

Nunda Township - Fall/Winter - 2024



LEAF VACUUMING

For Unincorporated Nunda residents that are MDC customers. This year, we are delaying the start of leaf vacuuming to the **third week of October** in an attempt to get as many leaves as possible during our three passes with MDC. Please keep in mind that we cannot predict how the leaves will fall, or the weather, and the schedule needs to be set weeks in advance. This timeframe gives MDC the opportunity to prepare both their staff and equipment.

Please pay attention to the schedule and you **MUST** have leaves ready before Monday morning the week of pick up. Any leaves put out after Monday will be picked up on the following scheduled date. Leaves need to be raked to no more than three (3) feet from the edge of the road. We will be working very closely with MDC again this year with constant updating as to what areas have been serviced and providing daily status reports.

The 2024 schedule is as follows:

FIRST PICK UP DATES

During the week of Oct 28th all areas **EAST** of Route 31 During the week of Nov 4th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

SECOND PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 11th all areas **EAST** of Route 31 During the week of Nov 18th all areas **WEST** of Route 31

THIRD PICK UP DATES

During the week of Nov 25th all areas **EAST** of Route 31 During the week of Dec 2nd all areas **WEST** of Route 31

Because we are delaying vacuuming a week, landscape waste pick up will also end the week of December.

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

Will be held Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Supervisors office. Documents will be shredded onsite. Please remove any paperclips or binder clips from your documents. This event is for Nunda residents only.





Early Voting has began in McHenry County at their new facility located at 410 S. Eastwood Drive (Rte 47) in Woodstock (next door to DMV). Hours are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed on October 14 for Columbus Day).

Early voting will begin at Nunda Township on October 21st with the following hours:

Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 26	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 1	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 3	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4	8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

****NUNDA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION****

The Nunda Rural Fire Protection District is excited to announce the addition of six new part-time firefighters to our team! These talented individuals have joined our District to help strengthen our commitment to safety and community service. From firefighting and emergency medical operations, each new member brings a unique set of experiences that will benefit our team and the community we serve.







Our new team members have already started their shifts and are eager to meet residents, participate in our community events, and help maintain the high standards of service and safety that our District is known for. You may see them around as they become familiar with our area and get to know the community they will be protecting.

We are proud to have these new firefighters on board and look forward to the energy and fresh perspectives they bring to the District. Please join us in welcoming them to our family! Your support and encouragement are always appreciated as we continue to grow and serve our community with excellence.

WATER TESTING

McHenry County Health Department continues taking water samples. Bottles are available at the Supervisor's office 7:00 - 3:30 Monday - Friday. Prices are dependent on testing wanted.



The Nunda Township Garden continues to produce pounds of produce for local churches and food pantries. This years total was 3,600 pounds! The Master Gardners and volunteers running the garden work tirelessly to maintain, harvest, and expand all aspects of Nunda Garden. If interested in volunteering, contact the Supervisor's office at 815-459-4011.



The Supervisor's office has joined with the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Our goal is to create pollinator gardens throughout the Township property. We are very new in this endeavor and any clippings from your garden would be greatly appreciated. (pictured above; Trustee Mike Rogulic, Trustee Karen Tynis, Supervisor Leda Drain, Steve Platt, Trustee Rob Parrish and Trustee Tim Parrish)

ASSESSOR'S NEWS & UPDATES

The 2024 Nunda Township Assessment Roll was certified to the McHenry County Supervisor of Assessments office on September 13, 2024. The Supervisor of the Assessments office will now spend some time completing their necessary tasks prior to publishing the assessment roll and mailing out assessment notices for 2024. Please check the Nunda Township Assessors Office <u>website</u> for updates on the publication date. As of this date I anticipate a publication date no later than the end of October.

2024 is a Non-General Assessment Year. In a Non-General Assessment Year, most property assessments will change due only to the equalization process. The remainder of the changes will be due to mapping changes, new construction, additions, demolition etc.

For assessment year 2024 the indicated assessment level for Nunda Township based on a Three-Year Average is 29.89 of Market Value. The Illinois Department of Revenue requires a level of assessment of 33.33 of Market Value the indicated under assessment of (29.89) will be corrected through the equalization process at the county level. The indicated equalization factor indicated is 1.1151, which is calculated by using the required assessment level of 33.33 and dividing by the current Three-Year Average for the township, which is 29.89. (33.33/29.89=1.1151)

The level of assessment and resulting equalization factor shown above, are indicative of patterns we are seeing throughout McHenry County, Lake County, Kane County and I imagine throughout the rest of the state as well as nationwide. Most property assessments are lagging in relationship to the Real Estate Market activity, due to many economic issues. This is not to say this is true across the entire spectrum of the Real Estate market. Some areas of the Market are still in recovery mode, such as the Office Market, which we are still seeing Vacancy Issues. The Commercial Market in the township continues to show positive signs, with little to no vacancy.

An increase in your property assessment is something you should be encouraged by and not be in fear of, our homes are typically our greatest investment, and we should like to see an upward trend in our property assessment (if warranted). Increases in property assessments due strictly to equalization will not necessarily result in increased tax bills.

When assessment rolls expand and spending remains constant tax rates decline. Remember property assessments serve only to apportion the tax burden which is created by the various taxing authorities shown on your tax bill. As taxpayers the spending part of the equation should receive as much attention as your property assessment.

When you receive your property assessment, please verify you are receiving all the exemptions you are entitled to (Exemptions = Savings). After you review your Assessment Notice, and if you are not in agreement with the proposed Assessment, you are given 30 days from the date on the letter to appeal your assessment.

