

# Maine Township trustee honored for volunteer work

**M**AINE TOWNSHIP Trustee Laura Morask joins five others from Maine Township who have been recognized as a Park Ridge Community Star. She received the honor from the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Jan. 19. Established in 2005, the award is given each year to people who have made an outstanding contribution through volunteerism to the quality of life in and around Park Ridge during the previous calendar year.

Others from Maine Township who have been similarly recognized include Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, Clerk Gary K. Warner, Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano, Former Supervisor Bob Dudycz, and Robert Cohen, Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Morask, a Maine Township trustee since 2001, has focused her efforts on improving services to both youth and seniors at no cost to the community through creative programs. Her greatest achievement has been to initiate Anti-Gang Education Forums.

"I have been thrilled to see my efforts at involving all facets of our community hit home," Morask said. "It is thanks to the tremendous level of interagency cooperation in keeping our community truly special that this program has grown from 20 residents to a full capacity crowd over the years."

A Park Ridge resident for more



**LAURA MORASK**, second from left, is shown with her former boss, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, second from right, and Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano, left, and Township Supervisor Carol Teschky. Teschky and Provenzano are former Community Star Award winners as well.

than 20 years, Morask, inspired by her husband and sons, has worked to help other families in Maine Township by preventing crime as a volunteer teacher and food drive organizer for the Maine Township Food Pantry. A former Assistant

Cook County State's Attorney and Prosecutor, Morask is now in private practice in Park Ridge at Law Offices of Laura J. Morask ([www.LauraLaw.org](http://www.LauraLaw.org)).

