

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEW VIEWS

Lincoln Land District:

<https://www.lincolnlandexchange.org>

Range Club Of Mattoon Illinois

[/www.mattoonexchange.org](https://www.mattoonexchange.org)

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Newsletter Information

Remember to send all news worthy information to laseverson@hotmail.com. Photos and a short write up are appreciated. Got other news outside of MEC, please forward that to Dick for approval.

New Officers

Dick McDaniel, **President**

Dennis Booker, **Secretary**

Jimmy Rankin, **President Elect**

Bob Riggert, **Treasurer**

Connie Jones, **Immediate Past President**

Board Members:

Andrew Dowling

Rosalee Myers

Tony Nicholson

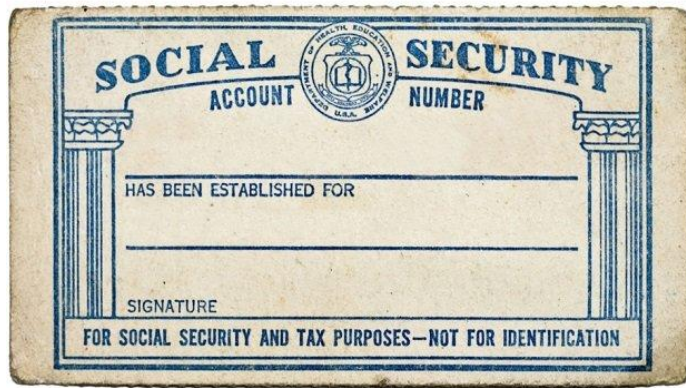
Doris Webb

Larry Maxedon

Laura Severson

Meetings Resumed:
American Legion
Mattoon, IL
Wednesdays 7-8 am

Please attend if you feel comfortable. Tables
and chairs are spaced per Phase 4.



Social Security Reminder 2020

Have you reviewed your Social Security Statement online lately?

The Statement has important Social Security information and, if applicable, estimates of your future benefits. If you are working, check your Statement yearly to make sure your earnings record is correct.

The Statement also will help in planning your financial future. To view your most recent Statement, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/reviewyourstatement and sign in to your account. To sign up: go to ssa.gov and start your account.

On June 10, 2017, a second method to verify your identity each time you sign in has been to your account. This is in addition to your username and password. Remember to keep ALL log-ins and passwords in a safe place and where your family has access to them or an attorney.

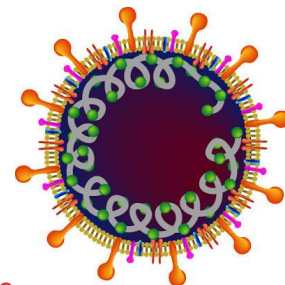
Using two ways to identify you when you log on will help better protect your account from unauthorized use and fraud. Now, when you sign in to your account you will complete two steps:

Step 1: Enter your username and password.

Step 2: Enter the security code we send you by text message or email, depending on your choice

With instant access to your Social Security Statement at any time, you will no longer receive one periodically in the mail, saving money and the environment.

COVID- 19

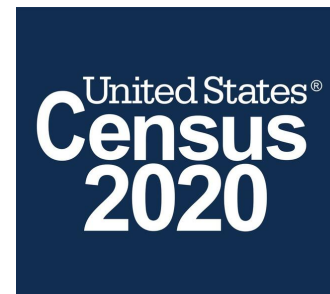


For accurate and up to date information, go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
OR www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

Remember that transmission is by touch, so wash often and stop touching your face!

What To Expect

Census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home. All census takers complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work in neighborhoods. Census takers are hired from your area, and their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census.



If the census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does speak your language. If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response.

How Can You Verify That Someone Is a Census Taker?

If someone visits your home this year to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. A look at some of the items that a census taker may carry with them, including a laptop, laptop bag, confidentiality notices, and an "Official Business" notice for their vehicle.

Census takers may also deliver a paper questionnaire by hanging it on the front door in a water-resistant plastic bag.

NFL FOOTBALL FUND RAISING DONATION

Several question of WHAT IF have come to light and one possible was addressed at the 8.12.2020 regular scheduled Exchange Club Meeting. While other possibilities exist the attached are presented for addressing the possible questions as you present your free breakfast offer and sell a fund raising ticket. Troy Jayroe, Steve Huckaba and I have briefly discussed these items and President McDaniel asked for club support for the weekly drawing as presented here.

What if there are no regular 2020 season games played this year?

Each person has made a donation to the Exchange Club of Mattoon civic activities supported by the club members and approved by the Board.

There will be 496 numbers available to be drawn from a container. For 17 weeks, at the regular scheduled date of an Exchange Club Meeting, three numbers will be drawn that will provide \$50 for the first number drawn \$20 for the Second Number drawn and \$10 for the third. (As voted by members present at the 8.12.2020 meeting.)

