

Township of Berwyn
Freedom of Information Act
Public Service Directory

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TOWNSHIP OF BERWYN DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

Elected Officials

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	ELIZABETH A. PECHOUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK	MARGARET M. PAUL
TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR	DAVID AVILIA
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	BARBARA BOSSANY
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	EDWARD ESPINOZA
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	JOSEPH JOHNSTON
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE	CYNTHIA HAYES

Berwyn Township 708 Community Mental Health Board

Board of Directors

BOARD PRESIDENT	SHANNON SNIDER
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT	PATRICIA MADAI
BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER	MAURICE McCLAIN
BOARD MEMBER	JANE McATEE
BOARD MEMBER	DAVID McDONIEL
TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE	BARBARA BOSSANY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MARIA SANDER

The Township of Berwyn fully endorses the public policy of the State of Illinois that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees. Access by all persons to public records promotes the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government. 5 ILCS 140/1

The Township of Berwyn recognizes that its desire for the active and informed participation of its citizens in the public policy process necessitates as full and as free access to this information as possible. In determining the parameters of public access to information, the Township of Berwyn also understands its obligation to protect legitimate privacy interests and maintain the efficiency of its administration operations.

Township Government: Berwyn Township was established by the Illinois Legislature in 1922 as one of the few coterminous townships in the state. The Berwyn Public Health District was established at the same time. The Township and Public Health District moved to their present headquarters at 6600 W. 26th Street in 1939. Built for \$50,000, construction of the building

was made possible by federal grants under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The term of elected officer is four years.

The Berwyn Public Health District provides immunizations free of charge to children that are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid through the Vaccines For Children Program. Call for additional information and appointments for immunizations.

Berwyn Township 708 Community Mental Health Board: On October 31, 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Community Mental Health Act, which drastically altered the delivery of mental health services and inspired a new era of optimism in mental healthcare. This law led to the establishment of comprehensive community mental health centers throughout the country. It helped people with mental illnesses, who were “warehoused” in hospitals and institutions, move back into their communities. (www.thenationalcouncil.org)

Through the hard work of local residents and social service agencies in our community the Berwyn Township 708 Community Mental Health Fund was established in 1974 by referendum. A Board of Directors was appointed shortly after. Initially, the 708 Board funded four agencies through local tax dollars. Currently, the 708 Board is funding 11 agencies with 28 programs.

Over the last ten years, the 708 Board has joined memberships with the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHA), Illinois Public Health Association, and the Berwyn Development Corporation. The 708 Board engages in mental health continuing education as a best practice by attending seminars and conferences. The 708 Board will continue to establish partnerships with other government agencies and provide programs and services to impart the importance and understanding of behavioral health care to Berwyn residents. The 708 Board believes that a community with good mental health is a safer community.

Berwyn FAQs

- Size and Boundaries: Berwyn is comprised of an area 3.8 square miles. The city’s physical boundaries are: North/Roosevelt Road; South/Pershing Road; East/Lombard Avenue; and West/Harlem Avenue.
- Population: The City of Berwyn has a population of 56,657 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau)
- County and Township: Berwyn is located in Berwyn Township and in Cook County

HEALTH DISTRICT SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Sanitation Department: restaurant inspections, new business inspections, complaint monitoring and follow-up.
- KidCare Assistance: assist applicants in filling out and filing forms for KidCare, an Illinois sponsored free or low cost medical insurance for kids and pregnant women. Our office is also an Access To Care registration site, we can assist our residents in completing applications for this program.

- Vital Records Office: recording of Berwyn births and deaths, maintenance of records back to the early 1900's.
- Nursing Department: low cost school physicals, immunization clinic, infant, toddler, school age, and adults, by appointment for Berwyn residents, blood pressure screening, tetanus and flu inoculations (adult & children), hearing screenings, vision screenings, diabetes screenings, special cholesterol screenings, agency referral service, lead screening referrals and follow-up.
- Dental: school fluoride rinse program; dental education and nutrition program in Berwyn schools; in school dental exams provided through partnership with the Children's Clinic of Oak Park.
- Special Services: medical waste disposal - special sharps program for residents, RX Take back Program allows for collection of non-narcotic unused or expired prescription drugs. cooperation with other agencies.

TOWNSHIP SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Issuance of Temporary Handicap Parking Placards

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Provides assistance to:

- Homeowners in completing applications and answering questions regarding homeowner's exemption, senior exemption, senior freeze and disability exemption.
- Property owners in obtaining duplicate tax bills.
- Residents in submitting name or address changes to Cook County Treasurer's Office.
- Homeowners in submitting appeals to Cook County Assessor's Office / Cook County Board of Review to request a reduction of assessed property valuation.

Visit the Township Assessor's Website

www.berwynassessor.org

GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

- General Assistance is provided to eligible unemployed adults that meet the program requirements and are not eligible for other government sponsored assistance. While receiving

General Assistance, individuals must adhere to the program guidelines. Able bodied individuals must be actively seeking work.

OFFICE LOCATIONS

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6600 West 26th Street
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708-788-6600 or 708-788-2301

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9a-5p; Tuesday 9a-8p; Friday 9a-2p

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