



The S.A.L.T. Communicator

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Serving & Protecting Senior Citizens

October 2008

Coordinated by S.A.L.T. Chairman Ken McNatt

Help Available for Seniors

Presented by: Maria George, Senior Outreach Coordinator,
Prairie State Legal Services

Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS) offers “free” legal services to persons age 60 and older who have serious civil legal problems and need legal assistance. Legal services for citizens include:

- **Advice**
- **Representation**
- **Preparation of Documents:** such as Power of Attorney and Simple Wills
- **Dispute Resolution:** including issues with nursing homes, social security, public benefits, as well as housing and other types of civil legal assistance

PSLS provides walk-in clinics in DuPage County twice monthly from 9 am to 12 noon. Below are several that are coming up in the near future:

- Tuesday, October 21, 2008
- Tuesday, November 4, 2008
- Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Walk in’s are taken on a first come, first served basis.

The clinic is located at:
350 S. Schmale Road
Suite 150
Carol Stream, 60188


Who pays for these services?

Funding by Legal Services Corporation, various United Way Agencies on Aging, governmental and private grants and contributions. No fees are charged of clients, but contributions are gratefully accepted. Clients may be asked to pay certain out of pocket costs, such as court filing fees, if these fees cannot be waived by the Court.

If you know of seniors who are seeking information, advice or assistance with legal related matters, they may also access our services through our telephone counseling hotline at 800.531.7057 or call us directly for a personal appointment.



Maria George,
Senior Outreach
Coordinator



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Mission Statement

The purpose of Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council is to determine and to meet the needs of Senior Citizens by reducing crime and abuse and by enhancing safety through communication and education in cooperation with the Township, law enforcement agencies, and other community agencies and organizations.



Friday, October 17, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds
2015 W. Manchester Road, Wheaton

DUPAGE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES SENIORS' AND CAREGIVERS' FAIR

- SALT will have a booth with free giveaways
- Sheriff's Department will have a booth providing information / services
- **Free flu shots subject to availability if you call ahead for an appointment 630.407.6500**
- Free Parking
- Free Health Services
- Assistance for low income home energy help
- Citizen Utility Board providing free analysis of telephone services
- Pharmacist will provide answers to questions regarding drug interactions

AND MUCH MORE.....

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 9 am - 12 noon

Glenwood Municipal Parking Lot, located at Prospect & Glenwood in downtown Glen Ellyn

COMMUNITY SHREDDER EVENT

Safeguard your information by shredding documents instead of casually throwing them in to the trash. The Community Shredder Event is your opportunity to safely dispose of outdated financial reports, credit card statements and other documents. Simply drive up and watch as all of your documents are shredded on site. The service is free; we only ask that you respect a limit of three (3) boxes per household. You do not have to live in Glen Ellyn to participate.

Saturday, October 25, 9 am - 1 pm

Wheaton Fire Station

One block north of Roosevelt on Fapp Circle behind the Target Store near County Farm & Roosevelt Road

MILTON TOWNSHIP S.A.L.T. COUNCIL AUTO

INSPECTION

Join us for the annual free auto inspection underwritten by Community Bank and provided by the S.A.L.T. Council. No sales pitch or pressure..simply checking your cars safety for the winter months ahead. You can expect:

- A nine point auto inspection will be provided free of charge by knowledgeable volunteers from the Sheriff's office and community volunteers.
- Free coffee and donuts while waiting your turn.
- Written information will also be provided.

Tire Pressure Warning

Submitted by Bob Jacobsen

The AARP newsletter provided information on tire pressure warnings. If you drive a 2006 or 2007 car, you might have noticed an unusual new warning light on the instrument panel. It looks like a stylized letter "U" cupping an exclamation point. Actually it represents a tire in cross section and the exclamation point calls for your attention because one of your tires has become dangerously deflated. These warning lights are part of a new tire pressure monitoring system required by federal law. All vehicles must have it by 2009, but automakers have been phasing it in for a while. This new warning system should not defer you from checking your tires on a regular basis or with each seasonal change. Low tire pressure affects safety, fuel economy and longevity of the tire itself. You can find the recommended tire pressure for your car on the tire inflation sticker located on the edge of the driver's door on the door jam. Check your tires for winter.

Stop by the Free S.A.L.T. Auto Inspection on October 25 and get your tires tested free!

Internet Danger



Helpful Hints for Internet Users

Submitted by Bill Parbs

Internet scams called social engineering is the online scam where a crook frightens people with false warnings or tempts them with false promises and then robs them. The most common form of this is called, “phishing”. The crook uses both email and websites to get people interested. They attempt to trick people into typing confidential information into websites that look like the sites of real companies especially banks and credit card companies. *Please keep the following safety tips in mind to avoid this type of scam:*

- ✓ Never click on a link to offers for free software or goods that you receive in email.
- ✓ Never download software from unfamiliar websites.
- ✓ If a website tells you that you need to download special viewing software to see its videos, **don't do it.**
- ✓ Consider security software that tries to detect and block phishing sites. Today, most browsers have this safety feature available.
- ✓ Educate yourself by reading or taking classes on safety for the internet.

