assessment will be adjusted by the Will County **Supervisor of Assessment** (SOA's) factor. Then your **taxing bodies, like school boards, villages,** township, county and others will request a levy amount to fulfill their budget needs for the year, and that also affects your bill. The **levies** are usually limited to the **consumer price index (CPI)** amount, which may be up to 5% this year vs lower amounts in years prior to 2023. Finally, when **appeal decisions** are made by the Board of Review to lower the assessment of an appellant, this affects all taxpayers that did not receive a reduction since the assessment base is lowered because of granting reductions. Reduced property assessments due to Recent Sale, impacts your Bill. These are generally purchases by investors and when they re-sell at higher prices the following year then SOA factor increases. These increases are due to a larger sales value compared to reduced assessment from previous low sale.

**Workshop dates:** Assessor Workshops will be scheduled for March, May and August 2024. Information will be available regarding your tax bill in May. Dates to be provided later.

**Announcement of training and information**  
More information will be available assessments, factors, tax rate, exemptions that saves on your tax bill via future newsletters, FB, podcasts and workshops starting this in the spring. Announcements will be made accordingly.

If you have questions regarding your assessments and how it impacts your tax bill contact us or checkout the information provided in these stated resources.



Make sure to like and share our **Monee-Township Assessor's Facebook** page to stay current with office events and FB Live events!!  
**ANNOUNCEMENT:**  
**Coming soon – Assessor's Podcasts** starting January 2024, to be informative and engaging with taxpayers. Announcement to be made on our FB page.

## YOUTH NIGHT – NEW AND IMPROVED

Billy Morgan, Monee Township Trustee and Youth Committee Chair, and Supervisor Donna Dettbarn have worked with the new Youth Night Coordinator to create the scheduling for the Township's 2024 NEW AND EXCITING YOUTH NIGHT. We are offering a new concept blending Education and Recreation. We held a Fall Session and are excited to offer a second session starting in February as we had good feedback from parents on this program.  
**WHEN:** THURSDAY EVENINGS; FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, MARCH 7TH, 14TH  
**WHERE:** CORETTA SCOTT KING MAGNET SCHOOL, 1009 Blackhawk Drive, University Park, Illinois 60484  
**TIME:** EDUCATION MODE: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
RECREATION MODE: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
The program is for Monee Township residents only. You must be registered to attend. No fees. Register at Monee Township, 26121 Egyptian Trail, Monee, IL, or download form from our website [www.moneetownship.com](http://www.moneetownship.com) and bring in or send to the Township. You can also call the Township to get registration info, 708-534-6020. We need to get a list of all interested so we can plan supplies better. This program is for students in Grades K-12. Note that students K-6th grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students must attend the Education mode to be allowed in the Recreation mode.  
There will be three modules each session broken into grade groups: K-4; 5th-7th; 8th-12. STEM CLASSES in Math, Science, Robotics are taught by certified teachers or aides. Note that Tutoring for Core Math for Parents, Guardians or grandparents will also be held on a couple of nights during recreation time for the students. This is to help them help their students with homework.  
Monee Township STEM Activities Grades K-4, 5-7, 8-12. Our Teachers are working on lesson plans now. As our Youth Coordinator and certified teachers refine their plans, they add many

exciting learning tools. REGISTER BY JANUARY 26, 2024 AS WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY STUDENTS TO PLAN FOR. CALL 708-534-6020.  
Week 1: February 1: Math – K-4, Science 5-7 – Make your own bouncy ball, Robotics 8-12  
Week 2: February 8: Math 5-7, Science 8-12 – Growing Crystals, Robotics K-4  
Week 3: February 15: Math 8-12, Science K-4 – Bubble Rainbow, Robotics 5-7  
Week 4: February 22: Math K-4, Science 5-7 – Making Lava Lamps, Robotics 8-12  
Week 5: March 7: Math 5-7, Science 8-12 – Rainbow Suncatcher, Robotics K-4  
Week 6: March 14: Math 8-12, Science K-4 – Changing Matter: Ice Cream in a Bag, Robotics 5-7

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Monee Township's Santa's Sack was a success due to the many kind individuals, organizations and businesses who generously donated time, food, money and gifts in order to make the holidays brighter for needy Monee Township families. Monee Township gives a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals who donated as well as the following businesses and organizations:  
Advance Auto Business Support, LLC., Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Balmoral Elementary School, Bing Bisping, Budreck Truck Lines, Inc., Carol Spelbring, Coretta Scott King Magnet School, Crete Monee Middle School, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gwendolyn Saxton, Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Hugh Courtright and Company, The Honorable Jackie Haas, Kathy Goonan and Patti George, Monee Chamber of Commerce,

