

# PLATO TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

### GREETINGS TO THE RESIDENTS OF PLATO TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS

This is the first newsletter from the Township in more than eight years. Many of you may remember past newsletters and may have wondered what happened to it. We are re-introducing the newsletter in order to provide a medium to communicate news, events, and other information which may be beneficial to Township residents.

This newsletter will be posted to the Plato Township website: [platotownship.com](http://platotownship.com) For those who would like to continue to receive a hardcopy newsletter, you will need to notify the editor at [tmaroder@comcast.net](mailto:tmaroder@comcast.net) or call 847-354-5002 to let us know you want to receive a mailed copy. This is the only hardcopy newsletter that will be mailed to all residents. In the future, the latest newsletter can be accessed on the website after June 1st and January 1st. The plan is to provide two newsletters per year, with updates and additional information posted to the website between issues.

The Summer and Winter newsletters will include news from the prior six months and information regarding events for the upcoming six months. We are looking for information regarding community events, social clubs, youth activities, and any information YOU feel is important to communicate to your Township neighbors.

This is where we need your help. If you are affiliated with an organization, and need to get the word out about meetings, registration timelines, fundraisers, etc., you simply need to submit your information so we can include it in the upcoming newsletter, and on our website. If an organization has regularly occurring meetings, please include all dates for that upcoming six-month period. Keep in mind, the next newsletter won't be out until early June 2019. The information submitted should pertain to activities taking place after mid- June. In order to have your information included in the Summer 2019 newsletter, **please**

**submit no later than May 10, 2019.**

In this newsletter we will introduce you to some of our elected Township officials. This month we feature Mitch Crocetti, our Township Supervisor; Janet Roush, Township Assessor; Larry Trainor, Township Roads Commissioner; and Beth Gehrke, Township Clerk. We also are featuring an article called "Someone You Should Know." This article will feature a person(s) in the Township that has made significant contributions to the community.

Submissions for upcoming newsletters can be sent to: [tmaroder@comcast.net](mailto:tmaroder@comcast.net)

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Once again, the newsletter will be posted on the Plato Township website [platotownship.com](http://platotownship.com), along with links to additional area information.

### TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

Township government is one of the oldest forms of government in Illinois. While the viability of the continued role of township government has been questioned recently, those who work with townships and receive services from them have no doubt about their importance. Townships perform three mandatory functions: administering a general assistance program to qualifying residents, maintaining township road district highways and bridges, and appraising property values in all counties other than Cook County. Townships also are given a variety of statutory responsibilities which are somewhat lesser known, but

also very important. For instance, Plato Township government is responsible for the maintenance, and upkeep of three township cemeteries, and the maintenance and upkeep of the township park. In order to provide the aforementioned services, the township board approves budgets and required tax levy funding. Allocation of funds and payment of bills is approved by the board at the monthly board meetings. The Plato Township Board is made up of the Supervisor and 4 Trustees, all of whom are elected to serve 4-year terms. The board of township trustees carries out the orders prescribed for it by the electors assembled at a town

meeting. The trustees are the legislative arm of the township, setting policy and procedure for the township supervisor to administer.

Besides the supervisor and 4 trustees, the township has a clerk, a township roads commissioner, and the township assessor. All eight of these positions is elected to office for a term of 4 years, and crazy as it may seem, they all are elected in the same cycle. All of the positions in Plato Township will be up for election in April of 2021.

The township government is responsible to the citizens, but in

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order to be responsive to needs of its citizens, they must hear from the citizens. The best way to communicate needs is to contact the township office, or attend a township board meeting.

Plato Township board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm at the town hall. We do not require citizens to sign up in advance to speak at the meetings. The list of

township meetings can be found on the township website:  
**platotownship.com**

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## THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR – MITCH CROCETTI



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The Township Supervisor serves as the Chief Executive

Officer for the township. The Supervisor's duties and responsibilities include serving as the Chairman of the Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor of the General Assistance program, and treasurer of all Township funds, including General Assistance, roads and bridges funds, and cemetery funds. The Supervisor submits an annual tax levy to the Board of Trustees for certification.

Thirty days before adoption of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance

for the Township, the Supervisor submits to the Township Board of Trustees a tentative budget. The proposed budget is then available for public inspection and review for 30 days prior to final action.

The Supervisor may make, or second motions, participate in all legislative discussion, and exercises voting power on all issues before the board. As with all Township officials, the supervisor is elected to a 4-year term.

