

## LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

## We have so many wonderful things to be thankful for as we continue to grow services

We enjoyed a spectacular summer at North Township and are preparing for an equally busy autumn. The calendar is already full of activities at Wicker Park and programs at our Circle of Services center in Hessville.

Educational opportunities abound at the Circle of Services with evening citizenship and English as a Second Language classes and the Hammond Police gang series. Read about these programs inside this newsletter, check out our website or simply drop in at the center to find out what's new.

We have the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission to thank for funding to expand our Dial-a-Ride transit service for the next three years. That will mean additional buses and hours to get you to your destinations. Our staff has been working overtime to accommodate nearly 200 more requests per month.

In August, it was my pleasure to host the soldiers and families from the 113th Battalion for a day of fun. We enjoyed a picnic, round of golf and plenty of activities. In November, we give thanks to an estimated 40,000 region soldiers who have returned from battle. At the township, we are working on a number of initiatives to assist our returning soldiers in any way we can. Stay tuned for more information.

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