

# In touch with our Joliet Township seniors

## Agency Spotlight

### Prairie State Legal Services

Joliet Township is proud to support The Prairie State Legal Services-Senior Legal Assistance Program. This program offers free legal services for persons age 60 and over who have serious civil legal problems and need help to solve them.

Legal issues which the program may be able to assist you with include health care and insurance such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security; elder abuse and financial exploitation; housing issues; nursing home issues and legal assistance to preserve the personal autonomy of seniors.

Project attorneys assist seniors in preparing Powers of Attorney or Living Wills and counsel couples when one spouse requires nursing home or home health care. A range of other services are offered.

To apply, please call the Joliet office at 815-727-5123. Your application will be taken over the phone, which will require basic information about you and your legal problem.

Additional information can be found under "Older Adults Legal Services" tab at [www.pslegal.org](http://www.pslegal.org).



Senior Legal Assistance Program Attorney Mona Elgindy and Office Manager Yolanda Reyes at the Joliet Office of the Prairie State Legal Services



## Numbers you should know...

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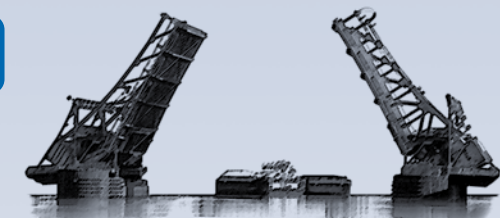


City of Joliet	1-815-724-4000	<a href="http://www.cityofjoliet.info">www.cityofjoliet.info</a>
Village of Rockdale	1-815-725-8937	<a href="http://www.rockdale-il.com">www.rockdale-il.com</a>
Joliet Park District	1-815-741-7275	<a href="http://www.jolietpark.org">www.jolietpark.org</a>
Silver Cross Hospital	1-815-300-1100	<a href="http://www.silvercross.org">www.silvercross.org</a>
Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center	1-815-725-7133	<a href="http://www.presencehealth.org">www.presencehealth.org</a>
Joliet Area Community Hospice	1-815-740-4104	<a href="http://www.joliethospice.org">www.joliethospice.org</a>
Child Care Resource and Referral	1-815-741-1163	<a href="http://www.childcarehelp.com">www.childcarehelp.com</a>
Will-Grundy Medical Clinic	1-815-726-3377	<a href="http://www.wgmedclinic.org">www.wgmedclinic.org</a>
Guardian Angel Community Services	1-815-729-0930	<a href="http://www.guardianangelhome.org">www.guardianangelhome.org</a>
Senior Services Center of Will County	1-815-723-9713	<a href="http://www.willcountyseniors.org">www.willcountyseniors.org</a>
Will Co. Center for Community Concerns	1-815-722-0722	<a href="http://www.wccc.net">www.wccc.net</a>
Will Co. Legal Assistance Program	1-815-727-5123	<a href="http://www.pslegal.org">www.pslegal.org</a>
Will Co. Forest Preserve District	1-815-727-8700	<a href="http://www.fpdwc.org">www.fpdwc.org</a>
Will Co. Health Department	1-815-727-8480	<a href="http://www.willcountyhealth.org">www.willcountyhealth.org</a>
Will Co. Veterans Assistance Commission	1-815-740-8389	<a href="http://www.willcountyillinois.com">www.willcountyillinois.com</a>

## Your Joliet Township Government Officials Are Here To Serve You



Daniel Vera Supervisor, Beth Ann May Town Clerk, James Maffeo Hwy. Commissioner, Jim Brenzczewski Assessor, Denise Winfrey Collector, Robert Wisniewski Trustee, Jeffrey Wallace Trustee, Raymond Slattery Trustee, Burke Schuster Trustee



## News From The Supervisor

### Saluting our local veterans



Daniel L. Vera Supervisor

Veterans from Joliet Township have served since the time of the Civil War. We wish to thank the countless number of men and women for their service and sacrifices. They have made possible the freedoms we enjoy every day. As the New Year approaches, I extend wishes of good health and prosperity in 2017.



Joliet Central High School held a Veterans Ceremony on November 10th. Pictured with Supervisor Vera and Clerk May is local veteran Joe Belman. He was a gunner in Air Force during World War II.

### 2016 Senior Tax Levy Grants

#### Agencies/Organizations

- Catholic Charities – Foster Grandparent Program
- Catholic Charities – Senior Companion
- Easter Seals Joliet Region
- Prairie State Legal Services
- Senior Services Center of Will County
- National Hook-Up of Black Woman

#### Senior Clubs

- Adlai Stevenson Residential Council
- John F. Kennedy Residence Council
- Joliet Moose Senior Club
- Senior Citizens Association
- SOAR (Retired Steelworkers)
- St. Joseph Parish Senior Club
- St. Jude Parish Senior Club
- St. Patrick Church - Young at Heart 55 Club
- St. Raymond Cathedral Senior Club
- St. Paul the Apostle Church Senior Club – The Paulites
- Widow & Widower's Group at Second Baptist Church



Resident Stanley Mikulich was recently recognized for celebrating his 100th Birthday. Pictured with Stanley (seated) are Supervisor Dan Vera, Trustees Ray Slattery and Robert Wisniewski and Clerk Beth Ann May.

