

PAJC JOURNAL

PATRICIA A. JONES CENTER

January-February 2026

NEW
LOOK!

WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP FAMILY & FRIENDS,

INTRODUCING THE NEWLY DESIGNED PAJC JOURNAL!!!!!!!

As you peruse the pages of our first edition of 2026, we hope you enjoy our updated appearance! As we anticipate embracing the new and different offerings of 2026, we at Waukegan Township, extend our warmest wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! 2025 was full of excitement and 2026 will prove to be just as amazing with impactful and inspiring programs and services for all Waukegan Township residents. Take a look at a few of our upcoming events and be sure to mark the dates on your calendars!

- **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dreamers' Breakfast - Monday, January 19th**
- **African American Heritage Celebration - Friday, February 20th**
- **Root Beer Float Social - Friday, June 19th**
- **Food Truck Festival - Saturday, July 18th**
- **Hispanic Heritage Luncheon - Friday, October 16th**
- **Veterans Day meal delivery - Wednesday, November 11th**
- **Holiday Celebration - Friday, December 18th**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dreamers' Breakfast is our flagship event and Waukegan Township's most anticipated annual celebration. Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King, as well as those within our community who exhibit leadership qualities that mimic those of Dr. King; outstanding speakers and dynamic entertainment, make this the celebration of the year! Be sure to join us on Monday, January 19th, beginning at 10:00 am, at the beautiful Ten Hotel Convention Center (Gurnee), formerly Holiday Inn Gurnee. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Individual tickets, group tables and Sponsorship seating can all be purchased at the Supervisor's office, located at 149 South Genesee Street, as well as online at www.waukegantownship.com.

2026 AARP Tax Preparation will begin on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, and run through Tuesday, April 14, 2026. If you are interested in this worthwhile program, please contact Patricia A. Jones to make your reservations by calling 847-244-9242.

Please keep in mind that Patricia A. Jones Center and all Waukegan Township offices, will be closed the following dates: Thursday, January 1st, Monday, January 19th, and Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents' Day, respectively.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Marc L. Jones

Waukegan Township Supervisor/CEO



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EVENTS, TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

CUISINE CAFÉ TRIP TO GUS' GRILLE

Cuisine Café - Gus' Grille
January 30, 2026 | 11:30am

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month Guided Bronzeville Bus Tour
February 10, 2026 | 8:30am-4:00pm

CUISINE CAFÉ TRIP TO MAAX ASIAN BBQ & HOT POTS

Cuisine Café - MAAX Asian BBQ & Hot Pots
February 23, 2026 | 11:30am

Coffee & Conversation

WITH MARC L. JONES
WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



Coffee & Conversation with Supervisor Marc Jones
February 25, 2026 | 10:00am



Marc L. Jones
Supervisor
Waukegan Township

Fee: AARP Members \$20 Non-Members \$25
YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH CLASSES!

**To RSVP, call the Patricia A. Jones
Center (847)244-9242.**

AARP Safety Driving Class

April 14th & 15th, 2026 | 10:00am-2:00pm



PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**January 9th & February 5th, 2026,
at 10:30am**

Join us for our monthly food distribution provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank at the Patricia A. Jones Center (414 S. Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085). Anyone needing help is welcome. First-come, first served no ID needed.

SPOTLIGHT EVENT



ANNUAL
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
DREAMERS'
Breakfast

THEME **Strength in Solidarity**

Marc L. Jones, Waukegan Township Supervisor
Township Trustees: Percy L. Johnson, Sylvestre Castellanos,
Jeff McBride, Dulce Ortiz, Rene Stubbs - Township Clerk
Mark Stricklin - Township Assessor

SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY
JANUARY
19th
2026
10:00 AM



Scan QR Code to
purchase tickets,
sponsor or donate!

Ten Hotel Convention Center
(Formerly Gurnee Holiday Inn
Convention Center)
6161 W. Grand Avenue
Gurnee, IL 60031

For more information, call 847-244-4900 or
email Robbin Randle at
rrandle@waukegantownship.com

Annual MLK Dreamers' Breakfast
January 19, 2026 | 10:00am

Join us as we celebrate and pay tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our special guest speaker for this event will be former U.S. Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., along with the inspirational and melodic sounds of the Grammy Award winning Thompson Community Singers! We will also honor those in the community who exhibit the qualities that Dr. King embodied, with the Drum Major Award. **Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For additional details, call 847.244.4900.**

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE NETWORK (ADRN)



The Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) is committed to helping older adults and individuals with disabilities access the resources they need to maintain independence, enhance their quality of life, and navigate available support services. We serve adults aged 60 and better, as well as individuals with disabilities aged 18 to 59, along with their caregivers and families. We provide assistance with **Senior Housing & Assisted Living, Financial Assistance Programs, Healthcare Services, Food & Nutrition Support, Legal & Advocacy Resources, Transportation Programs and Caregiver Support Network.** We are also looking for a few volunteers to assist with this initiative. If interested, contact Naomi Rhaburn at the PAJC at 847-244-9242 or email nrhaburn@waukegantownship.com.