What if one or more of the regular 2020 season game(s) is cancelled?

The last official (2019 or 2020) preseason or regular season game score by the teams will be used to determine that week's winner(s).

What if the season is cut short and 17 weeks of games are not played?

The weekly winner(s) will be determined as long as the NFL Official Season is published on the "official" NFL.COM web site will be used to provide the scores to determine the winner(s).

To complete the 17 weeks football schedule the ticket numbers (496 of them) will be used as outlined above to provide 17 weeks of winners as advertised.

Think you know football?

No SRI or Googling it

- 1: How many points was a touchdown worth in 1911?
- 2: What Dallas quarterback fumbled a record five times in four Superbowl games?
- 3: What sportscaster posted an NFL coaching record of 103-22-7?
- 4: What yard line must a football team drive to, to reach the "red zone"?
- 5: How many football teams are there?

1. 32
2. John Madden
3. 20
4. Roger Staubach
5. 1



Color

References



dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere

1-833-2-FIND-HELP (1-833-234-6343)

abe.illinois.gov

FOOD, CASH, OR MEDICAL BENEFITS (1-833-2-FIND-HELP)

The majority of IDHS local offices remain closed as they do their part to flatten the curve. Anyone interested in learning about IDHS services should visit dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere or call toll free at 1-833-2-FIND-HELP (1-833-234-6343). Those who are wishing to sign up for benefits or to manage existing benefits should visit abe.illinois.gov. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits have been maximized for April and May.

CHILD CARE (1-888-228-1146)

For employees providing essential services who need assistance with childcare, please call 1-888-228-1146 or visit www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Pages/For-Communities.aspx. Stipends are available for new providers.

SHELTER (1-833-2-FIND-HELP)

Shelter services have been increased during this pandemic. Those looking for emergency lodging should visit housingactionil.org/get-help/resources-homeless. If you are currently experiencing homelessness, please use the [Emergency and Transitional Housing Provider List](#) to find a shelter near you.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY SERVICES (1-877-581-3690)

Existing or prospective customers can call 1-877-581-3690 to receive assistance regarding Division of Rehabilitation Services programs and services that are designed to allow those with disabilities throughout the state to live, learn, and work independently. Individuals can also visit the DRS website at drs.illinois.gov.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES (1-888-337-5267)

To inquire about services for individuals with a developmental or intellectual disability, please call 1-888-337-5267 or visit <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32253>.

SUBSTANCE USE (1-833-2-FIND-HELP)

If you or someone you know is suffering from an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorders, you can call the Illinois Helpline at 1-833-2-FIND-HELP to speak with a trained professional. You can also visit [HelplineIL.org](https://helplineil.org) to be directed to customized resources, support, and advice.

MENTAL HEALTH (1-866-359-7953 or text TALK to 552020)

If you or a family member have mental health challenges, you can call the Illinois Warm Line at 1-866-359-7953. You can also connect to a counselor by texting TALK to 552020. If you or a loved one are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the 24-hour [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://www.suicideline.org) at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

GAMBLING (1-800-GAMBLER)

If you or someone you know is suffering from gambling disorder, call 1-800-GAMBLER, text ILGAMB to 53342, or visit weknowthefeeling.org to be connected to resources and treatment programs in your area.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (1-877-863-6338)

Those experiencing domestic violence and/or abuse, plus anyone concerned about a friend, family member, or loved one, can call toll free at 1-877-TO-END-DV (1-877-863-6338). You can also visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline at www.thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.

2020 CENSUS (1-844-330-2020)

The Census is still occurring and every person in Illinois needs to be counted! Visit [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to complete the census online or call 1-844-330-2020. For more info, text 987 987 or go to [MaptheCount.org](https://mapthecount.org).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

To donate personal protective equipment (PPE), please email PPE.DONATIONS@ILLINOIS.GOV.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION (1-800-889-3931)

The public is invited to email questions about COVID-19 to DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV or they can call toll free at 1-800-889-3931. More information is also available at coronavirus.illinois.gov.



TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Promoting Integrity in America's Tax System



Internal Revenue Service Impersonation Scam

How Does the Scam Work?

Criminals call intended victims and claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The scammers tell the intended victims that they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card, money order, wire transfer, or gift card. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with being charged with a criminal violation, a grand jury indictment, immediate arrest, deportation, or loss of a business or driver's license. The scammers who commit this fraud often:

- Utilize a robocall machine to make unsolicited calls via Voice Over Internet Protocol technology to make it appear that the calls originate in the U.S.
- This technique, also known as "spoofing," can make the calls appear to be from the IRS or even a local police department.
- Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
- May know the last four digits of the victim's Social Security Number.
- Aggressively demand immediate payment to avoid being criminally charged or arrested.
- Claim that hanging up the telephone will cause the immediate issuance of an arrest warrant for unpaid taxes.
- Send bogus IRS e-mails to support their scam.
- Call a second or third time claiming to be the police or other government entity.