Always remember...if it is too good to be true...it probably is!

REX Agreement

Submitted by Joseph Vanest

The name “REX” stands for Real Estate Equity Exchange and it is a trademarked product. It does not charge interest like a reverse mortgage and does not require monthly repayments...but...the devil is in the details. If you are considering this for your personal real estate you should be certain you understand all of the consequences and check with an attorney before signing anything.

This is a legitimate company with an enticing promotion and website, but there are several major questions you should be asking yourself. One is...do you really want to be sharing title to your home with someone else?

West Nile Virus Reminder!

Submitted by: Dennis Luebring, Trustee, Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District



Several cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been noted in West Chicago and Naperville.

Be on alert until after the first frost/freeze for signs of WNV and maintain prevention practices.

For more information call 800.942.2555.





Honor Flight Chicago

*Submitted by
Kenneth McNatt*

Visit

www.honorflightchicago.com

Call

773.227.8387

Honor Flight Chicago is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that came to be in late 2007 early 2008, as several Chicagoans asked themselves what they could do to honor and thank our veterans.... especially our WWII vets, whose courage and determination to do the job they were sent to do still echoes down the years. The founding members have assembled the talents and commitment of a group of people who share their love and respect for our veterans and are working to deliver on the promise of Honor Flight.

WWII Veterans have the opportunity to fly free to Washington DC for an exhilarating day. They visit the WWII Memorial; Korean, Vietnam and Iwo Jima Memorials and receive a tour of Washington. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the day with veteran buddies and new friends. Honor Flight will handle all the arrangements and escort the veterans for the entire trip.

These honor flights are made possible solely by donations. **For further information about making application or to contribute/volunteer, please visit Honor Flight Chicago's website HonorFlightChicago.org or call 773.227.8387.**



**Be sure to vote on
Tuesday, November 4**

**It is your right and duty as
an American to register
and vote!**

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Police Department Collects Cell Phones for Soldiers

More than 150,000 troops are servicing overseas and are away from their families. **Cell Phones for Soldiers** are calling on all citizens to support these brave men and women by donating used cell phones. Cell phones are collected by the local Wheaton Police Department and sent to ReCellular, which pays **Cell Phones for Soldiers** enough to provide one hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Support our troops and bring your used cell phones to:

Wheaton Police Department
900 W. Liberty Drive • Wheaton, IL

Navigating the Aging Waters

Presented by: Rick Niksic,
Director of Education and
Community Outreach for
Law ElderLaw



Rick Niksic

Law ElderLaw is a continuing care law firm that provides benefits through legal planning and offers the following programs and more:

Independent Planning Trust centered estate planning that preserves your home, loved ones and peace of mind.

Assisted Living Planning Structures your assets and estate plan to provide benefits that give you more choices tailored around your wants, needs and lifestyle.

Supportive Living Planning Assistance with benefits and placement that prevent you from losing everything you have worked a lifetime to save.

Long Term or Skilled Care Planning Law ElderLaw believes that when your health declines, your lifestyle, privacy and dignity should not.

Hospice Planning Law ElderLaw provides fast in home services to avoid probate and possible asset protection, to fulfill a client's last wishes.

Law ElderLaw dedicates themselves to giving their clients the power to be informed and achieve all the benefits that the law guarantees.

**For More Information Call
800.810.3100 OR 630.585.5200**

Lock Bumping...What is it?

Submitted by Joseph Vanest

Lock bumping keys are a new threat to the security of conventional mechanical locks. The keys are easy to make and can be created very quickly. With a lock bumping key it will take only one minute or less for intruders to turn the lock and open the doors to your house or business.

Lock bumping keys are most used with the pin tumbler type of lock. It was recognized as a security issue around 2002-2003 in Europe. They are now sweeping the internet and America.

- Anyone can make some lock bumping keys in five minutes or less.
- When a lock bumping key is used to break into your house, there is no sign of forced entry or damage to the lock. This makes the insurance companies very weary in paying for the claim.
- You could lose everything and not get compensated because of lock bumping and lock bumping keys.

Visit www.lockbumping.org which is a public service site about lock bumping. 90% or more of American doors use an old style cylinder lock on them, which is vulnerable to lock bumping. Safety experts say it is time to protect yourself against lock bumping!!

Locks made by Abloy, KABA, Medeco, Schlage, Kwikset and other manufacturers such as BiLock are advertised to be bump proof.



Serving & Protecting Senior Citizens

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- ▶ Navigating the Aging Waters
- ▶ Honor Flight - Chicago
- ▶ Lock Bumping & Internet Scams

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