Waukegan Township
Patricia A. Jones center Presents...



Spanish Speaking Support Group
Grupo De Apoyo en Español

Grupo De Apoyo en Español/Spanish Support Group: NIRCO & NICASA

January 9th & February 13th, 2026 | 10:00am

This group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month. We would like to welcome NIRCO on January 19th and NICASA on February 13th.

Este grupo se reúne el segundo viernes de cada mes. Les damos la bienvenida a NIRCO el 19 de enero y a NICASA el 13 de febrero.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Other Relative Caregivers

January 12th & February 9th, 2026 | 5:00pm

This Grandparents group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. We would like to welcome representatives from the Roberti Community House on January 12th and Warren Cemetery on February 9th, 2026.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Beginning January 1, 2026, Waukegan Township's Patricia A. Jones Center will officially become an authorized Silver&Fit® Center!

Participants will now have the opportunity to embrace a more active, vibrant lifestyle through the Silver&Fit® program. This exciting partnership offers a variety of classes and workshops designed to help you stay engaged, connected, and motivated

- Personalized workout plans tailored to your fitness goals
- Support for healthy aging, overall well-being, and exploring new passions
- Access provided through eligible participating Medicare plans

This is a wonderful chance to challenge yourself, build healthy habits, and enjoy a welcoming community focused on active living. For more info, call 847-244-9242.



SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Did you know Medicare is the most popular senior medical insurance plan? Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people ages 65 and older. It can also cover younger people with disabilities or severe health conditions, and is divided into four different parts: A, B, C & D.

The Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at the Patricia A. Jones Center has staff available year-round to assist with any questions pertaining to Medicare Parts A, B, C & D.

Appointments must be scheduled in advance. **Benefit Access Program** hours: M-F 9:00am to 4:00pm.

All programs or events at PAJC require registration. Call PAJC at 847-244-9242 to reserve your spot now.



WELLNESS PROGRAMS



City of Hope Lunch & Learn
January 14, 2026 | 12:30pm

Join us as **City of Hope** kicks off their Cancer Awareness Lunch & Learn series starting Jan 14th. **You must register by January 9th.**



Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation - Signature Services & More
January 21, 2026 | 12:30pm

Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation has some exciting therapies and services they offer; and would like to share them with you! Refreshments Provided.

Sign up for this engaging workshop to learn how to make better food choices for optimal aging!



Nutrition As We Age Engagement Series
February 11th, 18th, & 25th, 2026 | 12:30pm

Making nutritious food choices plays a vital role in healthy aging with a vibrant lifestyle and high quality of life. This series will provide the knowledge and tools to encourage optimal aging by better understanding the importance of one's diet on their overall health.

ROOM RENTAL

PATRICIA A. JONES CENTER ROOM RENTAL

Need a great place to hold a meeting, birthday party, wedding, reception, anniversary, bridal shower, or other gathering?



Rental Fees: Facility Open - \$65 per hour
PAJC Kitchen - \$75.00 flat fee
Facility Closed - \$85.00 per hour
Observed Holidays - \$125.00 per hour
Deposit Amount - \$150.00 due upon reservation date

AVAILABLE
NOW

Patricia A. Jones Center Room Rental

For your special occasions, large or small, look no further! Our renovated room can accommodate up to 80 guests! Tables and chairs are included in the rental. Call us at 847-244-9242 to reserve the perfect space for your special day!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES



TOURNAMENT TIME!!

Are you interested in proving your game skills against other individuals? This is a fun way to do so, while having fun and winning prizes.

Chess: February 10, 2026, at 12:00pm
Dominos: February 18, 2026, at 1:00pm
Bid Whist: February 19, 2026, at 11:00am
Spades: February 19, 2026, at 1:00pm
Bridge: February 19, 2026, at 1:00pm
Cribbage: February 24, 2026, at 12:00pm

WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP EXERCISE WAIVER



Waukegan Township Patricia A. Jones Center strongly recommends that you consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. You should be in good physical condition and be able to participate in the exercise. Waukegan Township PAJ Center is not a licensed medical care provider and represents that it has no expertise in diagnosing, examining or treating medical conditions of any kind, or in determining the effects of any specific exercise on a medical condition. When participating in any exercise program, there is the possibility of physical injury. If you engage in this exercise program, you agree that you do so at your own risk, are voluntarily participating in these activities, assume all risk of injury to yourself, and agree to release and discharge Waukegan Township PAJ Center from any and all claims or causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of Waukegan Township PAJ Center's negligence.