Monee Elementary, Monee Historical Society, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Bult, Mr. and Mrs. James Lehnerer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Varga, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zancy, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schoenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Truss, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Berry, Monee American Legion Post #1200, Marilyn Jupp, Norma North, Paul Zakrzewski, Pearl Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and RAM, Phoenix Fire Systems, Inc., QSP Logistics, Inc., RWK IT Services, South Holland Metal Finishing Company, Inc., The Honorable Robin Kelly, Tom's Truck Repair South, Inc., United States Marines Toys for Tots, University Park Energy, LLC, Voortman, USA, Walt's Food Center, Weldstar, and all those who donated who did not want to leave their name and donated anonymously.

Thanks to those who volunteered to gift wrap, bag, sort food, pack boxes and shop for the Santa's Sack program: Kayla Barry, Karen Brown, Thomas Boles, Joshua Franklin, Kathryn Haisan, Phyllis Huske, Shaquille Lathan, Tymani Lathan, Marilyn Lehnerer, Inga Mickel, Quentin Platt, Sheena Platt, Phillip Snelling, Nikyla Simmons, Oscar Trevino and Elizabeth: Donna Dettbarn, Supervisor; Bobby R, Lathan, Sr., Clerk; William "Billy" Morgan, Trustee, Willa Simmons, Administrator; Ruth Marcukaitis and Shirley Lathan, Office Assistants; The Monee Township Highway Department, David Deutsche, Highway Commissioner; Jeffery Zimmer, Michael Waterman, John Kooyenga and Paul Zuro.

## BENEFITS ACCESS LICENSE PLATE DISCOUNT AND/OR RIDE FREE TRANSIT CARD

This is a program through the Department of Aging, formerly known as the Circuit Breaker Program, that allows for the Secretary of State's office to provide for reduced-fee license plates for those who are 65 years of age, or persons with disabilities with specific qualifications. You must also live in the state of Illinois.  
Income Limit Eligibility for the License Plate discount and/or Ride

Free Transit card:  
Your total household gross income last year must be less than:  
\$33,562.00 for a 1 person household (yourself only); or  
\$44,533.00 for a 2 person household (yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident); or  
\$55,500.00 for a 3 person household (yourself, your spouse and

one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and two Qualified Residents).  
For more information call toll-free: 1-800-252-8980, or visit: [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services). You may also contact the Monee Township Office, 708-534-6020 or Mary Ann Battermann, a certified SHIP Counselor, 708-258-6917.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>Springfield</b> <b>Office of the Governor</b> <b>J B Pritzker, Governor</b> 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-6830	214 State House Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-558-3085 Fax: 217-558-3094 Video Phone for Sign language users: 217-717-2331	<b>15th Legislative District</b> <b>Senator Napoleon Harris</b> 413 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-8066	Park Forest, IL 60466 Phone: 708-756-0882	Phone: 217-782-1719
<b>Chicago</b> <b>Office of the Governor</b> <b>J B Pritzker, Governor</b> James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 16-100 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-814-2121	<b>Chicago Office</b> <b>Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor</b> James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 15-200 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-814-5240 Fax: 312-814-5228 Video Phone for sign language users: 217-717-2331	1350 East Sibley Blvd., Suite 403 Dolton, IL 60419 Phone: 708-893-0552	<b>29th Representative District</b> <b>Representative Thaddeus Jones</b> 241-E Stratton Office Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-8087	195 West Joe Orr Road, Suite 201 Chicago Heights, IL 60411 Phone: 708-754-7900
<b>Springfield Office</b> <b>Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor</b>		<b>40th Legislative District</b> <b>Senator Patrick Joyce</b> 108 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-7419	15525 South Park Avenue, Suite 104 South Holland, IL 60473 Phone: 708-596-7053	<b>SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE</b> <b>Representative Emanuel Chris Welch</b> Springfield Office: 300 Capitol Building Springfield, IL 62706 Phone: 217-782-5350
		270 Main Street	<b>80th Representative District</b> <b>Representative Anthony DeLuca</b> 277-S Stratton Office Building Springfield, IL 62706	<b>District Office:</b> 10055 West Roosevelt Road, Suite E Westchester, IL 60154 Phone: 708-450-1000