During the 30 days we will once again conduct informal reviews of information provided by property owners or their representatives that would indicate a possible change to your proposed assessment. An informal review may eliminate the need to file a formal appeal with the McHenry County Board of Review.

Your Nunda Township Assessment Office Website is a valuable tool and resource for reviewing and collecting information related to Market Value and Property Assessments. There are sale books for you to review that show sale activity throughout the township, in addition there are tools to search and select comparable property sales as well as comparable assessments.

Information that you would like to provide our office for an informal review, can be e-mailed to our office at assessor@nundatownship.com. You will need to provide page 1 of the McHenry County Board of Review appeal form, primarily your contact information, your estimate of assessed value, and, if you are appealing based on comparable sales or assessments, a completed grid should be submitted. A link to the McHenry County forms can be found by visiting our website.

In addition to e-mailing our office, we have a mail slot where you can drop off (after hours) the information that you would like us to review. Please remember we are also available for your phone calls regarding your assessment or exemption questions. Exemption information can also be reviewed at our website.

ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

Road Maintenance

Our road crews have been completing many projects this year and like always, the guys here at Nunda Township Road District demand excellence. Some completed projects are Bay Road, Windy Knoll Subdivision, Raintree Subdivision Wegner Road, Valley View, Terra Cotta Road and Prairie Ridge Road/Terra Villa. We have two projects that are soon to be completed; Coachlight Subdivision and Berry Court which are currently being worked on. It's been a great year for our paving program! Our inhouse staff continues to improve our roads as well as our facility. With last winter being mild, we were able to complete some yard improvement projects at the Road District facility. This has improved our ability to serve you. If you have never been to our facility, please stop in for a tour or call me "Mike Lesperance" to schedule.

Tree Trimming

With fall upon us and winter right around the corner our tree crew will be continuing our tree trimming program. This includes trimming sight lines and intersections. Nunda's tree crew will also continue to cut down any trees that have been inquired about throughout the year that need to be cut down. Please don't burn leaves or brush in the ditches or on the asphalt.

Culvert Replacement/Ditching

We hope to complete the storm sewer project on Edgewood Road and our Griswald Lake Hills improvement project which should see at least the first lift of asphalt by early November.

<u>Equipment</u>

Our Mechanics are always busy, but especially at this time of year. They have begun their fall maintenance on all the plow trucks/equipment to ensure or trucks/equipment are ready for winter. We continue our commitment to put the tax dollars you pay on the roads by purchasing and refurbishing good used trucks to update our fleet.

<u>Recycling</u>

Nunda Township Road District is proud to continue the recycling program again this year by recycling motor oil, car batteries, scrape metal, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, tires, plastic, cardboard and clothes. We do not take TV's, monitors, paint or stain. Unfortunately, the paint program ended, but there will be a means to dispose of household paints in 2025 through the Paint Stewardship Act which was signed into law. Under this program, manufacturers will pay a fee to the Illinois EPA to set up paint collection sites for used household paint. We do not have any details currently. It's supposed to be up and running this coming February.

Next Years Proposed Projects

Nunda Township Road District plans to complete Highwood Road and Andrea Lane which have already been started. We also plan to complete a storm sewer project at Sherman and Riverside in Bayview Beach, Wildwood Drive curbs, drainage & asphalt in Portens Subdivision along with Lavilla LaPell drainage and asphalt. 2025 will be another busy year here at the Road District.

Right of Ways

Right of ways extend from your property line to your neighbor's property line. MTRD roads are wider than the asphalt, wider than the ditch line. They are in some places 50' beyond the edge of asphalt or curb. Everything done in the right of way requires a permit. Hard surface landscape and concrete approachs' are never permitted. Please contact our office for a permit or fill out on our website at. If you have a question, please ask before spending your hard-earned money.

Winter Weather Safety, Snow Reminder

Always stay aware of winter weather; watch T.V., listen to the radio, check your phone for updates. Always stay away from downed wires and report the location

immediately to ComEd. Also, when you see our plow trucks out, please give them space to clear the roads and remember when you are behind the trucks, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you, please keep proper distance. We are stocked with salt and like always when the first snowflake falls our snow foreman and drivers will be ready!

Information

The Road District is continuing its relationship with the (IDNR) Illinois Department of Natural Resources by supporting the Prairie Trail Connection from Route 31 to Moraine Hills State Park and beyond.

Your Township roads are maintained with your local tax dollars, over 95% of all funds received for maintenance, repairs and improvements for roads, equipment and your facility are local funds, (your tax dollars), the other 5% is motor vehicle fuel tax funds received from (IDOT) Illinois Department of Transportation. Nunda Township Road District has not increased the tax levy (amount of money requested from taxpayers to fund the budget) in 12 years.

As always, we very much appreciate your calls or e-mails. Let us know about issues that need to be addressed. No other form of government is closer to the people than township government, help us help you, let our office know how.

Question: Do you know how many people from around the planet visit Morine Hills State Park right her in Nunda Township each year?

Answer: 714,622 (does not include local residents that directly access the park from trails).

Services always available at Nunda Township:

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- Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare
- Rent the Hall or Picnic Area \$25 for Nunda Residents Only
- Voter Registration
- Notary Public Free
- SENIORS NEEDED for Pinocle Mon/Thurs (Call office for more info)

Contact Information:

Supervisor - Leda Drain - <u>Super@nundatownship.com</u> Assessor - Mark Dzemske - <u>Assessor@nundatownship.com</u> Road Commissioner - Mike Lesperance - <u>Highway@nundaroaddistrict.com</u> Phone Number - 815-459-4011 for Supervisor & Highway Dept 815-459-6140 for Assessors Office