

# January 2014 Greetings from the Township of Lyons Assessor Barbara M. Weyrick

We continue to collect the "Pop Tabs" to help support Ronald McDonald House Charities. Feel free to bring in any you may have to help this organization.

Finally warmer weather is here and senior exemptions are hitting the streets. Please read below BEFORE you come in to our office.

## **Senior Prime Exemptions**

Homeowners who were born in 1948 and turned sixty-five in 2013, will be eligible for one of the senior exemptions for the first time. We have the Prime forms available for first time seniors. Please bring in your Driver's License, recent property tax bill, and 2012 Federal Income Tax for the total household income.

**Renewal applications for senior property tax exemptions have BEEN mailed. All seniors must apply to renew their exemptions.**

If you do not receive your form, please wait until January 27, 2014 before you come into my office, as the County prefers we use the pre-printed form.

The form will indicate "this form must be returned by February 5, 2014". Please know this date is a tentative date, NOT the actual date. This date will be changing 3 more times. DO NOT mail the form in. Bring the form into my office and we will deliver your paper work directly to the County Office. If you need assistance in filling out the form, my staff and myself will assist you. If you know of a senior who cannot come into my office, please have them call me and I will make a visit to their homes.

Under current law, Senior Exemptions must be renewed every year. There are two senior citizen property tax exemptions:

- 1) The Senior Exemption, available to all seniors regardless of income, reduces property taxes by about \$200.00 It is available to any owner-occupied residential

property whose owner was born in 1948 or earlier.

2) The Senior Freeze provides some seniors with additional savings if the combined income of all occupants in a senior's household is less than \$55,000, and if the senior has been an owner-occupant of the house since January 1, 2012. Please bring in your **total** household federal income tax for 2012.

The senior applications that have been mailed are for 2013 property taxes, (paid in calendar year 2014) and the savings from the exemptions will appear on the second installment tax bills that will likely be mailed in July of 2014.

Now a topic that no one wants to talk about but it is going to happen soon. First installment 2013 tax bills will be going out the end of January or the beginning of February with a March due date.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call my office.

#### **Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship**

The Township Officials of Illinois will award seven \$1,500 scholarships this spring. Deadline for filing the scholarship application is March 1. The application/guidelines are available on the TOI web site, [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org) and go to "News".

For more information, contact:

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**Sincerely,**

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The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations. Mobile food pantries will be at the following locations at 3:30 p.m. Open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend. It is recommended that you bring your own grocery bags.

January 21, 2014 - Hodgkins Park District, 8997 Lyons St., Hodgkins  
February 18, 2013 - Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Road, Justice

March 18, 2014 - St. St. Blasé Parish, 7438 W. 61st Place, Summit  
April 15, 2014 - Hodgkins Park District, 8997 Lyons St., Hodgkins  
May 8, 2014 - Hodgkins Park District, 8997 Lyons St., Hodgkins  
May 20, 2014 - Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Road, Justice  
June 12, 2014 - TBD (To be decided)  
June 17, 2014 - Hodgkins Park District, 8997 Lyons St., Hodgkins  
For more information, please contact the Food Depository at (773)247-3663

These are your Township of Lyons Officials

William Mundy, Supervisor  
Mary Jo Noonan, Clerk  
Barbara M. Weyrick, Assessor  
Sean Mc Dermott, Highway Commissioner  
Mark Anderson, Trustee  
Tom Garrette, Trustee  
Colleen H. Kelly, Trustee  
Tim Sprague, Trustee