EXERCISE DEFINITIONS

Circuit Training - Total Body Blast is an interval-type training class that focuses on conditioning the cardiovascular system while increasing muscle strength. Exercises are moderate to high intensity, with active rest and water breaks.

Total Body Blast - A modified yoga class with both seated and standing poses. Restorative breathing exercise and final relaxation will promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

Silver Sneaker - A modified yoga class with both seated and standing poses. Restorative breathing exercise and final relaxation will promote stress reduction and mental clarity.

Zumba Gold - A modified Zumba class for active older adults.

Chair Workout Warrior - Chair Workout Warrior is an upper-body-focused training class. Emphasis on chest, back, arms, core, and aerobics. Warm-up can be done standing or sitting.

Mobility & More - This class focuses on self-care techniques such as increasing joint mobility, movability, range of motion, as well as trigger point therapy, lymphatic massage, breathwork, and relaxation techniques. This class can be done seated or with the use of a mat.

Fit & Strong - A 90-minute exercise and health education program that helps manage arthritis, decrease joint pain and stiffness, reduce anxiety and depression, improve daily functional movement, and build strength.

TJQMBB - A 60-minute Yang-style Tai Chi that progresses from easy to challenging. Improves balance, coordination, and reduces falls by at least 58% upon completion.

Matter of Balance - This is a two-hour class that primarily focuses on reducing fears around falling by developing cognitive skills to increase safety in and out of the home, and increasing activity levels.

OBITUARIES: 9/23/2025 - 11/22/2025

Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home

Sonya L. Frazier	9/23/2025
Eugene Payne, Sr.	9/27/2025
Clarence Wallace, Sr.	9/28/2025
Harold Lloyd	9/28/2025
Herbert V. Burton	10/1/2025
Gail M. Scott	10/9/2025
Alvin B. Washington	10/11/2025
Faith Moore	10/11/2025
Dawn Sherrelle Smith	10/12/2025
Ronny G. Hoy	10/12/2025
Barbara Ann Thomas	10/16/2025
Asia Lee Jackson	10/18/2025
Jo'don A. O'Neal	10/19/2025
Thomas Lee Derrick	10/21/2025
Bennie Fluker	10/26/2025
William L. Ousley, Jr.	10/27/2025
Walter Hargrove, Sr.	10/29/2025
Doretha Epps	11/3/2025
Carl "Chuckie" E. Howard	11/6/2025
Barry S. Cooper	11/9/2025
Boysie Wynn	11/11/2025
Roberta P. Rouse	11/13/2025
Bennie F. Ramsey, Sr.	11/14/2025
James Earl Christmas	11/14/2025
Dwayne Pierson	11/17/2025

Tolar-Westgate Funeral Home

Veldez M. Strowder	9/30/2025
Keith M. Daniels	10/6/2025
Landford Maitland	10/13/2025
Terrence D. Moore, Sr.	10/15/2025
Linda J. Flowers-Parker	11/7/2025
William Terry Myers	11/9/2025

Warren Funeral Home

Lawrence "Larry" Michael	9/28/2025
Welch	
Efrem Zimmerlist Clark, Sr.	10/8/2025
James Patrick Carpenter	10/11/2025
Craig Watkins	10/13/2025
Robert Dennis Pieper	10/14/2025
Nancy A. Nowikowski	10/21/2025
Esperanza Bustos	10/28/2025
Harriett Ruth Cook	10/28/2025
Matthew Jewell	11/3/2025
Linda Larsen	11/4/2025
Teresa Navarez	11/7/2025
Jennifer Velasquez	11/8/2025
Judy Diane Rockow	11/8/2025
Job Kurian	11/14/2025

Peterson & Patch Funeral Home

Charles E. Flitcroft, Jr.	10/13/2025
Douglas Arnold "Doug"-	10/16/2025
Pekkarinen	
Lois Menich	10/20/2025
Eugene A. Boyle	10/29/2025
John Lauret	10/30/2025

Frank Wolf	11/8/2025
Raymond Papp	11/14/2025
Michael Piat	11/22/2025

Congdon Funeral Home

George H. Woltz, Jr.	9/30/2025
Mary E. Takala	10/1/2025
Rick A. Brewington	10/2/2025
Wes Carner	10/4/2025
Pauline LaForge	10/6/2025
Barbara Anne Dutcher	10/9/2025
Miyo Urban	10/12/2025
Andras "Andy" -	10/17/2025
Joseph Norgradi	
Edwin Howes, Jr.	10/18/2025
Laurel Mae Petersen	10/21/2025
James Bouchard	10/23/2025
Delores M. Bell	10/25/2025
Rosalie M. Gotsch	10/26/2025
Martin "Marty" Moore	10/31/2025
Hector Samchez	11/4/2025
Clarice V. Pushee	11/10/2025
Diane Wilson	11/12/2025
Betty Miller	11/14/2025
Arthur P. Hoyt	11/15/2025
Shaun Marie Webber	11/16/2025
Nyla June Krapf	11/19/2025