Mitch Crocetti has been the Township Supervisor for 6 years and has been active in some form of government for more than 45 years. Mitch says much of the duties and responsibilities the Supervisor position requires, are similar to responsibilities he had in previous government and administrative capacities. Mitch

holds a degree in governmental management. Mitch was recruited to run for office by a former supervisor and a former roads commissioner.

Mitch currently serves as the Fire Chief for the Pingree Grove and Countryside Fire Protection District, a position he's held for 15 years. Prior to taking his current Fire Chief job, Mitch was the Fire Chief for the Wood Dale Fire Protection District and retired after 32 years of service.

Mitch and his family love the rural lifestyle and open spaces found throughout Plato Township. Mitch has been married to his wife Katherine for 26 years, and Mitch and Katherine have two children, currently attending college.

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## THE TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – LARRY TRAINOR

**Larry Trainor**  
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Larry Trainor has been the Township Highway Commissioner for 6 years and was elected to his first term in 2012. If you've ever wondered about the role of the Highway Commissioner, here is a short list.

- Makes the annual report to Township Board, obtains necessary approval of the use of money.
- Checks to see all certificates of levy are signed by all concerned.
- Determines the lease or purchase of equipment, maintains an inventory of all tools and

equipment.

- Cares for and maintains township tools and equipment.
- Maintains streets in approved subdivisions.
- Checks on damage to roads and bridges.
- Lays out or alters Township Roads.
- Maintains entrance culverts.
- Maintains and constructs roads and bridges.
- Lays out snow plowing routes, schedule plow crews, and mans a snow plow himself.
- Removes obstructions from the roadways.
- Takes care of all Road District Right of Ways to include mowing, mowing and cleaning of road ditches, and tree trimming.

- Erects and maintains traffic signs after consultation with Kane County.
- Issues permits for placement of culverts and additional utilities.
- Hires employees, determines wages and fringe benefits for employees, maintains a payroll record and maintains a time distribution system.
- Checks on compliance of safety rules.
- Maintains good relations with residents of the township, the Township trustees and other municipalities.

Larry has worked for the Plato Township Road District since 2005, when he started as a seasonal employee

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plowing snow in the winter. Larry has lived in the Plato, Hampshire area for 22 years. Larry and his wife have three children, one daughter and two boys. Larry is grateful that his family is understanding of his responsibilities

as Highway Commissioner, and would like to thank them for understanding the missed holidays and family events that are just part of the job of a Road district employee. To the residents, Larry would like to say “Thank You,”

for he will always be grateful for the opportunity to be fortunate enough to work for the same community he lives in.

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## THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – JANET ROUSH



**Janet Roush**  
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The Township Assessor could more accurately be called an appraiser.

It is the Assessors duty to establish a fair market value on all property within Plato Township. The Assessor determines your property’s estimated market value from all available sales sources and the property’s characteristics. The assessed valuation represents approximately 33.33% of the estimated market value.

Janet has been the assessor for 28 years. She was elected in 1989 and started her first term January 1, 1990. The assessor is the only township official that begins their term on January 1st. The other Township Officials begin their term during the month following the election. The Assessor is one of only two elected positions in Illinois that require schooling (the second being the States Attorney). Janet holds a CIAO – Certified Illinois Assessing Officer. This requires 6 courses from the Illinois Property Assessment Institute. To maintain a CIAO Janet must complete 60 hours of credit every four years.

Janet was raised in Elgin, graduating from Elgin High School and attended Elgin Community College. She has worked at a variety of jobs, including Gail Borden Library, Home Federal Savings, and Ford Motor Credit. Janet married her husband Gary in 1987 and they moved to the Plato area in 1990. Janet and Gary have raised four children, three sons and one daughter, all of whom attended District 301 schools. Janet and Gary feel fortunate to live in Plato Township, as they say it’s a wonderful area to live. Janet says, the Plato area location is still rural, but close to shopping and access to major roads.

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## TOWNSHIP CLERK - BETH GEHRKE



Our township clerk is Beth Gehrke. As clerk, Beth keep minutes of all township meetings, file documents with the appropriate departments,

and keeps the official records of the township. Beth is currently serving her second 4-year term.

Beth was born and raised in Plato Township and attended Udina and Plato Grade Schools, as well as Central High School, all of which are located in Plato Township.