The IRS Will Never:

- Ask for payment via prepaid debit cards, money orders, or wire transfers.
- Ask for credit card numbers over the telephone.
- Request personal or financial information by e-mail, text, or via any social media.

What can I do?

- Do not to engage with the callers, just hang up.
- Tell everyone that if you receive a call and think you owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- Retain their original scam-related documentation: method of payment, receipts, notes, and telephone numbers used by the scammer. In the case of pre-paid cards, it is especially important to retain all card numbers.
- Immediately notify the company associated with the payment method, in an effort to stop or reverse funds.
- Be aware the IRS does employ non-law enforcement revenue officers and revenue agents who conduct field visits and will have official IRS credentials.
- Share this information with friends and family.

File a Report – Help us #SlamTheScam:

Online: <http://www.tigta.gov>
Telephone: 1-800-366-4484
Fax: 1-202-927-7018
Mail: TIGTA Hotline
P.O. Box 589
Washington, D.C. 20044-0589





Be a Greeter!

Consider being the greeter on any given MEC meeting day.
Duties: selling raffle tickets, setting out drawing cards, hanging banners and Greet!

Arrival Time: 6:15'ish am

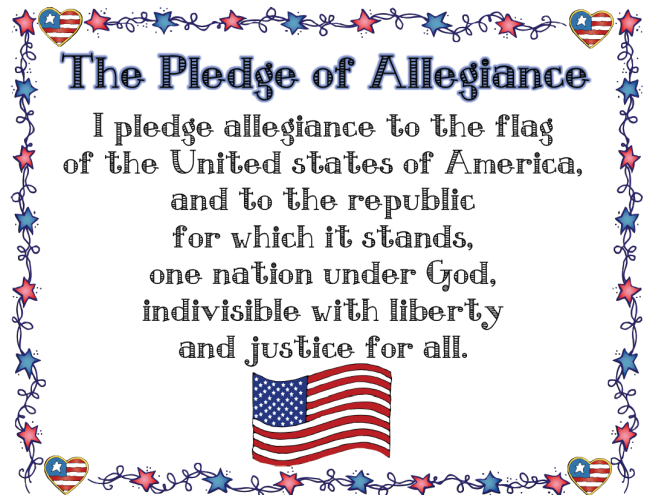
Departure Time: When everything is put away

SIGN UP TODAY, OR AT THE NEXT MEETING...

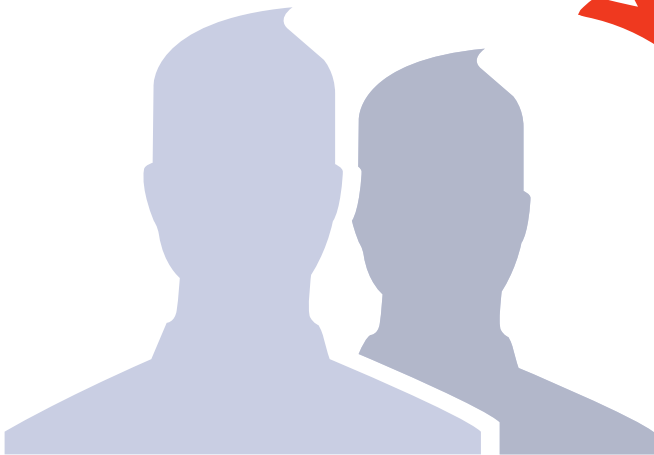
Pledge of Allegiance

...or you can lead our group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Forgot the words?

SIGN UP TODAY, OR AT THE NEXT MEETING...



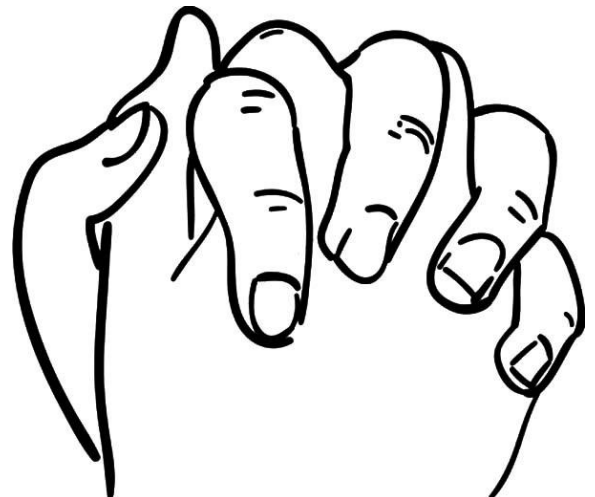
Or Maybe



Bring a Friend!