Memorial Chapel of Waukegan

Jesse Flores	9/24/2025
Javier Salas	9/27/2025
Victoria Pedrote-	10/2/2025
Hernandez	
Maria Guadalupe-	10/11/2025
Granda Martinez	
Wesley Jackson, Jr.	10/25/2025
Andres Silva	10/28/2025
Arthur Lee Devost, Jr.	10/30/2025
Delilah Vega	11/2/2025
Ubaldo Infante Gonzalez	11/11/2025
Maria Cruz Martinez	11/13/2025
Maria de Jesus Cervantes	11/15/2025
Sesario Reyes Albares	11/20/2025

Marsh Funeral Home

Ignacio Roberto B. Taday	9/23/2025
Sandra Lee Randolph	9/22/2025
Blanca Deyla Garza	9/26/2025
Irmgard Mueller	9/26/2025
Richard Phillip Wardynski	9/27/2025
Ronald S. Kovarsky	9/28/2025
Wilma Cole	9/29/2025
Harriet A. Sutton	10/2/2025
Doris G. Denney	10/2/2025
Carolyn E. Vogt	10/3/2025
Diane L. Sargent	10/3/2025
Francisco Javier Alejos	10/6/2025
Barbara Ann Fletcher	10/5/2025
Bonnie J. Tinkes	10/7/2025
Anunciacion Sola- McLain	10/7/2025

Jerome L. Richardson, Jr.	10/9/2025
Timothy M. Bennett	10/11/2025
Harold E. Vollmer	10/12/2025
Donald R. Weakley	10/21/2025
Linda M. Smith	10/22/2025
Terri L. Florek	10/24/2025
Pedro L. Anit	10/29/2025
Daniel W. Woehlick	10/30/2025
Wesley Neil Johnson	10/30/2025
Timothy P. Setterlund	11/1/2025
Thomas Franklin	11/5/2025
Donahue	
John Kurz	11/6/2025
Donald Howard Willms	11/6/2025
Antonio Nieto Alberto	11/7/2025
Catherine Ann McNeill	11/7/2025
Luz Jarrett	11/9/2025
Lynn Harris Naden	11/9/2025
Rose M. Uimari	11/11/2025
Felix Bonilla	11/14/2025
Mary Kaires	11/19/2025

Bradley Funeral Home

Anita Zelesnik	10/9/2025
Margarita Velazquez	11/11/2025



"Say not in grief that he is no more, but live in thankfulness that he was."

- Hebrew Proverb

Marc L. Jones - Waukegan Township Supervisor

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Jeff McBride, Dulce Ortiz - Trustees

Rose Staben - Clerk

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Open to the Public

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday	Open only for rentals
Sunday	Open only for rentals

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- Notary Services
- Voter Registration
- Passport Processing Services
- Passport photos

For more information, call 847-244-4900 or visit us at 149 S. Genesee St., Waukegan, IL 60085

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

Mondays & Wednesdays

9:15am - A & A Circuit Training*

10:15am - Mobility & More

11:15am - Walking (Floor Core in inclement weather)*

12:30pm - Meal Prep Mondays

2:15pm - Wellness Wednesdays- Workshops

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:15am - Chair Workout Warrior

10:15am - Total Body Blast

11:00am - Silver Sneakers Yoga

12:30pm - A & A y1 Circuit Training*

Fridays

9:15am - Zumba

11:30am - Ageless & Awesome Circuit Training + Mobility & More*

12:30pm - Ageless & Awesome Group Coaching*

****For Ageless and Awesome participants****

Starting in **January 2026**, the **Patricia A. Jones Center** will launch a new initiative to better assist participants with registering for programs and services. We are excited to introduce **SchedulesPlus**, an easy-to-use software platform designed to streamline activity registration, volunteer management, payments, donations, surveys, and many other daily tasks.

With SchedulesPlus, participants will be able to:

- Register for activities from home
- View a full history of their interactions with the center
- Log volunteer hours and review past submissions
- Complete online surveys
- Make donations
- Submit payments
- ...and so much more!

We are also introducing an optional barcode scan card check-in system. Participants who choose this feature can check in within seconds upon arrival—just scan your card and tap the events you are attending or volunteering for.

Forgot your scan card? No problem! You can still check in easily by using the touchscreen and entering other identifying information.