Beth and her husband, Bob are farmers, along with their two adult children. On their farm they raise hay, corn, soybeans and wheat. The township has changed a lot during Beth’s lifetime, and she still enjoys the area and people, and thinks it’s a great place to live.

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## “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW”



Our featured someone you should know is longtime Plato Township resident, Gerald (Gerry) Regan. Gerry was born and raised on a dairy farm

in Mineral Point, Wisconsin in 1930. Gerry’s family operated a farm in the Mineral Point area since the turn of the century. Gerry attended Mineral Point School schools, and upon graduation,

Gerry enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. While serving in the Marines, Gerry was injured and following surgeries and several months of rehabilitation, Gerry left the service with permanent disability. In 1956 Gerry took a job with Surge Dairy Supply and moved to Plato Township. Gerry met his future wife, Lutie, at Hitzeroth’s General Store in downtown Plato Center. They went on their first date in April, were engaged in May, and married in October. Gerry worked for Surge for 36 years before

retiring. Gerry and Lutie built their home in Montague Forest subdivision, off Russell Rd., and raised their three children there. Gerry’s home was the first to be built in Montague Forest in 1966.

Gerry became active in the Plato Township government and ran for trustee in 1968. He later ran for, and was elected to the office of township supervisor. Gerry was Plato Township supervisor for 24 years, before leaving in 2004. Gerry was also active in Kane

## “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW” CONT.

County government, serving on the county zoning board of appeals for 18 years.

Some of the things Gerry lists as major accomplishments was establishing the Plato Township Park to give residents a place to enjoy outdoor activities, and for local youth sports leagues to have quality playing fields. Along with the park, Gerry also enjoyed working with Kane County and the many volunteers to save the old Plato Center train depot and turn it into a museum.

Gerry was always a fan of folk art. One day while visiting a local business near his hometown in Wisconsin, Gerry noticed a painting on the wall. He asked if anybody knew who

painted the picture. Gerry tracked down the artist, a farmer in nearby Blanchardville, Wisconsin and Gerry asked Laverne Kammerude, to paint scenes depicting life on the farm in rural America during the 1940's. These paintings were commissioned as a series, depicting seasons, planting time, harvest time, family gatherings and more. Gerry travelled across the Midwest with prints of his farm series paintings, attending steam shows and farm town festivals and sold thousands of prints. Gerry had become a successful entrepreneur, and travelled the country for 9 years selling his paintings. In 1998 he sold the entire collection of original paintings and prints to be displayed at the Mount Horeb, Wisconsin Farm

Museum. Gerry also put together a book profiling Mr. Kammerude and his paintings. The paintings have been moved, and are now on display at the Lafayette County Historical Society, located in Darlington, Wisconsin. Never one to slow down, as Gerry prepares to turn 89 years old in April, he still serves on the Pingree Grove Countryside Fire Protection District Board, where he has served as treasurer for 13 years. Gerry stills heads to the fire station five days each week to exercise in the gym.

Gerry has been instrumental in making Plato Township and Kane County a better place to live and raise a family. Thank you for your dedication to community Gerry!

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## PLATO TOWNSHIP RECYCLING EVENT

On June 23, 2018 the township resumed its annual Recycle Day Event. The event was a tremendous success and the turnout was extraordinary. DC Trash assisted the township with coordinating the event, and it was the largest volume event they had ever participated in. The township event generated a larger volume of recycled material than the June countywide event held at Kane County. The electronic waste alone exceeded 20,000 pounds, filling 2 semi-trailers. There were many people involved in making this event successful and we appreciate all the volunteers that made this possible. THANK YOU TO ALL!!!!

This years Recycle Day event will be Saturday, May 18, 2019. Drop-offs will begin at 8:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. Drop off will be at Plato Township Hall 10N924 Rippberger Road Plato Center. The event will be free to all Plato Township residents. We were a bit overwhelmed at last years event, despite having the greatest number of volunteers we've ever had. This resulted in long lines of traffic and long waits for drop off. Please follow instructions and stay in your vehicle while it is unloaded so we can keep the lines moving.

This is an event where we can use many volunteers. If you are available to help direct traffic, collect cards, unload vehicles, or load trailers **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please contact [tmaroder@comcast.net](mailto:tmaroder@comcast.net) or call 847-354-5002 to offer your valuable assistance. Thanks!

**Acceptable materials include:** Major appliances and scrap metal, computers, TV's, miscellaneous electronics, furniture, open paint cans (DRIED OUT), Tires (LIMIT 4).