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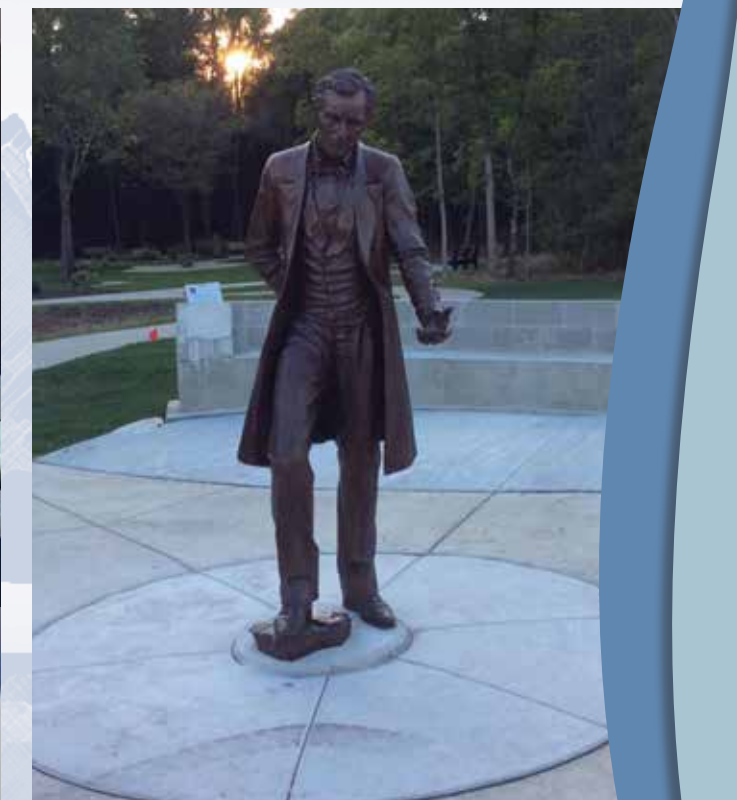
175 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
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Phone: 815.726.4781  
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Monday-Friday  
8:30 AM-12 Noon  
1 PM-4 PM

#### Office Hours



The Joliet Township Board voted to provide funds to restore the 100th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Flag and bring it home to the Joliet Area Historical Museum.



At the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on September 10, 2016, the Township was a proud Platinum sponsor for the construction of the Lincoln Statue and the Memorial Bench.

# News From The Highway Commissioner



**James Maffeo**  
Highway Commissioner

The Joliet Township Highway Department's garage and office complex is located at 901 South Joliet Street, Joliet, 60436. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Highway Commissioner is mandated to maintain all the roads and bridges within the Township. There are approximately 68 miles of road and six bridges within the Township. If you have any questions or concerns call 815-722-6646 or email road.district@joliettownship.net.



During the summer of 2016 seven major drainage projects were completed by the Joliet Township Road District.



This past season, the Township Road District removed 73 trees from various locations due to storm damage, disease and right of way needs.

## Another State Championship for Joliet Catholic Academy



At the November 22, 2016 Township Meeting, an Honorary Resolution was adopted recognizing Madie Bauer & McCoy Hutchison from Joliet Catholic Academy for their Doubles Tennis State Championship.

## Sign of the times

Pastor Emeritus, Lishers Mahone, Jr. of the Brown Chapel AME Church on East Mills Road, was recognized with an honorary street sign on Burger Avenue. Pastor Mahone, Jr. served the congregation and the greater Joliet Community for almost 34 years. He was also the visionary and architect for the current place of worship, where earlier this year they celebrated their building being mortgage free.



# Joliet Township Animal Control Petco Foundation Grant



Joliet Township Animal Control was awarded a second \$20,000 grant from the Petco Foundation. The grant allowed JTAC to work with the local community by providing free microchips as well as spays and neuters to 253 pets. Thanks to the generosity of the Petco Foundation, we were able to vaccinate, microchip and fix the pets of many families that didn't have the financial means to do so. Vaccinating animals keeps them healthier for your family and your community. It also limits the spread of disease. Thank you, Petco Foundation, for your generosity and for supporting pets in our community.

### 2016 JTAC Statistics\*

Adoptions	619
Spays and neuters	253
Return to Owners	449
Rescue Transfers	211
Volunteers Hours	3291

\*Through November 21, 2016



Thank you to the staff of First Midwest Bank for volunteering at the Joliet Township Animal Control Center this past summer for their "Day of Service".



Our animals enjoyed an extra special Thanksgiving meal this year as our wonderful volunteers cooked them their own turkey dinner! Volunteers pictured are Nicole Fauber (Left) and Pat (Bunga) Mrozek (Right)

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Animal Control.