Innovation

LEAD US IN PRAYER PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. SIGN UP TODAY, OR AT THE NEXT MEETING...





COVID-19 and SENIOR CITIZENS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NOTE: The Frequently Asked Questions below were written to help answer questions we have heard because of the COVID-19 emergency. It is important to have reliable information when dealing with a public health emergency. However, the situation is changing rapidly and the information below may not be up-to-date. Under normal circumstances, many of the answers may be different. The information that follows is based on Illinois and US laws, regulations, and emergency orders. This information is intended only to be an overview of your rights. Since every case is different, you should not rely on this information as a substitute for an attorney.

Can I still go to the senior center for a meal?

No. Senior centers suspended group meals and large gatherings. However, some senior centers are providing home-delivered meals, boxed lunch service, and other pick-up options. Call your local senior center for specific details.

Can my loved one still get services at an Adult Day Center?

No. On March 16, 2020, Illinois Department on Aging suspended Adult Day Centers for a minimum of 30 days. Adult Day Centers must make sure there is a back-up plan in place.

Can I still get help with tax preparation and benefit assistance?

Possibly, but appointments will likely be done over the telephone. Call your local senior center to verify whether you should come in for your appointment, or if you should call in only.

TAX DAY is now July 15, 2020 (not April 15th). All federal and state filing and payments are due July 15, 2020. No additional penalties or interest accrues if you pay on or before July 15, 2020. If you are getting a refund, file as soon as possible.

Can I visit loved ones in the nursing home?

Probably not. Visitors are not allowed except for compassionate care situations like end-of-life care. Approved visitors will be required to wash hands and use protective equipment like masks.

Will I continue to receive my Social Security benefit?

Yes. You will continue to receive your monthly benefit amount.

Are Social Security Administration offices open?

No. Social Security Offices are closed and are not taking walk-in appointments. However, you can call the SSA National 800 Number with your questions, or you can go online for assistance at www.ssa.gov.

Can I still visit my local Department of Human Services aid office?

DHS has closed most of their offices. Most DHS staff are working remotely and those offices that are still open have few staff people there. Click here to see which offices are still open:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123570>

If you need to talk to DHS, you can call IDHS *Help is Here* toll-free line at 1-833-2-FIND-HELP or 1-800-843-6154. Or you can try to access your case through the online portal at <https://abe.illinois.gov/>.

What is the Economic Impact Payment?

The federal CARES Act includes economic impact rebate payments to millions of people. The maximum amount is \$1,200 per qualifying adult and \$500 per child under 17 years old. The amount of the Impact Payment is based on your 2018 or 2019 income tax return. If you did not file an income tax return for 2018 or 2019, you can still do so.

However, people who receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits will receive a payment even if they have not filed a tax return. At this time, it is not clear whether people who receive SSI only or VA-only benefits will receive an Impact Payment unless they filed an income tax return.

If someone else claimed you as a dependent on their taxes, you aren't eligible to receive the Impact Payment.

The Impact Payment cannot be intercepted for student loans, unemployment overpayments, or other non-federal debts. The Impact Payment can be intercepted for child support.

The Impact Payment will be directly deposited into the bank account you put on your income tax return. If the IRS does not have your bank account information, the IRS is supposed to set up a web-portal that you can use to give them your banking information. Otherwise, the IRS will mail you a paper check. Direct deposits are expected to occur in April. Paper checks are expected to be mailed in May.

Be alert for Coronavirus Scams!

The IRS, Social Security, and other government agencies will never call you, text you, or email you and ask for personal information like your Social Security number or your banking information.

Even if your caller ID looks like the IRS or Social Security, it is probably a scammer. The IRS or Social Security will never call you and ask you to verify your Social Security number or threaten to arrest you or threaten to take your benefits. They will also never ask you to send cash or ask for your banking information.

Learn more about Coronavirus Scams at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>.

Are there other legal resources available besides Land of Lincoln?

The Public Interest Law Initiative PILI has set up the COVID-19 Illinois Free Legal Answers Task Force. [Illinois Free Legal Answers](https://il.freelegalanswers.org) is a secure website (il.freelegalanswers.org) where low-income Illinoisans can ask a lawyer a question about a civil legal issue.

You can also call or email the Illinois Lawyer Finder Service. The telephone number is 800-922-8757 and the website is www.isba.org/public/illinoislawyerfinder.

Illinois Legal Aid Online also has a lot of legal information at www.illinoislegalaid.org.

**Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
Legal Advice & Referral Center
Phone: (618) 394-7300
1 (877) 342-7891**

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Community Outreach Directory - CORD

<https://www.sarahbush.org/cord/>

Information provided by LifeSpan
<https://www.flipsnack.com/968ADBF6AED/september-2020-connections.html>



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