**NON-Acceptable items include:** Hazardous waste, medical/biological waste, pesticides, yard waste, concrete/bricks, fluorescent light bulbs, automotive batteries

Every Plato Township household will receive an orange postcard approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the event. Cards will be addressed to "Current Resident". If you do not receive an orange postcard by May 15, 2019 please call 847-354-5002.

**\*\*\*You MUST have the orange card with you to drop off material at the recycle event\*\*\***



**Alternative resources for NON-Acceptable items such as household hazardous waste materials are listed below:**

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is a term that describes the waste associated with the wide variety of chemical cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, auto fluids, and other toxic materials in use in homes, automobiles, and yards.

The following HHW items may be dropped off for free between 9 am and 2 pm every Saturday and Sunday (except holidays) at:

**Naperville Hazardous Waste Facility-  
156 Fort Hill Drive Naperville,  
Illinois 60540, 630-420-6095**



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### HHW Items Accepted

Aerosol products, Antifreeze, Asbestos, Auto fluids, Batteries – auto, sump & household sizes, Blacktop sealer - oil based, Cleaning products, Cooking Oil, Fire Extinguishers, Flammables, Fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFLs), Gasoline & oil/gas mixtures, Hobby & photo chemicals, Lawn chemicals, Mercury (thermostats, etc.), Motor oil, Oil-based paints, stains, & varnishes, Pesticides, poisons, insecticides, Pharmaceuticals/medications, Pool chemicals, Propane tanks (Large grill tanks only, no small camping size canisters), Solvents

### HHW Items NOT Accepted

Latex paint, Ammunition, explosives or fireworks, Biological or medical waste, Syringes/needles, Farm machinery oil, Smoke detectors



Unincorporated Plato Township residents may contact U.S. Ecology to arrange for free pick up of HHW at U.S. Ecology 1-866-373-8357. You may also make an appointment on-line at [curbside@usecology.com](mailto:curbside@usecology.com)

City of Elgin Plato Township residents can arrange for pick up of HHW through WM At-Your-Door [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com) or call 1-800-449-7587

### Waste and Recycling in Unincorporated Plato Township

A little more than 18 years ago, the Plato Township Board decided to negotiate a waste hauler for all unincorporated residences in Plato Township. Some of the reasons included, better rates for residents by negotiating and contracting services for the entire unincorporated township, and reducing wear and tear on township roads by requiring the vendor to complete all service within

the township on a single service day. The current vendor is DeKalb County Recycling Services, Inc (DCRS).

Some of the services now provided by DCRS include curbside pick-up, with advance notification, of the following items:

1 large appliance per week – Free  
Bulk items such as couches, chairs or bedding – Free  
E-waste such as televisions, monitors, printers, etc.  
\$20.00 transportation fee plus additional fee based on size of television/monitor:  
TV's 50" or smaller = \$30.00,  
Larger than 50" = \$40.00,  
Projection or cabinet type = \$100.00

Fee for smaller electronic items (printers, computers, cell phones, fax machines, etc.) will be determined when contacting customer service to arrange pick-up, and will include the \$20.00 transportation fee.

**Drop off of small electronic items at DCRS facility is free for up to 7 items. Must show customer invoice information to confirm you are a customer.**

Rates for televisions dropped off at DCRS are the same as listed above for curbside pick-up, but will not include the \$20.00 transportation fee.

**Contact information for DC Trash: [dctrashillinois.com](http://dctrashillinois.com), 815-758-7274**

**Other electronics recycling options are: Goodwill in South Elgin** – Will accept most electronics such as DVD players, printers, fax machines, computers, etc. They do not accept televisions.

**Best Buy in South Elgin** – Will pick up electronics or appliances when you have a new product delivered for \$19.99. They will pick up large appliances or televisions without the purchase of a new product, for \$99.99, and they will take 2 televisions, or 2 appliances, or one of each for that fee. Best Buy will also accept televisions in store for a \$25.00 fee. Size limit

for in store drop off is 32" for the old tube style television, and 50" for a flat screen television.

**ComEd** - Recycle old working refrigerator or freezer and get paid for it. ComEd will pick up your old working refrigerator or freezer and pay you \$50.00. They will pick up as many as 2 units and pay \$50.00 each, and will also pay \$10.00 for each working dehumidifier or room air conditioner.

### Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) and Fluorescent Tubes:

Residents can take them to:

- Kane County Recycling (630) 208-3841
- Home Depot (No Charge) 955 N Randall Road Elgin (847) 622-9441 (small CFL bulbs only)
- Batteries Plus 352 S Randall Road, Elgin (847) 289-8990 (Cost per bulb)

As a reminder, please refer to the list below for what is, and is not recyclable.

**These items may be recycled:** Plastic Jugs, Plastic Bottles, Plastic Tubs, Paper Cartons, Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes, Phone Books, Mail, Catalogs, Magazines, Newspapers and inserts, Glass Jars and Bottles, Clean metal food cans, Aluminum cans, Clean Aluminum Foil, Aerosol Cans, Corrugated Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, Frozen Food Boxes, Pots and Pans, Scrap Metal, Ceramics

### These items are not recyclable:

Batteries, Electronics, Hazardous or toxic product containers, Flower pots, Plastic Toys, Frozen Food Bags, Plastic and Metal Hangers, Styrofoam, Chip Bags, Light Bulbs, Drinking Glasses, Other Glassware, Food Waste, Dirty Paper Plates and Napkins

Landscape waste may be bagged for curbside pick-up

**For information about Kane County's recycling programs visit <http://kanecountyconnects.com/>**

## OUTSIDE BURNING REGULATIONS

If you reside in an incorporated city limits, such as Elgin, see the City of Elgin website for information regarding outside burning <http://www.cityofelgin.org/DocumentCenter/View/68205/Open-Burning?bidId=>.

*The following restrictions are taken from the Kane County Burning regulations. This is referenced for the unincorporated areas of Plato Township.*

The burning of **landscape waste** is prohibited at any time. **Brush** may only be burned when following the restrictions described below. The burning of materials besides brush is prohibited and punishable with a fine of up to \$500.00.

“Landscape Waste” means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, flowers and weeds. “Brush” means tree trunks, limbs, branches and twigs.

### Standard Restrictions

- \* Only on the property upon which the brush was generated
- \* Only on sunny days from 10:00am to 3:00pm
- \* Not when wind exceeds 10mph
- \* Not within 20 feet of any building, structure or property line
- \* Not during announced inversion conditions or ozone alerts
- \* Any burning must be supervised until the fire is extinguished; a fire extinguisher, garden hose or

water source must be available at the burning site

### Exemptions

- \* Any property zoned or used for agricultural purpose
- \* Burning for the purpose of prairie restoration or firefighter training
- \* Burning of brush in fireplaces and self-contained outdoor wood burning devices
- \* Burning of brush for recreational fires, but the fire cannot be larger than 3’x3’x3’
- \* Ceremonial fire for a scheduled public or private event. Notice must be given to the local fire department and a permit must be obtained from the Kane County Health Department

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## SOLAR FARMS COME TO KANE COUNTY

Plato Township Boards stance on solar farms is simple. We believe they are a great green renewable energy resource and we embrace their existence. But

we also believe they are best suited for large rural tracts on the outskirts of towns, and with an acceptable buffer from existing residential properties.

Read more about Solar Farms in Plato Township at [PlatoTownship.com](http://PlatoTownship.com)

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## PLATO RUTLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

In the 1800s, farmers dug man-made ditches for the sole purpose of turning unproductive swampland into lush, fertile farm ground. The same valuable farmland generations of agriculture producers have farmed to earn a living and feed the world. These man-made ditches today serve the same purpose of draining storm runoff as they have for centuries. The only difference is some ditches drain acres of farmland and others drain miles of concrete. Our ancestors understood that drainage is an essential utility. In 1879, two laws were passed to give landowners a means of securing proper drainage. These laws established drainage districts based on a system of assessments that permitted the districts to include only lands benefited. This principle remained untouched in 1956 when the Illinois Drainage Code was passed by legislatures. The Illinois Drainage Code still informs and governs the drainage districts today. Approximately, 1,700 Drainage Districts have been

organized in Illinois.