# News from the Town Clerk

**Beth Ann May – Township Clerk**

The Joliet Township Clerk's Office is located at 175 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, 60432. The Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Clerk is responsible for maintaining the records, publication of notices, taking minutes of all Regular

and Closed session meetings, notary services, voter registration and the Local Election Official. If you have any questions or concerns call 815-726-5239 or email clerk@joliettownship.net.

I am honored for having been recognized in the recent edition of the Township Officials of Illinois' "Perspective" magazine. Each month, a "Personal Perspective" is published spotlighting a Township Official. I am pleased to share some excerpts from the article with you.

**Q:** What do you most like about township government?

**A:** Providing direct service to my community and helping those who don't know where to turn for service.

**Q:** What makes your township unique?

**A:** We are a large, urban Township with many unincorporated neighborhoods. We have a diverse community that requires a variety of services.

**Q:** How long have you been involved in government?

**A:** Sixteen years. Eight as a Trustee in Plainfield Township and eight as Clerk in Joliet Township.

**Q:** What has been your greatest challenge in life?

**A:** I wish I had more time to volunteer at various agencies to help those in need.

**Q:** What is your greatest accomplishment?

**A:** I love being a mom and grandmother but I am also proud of holding elected office, knowing my community trusts me to work for them.

**Q:** My advice for state/national government is:

**A:** Follow the words of former Governor Edgar, have compassion for those that you are serving and find compromise to accomplish it.

## Township Provides Youth Grants at Hartman Center



Laura Brumfiel, Recreation Superintendent at the Hartman Recreation Center on Collins Street, pictures with some of the children in the after-school program "Kids At Hart".



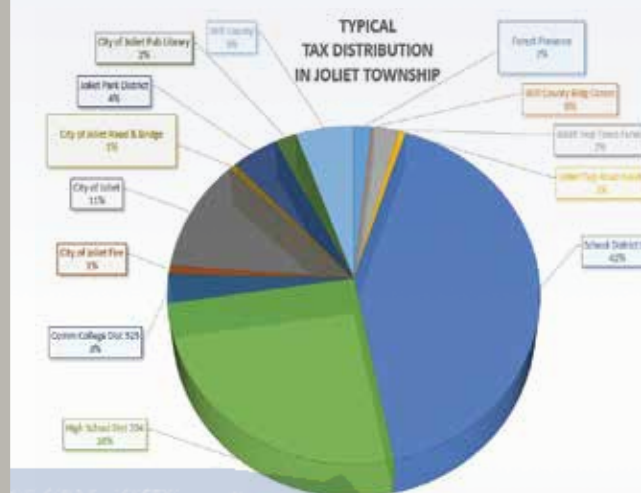
Children at the Hartman Recreation Center using new computer equipment and furnishings in the Resource Room.

# News from the Assessor



**James A. Brenczewski**  
Assessor, C.I.A.O.

The Joliet Township Assessor's office is located at 175 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, 60432. The Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments can be made for off hours to better meet your schedule. The Assessor is responsible for assessing all Township property. There are approximately 33,000 parcels within the Township. Property records are available to the public. If you have any questions or concerns call 815-726-5446 or visit the Joliet Township Assessor's website at www.jolietassessor.net.



The Township Assessor is required by law to uniformly assess properties at a median level of 33 1/3% (one third) of market value. Equitable assessments ensure a fair distribution of the property tax burden among all property owners. Local property taxes pay for such services as schools, villages, libraries, park districts, and fire protection districts. The Assessor's staff maintains a file for every property located within the township with details about each property including building size and characteristics. When buildings are constructed, the assessor's staff gathers information from field inspections of each property. Changes to properties are monitored through building permits, sales listing information, and neighborhood inspections. The Assessor's property files are a valuable

resource to appraisers, realtors and to homeowners who want to compare their properties to similar properties to verify assessment uniformity. Assessments increase or decrease within a neighborhood based on the three prior years' sales. If necessary, assessment changes are made within a neighborhood based on style, location, or other criteria.

# In the News... Keeping Township Residents Informed



## Dial-A-Ride Bus Service

PACE has contracted with a private carrier to provide Dial-A-Ride Bus Service to Joliet Township residents age 60+ or residents of any age who have a disability. Service hours are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and operates within Homer, Jackson, Joliet, Lockport, Plainfield and Troy Townships. One-way fares

are \$2.00 per ride. Rides are scheduled 24 hours in advance by calling 1-800-244-4410 the day before your trip. The service does not operate on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Subscription service is available.



## Prepare For Winter Weather

In an effort to assist Illinois residents with the hazards of winter weather, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is highlighting winter storm preparedness as part of its 12-month preparedness campaign. IEMA has joined with the National Weather Service and the American Red

Cross to develop a Winter Storm Preparedness Guide featuring information about winter weather tips for staying safe at home, in the car, at work or school. The guide is available online at www.Ready.Illinois.gov or by calling 217-785-9888.