Drainage Districts are small units of local government created by petition or referendum and court approval. They have the power to construct and maintain drainage improvements and to pay for the improvements with assessments on the land within the district boundaries. The Plato Rutland Drainage District has not levied taxes and has not been actively maintaining the drainage district since the late 1990’s. As a result, Plato Township has seen a significant increase in drainage problems, flooding and standing water in rural unincorporated communities. To correct this problem, the Plato Rutland Drainage District has re-established its district and reinstated the tax levy. The levy is approximately \$12,848 and will be divided and assessed on landowners in the existing drainage district areas. City of Elgin, Gilberts and Pingree Grove incorporated subdivisions will not be assessed as they have been

removed from the district when their subdivision was tied in to their respective communities’ drainage and stormwater removal infrastructure. Many unincorporated subdivisions have also been removed from the drainage district, as their subdivisions were engineered to remove stormwater to respective ditches, and the homeowners in these subdivisions are assessed for this through their homeowner association fees, or special assessments.

To determine whether or not you are included in the Plato Rutland Drainage District tax levy, go to the Plato Township website to inspect the current drainage district map. The map of Plato Township shows **properties included in the drainage district as unshaded**, while all township property outside of the drainage district is shaded.

Go to [platotownship.com](http://platotownship.com) to view a map of properties included in the drainage district tax levy.

## PLATO TOWNSHIP PARK AND DEPOT MUSEUM

Did you know that Plato Township has a 43-acre park, located adjacent to the Stonecrest Subdivision just off of Russel Road? The park consists of 3 baseball and softball fields, numerous soccer fields, horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, 2 playgrounds, a pavilion and concession building with restrooms, and the Plato Township Depot and History Museum.

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The park hosts many activities, from local youth baseball, soccer, and softball leagues to depot museum tours and family reunions, festivals and other events at the pavilion. This year, there was a rock festival that included 103.9 Fox Radio celebrity disc jockey Eddie Volkman and his Eddie V Band. Central School District 301 also uses the park to host home cross country meets, and this past season hosted the State Regional meet at the Park.

The park is maintained by board members, local volunteers and youth programs. This is an area that requires many hours of work each week besides general mowing and trimming maintenance. As much as we'd like to expand activity offerings at the park, we just don't have enough volunteers to make that happen. We'd like to expand the existing usable park area in a 10 acre section in the corner of the property that is currently not usable. We'd like to restore the 3 mile walking path, add another pavilion to the north end of the park and add other activities which the residents would like to see.

As we try to maintain the park and add improvements to appeal to the broadest township population of residents, we also try to keep township

costs down to minimize tax burden to our residents. For this reason, we are asking for help from our township neighbors in the following areas. First, we are looking to establish a Township Park Board, made up of township residents, to act as an advisory and coordinating body. If you enjoy working outside and interacting with other residents, and are interested in helping to advance the parks beauty and activity offerings, please contact Tim Maroder at [tmaroder@comcast.net](mailto:tmaroder@comcast.net) or call 847-354-5002.

As we try to keep costs down, we are also making it known we are accepting donations for the park, to create a park improvement and building fund for the future expansion and development of park property. More than 20 years ago, a township resident, who chose to remain anonymous, left the township \$70,000 when he passed away, on the condition that it be used by the township to build or establish a park for all residents in the township to enjoy. This donation was the seed money which led to the purchase of the 43 acres and subsequent development of what is now the Plato Township Park.

If you are interested in renting the park pavilion for an event contact [tmaroder@comcast.net](mailto:tmaroder@comcast.net)

Currently, Plato Park facilities are utilized by the following youth programs:

### Central District Baseball League:

<http://cdbaseball.org/>  
Feb. 24: Open Registration Closes,  
March 2: Drafting of Teams,  
March 16: Spring Field Days,  
April 1: Practices  
Begin, April 27: Opening Day

### Central District Girls Softball:

<http://cdgs301.com/> CDGS is a non-profit organization offering the fast pitch softball experience to girls K-18 years.



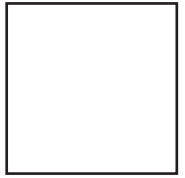
### Lions Youth Soccer Club:

[Lifezone360.com/lzfc](http://Lifezone360.com/lzfc)

1-224-802-8421

Youth soccer training and leagues for 3 years through high school. Recreation and competitive program options available.

**Plato Township**  
10N924 Rippburger Road  
Elgin, IL 60124



John Smith  
123 Main Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174

## Looking to get involved???

- **Volunteer to help at the recycle day event or assist with the township park.**
- **Educate and inform yourself - Attend a local town board meeting, city council meeting, school board meeting, or county board meeting.**
- **Consider running for a local board or office election!!**

Check Plato Township website to find links to Kane County, surrounding communities' websites, local newspapers, school district links, community programs, etc. **Platotownship.com**

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